Pro-life faculty launch national group chapter

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

University Faculty for Life (UFL), a national organization, approved a chapter on Notre Dame’s campus this fall, the University announced last week.

Notre Dame faculty and staff can now join the newly-formed group to engage in academic conversation about pro-life issues. Fr. Wilson D. Miscamble will serve as the chapter’s president, and Daniel Philpott, a political science professor, will serve as vice president.

Miscamble said the group would give faculty the opportunity to participate in moral issues and affirm the right to life at all stages.

The national organization of UFL was founded in 1989 to promote research and dialogue among faculty and staff who “respect the value of human life from its inception to natural death,” according to a University press release.

“Our goal is to foster research and put forth a pro-life position to educate the community about life issues,” Miscamble said.

Notre Dame will host the national conference for UFL on campus in June 2011. Miscamble said, “For this particular year I see it as a year of getting the chapter firmly established.”

Miscamble said, “We will focus on meeting on a regular basis and doing the preparatory work for holding the UFL national conference.” Miscamble said the UFL chapter at Notre Dame would work on spiritual, academic and social levels. Members will support each other through prayer, invite speakers and academic discussion on life questions and host events that bring the members together to talk about issues related to their pro-life stance.

“Many of us have been individual members of the national organization for some time,” Miscamble said. “What this marks is an effort for us to collaborate on campus.”

The Notre Dame UFL chapter currently includes 25 formal members, Miscamble said. “One of my major objectives for this year is to increase membership,” Miscamble said. “This organization is multidisciplinary so we can bring faculty together from multiple colleges.”

Miscamble currently serves as the chaplain for Notre Dame Right to Life, the student pro-life group on campus. He said events between the faculty and student pro-life groups will hopefully bring even more visibility to the pro-life cause.

“I think students will gain encouragement and support for their own efforts when they see that their faculty who might be a little bit older are still deeply committed to this cause,” Miscamble said. “What I see occurring is indeed a close and cooperative relationship between the University Faculty for Life and the student organization involved in the pro-life causes at Notre Dame.”

Game weekend attendance increases

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

The number of visitors on campus during football games this season has been much greater than it was in 2009, and the Pittsburgh game weekend was no exception, Director of Game Day Operations Mike Seamon said.

“The numbers are up because of the new energy with Coach Kelly and the team combined with being hospitable and opening the campus,” he said. Director of Notre Dame Security Police Phil Johnson said three people were arrested outside the stadium and two people inside for public intoxication. In addition, 35 people who were removed for violating stadium rules, mostly for impairment or possession of alcohol.

“There were no citations issued by police for underage alcohol violation outside the stadium,” Johnson said.

Factors such as the roughly 5,800 people who walked through the Notre Dame Stadium tunnel on Friday led Game Day Operations to believe that the weekend was going to be busy.

‘Quarter dogs’ return for midterms week

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

Sophomore John Hough remembers a time when The Huddle always sold hot dogs for a quarter after midnight. Those times are over, but this week, thanks to the Student Union Board, he can relive them.

At the beginning of this school year, The Huddle raised the price of these midnight hot dogs, nicknamed “quarter dogs,” from 25 cents to 33 cents. “There was a lot of drama about it (the price change), and it was something students seemed to care about,” junior Kevin DeLaMontaigne said.

Student Union Board (SUB) services programmers DeLaMontaigne and sophomore Jenny Yi arranged to subsidize hot dog prices from Sunday through Thursday and provide students such as Hough an opportunity to pay only one quarter for “quarter dogs” during midterms week.

Yi said it was relatively easy to provide this service, it required approval from Huddle Management and a commitment on the part of SUB to pay the difference in price for all hot dogs sold.

“We figured there’d be lots of students in LaFortune this week,” Yi said.

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

In an effort to explore new sustainable energy options, the University added an electric car to its fleet of vehicles this semester.

The Mitsubishi iMiev, an electric car that seats four people, will be on loan from Mitsubishi Motors North America to Notre Dame this semester. Eaton Corporation is also providing three charging stations on campus, according to a Notre Dame Office of Sustainability press release.

“This is just the beginning of something greater for campus,” said Erin Hafner, the Sustainability Program Manager for the Office of Sustainability. “It’s opening some doors for us to hire electric cars to campus. It really wasn’t an option before.”

This initial car is acting as a pilot test program, Hafner said. If successful, the University will look at adding electric cars to its fleet.

“We’d like to integrate these into our maintenance fleet. There’s a wide array of uses,” she said. “We’d also like to integrate these into our maintenance fleet. There’s a wide array of uses.”

The iMiev gets 100 miles to the electric gallon. It is also Mitsubishi’s website. It is also

University tests new electric car

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What did you do on Saturday to celebrate Dayne’s birthday?

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IN BRIEF

The lecture “Identity, Legitimacy, Recognition: A Psychological Synthesis for Peace Research” will take place today at 4:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Phillip Hammack, assistant professor of psychology at the University of California Santa Cruz, will deliver the lecture. It is free and open to the public.

The Berges Lecture “An Ethical Odyssey from Notre Dame to CEO” will be held today at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. Michael Cahill, president and CEO of Tower Financial, will deliver the lecture. It is free and open to the public.

The College of Science will sponsor Astronomy Night today at 7:30 p.m. on Fieldhouse Mall. All Notre Dame students are invited to see Jupiter, the closest it has been to the earth in 50 years. The first 300 Notre Dame students will receive free t-shirts and doughnuts.

