Jenkins reflects on progress made during his first term as president and goals left to achieve during his tenure

By JENN METZ
Senior Staff Writer

University President Fr. John Jenkins lives by two important words: faith and reason. Those principles, he said, informed his at-times controversial decisions, and will continue to guide him into his second term.

Reflecting on his first term as University President, Jenkins said it’s difficult to be under the media microscope while working to clearly communicate the goals of a Catholic university.

“‘We live in a time where there are a lot of voices out there and it’s hard in the midst of that to speak over all the noise,’” Jenkins said in an interview with The Observer. “I think that one of my roles is to articulate what we are.”

Most recently, last spring’s controversy over the invitation to President Barack Obama to receive an honorary degree at Commencement and the football coaching change this fall have thrust the University, and Jenkins, into the spotlight.

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Happy Birthday

Today is my birthday, and it couldn’t have fallen on a better Friday (or weekend, for that matter) of the year. I get to turn Pigstodal, the Blue-Gold Game and Muddy Sunday into additional reasons to celebrate my 19th year of being.

However, as years have gone by, the celebrations surrounding birthdays have become less creative and all-inclusive and more impersonal and generic. Gone are the days of pondering for hours what kind of birthday party I wanted to have: no more pottery painting parties, no more slumber parties or pool parties to look forward to.

Now, on my first birthday as a college student, my celebrations center around going to dinner with a few friends and proceeding to engage in various alcohol-related activities around campus for the rest of the weekend. Don’t get me wrong, I enjoy going out with friends, meeting new people and accumulating stories of ridiculous drunken Shenanigans, but you know things have changed when a giant pack of random, sweaty, inebriated people in a cramped dorm room raucously sing “Happy Birthday” to the person of honor like it’s their own best friend’s birthday when, in reality, chances are they have no idea whose birthday it is. If I had my wish, I would gather all my closest friends from both high school and college not only to celebrate my birthday but also to spend quality time with the people who mean the most to me.

With each successive birthday celebration, we eventually begin to cringe at the thought of adding another year to our ages. Birthdays aren’t just to celebrate our first days of being. They become Hallmark holidays by the number to our ages. Birthdays have not only to celebrate my birthday but also to spend quality time with the people who mean the most to me.

OFFBEAT

Worker punched after confronting man about odor

BELLEWINHAM, Wash. — Police said a Cost Cutter store employee was punched in the mouth after he confronted a customer about his body odor. Police spokesman Mark Young told The Bellingham Herald that police went to the store after a report of a fight and found employees holding down a man.

The newspaper said customers apparently complained while the man was in the store Sunday, and the employee decided to discuss it with him when he returned the next day.

Young said the store employee was not going to ask him to leave the store, but only approached him to share the complaints. Young said the man snatched and threw a bunch of batteries and punched the worker, causing a minor injury.

Fake plastic surgeons provide breast implants

CARACAS — Venezuelan police have arrested a man and woman accused of impersonating plastic surgeons and providing women with silicone breast and buttock implants from an illegal clinic in an apartment.

Cosmetic surgery, especially breast enlargement, is widespread in image-conscious Venezuela, which is known for beauty queens who have won many international pageant titles. Reinaldo Henriquez was charged with aggravated fraud while sidekick Heri Rodriguez was accused of aiding and abetting him by recruiting clients and taking them to their surgery in the western city of Maracay, the Attorney General’s office said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF ANTOSTAL?

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Sarah Sraders
sophomore
Welsh Family

Greg Cunningham
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Welsh Family

Kevin Doyle
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John Karol
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junior
Dillon

“Pig Tostol!”

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

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame Bike Fest 2010 will take place today from noon until 7 p.m. on South Quad in front of the Bucky Memorial.

The College of Arts & Letters is presenting a lecture today entitled “The Legacy of Futurism in the Contemporary Small Press” at 1 p.m. in 107 Pasquerilla Center.

The Inaugural Chair Event and Book Launch for John Nagle will take place today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Patrick McCartan Courtroom at the Eck Hall of Law. A reception in the Eck Hall atrium will follow the event.

“The Shirt” unveiling ceremony will take place tonight at the Harries Notre Dame Bookstore. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. and the ceremony will start at 5:45 p.m. after a speech by head football coach Brian Kelly. Shirts will be for sale immediately following the ceremony.

The Blue-Gold Game will take place Saturday at 1:35 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium. For tickets call the ND Ticket Office at 574-631-7256.

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At approximately 3 p.m. Wednesday, a student employee at Saint Mary's College lost control of a College-owned golf cart and crashed into Angela Athletic Facility, David Gariepy, director of security at the College said.

No one was injured in the accident. According to Gariepy, the student was attempting to park the golf cart when her foot slipped off the brake and onto the accelerator causing her to smash into the glass door on the north side of the building.

Gariepy said the College is working to attain an estimate of the damages. No estimate is available at this time. Gariepy said the College is planning to make repairs, though no timeline has been set.

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Christ.”

“Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers,” Rhoades said, quoting St. Thomas Aquinas.

Rhoades, who was ordained as a priest in 1983, was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend last November.

For Bishop Rhodes, life in the priesthood has been one of reflection.

“To understand and appreciate the nature and the meaning of the Catholic priesthood, one needs to reflect deeply on the priestly consecration and mission of Jesus Christ,” Rhoades said.

This reflecting, he continued, finds roots in the New Testament’s Letter to the Hebrews. Though describing it as one of the most challenging books of the New Testament, Bishop Rhoades pointed out that “Hebrews is significant for its ‘priestly Christology, a presentation for the identity and mission of Christ in priestly terms.”

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said. “It was a series of steps in life that led me here,” Jenkins said to this.

Graduating from Notre Dame with a degree in philosophy in 1976, Jenkins was drawn to the priesthood and to teaching in 1983. “I think with that there’s always an element of mysticism to that,” he said. “I have that desire for something of depth, something meaningful. That search for something more is a set of goals to think deeply about faith and about God” and about what he’s going to do with his life.

That eventually led him to think about serving as a priest, someone who strives to bring Christ to the world,” he said.

After attending graduate school at Oxford and teaching on the faculty at Notre Dame, Jenkins said, “I moved to the Provost’s Office in 2004, he was elected University President Emeritus Fr. Edward ‘Monk’ Malloy.

Jenkins said his studies in philosophy helped him perform the duties of the Office of the University President. He tells his students philosophy is “just thinking hard, thinking clearly about important things.”

