The new Foresight in Business and Society course now required of all business students beginning with the Class of 2011 has taken a turn for the better since its inception last fall, students and faculty say.

Mendoza College of Business Dean Carolyn Woo said the course, which encourages students to examine and evaluate major issues and trends facing society in the future, was generally not well received at first.

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Uggs

As a female Notre Dame student, I am subject to a lot of stereotypes. I’m unattractive. I’m driven. I have problems interacting with the opposite sex. I’m a clingy girlfriend who has a whole-consuming desire to be engaged before I graduate. I dress sloppily, preferring to don sweatpants and Uggs and a North Face. I will leave judgment of my attractiveness, personality and preferred relationship status up to you the readers. But there’s one thing I won’t deny: I love sweatpants and Uggs. I feel more at home in them than I ever will in a dress and heels or anything else.

And I don’t apologize for it. I realize that this particular outfit might not be my best chance of attracting male attention, but I’m a female Notre Dame student, so it’s already assumed that my gender relations skills are subpar.

Girls everywhere, however, are often mocked by males for their love of Uggs and their belief in their fashion-saviness. But is there not an equivalent in the male fashion world? Men everywhere will vehemently deny it. However, as my friend Torie astutely pointed out to me recently, there is: Timberlands (“Tims”).

As I thought about it, the similarities between the two types of shoes are shocking, even though just looking at them, they seem like two completely different types of shoes.

One, their original use has more or less been thrown out the window. Uggs were originally designed for surfers in Australia to keep their feet warm after hours spent in the surf. Timberlands, with their steel toes, were made for construction workers and landscapers to protect their feet from swinging hammers and vicious rototillers.

Personally, I have never been surfing, and I could point out many people at Notre Dame wearing Timberlands who have probably never done a day’s work in construction.

Two, it’s all in the name brand. People will pay exponentially more money to buy that pair of Uggs than they would buying a similar pair of Emu shoes like they do for Timberlands.

Third, and one of my favorite aspects: Uggs, no more required! You just slip your feet into your Uggs boot of choice and you are ready to go. And unless you’re using your Timberlands for construction work, there’s no need to tie up those laces. It’s often even preferred not to.

I am not trying to harp on anyone’s footwear choices because I’m no fashionista myself, and I’ll never claim to be. I am just pointing out that behind every questionable female fashion trend, you can probably find a similar male one.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What should the next theme at Legends be?

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

By MEGAN DOYLE

Empty seats at lectures and a lack of academic conversation in residence halls spurred discussion in Campus Life Council (CLC) Monday.

The Council discussed possibilities for greater engagement outside of the classroom and the intellectual environment on campus.

“We are an extremely intelligent campus,” former student body president Grant Schmidt said. “We are very passionate about our studies. How do we expand on our passion?”

Members of CLC debated how to bring a more intellectual environment to campus life outside of the classroom that would still preserve Notre Dame’s distinct identity.

“We are getting a sense from students that there is a lack of academic conversation in classes in dorm settings,” Judicial Council Vice President Ian Secviar said. “Looking at the residential system as a major piece of the puzzle in stimulating the intellectual life on campus is like trying to put out a fire with a water gun,” Sorin Hall Resident Fr. Jim King said.

Members of CLC targeted a lack of academic engagement during freshmen orientation as a problem. One of their solutions was to introduce a service through scholarship for students at Notre Dame who are looking towards graduate education.

“Members of Council are being a part of the educational environment to students immediately, she said. She also said students were able to continue to sign up throughout the drive, and walk-ins were also accepted.

“It is important to donate blood because there is always a need for it in the community,” Critchlow said. “Blood cannot be manufactured, so the only way to fulfill the need for it is through volunteer donations.”

Critchlow said the actual blood donation takes less than 10 to 12 minutes on average. Additionally, the entire blood donation process takes less than one hour.

Sophomore Katie Ciresi donated blood Monday to help fill a need.

“There’s a need for blood and there are so many people that are eligible that don’t donate, so I figured since I am eligible to donate, I might as well,” sophomore Katie Ciresi said. “I think it’s something important to do and I think everyone should do it at least once in their life, if not more.”

Junior Grace Sadowski also said she believes it is important to donate blood — so important that she has been a donor about 15 times.

“I’ve always given it,” she said. “My little sister was premature and people that gave blood saved her life so I always do.”

Sadowski said she thinks there is a higher need than ever before for blood donations and encouraged others to donate.

“I personally can’t save people’s lives, so I feel like this is helping in a man made way,” she said. “I think more people should do it and it’s not as scary as everyone thinks. Families that do have blood donated to them are really appreciative.”

According to a press release form the American Red Cross, the blood drive held Monday was part of the “Stave a Scare, A Vampire. Donate Blood” campaign.

As part of the campaign, two $50 shopping sprees were given away in a drawing. Those who donated blood were entered.

In addition to the blood drive held Monday, other drives for the campaign will be held in the area. On April 26 and April 27, blood drives will be held in 215 LaFortune Student Center at Notre Dame.

Three $50 shopping sprees will be given away each day during the blood drives held at the University.

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**SMC blood drive sees large turnout**

By ALICIA SMITH

As a way of helping meet the American Red Cross’s need for blood donations, Saint Mary’s College hosted a blood drive Monday.

“Believe it or not, there is always a need for blood,” Olivia Critchlow, assistant director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement, said. “We feel that it’s part of one’s civic duty to donate if possible.”

The drive was held in the College’s Student Center Lounge from noon to 6 p.m., and was one of four blood drives the College offers each academic year.

At Monday’s drive, more than 90 people had signed up to donate blood, Critchlow said. She also said students...
College explores school inequality

By CAROLYN SMITH
News Writer

South Bend school repre-
sentatives, from an elemen-
tary to university level, dis-
cussed how inequalities in ed-
cation negatively affect students in a lecture at Saint Mary’s College Monday night.

The lecture, titled “Equality and Education: The Faces and Facts,” began with Notre Dame professor Maria McNenna, who spoke about the impact of poverty and the education system in the United States today.

There are 73 million chil-
dren under the age of 17 in this country. Forty-one per-
cent live in low-income fami-
lies and 19 percent live in poor families, McNenna said.

A poor family lives on an
income of $22,000 a year, she said.