The Center for Social Concerns will sponsor and International Summer Service Learning Program Information Session today at 8 p.m. in the McNeil Library of Geddes Hall. The information session will cover the application and selection processes and their time-frames, academic requirements, orientation and follow-up requirements and a brief description of work sites. Past participants will also be available to answer questions.

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

OFFBEAT

Ambulance stolen while paramedics treat patient

CHICAGO – Bond was set at $50,000 for a 27-year-old Chicago man accused of stealing an ambulance over the weekend while two paramedics treated someone he apparently knew in the back. Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said Jimmy McCoy allegedly jumped into the stopped ambulance and drove off with the emergency lights on.

The paramedics then radioed that they’re ambulance had been stolen with them inside. Prosecutors told a hearing Sunday McCoy seemed to think he was driving his diabetic friend to the hospital.

In the Saturday incident, McCoy only made it a few blocks before a fire truck blocked the road. Police surrounded the ambulance and McCoy was arrested.

Drunk man rescued after chasing goose into river

A drunken man was arrested on an outstanding warrant for bail jumping. Witness Sergio Lopez told the Wausau Daily Herald that as far as they know, the goose is still on the loose.

“What did you do on Saturday to celebrate Dayne’s birthday?”

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Tibet, while outside the country. Dalai Lama also received it, but human rights in China. The and nonviolent struggle for recognized for his sustained Nobel Peace Prize, and he is the first person in China to receive. NCCf, Liu is the political reform petition. He has been in prison nature, is one of China's most Research Professor of Peace Richard G. Starmann Sr. the University of Notre Dame's Peace Prize to Chinese dissident. This continues a tradition for acting award. By ANNA BOARINI News Writer

Tylor Langdon, a 2008 Notre Dame graduate, hopes that winning the Yahoo! Hollywood Movie Award will jumpstart his acting career. He is currently one of 10 nominees for Yahoo's Hollywood Discover Award, in w hich Langdon is a spiring actors submit monologues for voters to view and vote on the Hollywood Movie Award website. Langdon said. A resident of Dillon Hall while at Notre Dame, Langdon studied business and thought he was performing career was over. But a lot of acting before I came here, said Langdon, I absolutely loved speech, but as fun as it was I had to be practical, so I went to business school. However, Langdon couldn’t shake the acting bug. After graduation, he moved to California to attend a management program through Hillstone Restaurant Group. In the service and cooks in the restaurant were actors and Langdon always talked about auditions and roles they had, said Langdon. Everything I had done before rushed back. Langdon decided to pursue his passion and quit his restaurant job after two months to begin auditioning for acting roles. It takes a very long time to make it in this industry, he said. Most actors you recog- nize have been doing this for seven or eight years. Even though his career has not followed a traditional path, Langdon said his parents support his decision to try and make it in the acting business. My parents always support whatever I do that makes me happy as long as it brings respect to myself and my fam- ily, said Langdon. They just don’t want me to compromise myself for Hollywood. His film credits include roles in “Pushing Daisies” and “The Pacific,” according to his web- site. He also hosted two different shows about Thai food. Langdon eventually hopes to use his filmmaking experience in both comedic and dramatic films. I love the comedy on “The Office” and “30 Rock,” with more subtle humor and good writing and natural actors, he said. Langdon recently landed a role for an upcoming movie about a man suffering from social anxiety disorder and his relationship with a female friend who studies his disor- der for her graduate work. He’s just such a dynamic character, said Langdon. The transition from acting on stage and for speech com- petitions was different and a challenge for Langdon. The speech and debate gave me confidence, but it’s just so big, Langdon said. Acting teachers kept telling me to relax my face and think and play my character. Langdon hopes that someday he could work with Leonardo DiCaprio, his favorite actor. He’s a fantastic actor and he has had some amazing roles, said Langdon. While still in the restaurant business, DiCaprio came into the restaurant Langdon managed and the servers sent him out on the floor acting like a bus boy so he could see him. I was nervous just cleaning the table next to him, said Langdon. Online voting for the Yahoo! Hollywood Movie Awards started on Oct. 5 and closes Thursday. Contact Anna Boarini at aaboar01@nd.edu

By MIKE BOCK News Writer

While their fellow students attended events on campus such as the pep rally and football game last weekend, Notre Dame’s Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) members participated in a weekend of training exercises at Michigan’s Fort Cluster. The weekend was a valu- able experience for all members of the ROTC, especially for the juniors as they prepare to attend Leadership Development Assessment Course The ROTC’s biggest summer evaluation, said Jim Hasson, a Notre Dame senior and ROTC cadet. The purpose of the training was to build basic military attributes among the underclassmen and to further develop the leadership attributes of upperclassmen, particularly the juniors. Jim Hasson Army ROTC cadet

The purpose of the training was to build basic military attributes among the underclassmen and to further develop the leadership attributes of upperclassmen, particularly the juniors. Hasson said the weekend included training exercises with individual missions for each cadet to complete, such as day and night navigation. During the night naviga- tion operation, Hasson said each ROTC cadet received an eight-digit grid location at 10 p.m. For the next three hours, each cadet was expected to navigate to five different grid locations using only a compass and map. Hasson said the students also completed squad level tactics training, which involved groups of 11 or 12 cadets working together on skills such as movement and contact, squad attack, reconnaissance operations and ambush attacks. Hasson said the training weekend was successful overall. “Over the course of the weekend, all participants showed great developments in both their tactical skills and leadership styles while keeping a positive atti- tude,” he said. Contact Mike Bock at mbock@nd.edu