“I always found them to my mind to the sort of profound issues of life of human life and I genuinely enjoyed grappling with those issues... it just resonated with who I was,” he said, “and that’s what we do every day.”

Every day challenges are a challenge every day is time,” Jenkins said. “You have all these pressures and people are waiting for your time, so it’s always a struggle.”

Serving as president of a university is a unique task, he said. Daily meetings, travel and full schedules leave little time for anything else.

“Throughout Jenkins no longer interacts with students in the classroom as professor, and he uses his life he says he has been, “nothing is more important” in keeping in touch with the students.

“It is one of the joys of my job to talk to students and try to make that a part of what I do,” Jenkins said.

Jenkins’ biggest challenge, however, is a positive one: “to live up to a mission that is distinctive in higher education and to realize the tremendous potential of Notre Dame in the 21st century.”

“The Church should be a place that’s open to a diversity of views, even views that challenge us.”

Fr. John Jenkins
University President

“The thing about Notre Dame, we’re sort of inventing a Catholic university for the 21st century,” he said. “There have been Jesuit Catholic universities, but history has changed, society has changed, universities have changed.”

Undertaking the challenge to create the new Catholic university depends on Jenkins’ guiding principles, drawn from his studies in philosophy and his calling to the priesthood.

“I think a Catholic university is the institutional expression of a confidence in the harmony of faith and reason — that’s why we exist. If we didn’t believe that, let’s just shut the doors and go home.”

The two are not in conflict with each other, but rather inform every aspect of Notre Dame, he said.

“There’s nothing more central to us. That means, the inquiring mind in the search for truth and all the challenges that involves is the way the world is not in conflict, with a faith in God,” Jenkins said. “It’s precisely that confidence in that harmony and the strength of the Catholic faith — that’s the reason why Notre Dame exists.”

The coming weeks will bring the most rewarding part of Jenkins’ presidency: conferring degrees on graduating students.

“Every graduation is my proudest moment, just to send people off to see how they’ve grown,” he said. “That’s why we’re here. They’re going to do great things in the world after being at Notre Dame, and that’s a great accomplishment.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Alleged top drug dealer caught
MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Troops have arrested a suspected drug gang in a wealthy neighborhood on the outskirts of Mexico City and captured an alleged major drug dealer with a 50 million U.S. bounty on his head, officials announced on Thursday.

Jose Gerardo Alvarez Vasquez — known as “El Indio” or “El Chayan” — is suspected of being responsible for a spike in violence in states near Mexico City’s northern border struggle for control of the Beltran Leyva drug cartel, the military and the federal Attorney General’s Office said.

Adequate said Alvarez, 45, was arrested along with 14 other suspected drug traffickers during a Wednesday night shootout in the exclusive neighborhood.

Clegg wows in Britain’s debates
LONDON — Nick Clegg has proven he wasn’t a one-hit wonder in Britain’s second election debate, holding his own against Labour’s Prime Minister Gordon Brown and the Conservatives.

David Cameron over thorny issues such as Afghanistan, the Catholic sex abuse scandal and the special relationships with the United States. Clegg took up the race last week, emerging as a clear winner in Britain’s first U.S.-style election debate and boosting the profile of the Liberal Democrats, the country’s third-largest party.

Thursday’s debate, however, was razor-sharp. Polls gave Clegg a paper-thin edge while others put Clegg neck-and-neck with Cameron. Still, Clegg managed to keep some of his political stardust — respondents in one of the polls said the 43-year-old seemed to be the most honest of the three.

NATIONAL NEWS
White supremacist found dead
PEARL, Miss. — A white supremacist lawyer and the suspect’s mother had no comment when a body was found just after 4 a.m. on Thursday after a car fire.

A single-car fire on a rural road north of the city of Woodville, near Jackson, Miss., came to light after a body was found lying outside the vehicle. The body was later identified as that of 33-year-old Lawrence “Jon” Matzke, a former legal secretary who was the suspect’s mother’s attorney.

Prison official found guilty of abuse
ODENSA, Texas — A former Texas youth prison administrator was found guilty Thursday of raping an adolescent at Campodecinae, a youth prison facility, more than five years ago in a case that ignited the polls said the 43-year-old seemed to be the most honest of the three.

Take-your-kid-to-work day loses steam
CHICAGO — More than a decade after it began, take-your-kid-to-work day is losing steam. Now it’s keep-your-kid-in-school.

Thursday marked the 17th year for Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day. But some school districts sent out strongly worded emails to parents explaining that taking a child to work would put the youngster’s education at risk.

Many teachers found their Thursday classes largely unaffected.

“We had only six out today — that’s actually less than usual,” said Darrell Prost, principal of Taylor Road Elementary School in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, who asked parents not to pull their kids out of school. “Our attendance was very, very good today.”

Though many kids still accompanied a parent to work, some employers say the event increasingly conflicts with high-stakes standardized testing in schools. And this year, it was over-shadowed by Earth Day, which conflicted with the National Weather Service’s April 17, 2010, alert.

“I haven’t heard about that in a while,” SMU spokesman Kent Best said. “It was a big deal maybe a decade ago. ... So today is the day?”

Travis Carter, a public relations executive in Dallas who has two children, ages 5 and 6, said his kids reminded him it was Earth Day and took their recyclables to school.

“I am surprised to now hear that it’s also take-your-kids-to-work day,” he said.

The event was launched in 1993 and has always fallen on the fourth Thursday in April. But that date has drawn complaints from school administrators for well over a decade, especially because many standardized tests fall on or near the same day.

Some school officials have contacted the Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Foundation to ask that the event he held on a school holiday or during the summer, but the organization won’t budge.
PHOENIX — Arizona lawmakers expressing doubt over whether President Barack Obama was born in the United States are pushing a bill through the Legislature that would require the president to show his birth certificate to get on the state’s 2012 ballot.

The House passed the measure Wednesday on a 31-28 vote, ignoring protests from opponents who said it’s causing Arizona in an ugly light and could give the elected secretary of state broad powers to kick a presidential candidate off the ballot.

“We’re becoming a national joke,” Rep. Chad Campbell, who opposes the measure, said Thursday.

The measure’s sponsor, Rep. Judy Burges, said she isn’t sure Obama could prove his eligibility for the ballot in Arizona and wants to erase all doubts.

“We have half the population who thinks everything is fine, and you have the other half of the population who has had doubts built up in their minds,” Burges said.