“Three out of five kids are
living in conditions where their food is not secure from day to day, their housing is questionable and positive interactions in their neigh-
borhoods do not exist,” McNenna said.

She said in order to make a change, more people need to care about the effects of poverty.

“I think the future of this country rides on the fact that we, as a nation, care enough about the child and their edu-
cation for them to become productive citizens. But we are failing at that. Even though there are many peo-
ple out there trying very hard to fail, we are,” McNenna said.

Yolanda Turner-Smith, president of Xavier School of Excellence in South Bend, spoke about charter schools.

“Charter schools in Indiana, as defined by the law, need to be unique, different and have high standards,” Turner-
Smith said. “This allows teachers to use different methods to reach children and teach them in different ways that they can under-
stand and excel.

Turner-Smith said many of the
children who attend charter
schools are not at their appropri-
ate grade level.

There are many children who are in the fifth grade but may be reading at a third grade level, she said.

“One of the accountability merits that charters do to bring students up to their level in one or two years,” she said.

“This allows for teachers to be able to teach the chil-
dren in different ways.

She added that charter schools have smaller class sizes and are funded by tax dollars. If a charter school is forced to close, it is usually due to financial issues, she said.

Nancy Jacobson-Righter, of
the Coquillard Primary Center in South Bend, said Title I schools are govern-
ment funded, which leads to an unequal distribution of funds between the schools.

For students living in poverty, she said, “It effects every aspect of that student’s life,” she said.

“My many of our students have issues with nutrition and also health care. They have never been seen by a dentist. They have never had their teeth checked. They have never been taught about nutrition,” Jacobson-
Righter said. “This is because their parents do not have the means to provide these things.

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U.S. troops kill 4 Afghans on bus
KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Afghans burned tires and chanted “Death to America” after U.S. troops fired Monday on a civilian bus near Kandahar, killing four people and wounding more than a dozen. An Afghan president accused the United States of committing a “crimes against civilian lives.”

Three Afghans were killed and another was injured when military vehicles pursued the bus and dug in after the shooting, said an Afghan police official.

Bishop must report sex abuse
VATICAN CITY — The Vatican on Monday responded to allegations it long concealed clerical sex abuses by making it clear for the first time that bishops and clerics worldwide should report such crimes to police if they are required to by law.

The policy, spelled out in a guide for laymen and priests on the Vatican’s Web site, matches the policy worked out by U.S. bishops after an explosion of sex abuse cases in 2002.

Unlike the American norms, however, the Vatican guide contains no call for “zero tolerance” for priests who rape or molest children, and victims immediately criticized it as insufficient.

The Vatican insists it has long been the Catholic Church’s policy for bishops, like all Christians, to obey civil reporting laws. But such an explicit policy has never been spelled out — until Monday.

U.S., China strategize on Iran
WASHINGTON — Amid a sudden upwelling of enthusiasm for a diplomatic resolution to the showdown over Iran, the United States and China outlined Monday a common ground Monday on which to build a new round of discussions.

The White House official who called it a “positive and constructive” meeting, “a meeting without talking points” involving leaders who are “familiar and comfortable with each other”.

He said the two leaders did break for a moment of silence to remember the deaths of 29 U.S. miners in the worst U.S. coal mining disaster since 1970.

The meeting came during a recent thaw in diplomatic exchanges between the two countries after a period of rising tensions aggravated by China’s rigid currency policies, U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, Obama’s meeting with the Dalai Lama at the White House and U.S. tariffs on Chinese tires.

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Mine blast probe awaits recovery of final bodies

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Federal investigators arrived Monday at the West Virginia mine where 29 miners died in an explosion last week to begin picking through what caused the worst U.S. coal mining disaster since 1970.

Thirty miles to the north, hundreds of mourners including the governor observed a moment of silence at the state Capitol, during a wreath-laying ceremony at the foot of a statue honoring the state’s miners. Karen Barker was among scores of state workers who attended.

My dad was a miner and my great-uncle was a miner. I have no idea how these people felt about losing their family member, but I can imagine,” said Barker, 46, of Charleston. The state’s coal inspectors and upper Big Branch mine weren’t heading underground until searchers removed all the bodies from the mine. The team from Mine Safety and Health Administration briefed Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and WSGA director Joe Main at the mine.

The last bodies were expected to be taken out Monday, state mine office spokeswoman Jama Jarrett said. Recovery efforts had been stalled in previous days by volatile gases, but teams entered after the tunnels were ventilated.

She said the crews late Monday were near where the bodies are located.

The state panel that writes mining safety rules and typically reviews inspectors’ reports after the investigations are complete said it would like to join the inspectors underground this time. Former state Gov. Don Blankenship has defended the company’s record and disputed accusations that he put profits ahead of safety.

Authorities have said high methane levels may have played a role in the disaster. Maine has numerous regis-
tered and fined for problems with its ventilation system that vents methane and for allowing combustible dust to build up. In the year before the company flew Gov. Joe Manchin back from a Florida vacation on one of its planes, Manchin said the governor’s top lawyer told him the use of the company’s plane was acceptable because it was an emergency and a flight on a state plane couldn’t immedi-
ately be arranged.

New York state’s comptroller and a pension fund adviser called for Blankenship’s resignation immediately as chairman of Massey Energy.

Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, treasurer of a retiree fund made up of 300,000 shares of Massey stock worth $14 million, said the company failed to ade-
quately manage risks at the West Virginia mine where 29 died after an explosion.

A similar challenge came in a letter to Massey from William Patterson, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based CW Investment Group, which works with union pension funds. Mourning continued exactly a week after the explosion, with the ceremony at the state Capitol and a moment of silence as President Barack Obama ordered all U.S. flags in the state flown at half-staff until sunset Sunday.

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell called for Blankenship’s resigna-
tion. “No miner should ever lose his life in order to provide for his family,” Solis said. “Someone who’s willing to work hard and who’s got a reputation on the line to provide for themselves and their family should expect to come home safely.”

Solis attended the ceremony and read a statement, while offering condolences to the family from President Barack Obama.

“A moment of silence is certainly a positive sentiment, while offering condolences to the family from President Barack Obama. “No miner should ever lose his life in order to provide for his family,” Solis said. “I will do everything in my power to ensure that we prevent these kinds of tragedies.”

