Studnet Senate

Senators brainstorm community relations

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell asked the Student Senate for ideas on how to better relations between Notre Dame and the South Bend community and for feedback on the beND campaign.

The beND campaign is designed to “unify all our University relations and off-campus efforts,” Soler said. The campaign will focus on campus safety, good neighbor relations and community engagement, Soler said.

“At the forefront of our community relations and our efforts with law enforcement, we are up front about the fact that this is in no way an attempt to make underage drinking legal,” Soler said. “As student leaders, we try to improve things that are going to be productive in the long run.”

“People want specifics about what their rights are when they are dealing with police,” Breen-Phillips senator Erin Burke said. “They want to know what the truth is.”

Siegfried senator Kevin McDermott suggested voter registration efforts on campus through the Center for Social Concerns should branch out to off campus students to promote responsible citizenship.

“I did read the Good Neighbor Guide recently and thought it was really well put together,” Carroll Hall senator John Sanders said. “But the alcohol section that seems to be so important right now was just a few paragraphs so maybe it needs an addendum.”

More prominent information about Transpo will also be made known.

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Olympic athletes give back

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Three gold medalists, two from the U.S. Olympics team and one from the Paralympics team, encouraged Notre Dame students at a panel on Wednesday to fight for their dreams — and to give the fruits of their success back to their communities.

Sponsored by accounting firm Deloitte, the panel featured speakers Cullen Jones, winner of a 2008 gold medal in swimming; April Holmes, the world’s fastest female amputee; and Apolo Ohno, the most decorated American Winter Olympic athlete of all time.

Notre Dame was the first stop on a national tour that the athletes are taking with Deloitte. Deloitte is the Official Professional Services Sponsor of the United States Olympic Committee. The sponsorship is a part of Deloitte’s $50 million 3-year pro bono project to put the skills of its people to work for nonprofits.

Jim Jaeger, a 1983 Notre Dame alumnus and Deloitte Managing Partner of Talent, introduced the three Olympians. “Deloitte is focused on excellence and service to clients and community,” Jaeger said. “That combined with the Olympics is a great fit.”

Jones spoke first, giving the audience a brief description of his background in swimming.

“I always had to work very hard at swimming. I was never a child prodigy (cough) Michael Phelps,” Jones said to audience laughter.

Jones’s mother enrolled him in swim lessons after he narrowly failed: his first swimmer to win.

From left, Olympic athletes Cullen Jones, April Holmes and Apolo Ohno discussed community contributions.

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‘I love being around students’

Fr. Tom Doyle begins role as Vice President for Student Affairs

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

Fr. Tom Doyle’s first days as vice president for Student Affairs since students returned to school have been jam-packed, and that’s just the way he likes them.

From 8 a.m. to after dinner-time, he’s in back-to-back meetings. He’s addressing an email about a fire drill occurring during the middle of mass. He’s going over the schedule for events for the Purdue weekend.

But after the workday is over, that’s when his real work begins.

After hours during the past week, Doyle rode the mechanical bull during Irish Shenanigans, donning full priest vestments. He jousted against the senior class president and won. He attended Activities Night.

“Going to student activities night was the highlight of my day,” Doyle said. “I love being around students.”

Interacting with students will allow him to engage with students in the Notre Dame community.

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Payments go green on IrishPay

By KRISTIN DURBIN
News Writer

With the implementation of the new online student account system, IrishPay, the Office of Student Financial Services will save nearly 400,000 sheets of paper each year and parents and students are able to make payments online.

“Sustainability was definite- ly a driving force behind the transition to the online sys- tem,” said Michael Riemke, associate director of Student Financial Services.

Compared to the previous paper-based student account payment system, the IrishPay system will save 398,253 total sheets of paper — the equiva- lent of 12,639 pounds of car- bon dioxide and 47,741 gal- lons of wastewater each year, based on the Environmental Defense Fund’s paper calcula- tor.

In addition to making the student account system more sustainable, the Office responded to several requests

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST PLACE ON CAMPUS?

Jeff Schroeder
junior
Keenan

Chris Brenzel
freshman
Keenan

Leon Zhou
junior
Stanford

Paolo Garcia
junior
campus

Tim Durso
junior
Keenan

“Keenan ... Tha Nast.”

“The football stadium.”

“My bed.”

“Washington Hall during Asian Allure.”

“Saint Mary’s.”

Members of the Notre Dame men’s rowing team recruit new rowers outside of South Dining Hall Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

The seminar “Challenges and Innovation in Civil and Environmental Engineering — Haiti Earthquake: Lessons Learned and Hope for the Future” will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall room 138. Notre Dame professors Tracy Kijewski-Correa and Alexandros Tafur will share experiences from their recent trips to Haiti.

Kirk Cordill, managing director and CEO of BMW Group Financial Services China, will speak today at 4 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture is a part of the Boardroom Insights Executive Speaker Series.

The Notre Dame women’s soccer team will play Santa Clara Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Stadium. The game is a part of the Inn at St. Mary’s Classic held at Notre Dame this weekend.

Anthropology professor Susan Illum will lecture Saturday at 12 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum. The lecture is titled “Plagiarism and College Culture” and is part of the College of Arts and Letters’ Saturday Scholar Series. The event is free and open to the public.

To submit information to be included in this section of the Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu
SMC freshman class adjusts to college life

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Returning students may be adjusting to new professors, a more demanding course load or being back on campus, but the incoming first-year students are dealing with adjustments to college life in general — some of which are going much more smoothly than others.

One of the more difficult adjustments can be to their academic life.

First-year Erin Nanovic, an intended business and political science major, describes her course load as one with “the most, most intense classes” she has ever taken, but feels more confident after the first week of classes.