So-called “birthers” have contended since the 2008 presidential campaign that Obama is ineligible to be president because, they argue, he was actually born in Kenya, his father’s homeland. The Constitution says in United States, you understand.

Ajit Kumar, 2010

The Constituency for the two rivals. Just last year, Rubio, the former Florida House speaker, was 46 percentage points behind Crist in a Quinnipiac poll — the same survey that last week showed Rubio with a commanding 23-point lead. Rubio took in $3.6 million in the last quarter, compared with $1.1 million for Crist.

Most voters haven’t had time to sort out all the details of the party spending and who should be blamed, said Republican political scientist Darryl Paulson, a retired University of South Florida professor. Still, the issue has the potential to hurt Rubio, he said.

That’s probably fine at this point in time, but he still has questions to answer and the first one for me is why in the world would he put personal expenses on his party credit card to begin with?” Paulson said.

Crist has until April 30 to decide whether to run as an independent, the primary is in August.

In endorsing Rubio, Cheney called him someone who could be trusted “to stand up to the Obama agenda that threatens our freedom, and promote clear conservative alternatives.”
IN BRIEF

Renewable energy bill dies on Earth day

Major Midwestern cities tracked in the growth of the bug at the beginning of the year, but has already found that the treated strips, pest control officials say.

"We've been able to improve revenue and cut costs," said Helane Becker, an analyst with Jesup & LaMont.

US Airways, meanwhile, is the product of one combination and long been the seeker of another.

A US Airways plane takes off from Miami International Airport in October. While US Airways has ended talks with United, it believes that it remains viable as a standalone airline.

Wyoming decides to spray grasshoppers

The 10 local BLM field offices in northeast and north-central Wyoming could become infested with grasshoppers this summer. The insects are native to Wyoming, but outbreaks of certain pest species can be problematic because of their voracious appetites for grass.

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Vatican received letter from abuse victim

**Associated Press**

MILWAUKEE — A neatly typed letter dated March 5, 1995, is addressed to the No. 2 man at the Vatican and recounts the story of a priest who preyed on deaf boys trapped in dormitories with no chance of escape.

The letter to Cardinal Angelo Sodano from one of the Rev. Lawrence Murphy’s alleged victims is more evidence for those trying to learn what Vatican officials knew about abuse claims at St. John’s School for the Deaf outside Milwaukee and when.

The document was revealed Thursday in yet another lawsuit aimed at the highest reaches of the Roman Catholic Church. It’s also significant because it involves Sodano, a strong defender of Pope Benedict XVI’s handling of the global clergy sexual abuse crisis and a man whose own record on a separate high-profile case has come under scrutiny.

The Vatican’s U.S.-based attorney, Jeffrey Lena, said in a statement Thursday that the lawsuit was a publicity stunt with no merit and it rehashes theories already rejected by U.S. courts.

Murphy, who died in 1998, is accused of sexually abusing some 200 boys at the deaf school from 1950 to 1974. He was put on a leave of absence when the allegations were revealed in the summer of 1995 letter to Sodano, it was believed the Vatican first learned of allegations against Murphy in a July 1996 letter from Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland. That letter was sent to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, the powerful Vatican office Ratzinger led from 1981 to his election as pope in 2005.

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The Wisconsin bishops said Murphy was still allowed to serve in ministry and work with children in another Wisconsin diocese in the early 1990s.

The Vatican has previously said that diocese officials and civil authorities knew about the allegations some 20 years before the Vatican was ever notified. Because of that, Lena said, it cannot be held liable for Murphy’s abuse.

Murphy’s case drew renewed attention after the recent release of documents called into question the actions of a Vatican office led by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.

Before the disclosure of the 1995 letter to Sodano, it was believed the Vatican first learned of allegations against Murphy in a July 1996 letter from Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland. That letter was sent to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, the powerful Vatican office Ratzinger led from 1981 to his election as pope in 2005.

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The Wisconsin bishops ordered the proceedings halted, but in the end, Murphy died while still a defendant in a canonical trial, which could have led to Murphy being laicized, or stripped of the priesthood.

The defendants in the lawsuit are Ratzinger, Sodano, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone and the Holy See, identified as the state of the Vatican City. Bertone was Ratzinger’s deputy at the time and is now the Vatican’s secretary of state.

The lawsuit claims all three men knew about the allegations against Murphy and conspired to keep them secret. The lawsuit says the claims are based on “information and belief” but doesn’t offer proof.

Sodano has long been accused in news reports in U.S. Catholic publications and other outlets of stalling a Vatican probe of the Rev. Maciel, the discredited founder of the Legionaries of Christ. The order has admitted that the late Maciel fathered at least one child and molested young seminarians.

Anderson, the plaintiff’s lawyer, provided a copy of a receipt showing the registered letter to Sodano had reached the Vatican. The man wrote Sodano — then the Vatican’s Secretary of State — again and got no response, according to Anderson.

Lena said that at the time, it was a local matter regarding a local priest and the victim had already communicated with the local bishop. Under those circumstances, Lena said it is “entirely appropriate” under canon law for the local diocese — not the Holy See — to respond.

Thursday’s lawsuit is not the first to aim directly at the Vatican, even from Anderson. Another lawsuit of his remains open in Oregon and was recently allowed to move forward by a federal appeals court. In a separate Kentucky lawsuit, Vatican attorneys are mounting a defense they hope will shield the pope from having to answer attorneys’ questions under oath.

Some legal experts questioned the Wisconsin lawsuit’s prospects.

Nicholas Cafardi, a canon lawyer and former dean at the Duquesne University School of Theology, said he doesn’t believe Anderson can overcome sovereign immunity hurdles. He said the lawsuit describes the Roman Catholic Church as if it were an international commercial business and it’s not.

“He’s alleging an employment relationship between individual priests and the Holy See,” Cafardi said. “I’re in sorry, but diocesan priests in the United States are not employees of the Holy See ... If a court were to accept that, they would be creating a new Catholic Church, not the one that exists now.”

But Washington, D.C., attorney Jonathan Levy, a specialist in international law who has tried suing the Vatican Bank over Holocaust claims, said Anderson could succeed in taking advantage of exceptions to sovereign immunity.

“I’d say he’s got some new and exciting theories in there where the Vatican should be held responsible for its bad acts,” Levy said.

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"GOSSIP GIRL" FANS:
HERE COME'S DADDY!!!

Serena and Eric's Missing-In-Action Dad, Dr. William van der Woodsen, [aka Billy Baldwin] is working out in preparation of his return home.