“This continues a tradition where the prize has been used to highlight peacetime struggles for human rights in authoritari- an societies,” Wallensteen said. “For example, it went to Shirin Ebadi from Iran in 2003, Aung San Suu Kyi from Burma in 1991, Andrei Sakharov from the Soviet Union in 1975, Albert Lutuli from South Africa in 1960, and Carl von Ossietzky in Nazi-Germany in 1935. Several times, this use of the award resulted in crises between the Nobel committee and the regimes, most seriously perhaps with Nazi-Germany,” Wallensteen said. The Chinese government reportedly is outraged over the award to Liu and has issued a statement saying that the award will damage Chinese relations with Norway. NWA expert says Peace Prize winner no surprise Special to The Observer

The awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo was expected, according to Peter Wallensteen, the University of Notre Dame's Richard L. Starmann Sr. Research Professor of Peace Studies. Liu, a professor of litera- ture at the University of Beijing, is a prominent human rights activist. He has been in prison since 2009 for publishing a political reform petition. According to the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Liu is the first person in China to receive the Nobel Peace Prize and he is recognized for his sustained and nonviolent struggle for human rights in China. The Dalai Lama also received it, but for his peaceful struggle for Tibet, while outside the country.
To encourage students to make their class gift and educate them about the benefits of donating to Saint Mary’s College, the Class Gift Campaign (CGC) hosted its second annual launch party Monday.

The event was held in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall during lunch hour.

Molly Gorszczyk, CGC co-chair, said the event was created to draw attention to the mission of the CGC as well as allow students to meet and get to know members of the campaign.

“Launch party is pretty much just a way for us to get publicity up of who we are and what we do,” Gorszczyk said. “It’s the first chance all of our girls get for the year to make their donation of class gift. It’s pretty much the starting of our season of campaigning and fundraising and trying to get the class gifts.”

Gorszczyk said the event invited students to enjoy themselves while learning about the CGC. Students were also encouraged to make their donation to the CGC for their class.

According to Gorszczyk, the campaign works during the academic year to break open a piñata, play corn hole, listen to music and meet with members of the CGC. Students can make their class gift, they can ask us questions, they can get to know us,” Gorszczyk said. “(The Launch Party) kind of like a meet and greet type deal so they (students) can actually get to know what the Class Gift Campaign is.”

The CGC also plans to offer other events throughout the academic year. Gorszczyk said the CGC will offer Give Back Night at Hacienda on Oct. 25. Karaoke Idol, an event that allows students to sing karaoke in front of faculty and staff judges, will also be held on Nov. 18.

Gorszczyk said she hopes to bring awareness to the importance of the CGC. “I think it’s really important just because we have a tradition that part of our gift to give back is a scholarship of some form or scholarship money,” she said. “That’s really important just because so many girls are on scholarship. Ninety-four percent of the student body right now is on scholarship. So if we can encourage girls to give back now that would also encourage them to give back after they graduate.”

The CGC doesn’t just ask for donations from seniors and juniors, instead, they encourage first-year students to donate money as well.

“We work really hard and start looking freshman year to raise a gift so you can give something amazing back to Saint Mary’s to thank them for the amazing time you had here,” Gorszczyk said. “Also, you try to raise the pride of Saint Mary’s that you have in your four years and beyond after you graduate and so you’re always proud to be a Saint Mary’s girl and you’re so proud of your school.”

The CGC asks that students donate whatever amount they feel comfortable giving, but also encourages each student to donate the amount of their class year, Gorszczyk said. “We are encouraging all students to try to at least give their class year, so a senior would give $20.11, juniors would give $20.12,” Gorszczyk said. “But they are free to give as much as they want, and we appreciate everything they give and we understand that everybody’s situation is a little different. Whatever they can give might not be the same as others.”

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SMC pushes gift campaign

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Philpott, who joined UFL in July 2010 and will serve as the vice president of the Notre Dame chapter, said his work with the Human Rights Defense Fund moved him to work for human dignity and the protection of the unborn.

“Notre Dame is a university that has a strong commitment to teaching social justice in the classroom,” Philpott said. “And the killing of the unborn is the largest human rights violation in the world today.”

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political science

As scholars, we have a very strong commitment to reasoning and to cool, careful thought in dialogue.”

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Which is the greater driver of technological advancement? The “how” or the “why”? TECHNOLOGY

October 18 / 7-8:30 pm / Washington Hall

Penelist

Peter Kilpatrick
McCloskey Dean of the College of Engineering and Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Caritas in Veritate, the recently released encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI, raises important questions about the role of technology and its contributions to the common good. For example, “Will corporations embrace social responsibility to develop the technology needed to support human development in the light of democratic (or no profit) incentives?” What is the role of intellectual property rights in technology development? And, “Does that create barriers to the use of technology for the benefit of those most in need?”

Clearly a discussion of the role of faith in relation to technological innovation is needed to better understand the impact of the global marketplace on the common good. While some advocate a technology based, profit-driven, regulatory motivated approach to solving these issues, do we need to demand more of ourselves as a Catholic community and thus more of the world?

Join faculty experts on Oct. 12 at 5:00 p.m. in Washington Hall as we explore these concepts and delve into some of the core challenges facing mankind. — Peter Kilpatrick
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into account, the iMiev still releases only 30 percent as much carbon dioxide as its gasoline-pow-
ered mini-car counterparts.