Orcas seen in rare attack

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Whale watchers in Puget Sound caught a rare and dramatic sight from their tourist boat: a pod of orcas speeding by in attack mode and then ramming a gray whale under water.

A short time later the gray whale surfaced, belly up, and jerked upward two or three times as it was being hit from below, he said. The killer whales then took off, and the gray whale floundered for a time, but eventually swam toward shallow waters.

Howard Garrett, director of the Orca Network, said there have been three other reports of transient orcas attacking gray whales in Puget Sound. The first sighting was March 22.

Garrett said the gray whale was spotted Monday swimming with other gray whales and appeared to be OK. The whale, a male named “Patch,” has frequented the Puget Sound for the past 19 years, he said.

Transient orcas are different from the three pods of endan-
gered Puget Sound orcas that feed on salmon. These whales typically eat marine mammals such as sea lions, porpoises, dolphins and gray whales.

Robin Baird, a marine bio-

ologist with the Olympia, Wash-

based Cascadia Research Collective, said it’s not unusual for transients to attack gray whales but most of the attacks have occurred in California or Alaska, in areas where the orcas are particularly vulnera-
bale. “I have not heard of them attacking gray in Puget Sound before,” Baird said in an e-mail from Hawaii, where he was doing field work.

Whale observers said they’re not sure why the attacks hap-

pened. “It doesn’t fit the usual text-
book wildlife behavior,” Garrett said. “They usually pass by each other and pay no mind.”

Hughes said he hasn’t seen anything like the attack during his 20 years operating whale-

watching tours.

Noela Graham, a Whidbey Island resident, watched the attack with about 30 other pas-

sengers aboard the Mystic Sea and recalled it being “extraordi-

nary to witness something that you see on a National Geographic Channel.”

After the first group of seven orcas attacked the gray whale and left, another pair of orcas approached the gray whale.

Hughes said he positioned the boat near the gray whale to deter another attack. “I think we were able to deter that hopefully,” he said, noting that the whale got its breath and very slowly started heading for the beach.

Erick Petison, a captain with Puget Sound Express, witnessed another encounter while hunt-

ing 30 passengers on a whale-

watching tour March 30. He said four transient orcas circled three gray whales not far from the boat. One male transient rubbed up against a gray whale, and there was much splashing before the orcas took off.

“It happened real fast,” he said. “It was a real brief touch-

and-go.”

In a rare photograph, a pod of orca whales attack a gray whale in Puget Sound in Washington on Sunday.
Dow closes above 11,000 points

Stocks reach landmark level for the first time since start of financial crisis

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 11,000 for the first time in a year and a half, providing investors with confidence that the economy is recovering.

The Dow, which had not reached 11,000 since the financial crisis began in 2008, rose 86.2 points to 11,065.87, its highest close since Jan. 4, 2008. The index was up 0.86 percent.

Stocks rose across the board in a broad rally, led by industrials, financials and consumer discretionary firms. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 11.22 points to 1,192.79, and the Nasdaq composite index climbed 29.71 points to 2,460.86.

"This is clearly a positive development that the EU is identifying and dealing with what has really been its first real challenge," said Alan Gayle, senior investment strategist for RidgeWorth Investments.

China’s oil shopping spree continues

NEW YORK — China’s not done shopping the globe for oil.

On Monday, a Beijing-backed oil producer unveiled a shale oil play in early May and in stores shortly thereafter.

Microsoft unveils new cell phones

SAN FRANCISCO — Microsoft Corp. unveiled two cell phones Monday that are designed for a social networking-savvy teens and twentysomethings, in an attempt to revitalize its mobile business and regain ground on iPhones and Blackberrys.

Microsoft said its new touch-screen phones — a short, square-shaped handset called Kin One and a longer, more rectangular one called Kin Two — will be sold exclusively in the U.S. by Verizon Wireless. They are being made by Sharp Corp., which has produced Sidekick cell phones, whose software comes from Microsoft-owned Danger Inc.

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Latin American nations including Spain and Portugal would have a global recover.

"This is clearly a positive development. The EU is redressing the balance and helping to resolve a major problem," said Alan Gayle, senior investment strategist for RidgeWorth Investments.

Meanwhile, the latest round of corporate deal-making signaled that business leaders are more confident about a recovery.

"The good news: I will be doing a show on TBS starting in November! The five-year contract gives O’Brien a launching pad to expand his brand," said Steve Koonin, president of Turner Entertainment Networks, which bought the rights to Kin Two.

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China’s oil shopping spree continues

NEW YORK — China’s not done shopping the globe for oil.

On Monday, a Beijing-backed oil producer unveiled a shale oil play in early May and in stores shortly thereafter.
I was talking with my Dad this past weekend about something that, during my childhood, I recall reading in the Sunday New York Times entitled “One Man, Two Courts,” by Linda Greenhouse. My Dad said, “If you were telling me 34 years ago that when John Paul Stevens retired from the Supreme Court, he would be hailed as the leader of liberal wing, I would have thought you were crazy.” I don’t believe his is an isolated opinion. As Greenhouse had explained, Stevens, a moderate Republican from Chicago, was nominated in 1970 by Richard Nixon to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1975 by President Gerald Ford. When asked in an interview in 2007 if he considers himself to be liberal or conservative, Stevens stated “I don’t think of myself as a liberal at all. I think as part of my general politics, I’m pretty darn conservative.” How on earth then did a twice Republican-nominated judge become the voice of the liberal wing in the Supreme Court? The simple answer is that the meaning of being conservative or liberal has shifted, and as a result, the Court, not unlike this country, has become increasingly more conservative.

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I spent the last summer away from home. The completion of the term sent me down and back up again through the country, living, for various reasons, with 11 different host families, nights beneath 11 alien roofs.

During those hot and sunny months, I became acutely aware of my distance from places and people familiar. This awareness was not a shock or a burden, but an amazement at the distances to which I was now connected by virtue of the presence of my friends and acquaintances. To be honest, I liked the feeling that accompanied the knowledge that a zip code or the jurisdiction of the car, uniform pitch helmets, and the joy that came with spraying an overly aggressive dog. But I connect with more than just family tradition when I seal up the envelope. Each stamp I press is a shadow, a vestige of the galloping fury of American ingenuity and determination — the Pony Express. And that's just romantic.