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Notre Dame football weekends are rich in rituals, from midnight drummers’ circle to tailgating to cheering in the stands. But the festivities start with the Friday night pep rally.

In recent years, however, growing numbers of students have chosen other events — a movie, a party, dinner in the dining hall — over a pep rally. Student government, led by former student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber, made some progress in revamping the rallies to attract more students, although bureaucracy hindered any drastic changes.

Based on the efforts of their predecessors, current student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell have already helped set up a partial schedule for next fall’s pep rallies before the end of spring football practice. While alumni and other fans are still welcome, Soler said, students and the football team should be the heart of the rallies.

Soler and Bell’s proactive planning shows a commendable first step for their administration. And with the help of Irish coach Brian Kelly, perhaps the University could succeed in making students the priority again. So far, it looks promising.

Old yearbooks show sweaty, shouting students packing into the Joyce Center, Stepan Center and even the now-demolished Fieldhouse for football rallies. They are waving signs, sitting on shoulders and throwing toilet paper. The students look excited, even ecstatic, to be supporting their football team. This is the atmosphere next year’s pep rallies should strive to recreate.

With the Purcell Pavilion under construction, last fall’s pep rallies moved to the newly-landscaped Irish Green. This large outdoor space was perfect for merchandise tents, food stands and children’s entertainments, but few students attended.

The reasons were numerous. There was no special section for students, which all but eliminated the residence-hall pride so integral for other rallies. This free-for-all, standing-room-only setup had students doing the jig into grandparents’ shins. Only a couple football players attended each rally, usually just to deliver a short speech. Without walls or a ceiling, the cheers of the crowd floated away.

Last fall’s USC pep rally was the exception. In honor of the rivalry game, the students had a roped-off section at the front of the crowd, the entire football team attended and former Irish player Raghib “Rocket” Ismail topped it all off with a roaring sermon of a pep talk. If Irish Green pep rallies are a must, then they should be modeled after last year’s USC pep rally.

The student dissatisfaction stretches back to the JACC and Irish Green pep rallies in 2008, when Sorin College even organized a boycott. Students would have to wait through an hour of videos, speeches and dance performances before the team arrived. Players and guest speakers would then try to rile up the crowd, but with the team wearing suits and seated in formal rows of chairs, there was little feeling of community.

The “us” and “them” separation was evident at the JACC and Irish Green, but Kelly is clearly making an effort to mend this gap by working with student government on the pep rallies.

So far, only four have been planned: the traditional Dillon Pep Rally before the Purdue game, Irish Green before Michigan, Purcell Pavilion before Stanford and a send-off rally at Stepan for the Boston College away game.

This leaves open the possibility of adapting the format and venue based on what works and what doesn’t, while a different setting each week should also keep the rallies fresh.

But the No. 1 priority should be creating an authentic, electric atmosphere. Schmidt and Weber’s administration were able to provide that for at least one Thursday night last fall. The student-only rally in Stepan Center before the Michigan away game was a raucous send-off. Toilet paper flew through the air, not-so-family-friendly chants shook the walls and members of the football team crowd-surfed. The rally was passionate because it was unscripted, unsupervised and brought everyone together.

But the Notre Dame tradition and spirit extends beyond the current student body, and as such most pep rallies should still be open to the public. However, last season’s events at Irish Green tried too hard to be family-friendly moneymakers. In trying to welcome everyone, those rallies lost an important member of the Notre Dame family: the students.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.”

Rabbi Abraham Heschel  
American rabbi
As our tailgate turned down the dirt road into the center of Vang Vieng (Laos) and I saw the restaurants where televisions were playing episodes of “Friends,” my face lit up like the top of the Chrysler Building. I was so happy for our arrival. The University of Notre Dame is one of the most beautiful college campuses in the world. I had traveled there to do research on the topic of the Family Friendly Petition. There is much discussion about what the life of a parent, to a significant extent, is one of self-sacrifice and giving of oneself for others. These same principles, self-sacrifice and self-giving, are cornerstones of the teaching of the Catholic faith. Wherever the young students go, whether in graduate student and faculty teaching of the Catholic faith. Wherever the young students go, whether in graduate student and faculty teaching of the Catholic faith. Wherever the young students go, whether in graduate student and faculty teaching of the Catholic faith.
A Face for Radio

Composed of sophomores Will Thwaites, Adam Cowden, Kyle Collins and Mike George, A Face for Radio will make its debut Friday. Thwaites, lyricist and singer, characterizes their music as a “hybrid between hip-hop and alternative rock” and about 75 percent of their material is original. That is impressive, due to the fact that they’ve only been together for a week now. A Face for Radio played at the Stanford Benefit Bash and also headlined the kickoff of the Bald and the Beautiful. Check out this band with radio-only aspirations on Friday, and look for next year’s back-up leprechaun, Mike George, on drums.

Citizen Kane II

This fairly new band, which includes senior Brian Prendergast on guitar, sophomore Mike Rodio on vocals and keyboard, freshman Luke Westby on bass and senior Shea Bettwy on drums and percussion, plays a mix of rock, funk, reggae and jazz. The group draws from a wide range of influences, including the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Police, Matisyahu, Phoenix, the Beatles, Dispatch and Jacubus. The group formed last week just in time to make the demo for the Battle of the Bands. Shea and I have been making music together for the past four years and our styles fit really nicely together with Luke’s and Mike’s,” said Prendergast.

Identity Crisis

Specializing in a mix of original songs, remixes and covers, Identity Crisis is composed of senior Nick Morrissey, juniors Steve Atkinson and Matt Stolze and sophomores Danny McGillin and Drew Dostis. The band formed after the Stanford Benefit Bash last year, but has played at Legends several times and hopes to eventually play at Jimmy’s and Fever. Identity Crisis is influenced by an amalgam of artists, just a taste of which are Led Zeppelin, Scorpions, Green Day, Jimmy Buffett and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Intrigued? They have even done a Lady Gaga remake in the past and Atkinson is the lead guitarist, also specializes in performing back flips and other tricks during Identity Crisis’ performances.

The Carolyn Sullivan Quintet

This jazz blues quintet plays “music that’s a throwback to another era, the uniquely American art form of jazz,” said sophomore Matt Nagy, the band’s saxophone player. With senior Carolyn Sullivan on vocals, James Jones on drums, Mike Rodio on piano and junior Sam Novario on bass, the band plays a variety of jazz, blues, swing, Latin and funk music. Their influences are music legends such as John Coltrane, Ella Fitzgerald, Vince Guaraldi and Stevie Wonder.