Through our collaboration with Notre Dame, Eaton is paving the way for the development of the infrastructure leading to the adoption and expanded use of electric vehicles,” Jerry Whitaker, president of Eaton’s Americas Region, said in the press release.

“Through our experience working with Stinson-Remick Hall, the University purchased this year. The three Smart cars that the University purchased this year.

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DeLaMontaigne said he hoped the price cut would encourage more students to attend games by providing unique opportunities on campus that only Notre Dame can offer.

“People had a great spirit and attitude,” he said. “With the big nature of the Pitt game and the weather, it was a hugely successful weekend. The theme of high fan participation also continued this weekend with on-site transpor-
tation, Seamon said. Student clubs raised money by giving 1,400 golf cart rides and 220 pedal cab rides.

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The car will be on display at public events and promotions for the Office of Sustainability. Hafner said. These promotions include football Friday afternoons at Irish Green, where the car is stationed next to a table with information about electric cars.

Different University departments will also drive the car, so students will see it around campus, Hafner said. It will have a Notre Dame-themed car design similar to the three Smart cars that the University purchased this year.

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Both Yi and DeLaMontaigne were optimistic about the week-

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NYC police arrest ninth suspect in anti-gay beatings

NEW YORK — Police on Monday arrested the ninth and final suspect in the brutal attacks on four people that authorities believe were targeted because gang members thought one of their recruits was gay.

Rudy Vargas-Perez, 22, was arrested by members of the Bronx violent felony squad at a relative’s house after his attorney had told authorities he would be surrendering to police on Tuesday. He previously failed to show up as promised.

Vargas-Perez and eight others were accused of robbery, harassment and sexual abuse after the Oct. 3 attacks. Police say he participated in at least one of the incidents and may have been involved in others from his street gang, the Latin King Goonies.

Vargas-Perez was in custody at a police precinct Monday. His attorney’s name wasn’t known.

“He’s innocent of all the charges,” his attorney, Mario Perez, said in Spanish when reached by phone on Monday night. “He was raising a loving family.”

She denied he was a member of the gang and said her nephew works in construction.

The beatings in the Bronx, and the recent string of anti-gay attacks that have occurred elsewhere attributed to homophobic bullying, have drawn outraged responses from city and state leaders and gay advocates.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the attacks “completely unacceptable” in prepared remarks before a Monday night dinner for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

He added: “As I said over the weekend, the perpetrators of the abuse and torture in the Bronx will be spared no mercy.”

Michael Bloomberg
New York City

Associated Press

A “lot of these gang subcultures are pretty homophobic”

David C. Brotherton
sociology chair
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

The attacks, while vicious, aren’t surprising in the world of outlaw machismo, where being gay is a powerful taboo and broken rules can have violent consequences, experts on gang culture said. Experts say it’s likely the 30-year-old would never have been attacked if he hadn’t been in contact with their recruit.

“A lot of these gang subcultures are pretty homophobic,” said David C. Brotherton, a youth gang expert and chairman of the sociology department at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. “And some of them, they definitely have the proper gangs have rules that don’t permit anybody in the group to be gay.”

Study says students drink more when abroad

SEATTLE — Students who go abroad while in college are likely to increase or double their alcohol intake while they’re away, a new study has found.

Drinking increased most dramatically in Europe, Australia and New Zealand, the study by researchers at the University of Washington found. Students reported drinking more when they perceived fellow travelers were drinking more heavily, and those who planned to make drinking part of their cultural immersion did so.

The study published in the current issue of Psychology of Addictive Behaviors looked only at drinking habits of students who went abroad from the University of Washington, but UW graduate student Eric Pedersen said he would expect to see similar results at other universities.

“I don’t think this is just a UW thing,” said the psychology student, who noted, however, that the study sample included more women than the national average for students abroad and the students he looked at were more diverse ethnically than the national average.

His research did not pinpoint why students drink more while they study abroad, but the results don’t necessarily indicate binge drinking, Pedersen says a drink or so each night with dinner could add up to the 10 drinks a week European visitors reported on average.

In general drinking is an issue on college campuses. When you take that and put it in a foreign country there’s potential for more consequences,” Pedersen said. He noted, however, that most students who study overseas, including those who drink, do not get in trouble while they’re abroad.

Of the several thousand University of Washington students who study abroad each year, 177 answered a questionnaire before they went away and when they returned to Seattle. On average, those students doubled their drinking while abroad, but most returned to an average of three to five drinks a week when they returned to Seattle. A subset of students who traveled to the Middle East and other places where drinking is not as prevalent reported their intake decreased while abroad.

Students who were less than the legal drinking age in the United States increased their drinking while abroad by about 170 percent, the study found. The overall increase was about 105 percent.
Senior citizens prepare for Social Security freeze

Associated Press
BOCA RATON, Fla. — Seniors preparing to adjust to a freeze on everything from food to charitable donations to whiskey as word spread Monday that Social Security will have to wait until at least 2012 to see their Social Security checks increase.

The government is expected to announce later this week that more than 58 million Social Security recipients will go through another year without an increase in monthly benefits. This year was the first without an increase since automatic adjustments for inflation started in 1975.

“I think it’s disgusting,” said Paul McNeill, 67, a retired state worker from Warwick, R.I., who said his food and utility costs have gone up, but his income has not. He lamented decisions by lawmakers that he said do not favor seniors.