But no, what drives me the most to compose letters is the possibility that they embody. A good friend began work in a third-world country after her graduation last spring. True, her inability to rely on consistent internet access dictated the appropriateness of snail-mailing, but, whether it was the extreme distance (and thus time) that would burden each letter or the absolute separation that such a letter would span, something about the situation illuminated the wonderful brilliance of the line of communication established by the post.

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It's what writer Noël Coward called a "farce in three acts." It's the story of a séance that actually went right, then went horribly wrong. It's the story of a violent love triangle. It's the comic play being put on by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) tonight through Sunday.

Jay Skelton, an assistant professor in the Department, is the director of this witty British comedy, "Blithe Spirit," in which novelist Charles Condomine, played by Ryan Belock, wishes to learn about the occult for his latest project. He and his wife invite friends and a quirky psychic to their home to hold a séance. Hilarity ensues when eccentric medium Madame Arcati, played by Shay Thornton, actually manages to bring Charles's first wife Elvira, played by Sloan Thacker, back from the dead. It's bad news for current wife Ruth, played by Clare Cooney, who finds herself beset by an invisible nemesis, still jealous though she no longer holds human form.

The comedic journey through this world and the next is a comedy classic. The play appeals to a broad range of audiences and promises to be an enjoyable evening for all. From its beginning in 1941, the play provoked controversy. Coward wrote the play during the Second World War in an attempt to lighten the hearts and minds of the beleaguered Brits, but many thought he might be making fun of death at the height of the war. Objections, however, quickly fell to the wayside as the play went on to set British box-office records. Its run of 1,997 consecutive performances set a record for non-musical plays in the West End, held intact until "Boeing Boeing" in the 1970s.

The actors in this performance said they had a great time putting on the play, which helps bring extra emotion and zeal to their already marvelous performance. Belock, who plays protagonist Charles, said he found this production one of the "most rewarding theatre experiences." "We adopted a new vocabulary, a new accent and a new look," he said.

All of this is evident in the cast's beautiful performance, complete with zinging lines and upbeat humor. Clara Ritter plays gossiping dinner guest Mrs. Bradman. She said she also enjoyed working with the "stellar cast" of the play, a statement echoed by Thornton, portrait of Madame Arcati. Ritter said she loves that Coward "poured humanity into his characters, which is not usually what you'd expect in a farce."

You're able to laugh at the sheer absurdity of the plot and utter truth of the situation," she said. It's the humanity in the play that really helps to draw in the viewer, helping them relate to the characters while keeping them hooked with the comic aspect.

Director Jay Skelton was also instrumental in making this comedic masterpiece come to fruition. Over the last 18 years, Skelton has directed, written or produced more than 90 plays, musicals or operas in the Chicago, New York and Boston areas, and it is an honor to have such an esteemed thespian at Notre Dame.

Belock and the other actors had nothing but glowing compliments for Skelton, saying that he has worked incredibly hard to "fully capture the sophisticated world of this play." We may finally be leaving winter behind us, but we could all still use some laughs in our lives this week, and the play promises to deliver quite a few hearty chuckles and more, in British accents nonetheless. So make your way to DPAC to enjoy the fantastic work that the Film, Television and Theatre department is doing. The play is at 7:30 p.m. tonight through Saturday, and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the DeCao Mainstage. Tickets are $15 for regular admission, $12 for faculty, staff and seniors and $10 for students.

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### European Symphonic Metal

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From the Netherlands to Finland, these top tracks from Europe’s top metal groups promise to provide epic, inventive music for connoisseurs and casual listeners alike.

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**Music Under the Radar**

**European Symphonic Metal**

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Scene Writer

Have you ever been in a conversation with someone who has name-dropped a song that you absolutely love. You nod in agreement, saying “That’s a good/cool/innovative, only to completely forget its name the minute you walk away? Fear no more, because here is a list of some of the most note-worthy music out there today, with a focus on bands that are successful but that you may not have listened to yet. Did I unfortunately ignore your favorite? E-mail me and maybe I’ll include it in the next list. Thanks to all the feedback I’ve received so far. Look for your suggestions when I write up their appropriate genres.

Under the tutelage of acts like Black Sabbath and Iron Maiden, heavy metal made its way to the mainstream in the late 70s and early 80s. Bands got louder and the music got, well, heavier. This hasn’t stopped, though it has fractioned a bit. Nowadays there are so many genres of metal and so many bands that cross-pollination can be heard. From thrash/speed metal to doom metal to melodic metal to power metal to symphonic metal. Direct from Finland, Apocalyptica (which features electric guitar, bass, drums, and ... a choir and 60-piece orchestra). The usual themes of lost love and unrequited passion are present in nearly every song, but Within Temptation maintains a sound that is so accessible one might even call them the “pop group” of the symphonic metal scene. If you fear the word “metal” for vocals arch over the most “rock” sounding group on this list. Think fear not, what Evangeline failed to be — a musically relevant metal catharsis. This is the great-granddaddy group of symphonic metal. Direct from Finland, this five-part, female-fronted metal royalty manage to marry pumping guitars and heavy bass lines with symphonic instrumentation (we’re talking horns and violins) and soprano vocals. With lyrics that are as ethereal as they are operatic, this band has earned its spot as the golden standard of successful European metal. Dashing fearless-ly from an orchestral interlude into a speedy guitar solo (often layered on top of the classical instruments), this is the most epic music you will find. If the Fellowship of the Ring were a band, they would be Nightwish. Tracks to tap: “Spellbound,” “Our Truth,” “Senzafine”

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**PHILADELPHIA** — Placido Polanco hit a go-ahead single, Chase Utley had a two-run homer and the Philadelphia Phillies overcame an early deficit to beat the Washington Nationals 7-4 in their home opener.  

The two-time defending NL champions are off to a 6-1 start, their best beginning since going 7-0 in 1993 pennant-winning season 7-1.  

Cole Hamels (2-0) earned the win despite another so-so effort. He allowed four runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings. The lanky left-hander is trying to bounce back following an inconsistent year after a dominant postsea- 

son in 2008.  

Polanco, without Jimmy Rollins, a late scratch after straightening his right calf, the Phillies continued their torrid hitting. They’re averaging 7.1 runs and 11 hits per game.  

The Phillies celebrated the franchise’s seventh pennant since 1980, their first winning season since 2008, then won their first home open- 

er since 2005.  