“It is really intimidating when professors tell us that the semester isn’t going to be easy,” said Erin Nanovic, first year.

Nanovic said she was surprised she was assigned homework on the first day of classes.

“I’m not used to that,” Nanovic said. “In high school, we didn’t usually get homework for the entire first week.”

But she said after the first week of classes, she feels more prepared.

“Now, that I’m used to it, it’s easier to sit down and get it [homework] done."

The all-women aspect of life at Saint Mary’s can be an adjustment for some, but for others it doesn’t play a large role.

“I don’t think it’s a big issue,” said Roselyn Spann, an intended Biology major. “I don’t even notice it.”

Spann, a first year from Los Angeles, was pleasantly surprised when she arrived on campus for the first time. It is the first time she had been in Indiana or to Saint Mary’s.

“The campus is amazing,” Spann said. “It’s beautiful. It’s a great place to work barefoot and everything’s clean.”

The campus had a similar impact on other first years.

“Af ten I took the tour [as a prospective student], I was mad at myself for liking it so much,” Hillary Shrestinkin said. “After coming here, I can’t wait to go home and tell everyone how much I love it here.”

Though they each have their own unique first impression of Saint Mary’s and are adjusting at different rates, the first years agreed on one thing: they are all excited for their first Notre Dame football game in the student section.

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SMC freshman class adjusts to college life
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educate students about their
options off campus and how to
table travel through
South Bend. Off Campus
Concerns Committee chair
Emily LeStrange said.
The offcampus.nd.edu
website also presents stud-
ents living both on and off
campus with resources
about the South Bend
community, LeStrange said.
Committee
in the Senate meeting also reported
brief plans for their projects
outside of beNE during the
upcoming year.
“Our goal for social con-
cerns this year is to clarify
service opportunities on
campus for students,” Social
Concerns chair Patrick McCormick
said. Service opportunities
about for students at Notre Dame
but many students have complained they do not
know where to find clear
information about these
needs, he said. McCormick
said the Social Concerns
Committee will collaborate
with Web design stu-
dents to create serve.nd.edu,
a “clearing house” for all possible serv-
ce opportunities on campus.
Multicultural commissioner
Brigitte Githinji said her
plans for the year include the
creation of a diversity
certificate to prompt stu-
dents to choose courses
intended to broaden their
worldview.
“We are also working on a
possible lecture series to
show the importance of
diversity for years after Notre Dame
and especially in the workplace,” Githinji said.
Panhorn senator Tierny
Roche said members of her
dorm thought security in stu-
dent parking lots needed
more attention after several
girls experienced car break-
ins. The University Affairs
Committee would investigate
this problem further, com-
mittee chair Chase Riddle
said.
Soler and Bell encouraged the
tenate to represent the
concerns of students as “the
elected voice” of their
dorms and continue to bring for-
dward campus concerns as
the meetings progressed.

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Patrick McCormick
Social Concerns chair

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from parents and students to
have the ability to pay stu-
dent account balances online.
“There was previously no
mechanism available for
account balances to be paid
online,” Riemke said. “The
biggest change is that par-
ents now have the ability
to see their student’s statements
and make immediate pay-
ments online with student
authorization.”
In the past, the Federal
Right to Privacy Act prohibit-
ated parents from seeing their
child’s account activity until a
paper statement was mailed to them. Now,
IrishPay allows students to
authorize a parent, guardian,
grandparent or other person to
view their account activity
and make nearly instanta-
neous payments online, Riemke said.
IrishPay allows both par-
tents and students to see real-
time account activity as soon
as it occurs, so they can immediately make online
payments,” he said.
In addition, parents have
the option to print hard
copies of the statements if
they wish to do so, and stu-
dents and parents are not
limited by the printing of
mail statements.
After official production
work on IrishPay began in
May, students received both
an online and a mailed state-
ment as an initial notification
that the system would change
shortly, said Charlie Castline,
assistant director of Student
Accounts.
The first online account
statements regarding fees for
the fall semester were dis-
tributed in June and July.
So far, the response to
IrishPay has been over-
whelmingly positive from
parents, students and staff
alike, Riemke said.
“Parents love being able to
see their students’ account
activity,” Riemke said.
“Overall, the system has been
a response to customer feed-
back that we have been
receiving,” Riemke said.

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Student Government Association
SGA reworks details for
co-exchange deal
By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Student Government Association (SGA) discussed
reworking the Saint Mary’s co-
exchange deal, which
allows students from Notre Dame
and Saint Mary’s to eat at
both schools’ dining halls, at
its meeting Wednesday night.
In response to student
concerns, student body president
Rachael Chesley and student
body vice president Laura Smith
met with the vice president for
Student Development to get more
answers on the issue.
“We are really taking in what
(these students) are telling us,”
Smith said. “We are really try-
ing to compose everything everyone
has said and always come to us with
their concerns and we will always be
their voice.”
In their meetings with Karen
Johnson, vice president for
Student Affairs, Chesley and Smith
discussed alternatives to the
current co-exchange plan, but Smith
said “co-exes are not going to go
back to what that is.”
As far as budgeting for the
tickets, Smith said $25,000 a
year came out of the Office of
Student Development’s general fund
and $25,000 came from Sodexo, Inc., its food
provider.
Although co-exchange tickets
are not to be opened in every
campus, Smith said they would still be for
students who need them for a
class or club on the
opposite campus.
“Students who really have
the need won’t be able to get the
campus because of the limit,” Smith said.
“With this in place, the
tickets are being removed for
social reasons. Anyone who has
room to bring a buddy and the
schedule and you’ll be covered.”
Also, Smith said the SGA
has begun petitions and Facebook
group pages about the issue.
Chesley said they are still
calling for a forum for students
to appose and support
and opinions on the program.
“Obviously, it is upsetting,”
Smith said. “It is going to be
discussion, let us know what
you think.”
As of the forum is still
tentative, Chesley said. They
are hoping to hold the session
next Tuesday or Thursday
at 6:30 p.m., and possibly
have Johnson and Barry Bowles,
director of dining services, in
attendance. Chesley said she
would come with campus
as long as the date was
finalized.
“There is a way to go about
things in a confident, direct way
and still be respectful,” Chesley said.
Chesley also discussed one of
the goals of the Student Senate in the
Student Center until mid-
October. Chesley said a lot of
remodeling will be taking
place in the Student Center.
Once the construction is complete, the
Convenience Store will be moving into
the area of the Cyber Cafe.
After the move is made,
the Student Center will likely
be open until midnight.
We wanted to keep students in
the Student Center Lounge, and this
is an accomplishment,”
Chesley said.