“They’ve got this idea that they’ve got to save money and basically they want to take it out of the people that will give them the least resistance,” he said.

Cost-of-living adjustments are automatically set by a measure adopted by Congress in the 1970s that orders raises based on the Consumer Price Index, which means inflation that is not “equal and successful” is negative, as in 2009 and 2010, payments remain unchanged.

Still, seniors like McNeill say they’ll be thinking about the issue when they go to vote, and experts said the news comes at a bad time for Democrats already facing potentially big losses in November. Seniors are the most loyal of votes and their support is especially important in midterm elections, when turnout is generally lower.

“If you’re ruling the party, this is not the sort of thing you want to have happening two weeks before an election,” said Andrew Biggs, a former deputy commissioner at the Social Security Administration. “It’s one thing if there’s a good reason, but there’s no good reason.”

“Who would be surprised what’s happened?” he asked. “I feel this is the right decision in light of the malaise. More than 58.7 million people rely on Social Security, which is the largest source of income for 58.7 million elderly people.”

“I think it’s good that they’re doing this, and we’re not going to leave a very good legacy for the Social Security system. People have grown up and we’re cutting back on things that they’ve got this idea that they’ve got to save money and basically they want to take it out of the people that will give them the least resistance.”

Paul McNeill
Retired State Worker

“One thing depends on the other. If people aren’t working their taxes aren’t paid.”

Stella Wehrly
Retired Secretary

Boca Raton, Fla. — Social Security depends on Congress for funding, and Congress depends on Social Security for funding their own projects and programs. The Social Security Administration is responsible for the distribution of Social Security benefits, and it receives funding from the Social Security Trust Fund, which is financed through payroll taxes. The Trust Fund is designed to ensure that Social Security benefits continue to be paid out in the future, even if there are changes in the economy or if there is a recession. The Social Security Administration is responsible for administering the Social Security program and ensuring that benefits are paid to eligible recipients in a timely manner. The agency also provides information and assistance to people who need help understanding their benefits or how to apply for them.

In the United States, Social Security is funded through a process called the “payroll tax,” which is a percentage of an employee’s wages that is deducted from their paycheck and paid to the government. The tax is paid by both the employer and the employee, and it is used to finance Social Security benefits and other federal programs. The tax rate is set by Congress and adjusted periodically to ensure that Social Security remains financially sustainable. In recent years, Congress has increased the tax rate to fund a number of government programs, including public health initiatives and veterans’ benefits.

Social Security is a critical component of the U.S. economy and is an important source of income for many elderly Americans. The program provides a steady stream of income for people who have retired from the workforce and need financial support in their later years. Social Security benefits are based on a worker’s earnings history and are designed to replace a portion of the income that a person earned during their working years. The program is funded through a combination of taxes and a dedicated payroll tax, with the amount paid by workers and employers adjusted periodically to ensure that benefits remain affordable and sustainable.

Social Security is a cornerstone of the American social safety net and is an important source of income for millions of people, especially those who have retired from the workforce and are living on fixed incomes. It is an integral part of the American way of life and is supported by a broad base of public sentiment. The program is funded through a combination of taxes and a dedicated payroll tax, with the amount paid by workers and employers adjusted periodically to ensure that benefits remain affordable and sustainable.
There are, in the perpetual war over abortion, two myths.

The first myth is that told by the pro-choice camp: Pro-life partisans, they insist, seek to control women. Without access to legal abortion, they reason, women will be forced to actual- ly have their chil- dren — who, of course, need care for decades to come. In becoming mothers, therefore, women will become housewives — kept from meaningful careers so that they can bear their men many sons. Their lives will be, as were the lives of their mothers, spent utterly in vacuuming rugs, pressing shirts and cooking pot roasts. To respect women as our equals, insist pro-choice partisans, requires correcting the system- istic injustice inherited from our forefathers — indeed, inherited from nature. To do otherwise is crass manipulation.

The second myth is that told by the pro-life camp: Pro-choice partisans, they insist, seek to control women. With access to legal abortion, they claim, women can have no claim on the fathers of their children — who will, of course, suggest termination. In not becoming mothers, therefore, women will be seen as the new tone conciliators — kept from meaningful relationships so that they can remain sexually available to their men. Their lives will be, as the lives of their mothers were not, spent utterly in exploitive relationships that grant them nothing in social or economic legitimacy. To respect women as our equals, insist pro-life partisans, requires taking them seriously as our partners in parenthood — indeed, as our partners in life. To do otherwise is cram manipulation.

It is tempting to reject both myths as hysterical propaganda — tempting, but too quick. Of course, those of us who are mere foot soldiers in the perpetual war do not think in these terms: those who stage protests, hold marches and write newspa- per columns — for whichever side — com- mit themselves to the freedom, not the enslavement, of our women. The motivations of the wealthy and powerful elites behind each movement are less clear — though it is perhaps parasitic to attribute their actions to calculating misogyny. But moti- vations do not tell the entire story. During the Civil War, Northerners took themselves to be fighting for the integrity of the war. During the Civil War, Northerners took themselves to be fighting for the integrity of the nation and the freedom of all men to live on their own terms. Southerners took themselves to be fighting for the integrity of their way of life and the freedom of all states to order themselves as they saw best. And indeed, this perspective — the motivational one is legitimate. But also legitimate is the soci- ological perspective: The American Civil War was, in the end, a conflict about how elites could best manipulate the masses — how labor could be most efficiently extract- ed from laborers and put to the service of society. Northerners held — or might as well have held — that the most efficient way to extract this labor was by the system of wage slavery — that is, of industry. Southerners held — or might as well have held — that the most efficient way to extract this labor was by the system of chattel slavery — that is, of agriculture. The American Civil War, in this sense, was a war, a wager about the future economic ordering of American society, a war over the most efficient way to wring sweat from the brow — and, in asking this question, the war also answered it. The North with its southern South paid a price for its economic ordering was the more produc- tive by far. It is not coincidence that the newly industrial United States was able, over the next century, to dominate merely agricultural nations around the world.