Cookies N Cream

This band draws its influences from British economist John Maynard Keynes and the Dalai Lama and likes to claim that they play “a little bit of everything. A little funk, little rock, little soul. We like to take songs and play them in the style of a different and contrasting genre,” said junior Packy Griffin, who plays guitar and sings. Prepare to see Cookies N Cream this weekend with Holy Cross’ Adam Onderdonk on bass, sophomores Eugene Staples on keyboard and vocals and James Jones on drums and USB’s Larry Redding on vocals.

Samurai Jim

This five-piece rock band started in 2008 and made its debut at last year’s Battle of the Bands. It consists of two South Bend residents — Jim Miller on drums and Shaun Pluta with vocals — and three Notre Dame students: seniors Terrence Egan on lead guitar and Pete Bruckbauer on bass, as well as its newest member, MBA student Tom Flores on rhythm guitar. Bruckbauer told the Observer that “Samurai Jim” comes from founding member Miller’s nickname, bestowed upon him after “an incident with a samurai sword. Their original music has an alternative or progressive rock sound, although their playlists include Lynyrd Skynyrd, Jimi Hendrix and the Flaming Lips. Besides last year’s Battle of the Bands, Samurai Jim has played at bars like Club 23 and O’Sullivan’s Crossing, the 81 Block Party and other Legends concerts. “There’s also been some memorable house parties,” Bruckbauer said. “Especially when we played in costume on Halloween.”

Woodward

Woodward is the full-band ensemble that the (colloquially-deemed) “Brothers Gunty” have organized to perform their original music. Consisting of the Gunty brothers, senior Joshua and sophomore Nick, seniors Dave Lucas, Joe McLean and Tom Nania, the band draws from an eclectic field of artistic influences, producing an “organic yet ethereal sound by combining new folk with experimental post-rock,” said Joshua. Woodward promises to be a tough contender in Friday’s battle. They played an awesome set Saturday night at Legends, opening for matt pond PA with excellent original songs like “Asleep Awake” and “May,” and will also play a late afternoon South Quad set Saturday.

Toes on the Nose

Playing the first show in their young career, Toes on the Nose promise something different: the smooth sound of reggae. Freshmen Billy Kearsn and Cory Leonard and junior McKenzie Lichamuro and Sam Novario have got skill, enthusiasm and beautiful voices to spare and they’re looking to spread them around. Everyone should be ready to have their faces melted by TOTN’s cool island groove. Their unique sound has been described by some to be the bastard love child of Fergie and Bob Marley-chillaxing with the spirit of the islands. The band-some quartet is looking forward to sending out some good vibrations for Friday night’s wonderful crowd.
D. Montayne

works on his
‘Extracurricular’ Activity

By NICK ANDERSON
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It’s been more than 30 years since Kurtis Blow signed a record deal with a major label. Since then, hip-hop has rapidly evolved from a niche scene in New York City to one of the dominant forces in modern culture. A generation is currently coming of age that has never dealt with the “Does rap count as music?” debate. These kids grew up with OutKast, Eminem and Nas being not only present on the Billboard Charts, but topping them. It is inevitable, then, that hip-hop will start coming from nontraditional places in nontraditional ways. A generation of rappers who found music on the radio, not the street, are coming up now and they’re coming up fast.

D. Montayne is Notre Dame’s own member of that generation. Outside of music, D. Montayne is Dyllan Walter, a typical Notre Dame student. He’s a freshman working his way toward a business degree and dealing with the same uniquely Notre Dame social life as the rest of us. Stuck with a dreary winter on campus, he spent his time in February and March recording his mixtape.

Mistakes have become the predominate feature of the do-it-yourself musical ethos. Superstars such as 50 Cent and Lil’ Wayne have made an art of the mixtape itself, often overshadowing work on their albums. For D. Montayne, a mixtape offered the perfect route to express his passion. By recording in his dorm room, the cost was next to nothing. Because of this, it can be distributed free of charge, getting his name and music out to the largest possible audience.

While ‘Extracurricular’ is the product of his first attempt at recording, he’s no stranger to the music. Since his brother introduced him to hip-hop back in seventh grade, he has been quietly writing rhymes and freestyling for friends. Since his arrival at Notre Dame, he has branched out, recording his first rhyme, “Take a Breathe,” in September. Seven months later, he’s ready to go public.

“‘Extracurricular’ proves a strong outing, especially for a first timer,” D. Montayne shows off a rock steady flow with only the slightest quiver of inexperience, and his rolling deep tone gives a quality presence on the mike. The choice of beats is a beautiful collection of ear catching but lesser known pieces, presenting a welcome familiarity without sounding canned. But D. Montayne’s lies in his lyrics. He’s a capable rapper who punctuates his songs with striking imagery, potent social commentary and witty boasts. His point of view is strong and consistent without overpowering a playful swagger. His words come naturally and, powered by his natural flow, arrive with their intended impact.

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However, the most intriguing track is an unapologetic piece of social commentary but manages to do so without preaching down to its audience and deserves a place as proof that music can be a positive force.

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Brewers hand Pirates most-lopsided loss ever

Jimenez continues success on mound in Rockies’ win over Nationals; Twins deal with injuries, lose to Indians

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ryan Braun, Jim Edmonds and the Milwaukee Brewers went totally batty. The Brew Crew piled up 25 hits Thursday and trounced Pittsburgh 20-0, handing the Pirates the most-lopsided loss in their 124-year history.

"It was fun and it was special," said Braun, who homered, doubled, singled and drove in five runs. "This is really fun, a lot much about failure, particularly as a hitter, that you rarely get a day where everyone is enjoying so much success at the same time."

"I’ve never been involved in a game like this and I likely never will be again. So, I enjoyed it and I’ll savor it. It’s one to remember," he said.

Milwaukee matched a club mark for margin of victory and set a record for its biggest shutout win.

Prince Fielder hit his first home run of the season while Edmonds and George Kottaras also connected — they were among 10 Brewers with an RBI.

"I wish we could do this anymore," Milwaukee manager Ken Macha said.

"I had a lot of fun today. It was throwing batting practice to them," McCutchen said.

Braun also went up in 20 in 1992 when they beat Toronto 22-2. The Pirates’ previous one-sided loss was by 18 runs, done twice.