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survived drowning at a local
water park — a newboby that
earned him plenty of mockery on
the playground.
“I was from the inner city,
and being a kid that wore Speedos on
the weekend put a target on my
back,” Jones said.
In spite of the jibes, Jones went
on to swim throughout high
school and college. When he
joined the Olympic team, he
thought that the criticism was over
— but that was before he went
to his first Olympic meet.
“The French team was talking
a lot of smack, saying ‘We’re
going to crush these American
Olympians,’ ” Jones said.
“Then they stopped the meet
because George Bush walked in the
room. If that’s not a distraction, I
don’t know what is.”
Despite the French team’s con-
fidence, Jones said his years of
work and effort paid off — “we
beat the French by one
hundredth of a second.”
Jones urged Notre Dame stu-
dents to work toward their
goals in spite of criticism, as he did.
Holmes said he had a great
admiration for Notre Dame
and was happy to be able to visit the
campus.
“This is my first time on cam-
pus but I feel like I’ve been here
before. I can’t tell you how many
times I’ve watched Rudy,” he said.
“Those folks at Notre Dame
really like gold. I like gold too —
just a different kind of gold. So I’m
going to pay my gold medal
around for all of you to look at.”
As the gold medal circulated
through the audience, Holmes said
she lost her leg in a train
accident eight years ago, but
today is the world’s fastest run-
er in the Paralympics.
“I want you to know what a
gold medal feels like,” Holmes said.
“So you can go and give it back to your classmates. I did
win’t that medal by myself and so I pass it around everywhere I go. Be a gold medal winner; be a
beacon of light in your communi-
ties.”
Ohno concluded the panel
with his own story of success. Like the
Notre Dame business students who
attend the nation’s top-
ranked business school according
to Business Week, Olympic ath-
letes are “top-one-percents”
selected within their communi-
ties,” Ohno said.
“You’re all going to make it, you’re all going to be successful,”
Ohno said. “But how are you
going to give back to your com-

Like Jones and Holmes, Ohno
does not just pursue success as professionals, but to seek success as neighbors and
friends.
“There’s no guarantee that
you’ll be the next Warren Buffet,
the next billionnaire. Ohno said.
“But you can control how much
effort you put in and how
impact you the person next to you.”

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Sunday, Sept. 5
9:00 p.m.
Chapel of Notre Dame
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LaFortune Open House

17 locations throughout the student center will be distributing entry tickets for 7 grand prize giveaways. Between 10PM - 11PM, stop by each of the locations and pick up an entry ticket. Drop off your tickets in the Ballroom into the prize bucket of your choice. You can choose which buckets to put your tickets into, and drawings will be held every 15 minutes. In addition, isit all 17 locations and be entered into a grand prize giveaway at midnight!

10:30  $200 Domer Dollars added to your ND ID
10:45  Pair of tickets & bus transportation to ND/MSU game
11:00  Pair of tickets to the ND/Army game at Yankee Stadium
11:15  Laptop computer
11:30  PlayStation 3 bundle
11:45  Apple iPad
Midnight  Roundtrip airline ticket compliments of Anthony Travel

Note: You must be present in the Ballroom at the time of the drawing you are entering.

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Ask your RA how you can win prizes for your section!

10PM TONIGHT
INSIDE COLUMN

Why do we follow sports?

By now we have all probably heard that relations between Notre Dame and the South Bend community are a little tense at the moment. It seems like wherever you go on campus, someone is talking about how they or someone they know were at an off-campus party that got busted over the weekend. If you’re a regular reader of the Observer, you’ll know that nearly sixty Notre Dame students have been arrested by the South Bend Police in the last week and a half. This unusually high number is in addition to the much-publicized arrest of 43 students at an off-campus party over the summer. Many people claim that the police are breaking up more parties than usual, and are arresting under-aged drinkers far more frequently, as opposed to merely issuing them citations. As a result, students are increasingly afraid to go off campus on weekends, for fear of running into the South Bend Police. Supporters of the police attest that they are just doing their job and enforcing the law, and that students should do more to discourage underage drinking in order to avoid contentious run-ins with cops. Critics contend that the police are focusing on petty drinking violations at the expense of some of the more dangerous violent crime that plagues South Bend.

The roots of the current tension between the South Bend Police Department and the Notre Dame student body can be traced back to a law enacted on July 17, 1984, called the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984. This bill, sponsored by a bipartisan group of senators (including both our current Vice-President, Joseph Biden, and Indiana’s senior United States Senator, Richard Lugar), mandated that any state which did not enforce a minimum drinking age of 21 years would be subjected to a ten percent reduction in its annual highway funding from the federal government. Prior to the enactment of this law, each individual state was free to set its own drinking age. In the aftermath of the act’s passage, the state of Indiana took an additional step, banning all consumption of alcohol by minors, including in private settings (the federal law only applied to public places).