Led by the Phanatic, their furry green mascot, players entered the dugout from the team’s dugout tunnel behind the brick batter’s eye. Players who had been introduced were ranging ov- 

als and the U.S. Navy parachute team delivered rousing ovations and the U.S. championship flag on the concourse behind the stands in left- 

field to the infield.  

That stretched from the warning track to the outfield. Alcides Escobar’s error. Byrd, also making his first appear- 

ance, put the Cubs at Wrigley with three hits.  

**Rangers, Indians 2**  

Nelson Cruz hit his fifth home run of the season, connecting in the 10th inning of their win against the Nationals Monday. On the first pitch, Young bounced into a double play, ending the threat.  

Wright wasn’t so fortunate in the 10th. He cruised when the Rangers improved to 2-2 in road openers since 2000.  

Texas went 0-3 in against Cleveland the past two seasons.  

While his relievers may give Acta some early-season heart- 

burn, manager Ron Washington must find a new pairing in the bullpen. The Indians put the go-ahead run in scoring position with one out in the eighth but Darren Oliver struck out Travis Hafner and Jonny Peralta to keep it tied 2-2.  

Texas starter Rich Harden, who signed a one-year, $7.5 million free agent contract with the Rangers in December, allowed two runs and five hits in six innings.  

Cleveland’s Fausto Carmona had his second straight successful start, allowing two runs and five hits in eight innings.  

The Indians didn’t have center fielder Grady Sizemore, who missed his second straight game with tightness in his back. Sizemore’s injury is not believed to be serious, but his absence from the lineup is noteworthy because he’s among the league’s once played in 382 straight games.  

It was actually the Indians’ third opener in eight days. They opened in Chicago last week and played in Detroit’s first home game on Friday.  

“We lead the league in home openers,” Acta joked before the game.  

They went 0-3 in them.  

Texas took a 2-1 lead in the fifth on Young’s two-out single and Carmona’s wild pitch.  

Cub fans got their first look off hard on Hafner’s sacrifice fly. The Rangers kept it tied when outfielder Julio Borbon threw out Hafner trying to score from second on Matt LaPorta’s single. Hafner bunt- ed into Teagarden, but the Rangers scored twice on a wild pitch.  

Choo gave the Indians a 1-0 lead in the first with his second home run of the season, a shot to right that brought Cleveland fans out of their seats for the first time this season. The homer also induced a chorus of “Choooses” for the right fielder. However, two innings later, the home crowd wasn’t so happy with Choo. He appeared to take third base was only one out and got out doubled off first when he took off on Hafner’s routine fly to left.

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**MLB**  

**Phillies take easy win over Nationals in opener**  

*First-time Cub Xavier Nady pleases new owner with three-run homer; Rangers upset Indians on the road*

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Jets' Holmes suspended for first four games

NEW YORK — Newly acquired Jets wide receiver Santonio Holmes was sus- pended Monday without pay by the NFL for the first four regular-season games for viola- ting the league’s substance abuse policy.

The league announced the suspension a day after the Jets acquired the talented but troubled Holmes from the Pittsburgh Steelers for a fifth- round pick in this month’s draft.

“We understood that was part of it, but we just felt like even with that, it was worth it,” general manager Mike Tannenbaum said. “Obviously, a guy with his production and at 26 years old, he would not have been available if these indiscre- tions didn’t happen and obvi- ously the suspension. But, with that said, we just felt like the risk and the price was reasonable for us.”

Holmes, the 2009 Super Bowl MVP, is eligible to par- ticipate in the team’s offsea- son program and in all pre- season practices and games. He would be suspended for an entire season if he violates the league’s policy again.

“Obviously, there’s been some bumps in the road in the past and hopefully he’s learned from that,” Tannenbaum said. “We understand that there’s risks, significant risks. ... We under- stand that there have obvi- ously been some significant issues in the past and we’re going to move forward together.”

Tannenbaum said conversa- tions with Pittsburgh about a possible deal started late Saturday night, and into early Sunday morning. He added that coach Rex Ryan was excited about the opportunity to acquire a player who “here we’d tell you cost him a Super Bowl ring” while Ryan was an assistant at Baltimore.

Holmes is coming off his best season, with 79 catches for 1,248 yards and five touchdowns. But he is also fac- ing a lawsuit in Florida from a woman who claims he threw a glass at her, cutting her above the eye, in an Orlando nightclub. A witness has since taken responsibility, according to Holmes’ lawyer.

The Jets appeared unfazed by the off-field issues, adding a game-breaking player to an offense that already included second-year quarterback Mark Sanchez, wide receivers Braylon Edwards and Jerricho Cotchery, tight end Dustin Keller, running backs Shonn Greene, Leon Washington and the recently signed Lalanne Tomlinson.

“Everybody has a lot of respect for him. He’s tough. He’s a clutch receiver. I don’t think pressure gets to him in a game.”

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Bulls take a one-game lead for 8th spot in the East

TORONTO — A message in the Bulls’ team play harder than their team.”

I just wanted to make sure that our team played harder than their team.”

Luol Deng scored 26 points, Noah had 18 points, 19 rebounds and matched a career-high with seven assists and the Bulls beat Toronto 104-88 on Sunday night to take a one- game lead over the Raptors for the fifth Eastern Conference playoff spot.

“I knew it was a really important game, I was really focused,” Noah said. “I just wanted to go out there and impose my will as much as I could, just be aggressive offensively and defensively. It was a huge win and I just wanted to make sure that our team played harder than their team.”

Wisconsin cuts ties with Nike because of factory concerns

MADISON — The University of Wisconsin is cutting ties with Nike because the company has failed to address its concerns related to the closing of two factories in Honduras.

Chancellor Biddy Martin said Friday the shoemaker has not devel- oped “meaningful ways of address- ing the plight of displaced workers and their families in Honduras” or plans to address similar situations in the future.

Workers at two factories that were under contract to produce Nike apparel have not received severance after they were abruptly closed in January 2009.

Nike did own the factories, but the university’s code of conduct makes companies licensed to use its logos responsible for the actions of subcontractors.

The Nike deal generated $49,000 in royalties for the university last year.

Watson receives exemption to play in the U.S. Open

FAR HILLS, N.J. — Tom Watson received a special exemption Monday to play in the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, where he won his only U.S. Open in 1982 with a mea- surable chip-in to beat Jack Nicklaus.