Milwaukee swept the three-game series and outscored the Pirates 36-1. Pittsburgh has lost eight times this season, by at least six runs each time and 85-13 overall.

According to STATS LLC, it was the fifth most-lopsided shutout in major league history, which began in 1901. The Indians beat the Yankees 22-0 in 2004 and the Pirates beat the Cubs by the same score in 1975. The 35-run differential in a three-game series tied for the third largest, the largest was 40 runs (50-10) by the Superbas, now the Dodgers, over the Reds in 1901.

"They came in and kicked our butt," Pittsburgh manager John Russell said. "Whoever comes in and throws a tough game and keeps tying it down. It was just a day where everything went wrong for them."

Rockies 2, Nationals 0

Colorado’s Ubaldo Jimenez followed up his no-hitter by tossing 7 1-3 shutout innings. Miguel Olivo and Ian Stewart hit home runs in the first three runs allowed this season by Washington’s Livan Hernandez, and the Rockies beat the Nationals on Thursday.

Overpowering at times, Jimenez allowed five hits, struck out five, and got 3 of his 22 outs via grounders on route to improving to 4-0 with a 0.95 ERA — meaning he is responsible for half of Colorado’s eight victories in 2010. The right-hander threw the first no-hitter in Rockies history, Saturday against Atlanta.

Hernandez (2-1) gave up only four hits across eight innings, but he made two mistakes to Olivo in the second inning and to Stewart in the seventh.

Indians 8, Twins 1

Mitch Talbot turned in another strong start for Cleveland, and the Indians finally got some hits in an victory over the Minnesota Twins on Thursday.

Talbot (2-1) followed his first career win, a complete game last weekend against the Chicago White Sox, with six impressive innings. He held the Twins to two hits and no earned runs to keep them from sweeping the three-game series.

The Indians, who were last in the league in batting average and slugging percentage entering this game, matched their season high with eight runs.

The right-handed Talbot walked three, struck out three and watched Andy Marte give him a healthy lead with a two-run homer in the fourth inning. Marte also hit a sinking RBI single to center in the sixth.

This was the worst of four starts this season for Scott Baker (2-2), who surrendered back-to-back ground-rule doubles — one down each line — to Asdrubal Cabrera and Grady Sizemore to start the game. Baker was tagged with six runs in six innings, none of which was done.

Cleveland led 3-1 in the sixth, when Baker gave up five straight one-out hits and was taken out of the game. He threw 92 pitches, 69 of them strikes — some of them big, fat strikes the Indians used to jump-start their lagging offense.

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Shortstop J.J. Hardy also sat out for the Twins for the first time, his knee a little sore. Alexi Casilla filled in admirably in the field, shifting to the right side for pure-pure grounders. Casilla, who had stomach troubles earlier in the year, charged a slow grounder in the fourth and shovelled it forward in one motion as he sprawled forward to first base to get the Indians’ second base runner.

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Butera, the son of former Twins catcher Butch, here strictly for his defense — and he helped save Baker from another run in the sixth, by throwing out Marte trying to steal second before Valbuena’s double.

Shortstop J.J. Hardy also sat out for the Twins for the first time, his knee a little sore. Alexi Casilla filled in admirably in the field, shifting to the right side for pure-grounders. Casilla, who had stomach troubles earlier in the year, charged a slow grounder in the fourth and shovelled it forward in one motion as he sprawled forward to first base to get the Indians’ second base runner.
Nearby, Bradford appeared in a gray suit, admitted he was nervous. "The butterflies are flying around right now," he said. A little while later, he could relax — at least until he stepped to the stage holding a Lions jersey.

He was greeted by "SUIH," as he walked onto the stage holding a Lions jersey. McCoy should boost a Tampa defense that once was feared but bopped last season when it yielded 400 points. He displayed his Buccaneers jersey to the crowd and pumped his fist high in the air as "Pirates of the Caribbean" played on the loudspeakers.

The Big 12 draft party kept rolling when Washington took Oklahoma All-America Trent Williams to fill a huge hole at tackle left by the retirement of Chris Samuels. Williams engulfed commissioner Roger Goodell in a hefty bear hug onstage.

**NFL DRAFT**

Former Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford smiles as he poses for photographs with family and friends after he was selected as the No. 1 overall pick by the St. Louis Rams in the first round of the NFL Draft Thursday.

**In Brief**

*Marquis Teague verbally commits to Kentucky*

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Kentucky coach John Calipari has landed another high-profile point guard to his collection.

Indiana high school star Marquis Teague verbally committed to the Wildcats on Thursday, opting to join the Wildcats over Louisville and Indiana among schools.

Teague is ranked the No. 2 player in the Class of 2011 by Rivals.com. He can’t sign a letter of intent until the fall at the earliest, but if he signs with the Wildcats he will join a steadily growing list of elite point guards who have agreed to play for Calipari, a list that includes Derrick Rose and John Wall.

The 6-foot-2 Teague averaged 15.7 points and 4.6 assists for Pike High in Indianapolis, and his combination of size and athleticism has made him a coveted recruit.

**Rockets’ Brooks named NBA’s most improved player**

**HOUSTON** — Aaron Brooks likes proving doubters wrong, and he did it this season, even though the Houston Rockets could not.

The speedy, 6-foot point guard was named the NBA’s Most Improved Player on Thursday, after setting career highs in points (19.6 per game), assists (5.3) and rebounds (2.6). His scorching average went up 8.4 points from 2008-09, the highest increase of any qualifying player.

The Rockets finished 42-40 and missed the playoffs, an expected outcome after Yao Ming missed the season with a foot injury. Brooks ably picked up the offensive slack in Yao’s absence, starting all 82 games while the roster seemed to be in flux all season.

"I didn’t go into the season to win a big award like this," Brooks said. "I would love to be in the playoffs with this award, but due to the circumstances, we didn’t get there. But this is a great award."

**NCAA to expand March Madness from 65 to 68 teams**

**INDIANAPOLIS** — The NCAA has decided not to mess around too much with March Madness.

College sports’ largest governing body announced a 14-year, $10.8 billion deal with CBS and Turner Broadcasting on Thursday that will begin with an expanded men’s basketball tournament next March. But instead of jumping to a 96-team field, a possibility that drew criticism from bracket-obsessed fans to coaches, the NCAA plans to expand by only three teams, from 65 to 68.

Every game will be broadcast live nationally for the first time in the tournament’s 73-year history.