The perpetual war between pro-choice and pro-life camps differs from the American Civil War only in its matter and its duration, not in its structure. It is, from a sociological perspective, a debate about how men can best manipulate women — how fertility and labor can be most effi- ciently extracted from women and put to the service of society. It is tempting to reject both the pro-choice and pro-life myths as hysterical propaganda — but, from a socio- logical perspective, both are true. This does not mean, again, that anyone on either side of the perpetual war actually thinks in these terms: Women are numer- ous in both camps, and everyone acknowledges the absurdity to think that they are advocating their own manipulation. This does not change, however, what that society has witnessed to date in both camps. For example, first, before 1973, the pro-life, and then, after 1973, the pro-choice. Under the for- mer regime, women were in fact, indeed often housewives, forced by the necessity of motherhood into lifetimes of cleaning, laundering, cooking and child-rearing, under the latter regime, women are indeed free to look significantly beyond homemak- ing for employment — but, at the same time, they fall into cycles of empty, exploitative relationships that prevent many of them from realizing marriage and family — goods that their mothers obtained as a matter of course. Neither the pro-choice nor the pro-life camps think in terms of how to best manipulate women into offering more of their resources to society, but this does not change the fact that this is — from a sociological persep- tive — exactly what they are debating.

It goes without saying that the liberation of women is linked to the sexual revolution, the rise of abortion and the contraceptive pill, and the breakdown of marriage and the family. This point has been made before. The problem, it seems, is the social framework that establishes this link — the same social framework that establishes the link between the liberation of slaves from the American South and that of the women to their own manipulation. This does not absurdity to think that they are advocating their own manipulation. This does not change, however, what that society has witnessed to date in both camps. For example, first, before 1973, the pro-life, and then, after 1973, the pro-choice. Under the for-
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A quiet sacred place

As I watched the Notre Dame claim a victory, I could not help but think of Coach Weis and his wife, Maura. Charlie Jr. and sweet Hannah. I was watching the game with my precious son and his wonderful neighbors at Hannah and Friends Farm in the beautiful Iowa Rec Facility. My son just recently became a resident there this summer.

My autistic son will never graduate from Notre Dame like I did, but he graduated to becoming independent at the Jun Bon Jovi home with support from Mosaic staff and Hannah and Friends Farm. After testing autism, a communication disorder and auditory processing difficulties, he greets each new day with enthusiasm and hope. My son is my champion. I am proud of his many accomplishments at his ripe age of 22. He has become a leader, as well as his friends at the Day programs at Hannah and Friends — a quiet sacred place not far from campus, where miracles happen daily. This is one place where every need is met before they graduate from the University of Notre Dame. Come and see the legacy the Weis family left.

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While some actions cause scandal, you, by your faithfulness, have given us an edifying example of what our Creator calls us to: light, in a world of darkness.

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Notre Dame parent
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Friends of Aaron Martinuzzi

Dear Notre Dame Community,

On Aug. 20, 2010, Aaron Martinuzzi, my good friend, former roommate and classmate at Notre Dame, suffered a spinal cord injury in a diving accident that left him paralyzed from the shoulders down. I visited Aaron this weekend, and he is approaching his recovery with incredible strength, courage and determination. To that end, I am confident that he will achieve his goal of resuming his studies at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he recently enrolled as a first-year medical student. But he needs our help.

As such, I am writing to ask everyone in the Notre Dame community to do anything they can to assist Aaron and his family in battling the daunting emotional and financial costs of his recovery. A foundation has been set up in his honor for this purpose, the stated objectives of which are:

• To provide support for Aaron during his rehabilitation and assist with the lifestyle needs his spinal cord injury will require;

• To purchase the necessary equipment (bed, wheelchair, transportation, technology) to sustain progress towards full engagement in the pursuit of independence and education.

[and]

• To connect friends and family from... around the country, who(s) have rallied to inspire Aaron and give him strength and encouragement.

Aaron and his family would greatly appreciate any support you can provide. Please rally around a fellow member of the Notre Dame family.

Donations can be made payable to “Friends of Aaron Martinuzzi” and mailed to PO Box 324, Milford, MD 48381. More information can be found at http://www.car ingbridge.org/visit/aaronmartinuzzi.

In Notre Dame,

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The freedom to ignore speech

There is now a case before the Supreme Court of paramount importance to testing the limits of free speech. The case refers to the radical hate group, Westboro Baptist Church, who will be visiting Eastern Washington soon.

The case deals with the group’s protest at the funeral of Lance Cpl Matthew A. Snyder, who died in Iraq. The group stood outside the church during his funeral, carrying such banners as “Thank God for dead soldiers.” The reason the church protested the funeral was simple. To the many of the nation’s problems, including the Iraq War, are cause because God hates gay people.