The exemption was announced a day after the 60-year-old Watson turned in another impressive per- formance at a major, tying for 18th at the Masters. In his previous major, he lost in a playoff to Stewart Cink in the British Open at Turnberry.

The U.S. Open returns for the fifth time to Pebble Beach on June 17-20. It was last played there in 2000, when Tiger Woods was the only player to finish under par and won by a record 15 shots.

Watson will be the only player to have competed in every U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, dating to the first one in 1972.

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Chiefs sign Jones as new addition

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If Thomas Jones is worried about sharing the ball with Jamaal Charles, he’s not saying it.

The newest addition to a suddenly crowded Kansas City backfield insisted Monday that personal numbers are not uppermost in his mind.

“I signed here to help the team win,” said Jones, who agreed to a two-year, $5 million free agent contract last month.

“If I get five carries, I get five carries. If I get 25 carries, I get 25 carries,” he said. “All I can do at this point is prepare for the season like I’ve always done. That’s how I’ve been all my life.”

With the New York Jets last year, Jones got 331 carries in the regular season and wound up, counting the post-season, with 14 touchdowns and a career-best 1,402 yards. He was a key component in the Jets making it all the way to the AFC championship game.

But soon to be 32, he’s almost nine years older than Charles, a blazing fast running back who burst into the NFL as a first year replacement at Denver. He became the first Chiefs running back to lead the NFL in rushing yards.

“It’s about a team coming forward,” Jones said Sunday after he tied for fourth.

The next step will be forward.

“All of those tournaments, or any others he chooses to play this year, will be everything Augusta wasn’t,” said Jones. “They will be public golf tournaments, with fans who won’t worry about losing their season badges. What he hears from the crowd sitting around the island green on the 17th hole at the TPC Sawgrass might be a little different from what he heard in Amen Corner.

And the scrutiny will not stop. Woods set himself up for failure when he pledged to tone down his hyper celebrations and the cursing. He caused quite the stir in the opening round when he flew his iron to the ground after an errant shot to the 14th. A year ago, no one would have noticed. Now, it was proof that Woods had lost a little edge.

He seemed to reach a boilpoint when CBS Sports analyst Peter Kostis asked him about controlling his emotions without eliminating them. “I think people are making too much of a big deal of this thing,” Woods said. “I was not feeling good. I hit a big snipe off the first hole, and I don’t know how people can think I should be happy about that. I hit 29 of 45 yards and basically bladed it over the green. These are not things I normally do. So I’m not going to be smiling, and not going to be happy.”

There is some truth to that. Woods at least showed some signs of improvement with his temper, and he was more engaging with the fans over four days than he had been over the last 14 years.

Then came two words that go far deeper — more hot water — Ben Hogan. While talking about how he could produce good scores after not competing in five months, Woods spoke about the intensity of his practice sessions.

“It’s very similar to what Hogan went through coming off the accident,” Woods said. “Just couldn’t play that much, and when you can’t play, you have to concentrate on your practice.”

Woods was talking only about preparations for a tournament, but he was panned for even comparing himself with Hogan, because the two accidents were nothing alike.

Hogan’s car crashed into a bus, and he threw himself across the passenger seat to save his wife. Woods’ SUV ran over a fire hydrant and into a tree, and his wife saved him — at least that’s what he said.

This is the kind of inspection every answer, every act is going to get — maybe for the rest of the year. First comes the next PGA Tour event he plays with fewer restrictions on the gallery. Then comes the next major, where the volume is cranked up, and the U.S. Open is about as public as it gets. And Andrews is a home game for the British tabloids, and there might be a trip to the Ryder Cup in Wales, which is rancorous even in good times.

This could be a long year. The Masters might have looked like a start, but for Woods, it was more like spring training.
Ferraro has no problem at Masters

MONACO — Two-time champ on Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain easily defeated countryman Marcel Granollers 6-0, 6-3 on Monday in the first round of the Monte Carlo Masters.

The ninth-seeded Ferrero, who was the Monte Carlo champion in 2002 and ’03, broke serve five times overall and saved the only break point he faced. Ferrero will face Germany’s Benjamin Becker in the second round.

Tenth-seeded Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic dropped his serve before defeating Spain’s Feliciano Lopez 6-3, 6-1. Berdych will face France’s Richard Gasquet, who beat qualifier Daniel Gimeno-Traver of Spain 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, one week after losing to Andy Roddick in the final of the Sony Ericsson Open.

No. 11 David Ferrer of Spain and No. 14 Juan Monaco of Argentina also progressed to the second round. Ferrer won 6-2, 6-4 against Peter Luczak of Australia, while Monaco beat Finland’s Jarkko Nieminen 7-5, 7-5 after breaking his opponent for the sixth time to seal victory.

David Nalbandian of Argentina served eight aces to defeat Andreas Beck of Germany 6-3, 6-1, while Germany’s Philipp Kohlschreiber labored to beat Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3) in a tense match where both players dropped serve six times.

Kohlschreiber will play third-seeded Andy Murray on Wednesday.

“He’s talented. He’s given the top guys a lot of good matches over the last couple of years,” Murray said. “Very good clay-court player, and I need to play well to beat him.”

In other matches, Latvia’s Ernestas Gulbis beat Marcel Chiudinelli 6-3, 6-2, Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan beat Jeremy Chardy 6-2, 7-6 (2). Spain’s Nicolas Almagro defeated Simon Greul 6-3, 7-5, 6-2, Julien Benneteau of France beat Oleksandr Dolgopolov Jr. 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, and Germany’s Philipp Petzschner won 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 against Guillermo Garcia-Lopez.

Five-time defending champion Rafael Nadal plays Eduardo Schwank or Thiemo de Bakker in the second round Wednesday. The third-ranked Nadal, seeded second at Monte Carlo behind No. 2-ranked Novak Djokovic of Serbia, is seeking his first title this year.

“If I don’t have a good result here, in Rome or Madrid, my chances (at Roland Garros) will be less,” Nadal said Monday. “I never felt I am invincible on one surface, even on clay.”

Nadal has won 27 straight matches at Monte Carlo, beating Djokovic in last year’s final, and the GM’s two-year contract was due to expire in June.