"It was a goal from the very, very beginning and I believe it’s what our membership wanted and it’s what our fans wanted across the country," NCAA interim president Jim Delany said. "I think without question, it was one of the driving factors in our position and why CBS and Turner make such great partners."

**Women’s Division I Lacrosse**

**Inside Lacrosse Poll**

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Moments after the temper tantrum with Braden, Rodriguez turned a triple play. The A’s quick runners on first and second in the bottom of the sixth and Kurt Suzuki — who earlier hit a three-run homer — sent a sharp grounder to Rodriguez at third base. Rodriguez stepped on the bag and threw to Cano at second. Cano’s relay to first baseman Nick Johnson barely beat Suzuki.

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At his annual session Thursday with the Associated Press Sports Editors, Selig said UCLA professor Dr. Gary Green hasn’t made a determination. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency issued the test is valid. "As soon as Dr. Green has finished his study on things, believe me. I’m most anxious to move forward," Selig said. "One can debate what HGH does or doesn’t do. It needs to be banned."

While HGH is banned by base- ball, the sport doesn’t test for it. Unionized major leaguers cur- rently have only urine testing. The players’ union has said it would consider a blood test if it is validated.

Selig said that if baseball adopts the test, it would start using it for players with minor league contracts. It has repeat- edly spoken with club athletic trainers about how prevalent the use of HGH is in the majors. "The answer is we really don’t know," Selig said. "Most think it’s relatively low, but they really don’t know."

Cincinnati pitcher Edinson Volquez was suspended 50 games this week for testing pos- itive for a banned fertility drug. It was the first suspension of a major league under the drug program since Los Angeles Dodgers slugger Manny Ramirez was penalized last May. "The only thing that it proves is our program is working," Selig said. "We do a lot of edu- cation. We’ll do more."

On another topic, Selig said that while attendance is down between 1 and 2 percent this season, advance ticket sales for the rest of season were up 7 percent as of April 15, according to Major League Baseball Advanced Media, which handles online sales.

"We’ve had a little weather problem, a little here and there, but I feel pretty good about it," he said.

Selig has noticed the low crowds in Toronto, Citi Field and other places. "It doesn’t overly bother me," he said. "Some clubs it depends on winning and losing. But it’s April, schools are still in, week- day games. When you are with- in 1 or 2 percent, it’s just not anything to get concerned about."

Selig also said he is against expanding the first round of the playoffs to seven games, a pro- posal the players’ association says it might make during bar- gaining for a labor contract that would start in December 2011. Expanding the playoffs was brought up by Selig’s new com- mittee examining on-field mat- ters.
EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings are willing to wait all offseason to hear if Brett Favre will return next season. So waiting an extra day to make their first pick in the 2010 NFL draft should be a snap.

Four hours into the draft on Thursday night, the Vikings traded the 30th overall pick in the first round to division rival Detroit, meaning their first pick of this draft will not come until Friday night.

The Vikings moved back four spots to the 34th overall selection, the second pick in the second round, swapped fourth-rounders with the Lions to move from 128th overall to No. 100 and also picked up the Lions’ seventh rounder, No. 214.

“To make a trade and improve your draft status in each round was a huge success for us,” Vikings vice president of player personnel Rick Spielman said. “If the Vikings wanted to pick an heir apparent to Favre, they could have done it with the 30th pick because Notre Dame’s Jimmy Clausen was available and so was Colt McCoy from Texas. Minnesota chose to drop down instead, stockpiling picks and allowing the Lions to take California running back Jahvid Best. Clausen was not chosen in the first round and could be available Friday, but it appears unlikely that the Vikings will take him. Spielman said the team has four players targeted for that pick and could even trade down again if the right deal presents itself.

“If there was a player at 30 that we were definitely sold on, that we said, ‘There’s no way we’re going to trade out of this pick to have that player,’ then we wouldn’t have done it,” Spielman said. “But I think with us having the options to look at tomorrow, we were able to potentially get a player we may have taken at 30 and help ourselves with our slots.”

Southern Cal safety Taylor Mays and Texas linebacker Sergio Kindle are among the players the Vikings could consider Friday. But with no starting jobs open on a team that went to the NFC title game last season, the Vikings could afford to move down and pick up more selections and add the depth that they need at several positions.

Among the priorities the team had going into the draft was to add depth in the secondary, where cornerback Cedric Griffin is recovering from a torn ACL suffered in January and Antoine Winfield will turn 33 before the season starts. They signed Lito Sheppard on Wednesday to help there, but also could use upgrades at safety, depth at linebacker and on the defensive line.

The Vikings also lost backup running back Chester Taylor to Chicago and versatile backup offensive lineman Artis Hicks to Washington in free agency.

Then there is the quarterback issue.

Favre will turn 41 in October and took quite a beating from the Saints in the NFC championship. But the team has said all along it will not rush Favre’s decision and would be comfortable letting him sit out the first few weeks of training camp like he did last year.

Favre threw 33 touchdowns and seven interceptions in a memorable season, but the Vikings aren’t exactly set with a quarterback for the future. Tarvaris Jackson and Sage Rosenfels also are on the roster, and coach Brad Childress has always preferred that Jackson one day take the reins of the offense.

Jackson struggled early in his career to assert himself as a leader capable of handling this complex offense with consistency and Rosenfels quickly fell to No. 3 on the depth chart in the preseason.

With all that uncertainty, there was plenty of speculation that the Vikings would take Florida’s Tim Tebow or Clausen with their first-round pick to develop, hopefully, behind Favre for a year or two until the old man is ready to walk away.

But Tebow went 25th to Denver and the Vikings didn’t deem Clausen important enough to grab right away, so they traded down. They now have nine picks in the final six rounds, which gives them plenty of freedom to make moves over the next two days.

“It just gives you a lot more flexibility as you finish out this draft of being able to move up or back, which is something that we really hadn’t had since I’ve been here,” Spielman said.
BASEBALL

Irish welcome Bearcats for three-game series

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Back in the Big East conversa-
tion after a three-game sweep of Seton Hall last weekend, the Irish are looking to continue their climb up the conference standings, hosting Cincinnati this weekend.

Notre Dame (15-21, 5-7 Big East) finally put the pieces together in New Jersey, winning their first conference series in sweeping the Pirates and moving up to seventh in the Big East. Despite losing two games to rival Michigan this week, the Irish are focused on conference competition heading into the three-game set.