According to the group, everything from “9/11 to Hurricane Katrina to the Gulf Oil Spill can be blamed on gay people and nonbelievers. Westboro has also called Jewish people the “real Nazis” and protested against a diverse group of individuals from Ronald Reagan to Coretta Scott King.

To put it plainly, there are very few people in this country in agreement with the Westboro Baptist Church. For many of the Supreme Court justices, the case will not be a question of right and wrong, but how to issue an opinion upholding American values without triggering an Orwellian scenario where the government can restrict any speech they deem unacceptable.

The American Liberty Union unsuccessfully tried to make the other side of the issue. To them, speech should be nearly unrestricted regardless of the message. However, if the ACLU’s fight in the court prevails, other messages such as cyberbullying could also be deemed illegal. Cyberbullying is the latest of free speech controversies where people have been charged with bullying others, usually via online media. The advent of online media, the opportunity to harass people for a cause becomes exceptionally easy. Some basic preventative measures are needed to preserve American freedoms.

The justices now have an opportunity to help define these rights for all Americans so freedom of speech is legal, but harassment through the actions of individuals and groups such as Westboro remains illegal.

Westboro followers will be protesting at Gonzaga U. and Eastern Washington U. on Oct. 21. Hopefully, the students at these fine institutions will just leave the message there and Westboro alone to be hoisted on their own petard. If anyone present at these protests, it is the Westboro congregates.

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The Situation: Music hunters seek, read, blog and cull music from radio, print and, most often, the interwebs. Music gatherers collect mix CDs, free digital downloads and whatever their friends happen to be listening to. If you are a gatherer, this space is for you. If you are a hunter, email me your latest find, and I promise you'll find it written up here. (Seriously. Email. Even if you're not a student.)

Today's radio stations are dotted with the Gagalicious and your iPhones are proudly packing the Gleeful. Today, however, I challenge you to delve into a genre that's not just becoming "novel," but is dangerously close to extinction (which of course just means reinvention). That would be the proud position of the independent folk-rock woman. Now I do not begrudge Sarah Bareilles or her place in the acoustic-pop realm, but she is just that — pop music. Today we're talking exploratory, two feet out of the mainstream women who plotted their own paths, and whose music may help you find your own path (that is).

Suzanne Vega

First of all, let us raise a glass to the woman who gave us the nearly ubiquitous late-eighties/early-nineties hit, "Tom's Diner," which you may know better as the song that goes, "Duh duh Duh duh, duh duh Duh duh..." as it chronicles her quest from the diner stool pedestal. Nothing makes one feel "cultured" and "coffee-haus shock" quite like this radio-friendly jam. But this was certainly not her only contribution to the popular realm, as the song "Luka" gained much status when it was released (in 1987). Though her sound is decided dated, there is something engrossing about listening to a full album of then cool "urban-folk." It's possible to imagine that Vega walked around with a tune in her head, plucking lyrics from whatever happened to pass by. Her deadpan alto, dripping with sarcasm and irony, is particularly pleasing on days when you want to chuck your chemistry textbook out the library window. At least Suzanne understands.

Tracks to Tap: "Blood Makes Noise," "Left of Center," "Marlene on the Wall"

Edie Brickell

Let's get past it: she's married to Paul Simon. All right, we're past it. This woman is worthy of our praise in her own right, especially since she gave us the opening chords to "What I Am," which demands leaning back into the driver's seat and hanging your wrist over the steering wheel. She also proclaims, "Philosophy is the talk on a cereal box. Religion is a smile on a driver's seat and hanging your wrist over the steering wheel. She also proves, "Are You With Me," "Beautiful Scar" and "Falling." These songs are not just more pop than the norm; they are also about keeping at it — about never giving in.

Tracks to Tap: "Stay," "I Do," "We Could Still Belong Together"

Lisa Loeb

This more recent chanteuse has graced our ears on soundtracks such as "Reality Bites" and "Legally Blonde," and pretty much every other romantic comedy/hipster/pseudo-holiday film since. Her roots, however, are firmly in nineties folk-pop. With the hit "Stay," she became the first artist ever to reach No. 1 without a label. She kept that artful/indie image up through many albums (and later a reality TV show) as a mainstay in what became "Adult Alternative." And she makes wearing glasses cool, so we can forgive her for lines like, "School swimming pool, I walk barefoot home from school."

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By CLAIRE STEPHENS

With Papa Roach's concert at Club Fever a few weeks ago came Trapt, the band formed by high school students in California with a love of hard rock. Today marks the release of their fourth studio album, "No Apologies," released under the Eleven Seven label and produced by John Karkazis. The album was originally scheduled for release on Sept. 14, but several singles from the album have been available on iTunes and the band's official site between July and September.

The band's four current members include Chris Taylor Brown (lead singer), Peter Charell (bass guitarist), Aaron "Monty" Montgomery (drums), and Robb Torres (lead guitarist). The album's 12 new songs cover variations of heavy and alter-native metal, with many songs that would be tame enough for mainstream rock fans out of their chairs. Trapt explores the mellower side of metal in both music and lyrics in "Are You With Me," "Beautiful Scar" and somewhat in the album's title song, "No Apologies." Brown's solid vocals make the lyrics easy to follow, and perhaps surprising to those not fans of heavy metal, the lyrics are rather meaningful. Particularly applying to their teenage and young adult audience, behind all the songs are messages of acceptance of others and one's own identity.