There are several problems with the current situation. First of all, what goes on in a private home (so long as it is not harmful to the general population) is neither the business of the South Bend Police Department, nor of the State of Indiana. Allowing these entities to enter personal residences to stop underage drinking is an egregious violation of the fundamental values of privacy and personal freedom that are so cherished in this country. Additionally, the current illegal nature of underage drinking encourages a culture of rebellion that leads to irresponsible and dangerous drinking patterns. Dr. Ruth Engs, a professor of Applied Health Sciences at Indiana University believes that, “Drinking by [people under 21] is seen as an enticing ‘forbidden fruit,’ a ‘badge of rebellion against authori-
ty’ and a symbol of ‘adulthood.’” Dr. Engs contends that the drinking age should be lowered in order to teach and encourage responsible drinking habits among college-aged Americans. Indeed, this train of thought has been embraced by a number of university presidents, 135 of whom have formed an organization called the Amethyst Initiative, which seeks to reopen the national debate about the drinking age (and no, John Jenkins is not a member of this group).

But perhaps the most significant criticism of the current drinking age is that it is a straight up abuse of justice. In this country, 18-year olds are entrusted with the right to vote, can be selected to serve on juries, and can no longer be convicted of crimes as minors. In addition, men who turn 18 become eligible to be drafted into the armed services, should the draft ever be reinstated. That means they can be sent off to fight and die for their country in some far off place like Iraq or Afghanistan, but cannot even buy themselves a beer. We already hold 18-21 year olds to the same legal standards as all other adults in this country. Let’s ensure they receive all the benefits of adulthood in turn, and restore their right to have a drink.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Drinking age needs another look

Why do we follow sports? As you can likely tell from my position on the Observer staff, I consider myself part of a large group of people who follows and cares quite a lot about the happenings of the various sporting events that take place throughout the year. The devotion we as sports fans put into following is understandable for those who care little for the outcomes of seemingly trivial athletic competitions. And while it is true that various people follow sports for various reasons—because it is the greatest reality television show ever created, because of the imbedded competitive aspect, because they simply find it intriguing, etc.—one often overlooked reason for following sports, I believe, is that it allows us the ability to revel in our teams’ achievements without the need to humble ourselves. Now, I am by no means the most humble person in the world, and my attempt at humility is often quite lacking. I do make the effort, however, to quell my arrogance, and risk being called down for it if my bragging gets out of control. But bragging about the successes of the particular sports teams that I have in some cases arbitrarily chosen to support brings me the ability to be arrogant without the risk of lacking humility.

Even the athletes responsible for the victories that we brag about are not afforded the luxury of being insulted for it. We aren’t the only wins that Notre Dame has; our team simply finds it intriguing, because it is the greatest reality television show ever created, because of the imbedded competitive aspect, because they simply find it intriguing, etc.—one often overlooked reason for following sports, I believe, is that it allows us the ability to revel in our teams’ achievements without the need to humble ourselves. Now, I am by no means the most humble person in the world, and my attempt at humility is often quite lacking. I do make the effort, however, to quell my arrogance, and risk being called down for it if my bragging gets out of control. But bragging about the successes of the particular sports teams that I have in some cases arbitrarily chosen to support brings me the ability to be arrogant without the risk of lacking humility.

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Viewpoint

Striving after nothing

Thursday, September 2, 2010

Priorities

To Ryan Kreager, and anyone else who agrees with him.

You are correct — a lot of time and effort has been spent complaining about the current policies and recent actions of the South Bend and Excise police forces. And in reply to your smart remark, yes, we have not forgotten that underage drinking is illegal. However, I ask you and anyone else in the future who wants to keep our police forces busy in this way the police are handling these situations please refrain from doing so if you do not understand the gravity of the situation.

First of all, if anyone could prioritize stopping under-age drinking just as they do armed robbery is astonishing to me. When it comes to preventing shootings, muggings and armed robberies stopping 18, 19 and 20 year olds from underage drinking, we as a society absolutely want the police to start “playing judge” by choosing to try and prevent the more serious crimes. If you disagree, please go explain your thoughts to the families of those who have been shot and/or robbed.

Also, regardless of their policies, the brutality and dishonesty of the police officers in many of these “busts” is completely unacceptable and represents a problem much more serious than underage drinking ever could. Arresting students and bringing them to the station is only the tip of the iceberg. Knowing people who have had encounters with the police as well as experiencing it firsthand myself, there are countless examples of these “law enforcers” breaking that which they are supposed to uphold. Physical violence, the use of authority directed at the students as well as illegal entries and fraudulent police reports are problems many of us here know too well.

So what I ask is if there are any more complaints about how students are reacting to the recent arrests, please keep them to yourself unless you fully understand the magnitude of the current situation. Underage drinking is illegal, but the police force cannot continue fighting a war they are inappropriately declaring.

Robert Schaus
junior
O’Neill Hall
Sp 1

True hypocrisy

To Joe Deter, and others scrambling for a poor excuse for underage drinking.

I am entirely sure about an issue, but I like to think that I, along with my wonderful Notre Dame students, were raised to be mature adults. This would include having integrity and not using other poor behavior as an excuse for your own.

I am thoroughly embarrassed for the Notre Dame community that I know and love. Why is it that some here feel so entitled that they see themselves above the law? Just because South Bend has other crime doesn’t mean that some laws stop being applicable. Also, when one considers the fairly long lifespan of Americans, there is plenty of time to drink when you’re of legal age.