“We have been focusing on the conference race to be honest with you,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said following a 13-1 loss to the Wolverines on Wednesday. “Last weekend we were totally focused on getting back in the race.”

The Bearcats (18-17, 4-8) should give Notre Dame another opportunity to climb back into the Big East race after a 2-7 weekend. Cincinnati comes to South Bend on a three-game losing streak, and is giving up over six runs per game on the season.

The Bearcat rotation has been focusing on the national championship this weekend. No. 5 Saint Mary’s hosts the second and third rounds of the NCAA qualifying tournament this weekend in South Bend sitting in prime position to take the crown once again.

“The Belles trail No. 9 Warren Golf Course just north of campus. Again, accuracy off the tee will be paramount, as the fairways are lined with trees. Putting will also be challenging, as the greens can be extremely challenging. The weather may play a large role in the results of the weekend, as thunderstorms are expected both days, as well as cool temperatures on Sunday. The rain could lengthen the course and slow the greens, adding another challenge to the Belles’ task. The end goal, however, is simple. “We need to go out and protect our home turf,” Hamilton said.

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Defending champs move up in tournament

Alexander’s Grill edges by Hannah’s Storm; He Went to Jared defeats Bob Loblaw’s Law Blog Lobs Long Bombs

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The four seniors and one freshman who make up Hallelujah Hollaback moved one step closer to a repeat of last year’s Bookstore champi-
onship — albeit without three players from last year’s team — after grinding out a hard-
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Irish go for seven in a row in Big East tourney

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The Notre Dame women's rowing team has quickly been building a tradition of its own in the Big East championship, having finished second to the Irish multiple times in each of the past six years. In each of the past six years, the Irish have hosted the Big East trophy and this weekend, they'll go for their seventh in a row at the Big East championship in Worcester, Mass. To coach Martin Stone, however, success in each individual year is more important than the year-to-year success.

"Is it our seventh? I don't know. We don't keep so much track of that," Stone said. "We try to approach each year as a new year, we're not trying to defend anything, we're just trying to go as fast as we can in each event."

This year's team has had its share of challenges, not least of which was a change in the team's training philosophy. The squad's regimen has traditionally been based on a philosophy of constant, full effort, but this year the coaches decided to switch to a heart-rate-based training program. Though it has not been easy, assistant coach Joe Schlosberg said he has been impressed by the team's response.

"It's something we had to trust that the team would buy into, and we've had to show a lot of patience this year," Stone said. "This has been a little different year, the coaches included. We kind of had to change our mindset."

The coaching staff credits much of this team's success to the culture created by the seniors on the squad, who have fostered a positive team atmosphere to deal with the challenges posed by the change. The burden of leadership has really fast. I hard and make our boats go really fast. I mean, it's not rocket science."

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St. John’s

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their NCAA aspirations. The squad knows this and will not be caught looking ahead to the regular-season finale next week against No. 1 Syracuse, according to Corrigan.

“I think our team has a great sense of urgency,” he said.

The Red Storm are led offensively by senior midfielder Tom Mazes, who leads his team in points, as well as sophomore attack Harry Kutner, the leading scorer on the team. St. John’s does not run a particularly complicated scheme, and in Corrigan’s eyes, the game will come down not to tactics but to execution.

“They’re a team that knows themselves very well and makes subtle adjustments to expose you,” Corrigan said. “It’s a different challenge than we had with Providence, but they are a very scrappy team that 탐 works very hard and relies on their execution to be successful.”

Notre Dame hopes that it has finally found its personality as a team and thus will be able to overcome the Red Storm and put themselves firmly on the NCAA bubble.

“I think we’re playing with a better sense of tempo at the offensive end, more comfortably,” Corrigan said. “Defensively, we’re starting to get our aggressiveness back without overextending ourselves.” An Irish win would set up a monumental clash with conference leader Syracuse that could hold the key to a Notre Dame trip to the NCAA Championships, while a loss could spell the end of any postseason hopes in a season that held so much promise.

The Irish put their season on the line against St. John’s at 1 p.m. in Queens, N.Y., Saturday.

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**ND hosts Big East, will face W. Virginia**

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The Big East championships will serve as another home match for the No. 3 Irish as they move to the Courtney Tennis Center to seek their third straight Big East title and their 10th overall.

As the top seed in the tournament, the Irish (19-3) will begin their title defense Friday morning as they take on the eighth-seeded West Virginia squad. West Virginia (16-6) defeated Cincinnati (11-12) 4-2 in a play-in game Thursday, sweeping the doubles matches in the process. The Irish did not face the Mountaineers this season, but head coach Jay Louderback said he expects a tough match in the opening round.

“West Virginia had a long close match today with Cincinnati,” Louderback said. “It was good because we hadn’t had a chance to watch them play before. I was very impressed with their doubles. They won the doubles match very quickly against Cincinnati. That was pretty impressive!”

First singles player and sophomore Kristy Frilling will face off against West Virginia’s Stephanie Lafortune, who will look to bounce back after suffering a 6-0, 6-0 loss in the opening round match. The group of seniors, headlined by Cosmina Ciobanu, who has not lost a match in singles this season, will look to reach their fourth conference title game in as many years and win their third title. In order to do so, they would have to play three matches in three days, something that the Irish have been preparing for but something that will still pose challenges, especially to the Irish doubles teams.

“I think it’s especially good for us, early in the tournament, to play a team with good doubles,” Louderback said. “It’s good for us to get a good test immediately at the beginning of the tournament in the doubles.”

**ND Softball**

**Notre Dame drops two in Chicago games**

By BOBBY GRAHAM  
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The Irish could not keep up with DePaul during Thursday’s trip to the Windy City in which Notre Dame dropped both ends of a doubleheader against the Blue Demons.

The team came in with high hopes after a quality win against Valparaiso, 7-6, but left the series empty handed after dropping the two games 7-6 and 15-2. The losses were the Irish’s second and third in Big East play, coming only two days after their first conference loss of the season against Louisville on April 17. Notre Dame’s pitching staff, which is normally one of the stronger parts of the squad, just could not find a break on Thursday. In the first game of the series, DePaul registered 14 hits on its way to seven runs. The second game was even tougher, the Irish gave up 16 hits as the Blue Demons put up an impressive 15 runs. Nine of the runs were registered in the second inning and the remaining six were tacked on in the third.

Junior Jody Valdivia, who has pitched well for the Irish this season, lost her first Big East game in the first matchup of the day moving her record to 27-4 on the