“In the hockey side of things, I thought it was very important to have a fresh start. Nothing negative about Rick Tochett or Brian Lawton,” said Vinik, whose purchase of the team was approved by the NHL Board of Governors in March.

Vinik is conducting a search for a chief executive officer and hopes to fill the position within two months. The CEO will select Lawton’s replacement, and the new GM will have the responsibility of hiring the coach.

Vinik, who purchased the team from a group that owned the Lightning less than two years, said he’s seeking stability after watching the club climb into playoff contention in early February, only to fade rapidly after the Olympic break.

“I saw a lot of talent on the ice. I saw the makings of a great team. I saw an organization that can achieve a lot of great things in the years ahead,” Vinik said. “The moves I’ve done today, hopefully are to help us move as quickly as possible in that direction.”

Tochett became interim coach 16 games into the 2008-09 season and was given the head coach position in May 2009. Lawton assumed the general manager post on Oct. 22, 2008.

Since winning the 2004 Stanley Cup championship, Tampa Bay has not advanced beyond the first round of the playoffs.

“Where we’ve finished the last two or three years is depressing,” forward Martin St. Louis said. He added that while no one could be certain Vinik would quickly fire Tochett and Lawton, players sensed change was inevitable.

“Stability is always nice. I think it gives you a chance to grow. But obviously the results we’ve had the last three years, there’s changes going to be made,” St. Louis said. “It’s part of the business. You’re judged on results. I feel bad for To. I wish we could have gotten better results for him.”

Vinik declined to identify who the Lightning might be targeting as replacements. The Boston financier also wouldn’t speculate on whether the team’s highest-paid player, captain Vincent Lecavalier, will be with Tampa Bay next season.

Lecavalier, who has a no-trade clause in his contract, said he’d like to return and help the club get back to the playoffs.

“We were in a great position to make it, and we didn’t,” Lecavalier said. “Nothing you can do now. It’s over. You start fresh next year. That’s what we’ll do.”

The biggest bright spot of the season was the development of emerging star Steven Stamkos. The top pick in the 2008 NHL draft scored his 51st goal in Sunday night’s season finale at Florida and will share the Rocket Richard Trophy with Pittsburgh’s Sidney Crosby.

“It’s a pretty special time for me individually. Obviously, you’d much rather be in the playoffs. But it’s nice to get the 50th goal, and it’s icing on the cake to win the Richard,” said the 20-year-old Stamkos.

To be tied with Crosby is pretty special. I never would have dreamed this day would come so early in my career. At the same time, all the hard work is paying off.”
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By Mike Duhon
SPORTS

The Red Wings will face the Pittsburgh Penguins in the second round of the NHL playoffs. The Penguins finished first in the Eastern Conference and the Red Wings finished second in the Western Conference.

The Penguins have a young, talented roster that includes Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, and Marc-Andre Fleury. The Red Wings have a more experienced roster with players like Henrik Zetterberg, Pavel Datsyuk, and Nicklas Lidstrom. The Red Wings have also had a successful past in the playoffs, winning the Stanley Cup in 2007 and finishing as runners-up in 2009.

The series will be a battle of the best in the East and West. Expect a tough series with plenty of intensity and skilled players on both sides.
Belles gain experience in loss to No. 3 Chicago

By MATT ROBISON

No. 3 Chicago demonstrated why its one of the top teams in the country by blanking the Belles, 9-0, in non-conference play Monday.

Despite satisfactory performances in the doubles competition, the Saint Mary's (8-5, 2-1) was simply outmatched on the court, coach Dale Campbell said.

"[Chicago was] just playing at a really high level," Campbell said. "Their back-court hurt us with strong, aggressive ground strokes."

Getting into the match with the Maroons, the Maroons had won six straight, their longest streak of the season.

"We're going to learn a lot from this match," Campbell said. "It shows us we have to work really hard to compete at this level."

With stiff competition ahead, Saint Mary's should be able to draw from this loss both the physical improvements that need to be made as well as the emotional drive that usually follows from a tough defeat.

"This is good training for our best competition in the MIAA."

Campbell said Monday's match was one of many tough opponents the Belles will face this week. On Wednesday Saint Mary's will travel off against Alhambra on the road and will then travel to face Kalamazoo on Saturday.

"We played Alhambra close last year and had a good match against Kalamazoo," Campbell said. "These are two of the very best schools in the conference."

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"It was symbolic. We're getting into overdrive whenever we have our home court advantage."

Sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd runs after a catch during practice on Monday. Irish offensive coordinator Charley Molnar said the offense is now "starting to play with the effort we ask them to."
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host Chicago State today before traveling on the road for a three-game stretch with conference rival Seton Hall. The guys are feeling snake bit, but Dave Schrage said after the loss: “I can understand that. We need something good to happen to build off of, and we’re still waiting for it. As a coach you’ve got to keep positive and get to keep thinking they’re going to win.”

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SMC Golf

Belles sweep weekend matches against Trine

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Spun Winds

No. 5 Saint Mary’s faced off against MIAA and in-state rival Trine University, taking advantage of more favorable weather and winning once in South Bend and once in Angola.

The first dual match was held at the par-72 South Bend Country Club in windy conditions that made low numbers hard to come by and made the round an exercise in course management. The Belles were able to come away with a 353-396 victory, led by junior Rosie O’Connor’s 84.

Sophomore Natalie Matuszkach a match, while senior Mary Kate Boyce finished with an 88. No. 8 Trine finished with 358 strokes. It was the Belles’ third-straight win.

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game at 11-8. The second half was fiercely competitive. Both teams battled for every loose ball, every layup was strongly contested and the game got very choppy, even stopping briefly midway through the second half for a minor verbal disagreement.

The physical nature of the second half played into the Highlights’ hands, however. They opened the second half with a 4-0 run to take a lead they would not relinquish. Continuing to pound the ball inside, Highlights started seeing its layups drop off while Trill started cooling off from outside.

Trill fought hard but simply couldn’t get its jumpers to fall late in the game and came away with a hard-fought win.

Book it and Lock it 21, Don’t Foul, We’ll Sue 8.

In a battle consisting mostly of law students, No. 3 Book It came away with an easy victory en route to what it hopes is many more victories.

Seniors Mike Bramante and Pat McHugh, junior Aaron Nichols and law students Kieran Piller and John Rombert made up Book It, while first-year law students Andrew Doyle, Eric Klapp, Leonard Garamone, Harrison S. Germain and Michael Kiel suited up for Don’t Foul.