As part of the Notre Dame family, the actions of students who choose to be irresponsible and drink underage reflect poorly on me. Though, I am one of the few who doesn’t need to drink at college; being someone, even being a student here is enough of a buzz for me.

Melissa Jordan
sophomore
Ryan Hall
Sp 1

Letters to the Editor

Dear Ryan Kreager,

Thank you. I did not know that underage drinking was a crime. Maybe it’s because I don’t know the definition of word “underage,” or maybe it’s because I’m not sure exactly what people are drinking. Juice? This at least sounds like an issue of whether or not kids drinking alcohol is a crime, nor is it an issue of police addressing all crimes, instead of prioritizing according to seriousness. This is an issue of how college students are treated by their local police department.

Consider this: what is more dangerous to society? A college student with a beer, or a college student behind the wheel of a car with a beer is most deadly, and just stupid. But here is my point. If I am pulled over by a cop for speeding while drinking was a crime. Maybe it’s because I don’t understand the magnitude of the current policies and recent actions of the South Bend and Excise police forces. And in reply to your smart remark, yes, we have not forgotten that underage drinking is illegal. However, I ask you and anyone else in the future who wants to keep our police forces busy in this way the police are handling these situations please refrain from doing so if you do not understand the gravity of the situation.

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See "Awesome Show" and "Robot Chicken." The gig that he is most well known for, however, is as the sarcastic, snarky commentator on VH1's "Best of..." series. Even if you've never knowingly watched the show, if you've ever had your TV set to VH1, you've seen his face.

He's also been featured on numerous Sierra Mist TV spots. Black is known for a sarcastic, off-brand style of comedy, and while he is not g e n e r a l l y known for his stand up, his performance should not b e m i s s e d nonetheless.

Mike Birbiglia, on the other hand, is not as well known among television audiences, but fans of stand-up comedy have known his name for a while. NPR listeners will recognize Birbiglia's name from his numerous contributions to "This American Life," as his comedy style is usually in a more narrative, story-driven format, as opposed to a string of one-liners.

It may not be fair to call Birbiglia an up-and-comer at this point. He's never had the mainstream success of Mitch Hedberg, Jim Gaffigan or Dane Cook — ugh — or the movie and television career of Jerry Seinfeld, Ed Norton, Adam Sandler or Will Ferrell, but Birbiglia has n e v e r attempted to branch out to that kind of success. As a stand-up comedian and a story-teller, he is not easily rattled or held his own against any of them, even in their primes.

His album, "My Secret Public Journal Live," has been named one of the best comedy albums of the decade by the Onion AV Club. He has had three Comedy Central specials and his off-Broadway show "Sleepwalk With Me" has gotten rave reviews from publications like Variety and The New York Times.

If you do, do not miss his set: it promises to be amazing.

"Comedy on the Quad" will take place on Friday at 10 p.m. Make sure to come early. There will be a 9 p.m. show afterward on the Dillon Pep Rally — it's seeing even more and more popular with each passing year. Michael Ian Black isn't a regular at that event, and it is a famous face, and the chance to see Mike Birbiglia should early comic processes and one of the greatest stand-up acts around. "Comedy on the Quad" has become a can't-miss event, so don't.

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By KAITLYN CONWAY  Scene Writer

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By LISA HOEYNCK  Observer Graphic

Thursday, September 2, 2010

Best of LaFortune
Location: 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
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Johnson not satisfied with record campaign

Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The ink starts at Chris Johnson's neck, with wings tattooed just above his collarbone, reminding the world that he is the NFL's most recent member of the 2,000-yard rushing club.

The Titans running back has "CAIM A Star" perched just above a red star in the middle of his back.

"Dream big, then run faster than anyone else in the NFL," Johnson used that combination to rush his way to NFL Offensive Player of the Year in 2010, becoming the sixth man in league history to run for at least 2,000 yards. He's back for his third season with goals set a bit higher. He's already run for 2,008 yards with an average of 4.13 yards per carry.

"I still have something to prove," Johnson said. "I haven't broken the record, so I still have something on my shoulder and something to work hard for." Johnson said.

Being voted the Offensive Player of the Year? Nice, but MVP is his target again.

"That's our bet," Mark McEnroe said of his 23-year-old brother. "Patrick" would be his nickname. "I feel like I'm never satisfied," he conceded. "I'm com-...
CINCINNATI — Left-hander Aroldis Chapman made his big league kick and let one fly. Flashes went off around the ballpark. The crowd let out a collective “ooh” when the ball slammed loudly into Ryan Hanigan’s mitt.

And that was just his first warmup.

What came next was almost too fast to follow.

The Cuban defector made a big-league debut that opened a lot of eyes around the majors. The Reds were aiming for a pennant that might face the Cincinnati Reds in the playoffs.

Chapman pitched a perfect inning, twice hitting 102 mph on the radar gun, during an 8-4 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday night.

“I don’t think it can get any better than this,” closer Francisco Cordero said.

Not much faster, anyway. As introductions go, this one sizzled.

“His first pitch to Jonathan Lucroy was 105 mph,” Chapman said.

The first time out, he sure did.

Chapman got a standing ovation from the crowd of 19,218 when he jogged out of the bullpen to pitch the top of the eighth with the Reds leading 8-3. Fans let out a collective “ooh” after each warm-up throw. There was a buzz in the small crowd — contrary to one fans’ sign, there’s no Chapmania yet.

“Of course I was nervous,” he said, through a translator. His first pitch to Jonathan Lucroy registered 98 mph. The third one hit 102 mph, drawing a loud cheer. He fanned Lucroy on a nasty 86 mph slider.

The next two batters — Craig Counsell and pinch-hitter Carlos Gomez — went down on weak grounders.

Chapman threw only eight pitches, half of them registering 100 mph or better. Two were clocked at 102.

He walked off the field to another standing ovation. The crowd, who saw him hit at Louisville weren’t at all surprised.

“There’s not a whole lot of guys like him, if any,” said Sam LeCure (2-4), who got the victory with two innings in relief before Chapman took the mound.

After a moment’s pause, LeCure said, “There’s none.”

When he was at Louisville, his teammates marveled at his fastball. They’d peak a look at the board in right-center field that showed the pitch’s speed.

“Every time he lets one go, everybody turns around or peeks,” second baseman Chris Valaika said. “You don’t want to get caught looking, but you see 104 — that’s something you’ve never seen before.”

Now, big-league hitters know what they’re up against.

“I was just trying to hit the ball hard,” Lucroy said. “He is very deceptive. He kind of hides the ball. It’s tough.”

The Reds brought him up before Sept. 1 to make sure he was able to throw even harder.

The radar gun in Louisville wasn’t at all surprised. “There’s none.”

Chapman sizzled in debut

Nash said golf prides itself on honesty and players calling their own penalties.

While the decision was clear, he said he couldn’t help but cry a bit in front of Wood. Wood had to call Nash’s father, the club pro, to inform him.

Later that night, Nash called Andy Landenberger, junior tour director for the WPGA, to explain what happened.

He sent back the medal, which Landenberger said he would present to runner-up Dane Reinhardt, who shot an 80.

Wood, who has been golfing for about three years, said a friend spent the night at his house before the tournament and left a 5-wood club, and he put it in his bag not realizing it made a total of 15.

“People should be talking about this more,” Nash said.

“I think most people — not just kids — would have tried to justified in their mind having the extra clubs in their bag and not using them as an excuse to not call and disqualify themselves,” Wood said.

Nash’s father said his son is a regular teenager, he talked to his parents, his parents picked on his brothers — and was a bit surprised the teenager didn’t consider, just for a moment, keeping the mistake to himself.

But he said he did the right thing and he and his wife were proud.

“When I first heard it, when he told me the whole story, I thought, ‘Wow, you are doing the right thing,’” Bob Nash said. “You have to do the right thing, Bob Nash said. “You have to keep doing what’s right. But in the back of my mind, I’m thinking ‘If you didn’t say anything the standing would change.’

The boy’s honest deed was first reported by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Nash started his freshman year at Waterford Union High School and plans to go out for the golf team.
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Konerko hits winning homer in Manny’s debut
Pence leads Astros past Cardinals to complete sweep; Fukudome’s three hits lead Cubs past McDonald, Pirates

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — For the second straight night, Cleveland fans watched from a few feet away as one of Chicago’s three strikes hit a game-winning homer.

Chaimed off waivers by Chicago for its reduced power, Ramirez provided only a bloop a single in his debut but he was on deck when Paul Konerko hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to give Chicago a 4-2 win over the Cleveland Indians in a three-game sweep of the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday.

 Ramirez said he had lost the feel of the ball when he hit Konerko with a pitch in the ninth inning. He said he had nothing to do with the ball but there was a hit with a swing and nobody saw anything but a hit and no ball. The only thing that was noticeable was that the ball hit a behemoth, three-run homer in Chicago’s 4-2 win.

Chicago reliever Tony Pena (4-2) pitched three innings after replacing Freddy Garcia, who left after four with a stiff back. Rodon hit his first career triple, and the White Sox combined with the Yang on runs to base on easy.

Wearing his familiar No. 99 and dreadlocks yet to be trimmed to team appearance standards, Ramirez went 1-for-3 in his return to the AL after 2½ seasons with the Dodgers. He grounded out in the second, struck out in the fourth, blooped a single to right in the seventh and was hit in the upper back by a 70 mph breaking ball from Germano in the ninth, two pitches after Konerko hit his 33rd homer.

The White Sox were counting on Ramirez’s presence in their lineup to make a difference, and it already has — without him even hitting the ball hard.

Chicago did get home run from its other Ramirez, shortstop Alexei, whose solo homer started the comeback in the eighth. He added a sacrifice fly in the ninth.

Alex Rios also homered for the White Sox.

Before the rally, Chicago hardly looked like a team in playoff contention. The White Sox made three errors and struggled against Carrasco, recalled from Triple-A Columbus to start the series finale. He allowed six hits and three runs in 7 1-3 innings.

In the fourth, Garcia attempted to hold runners at first by rolling hit by Jason Jaxx to the left of the mound. After chasing it, he was able to get it to a throw but appeared OK. He finished the inning, but didn’t come out for the fifth and was replaced by Pena.

Carrasco, who is 9-2 in his last 16 starts, has managed to stay off the disabled list so far this season after injury problems hampered him the past three years.

Along with running a team that always seems immersed in controversy, White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen is doing all he can to manage expectations about what Ramirez can do for his team in the second half as they chase the first-place Minnesota Twins, losers in his last 13 at-bats, founted out before Holliday’s homer.

The Cardinals have scored two runs in their last 36 innings. The consecutive shutouts the previous two nights marked the first time in 94 years that St. Louis had been blanked with three hits or fewer in back-to-back games.

Suppan made his first start since Aug. 1, when he pitched 5 1-3 scoreless innings against the Phillies. He went five innings and allowed four runs, three hits and four walks.

Cubs 5, Pirates 3

Thomas Diamond received a game ball and a beer shower after his first major league win. Diamond relieved injured starter Tom Gorzelanny and was part of a strong effort by the Chicago Cubs’ bullpen Wednesday in a victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

“It’s always nice to get the first, I wish it would have happened a little earlier,” Diamond said. “Now, hopefully we can go on and win a few more.”