Book It took control of the game with an 11-4 lead at halftime.

With a strong transition game, the athletic lineup of Farquad Farthest made a second half surge to beat Options without Futures.

Farquad Farthest consisted of freshmen Bu Brinkman, sopho-
more Ben Mall, and juniors Kris Kiel, Mike Sobolewski and Sam Russ. Brinkman fought off a sprained ankle to pace the team with five points.

“It’s Bookstore Basketball, you have to play through anything,” Brinkman said. “Options without Futures led 13-10, but Farquad Farthest took control of the game with a 8-0 run early in the second half. Staff members Mike Cook, Chris Gehring, Dave Ludwig, Brian Patterson and Pete Murphy made up the Options without Futures squad.

“It was a good game,” Gehring said. “They had the size advan-
tage. It was hard fought, but we couldn’t pull it out. Farquad Farthest will play their next game Friday night.

Intimidation 21, No Billy Mays Quick Chop for Us 4

The gameplan for Intimidation was to run early and often in order to reach the next round of the tournament, and that is exactly what they did in their victory over No Billy Mays Quick Chop for Us.

Junior Rob Wilson and sopho-
more Mike DeRusso each dropped six points in the winning effort. Sophomore Matt Lemonski added four points, freshman Jonathan Fisher scored three and freshman Kolby Jones scored two.

“It was a lot of fun out there,” Intimidation captain DeRusso said. “It was a beautiful night for the game. We played well tonight and I’m happy with what we did.”

DeRusso hit several outside shots, including the clincher.

“My teammates were finding me for the open shot, so I kept shooting it,” he said. “They had confidence in me so I kind of kept putting them up and a few went in.”

Fisher’s tough defense helped the team get opportunities to run the fast break.

“We hustle, we rebound, try to release quick and make a mismatch with our speed,” he said.

Wilson tied DeRusso for the team lead with six points. He fueled the team with his hustle and energy.

“I really want to run all day,” he said. “We rely on hustle, ferocity, and Matt Lemonski’s great hustle.”

Intimidation advances to the next round and will play Friday night.

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FOOTBALL

Irish adjusting to new practice tempo, scheme

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

The Irish have finally slowed down Brian Kelly’s frenetic pace.

Figuratively, not literally. Now in the eighth of 14 practices before the Blue-Gold Game, sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist and the rest of the Notre Dame offense have started to grasp the plays well enough to not be flustered by the quick tempo of practice under Kelly.

“The speed of what we’re doing is something we haven’t really seen before,” Crist said. “But I think now that we’ve practiced it guys are starting to get a feeling for it. It’s definitely not slowing down greatly, but it’s slowing down enough for guys to apply their knowledge of plays and schematics on the field.”

Offensive coordinator Charley Molnar echoed Crist’s comments.

“The last two practices they are starting to show that they understand working at the tempo that we want them to,” Molnar said. “They understand our base protections, our base runs, our base formations. [The offense is] really starting to play now with the effort that we ask them to.”

Monday’s offensive first unit showed some of the changes Kelly spoke of after Saturday’s two-hour scrimmage. Early enrollee Tai-lee Jones lined up alongside seniors Duval Kamara and junior Michael Floyd.

“TJ has been very consistent since the first day of practice,” Molnar said. “[Jones] very rarely drops the ball, very rarely makes a mistake. Beyond the fact that he’s brand new to football, he certainly possesses the skill set that we’re looking for. We’re going to give him every opportunity to learn and mature and kind of become a redshirt freshman in the fall.”

On the offensive line, junior Duval Kamara, redshirt freshman in the fall.

SMC SOFTBALL

Busy Belles win three, drop three

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s split six games in a marathon weekend, sweeping Albion 15-12 and 10-2 in six innings, splitting against Alma with a 4-2 win in nine innings and 13-5 loss in five innings and losing two contests to Franklin 6-1 and 18-7.

The Belles (16-12, 5-1 MIAA) began the weekend with a trip to Albion (15-9, 4-0), where they outscored their opponent by nine runs over the two games. Senior Ashley Peterson had a career series against Albion, as she shattered numerous Belles’ records.

Peterson set Saint Mary’s records for career home runs and career hits in the series, finishing the day going 7 for 9 at the plate with three homers and three doubles, while driving in 11 runs.

These accomplishments earned Peterson the MIAA Position Player of the Week honors.

“Ashley Peterson’s five home runs on Friday and Saturday were so clutch and showed how great a hitter she really is,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

BASEBALL

Team looks for turnaround

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Senior Sports Writer

After dropping three straight Big East series to open up conference play, the Irish are looking for things to start going their way.

It looked like Notre Dame might finally have its breakthrough Sunday, tied with Rutgers 6-6 in the bottom of the ninth in the deciding game of the series. Junior shortstop Mick Doyle belted a pitch deep to left field, but the ball came down just short of the fence into the hands of a Scarlet Knight outfielder, and Rutgers scored in the 11th inning for an 8-6 win.

After the crushing loss and still trying to find some consistency in Big East play, the Irish will see REBOUND/page 18

BOOKSTORE BASEBALL

Here’s the Highlight defeats Team Trill 21-16

By ALLAN JOSEPH and ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writers

Team Trill came up against a significantly bigger and longer team in Here’s the Highlight, and though they kept it close for most of the contest, fell 21-16 when they could not get shots to drop at the end of the game. Highlight, consisting of juniors Steven Bonomo, Kyle Tennant, Matt “Redman” Kadich, Matt Stolze and Tony Bizen, used their length to block and alter many of Trill’s early shots, especially when Trill tried to attack inside early in the game.

Trill, consisting of sophomore Mike Burton and freshmen Connor Ryan, JP Sullivan, Armani Sutton and James Yurkovich, could muster nothing offensively early but were not punished, as Highlight missed multiple open looks early in the game. Trill began to adjust its offense to their opponents’ size, switching to a dribble-drive-kick offense that opened up jump shots, especially for Yurkovich and Sullivan, while contesting every one of Highlight’s shots in an effort to keep pace.

The strategy worked, as the game was neck-and-neck for the majority of the first half before Trill reeled off two consecutive fast-break layups to open up their largest lead of the