Kosuke Fukudome had three hits, including a go-ahead double, during a perfect day at the plate for the Cubs. Carlos Marmol escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth inning and finished for his 25th save in 30 chances.

Gorzelanny was knocked out in the third when Jose Tabata lined a shot off his right hand. The left-hander, a former Pirate who is a native of nearby Evergreen Park, Ill., departed for X-rays.

“That was very scary,” Tabata said. “I saw the ball and I thought it was his face. In the moment I froze. I hope he’s better. I feel bad for that.”

After Gorzelanny left, five Cubs relievers combined to allow four hits the rest of the way.

“Now that I’ve moved from the rotation to the bullpen, hopefully I can find a spot there and contribute,” the 27-year-old Diamond said.

Diamond (1-3) gave up two runs and two hits in 1 2-3 innings. Marmol walked in a run with two outs in the eighth but struck out Tabata to preserve a 5-3 lead.

James McDonald (2-5) took the loss, allowing three runs and eight hits in five innings.

“For most of the game he was able to get the ball down like he usually does and it cost him a little bit,” Pirates manager John Russell said.

Diamond, called up from Triple-A Iowa on Aug. 2, struck out three and walked one. The Cubs won two of three in the series and finished 5-10 against last-place Pittsburgh this season.

“I’ve been feeling pretty good and I’ve been working on a new pitch—a cutter—with pitching coach Larry (Rothchild),” Diamond said. “Today I had a little trouble with it, but it’s only about a week and a half old.”
Azarenka collapses in match versus Dulko

Oudin fails to repeat 2009 success with second round loss to Bondarenko; Isner cruises to next round with 3-set victory

NEW YORK — The scene was simply scary: Victoria Azarenka, a 21-year-old on the rise in the WTA rankings, paused about a half-hour into her second-round match Wednesday at the U.S. Open, then staggered, stumbled and collapsed to the court.

Azarenka, seeded 10th in the Grand Slam tournament, rolled over to rest her head on her arm, and a trainer rushed over. Someone covered Azarenka’s legs with a white towel. She eventually was helped into a wheelchair, her yellow visor askew atop her head, then taken to a hospital, where tests showed she had a mild concussion.

As a lightning rainstorm Wednesday suffocates New York, the temperature in Flushing Meadows headed into the 90s for a third consecutive day, and the mercury topped 100 degrees on court. But tournament referee Brian Early said Azarenka’s problem did “not seem to be primarily a heat-related illness.”

Indeed, Azarenka herself later revealed she fell in the gym while warming up before the match, hanging her head and arm in the gym.

“I was checked by the medical team before I went on court and they were courtside for monitoring. I felt worse as I was warming up and someone covered Azarenka’s legs with a white towel. She eventually was helped into a wheelchair, her yellow visor askew atop her head, then taken to a hospital, where tests showed she had a mild concussion.

After entering the 2009 Australian Open, Azarenka was stopped in the second round, dizzy and in tears, and blamed a virus.

Her frightening exit Wednesday caught everyone’s attention. Top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki wrote on Twitter: “Did anyone watch Vikas match? I really hope she is ok!”

The match was halted with Azarenka trailing Bulko 5-1. “It was terrible. It’s not nice to see someone feeling bad, not nice to win a match this way. I hope she feels OK now,” said Bulko, who walked around the net to check on the prone Azarenka. “I was worried for her.”

Bondarenko def. Oudin

Melanie Oudin of Marietta, Ga., was 17 a year ago when she reached the U.S. Open quarterfinals by beating two top-20 players.

Oudin’s 2010 stay in New York was shorter. She lost in the second round Wednesday to No. 29 Alona Bondarenko 6-2, 7-5.

“Definitely disappointing,” Oudin said. “I still have, hopefully, like, 10 more years in my career, hopefully 10 more U.S. Opens ahead of me. So I’ll definitely be looking forward again to next year.”

Among the seeded women bowing out was No. 21 Zheng Jie, overwhelmed 6-3, 6-0 by 2008 French Open champion Ana Ivanovic, who used to be ranked No. 1 but has tumbled to No. 82 in June, when she lost. Pironkova was ranked only 82nd in June. When she shocked Venus Williams in the quarterfinals, and they could have met in the third round.

Portugal’s Frederico Gil lost in three sets to American John Isner at the US Open Wednesday. Isner needed just over two hours to win the match.

Isner def. Gil

Marathon man John Isner hit 19 aces and needed less than two hours to eliminate Portugal’s Frederico Gil 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the U.S. Open on Wednesday night.

The 18th-seeded Isner is best known for his record-breaking 11-hour, 5-minute victory over Nicolas Mahut at Wimbledon this year, a first-round match that was spread over three days and finished 70-68 in the fifth set.

There were no such thrills against Gil, in part because Isner did not face a single break point, although he only converted three of 19 that he earned.

The 6-foot-9 Isner was playing for the first time since injuring his ankle in Cincinnati two weeks ago, and he said it “felt great. I took a four-to-six-week injury and I got it ready in two weeks.”

During his postmatch, on-court interview, Isner was asked — of course — about his match against Mahut at the All England Club in June.

Ever since then, Isner has made clear that he appreciates having been a part of that match, yet hopes to one day be known for something else he accomplishes in tennis.

“When I play, I want to put it behind me,” Isner said Wednesday. “But I want to put it behind me.”

Mahut failed to qualify for the singles tournament at Flushing Meadows, but he did enter the men’s doubles event, losing earlier Wednesday. He said he chatted briefly with Isner before the American took to the court against Gil, who is ranked 87th and fell to 0-9 in Grand Slam action.

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n’t an overly competitive meet, and
not someone I’m looking to
gauge our success off of.”

Sophomore Julia Kinney
(20:49) was the first female
competitor to cross the finish
line and came in 11th overall.
Kinney was closely followed by
her teammate junior Joanne
Almond (21:03), senior Catie
Sableski (21:08), freshman Clara
McVey (22:07), sophomore
Emma Baker (22:09), and sen-
ior Kristy Kucharski (22:14).

With the exception of fresh-
mans varsity, the team’s roster
hasn’t changed much since
last fall when they con-
cluded their season at the
NCAA Division III Regional
meet. “We’re just going to go play.”

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Irish need to focus on playing.
“After the end of the day, if you
do that, if you play hard and give
everything you have for four
quarters, my experience has
shown me that that’s going to be
a little bit better then our mid-
dle attack could be better.”

Debbie Brown
Irish coach

Freshman setter Sammie
Brown, too, showed her skills on
the court with 129 assists
and 28 digs.

The players who were on the
court last weekend aren’t the
only ones on the coaching staff’s
minds though.

“in practice we’ve tried to
work on integrating some of the
players that haven’t had an
opportunity to play yet into the
line up,” Brown said. “We have
a lot of talent on the bench and we’re just trying to
find ways to uti-

lize the talent that we have.”

The Irish hope to utilize those
talents this weekend with
three matches in two
days. Such a
tight schedule
on the road
might also
worry some
teams and
cause them to lose focus, but
Notre Dame is excited instead.

“We play them home or
away every single year, so much.”
Brown said. “You’re not going back to your
dorm room or someplace in
between matches, you’re stay-
ing together. It’s actually a
pretty fun thing when you’re on
these road trips and the
team gets to know each other
better. I think that’s one of the
things that helps the team gel so much.

As they work to gel together
and mix up the lineup, the
Irish will take on Belmont
Friday, at 4:00 p.m. Pacific
before playing both Weber
State and Nevada Saturday,
at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.,
respectively.

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Pilots

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“We play them home or
away every single year, so that really sets the bar
high for the girls, and we
know where we stand
right off the bat playing a
strong powerhouse,” Kuchel said.

The Belles take the
court next at the
Emhurst Invitational on
Friday and Saturday.

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FOOTBALL

Almost ready

Players look to Saturday while coaching staff strives to stay focused on last practice

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

With just days until Notre Dame’s season opener against Purdue, Irish coach Brian Kelly is looking for perfection.

“Our guys are obviously at that point where they want to play on Saturday,” Kelly said after practice Wednesday. “We’re obviously excited about the opportunity, but we’ve still got some work to do.”

Kelly said Wednesday’s practice was a work day, and Thursday’s will be about perfecting skills before Friday’s walkthrough.

“They’re anxious to play,” Kelly said, “but we’ve just got to pull the reins back a little bit and make sure that they continue to do what they need to do.”

The players, though, are looking ahead to Saturday.

“I’m waiting to feel what all the players feel the first time they run them out of the tunnel,” freshman wide receiver TJ Jones said.

However, players are also feeling pressure for the first game.

“Purdue’s a good team,” junior center Braxton Cave said. “We’re going to have to bring our A-game.”

Defensive coordinator Charlie Molnar said the coaches have a strategy to counteract any nerves the players may feel.

“We just get them to play fast and really concentrate on their assignment,” Molnar said.

“When that happens they’re not thinking about the crowd or anything else, they’re just thinking about executing to the best of their ability.”

Kelly said the team would be ready for Saturday’s game.

“What we won’t be is not prepared,” he said “…That’s the most important, at the end of the day, that my kids are prepared to play and that I put them in a good position.

However, he refrained from making any sort of predictions.

“I won’t know until we start playing,” he said. “On paper, these guys are fine. But on paper is one thing. How does Bayne react when now it’s cover-zero and he has to react? I have to see him with the bullets flying.”

Overall, Kelly said Tuesday, the day before the game, Purdue was a good team.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

SMC takes top eight positions

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Eight Saint Mary’s runners completed Wednesday’s home exhibition race before the first female runner from Goshen finished as the Belles got a strong start to the 2010 season.

“They looked really great with a good, strong finish,” head coach Jackie Bauters said. “They ran together for the most part, which is great. It was a really good first race performance.”

The Belles welcomed both the men’s and the women’s teams from their cross-town competitors, the Goshen College Leafs.

“It was nice for the girls to have the men to compete with,” Bauters said. “We don’t typically race against Goshen. It was—

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish focus on themselves

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
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After a challenging Sunday match that ended in defeat against Arizona, the Irish are ready to take another stand this weekend as they travel to the Nevada Invitational in Reno, Nevada, to take on a trio of teams, Belmont, Weber State and Nevada.

But Notre Dame isn’t really worried about other teams right now. All Irish coach Debbie Brown and her players are focused on right now is their team.

“Our greater concern right now is how we’re playing and how we’re progressing,” Brown said. “Certainly we think that each of the teams will present different challenges for us but our main focus is on what we’re doing rather than what maybe our opponent is going to do at this point in the season.”

Placing the team first has been working for them so far. The Irish opened their season this past weekend at the Shamrock Invitational, where they defeated Marshall 3-1 and Cal Poly 3-2 but fell 3-1 to Arizona. Notre Dame knew the weekend would be a challenging one, especially with six freshmen making their Irish debut, but it was successful and gave Brown ideas of specific areas of play that her team needed to work on.

“How we will work on always throughout the season is our serve receive,” she said. “How we’re passing, how we’re handling the opponent’s serve and receiving serves from a lot of different areas on the court, different types of serves. We—