"Get Up," "Head Up" and "Rope" are all songs about keeping at it when the going gets rough, and are each slightly different from "Sound Off" and "Overruled," which are written like one might expect from the average heavy metal band. With some exceptions, the music generally begins to sound the same but also to have the same themes. It is not a bad purchase, but not a must have either; a better option would be to download the singles one likes individually instead of buying the whole album.

A balance between the blasting, energetic, screaming sounds of very heavy metal and the familiar sounds of more popular, conventional rock make it a decent listen for someone seeking a bit of edge in their regular rock or a metal fan seeking a more watered down alternative metal.

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Every morning when I awake I am besieged by many thoughts — what is my schedule again, where am I going, what am I doing, etc., etc. All these questions I confront with ease: with my trusty agenda by my side I laugh in the face of disorganization. However, without fail every morning there arrives that one moment when I must draw upon every ounce of zeal I possess to answer that one question which trounces all the others in its complexity — how in the world am I going to fit all of today’s precious necessities into one fashionable, style-worthy bag?

I know I am not alone in this style challenge. Everywhere I go I see enormous backpacks, purses bursting at the seams, ready to give in at a moment’s notice to the physical pressure of that all-important Calculus book or knapsack stuffed in between notebooks and binders. I know that I, Leather Sachel, Topshop, £65.00, have been the victim of the bag-breaking scenario, and let me just say, one does not know the meaning of mortification until one sees the contents of one’s purse fall in an awesome heap down the steps of the Louvre, obscuring the movements of some very large groups of Japanese tourists and eliciting the French tirades of some very persnickety museum personnel.

However, I have yet to see one of our European counterparts fall prey to this daily accessory dilemma. And yet, I know they have just as much work as we do: they accomplish the same things we do in a day (all right, perhaps with more coffee breaks and long leisurely lunches, but still). How do they do it — how do they write that research paper, present that thesis, for heaven’s sake — even run errands, without an oversized, heavy, arm-numbing bag?

The answer I have discovered lies in the all-forgiving leather satchel. I have seen countless Parisian women biking on their Velibs (that wonderful chic public bike system) with this accessory in the front basket. I’ve seen self-possessed Italian businessmen carrying it with pride to their board meetings, and students effortlessly lifting the hallmarks of their trade — those previously pesky books — on their way to class. The leather satchel, unlike its fabric counterparts, has a natural give which allows the bag to contour itself to fit all those indespensible daily necessities, allowing one also to fit the various wallet and/or makeup bag into its nooks and crannies. Ingeniously, the satchel can be worn by both men and women and is truly a democratic fashion statement. The satchel comes in a variety of styles, but the shape remains the same: a large, roomy sack with comfortable handles and strap to accommodate every possible manner of portability. Note that while you might spend a bit more for a leather satchel, the daily return on it is more than worth it — just ask the many students returning from Study Abroad Programs with said satchel in hand. No more mid-morning panic as you try to stuff that last notebook into an un-pliable purse, no more awkward niceties when you try to explain why your backpack keeps bumping people behind you in line at the Subway! Topshop currently has the answer for an investment of £65.00: all hail freedom from the stress of books! Well, at least until one reaches the sanctuary of the library.

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By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

“It’s Kind of a Funny Story” is an adaptation of the book by Ned Vizzini, following the story of a depressed teenager, Craig, who gets admitted to the psychiatric ward of a hospital after having suicidal thoughts. However, it fails to live up to its title by treading the line between dark comedy and teen drama.

Craig, played by the young actor Keir Gilchrist, is a typical Domen in the making at the Executive Pre-Professional High School in Brooklyn. A combination of loving but pushy parents, excessive expectations and severe shyness leads to his depression and culminates with him seeking medical help. Not to belittle his condition, depression and suicidal thoughts are very significant problems. But this is an original base-line for a movie and the only thing that makes it more cliché would be if Michael Cera played Craig’s character.

While in the hospital Craig meets a plethora of patients, each with their distinct conditions trying to get a cheap laugh from his audience. A schizophrenic makes candid remarks such as “My bed is on fire,” Craig’s Egyptian roommate Mukta hides in his bed under his covers all day and a Hasidic Jewish man politely asks other patients to quiet down every single time they use the phone.

The one exception to this is Bobby (Zach Galifianakis, “The Hangover”) who quickly becomes Craig’s friend and mentor during his stay in the psych ward. He is without a doubt the deepest character and the unsung hero of “It’s Kind of a Funny Story” as he helps with self-esteem issues and being an absentee father to an 8-year-old girl. Galifianakis’ performance is praiseworthy and he shows that he can kindle much more than a one-man wolf pack and can play a serious role (despite his traditional heard and scruffy hair). Also, a fellow teenager, Noelle (Emma Roberts, “Valentines Day,” “Nancy Drew”) plays a serious role and serves as Craig’s confidant. Still, she remains a static character with little development.

Despite the overdone story of a teenager with the typical three problems (parents, school, girls). “It’s Kind of a Funny Story” did have its high points. At one point the entire wardrobe did a rendition of “Under Pressure” by Queen and David Bowie, which was both entertaining and well done. In addition the main character was relatable and fairly well acted. He showed that the pressures surrounding anyone can be undoubtedly daunting.

Still, if you’re expecting more than a few cheap laughs from a movie named “It’s Kind of a Funny Story,” the film fails to deliver and instead presents an unoriginal, overdone tale of teen drama.

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Favre apologizes to teammates for being a distraction

Associated Press

Favre apologized to teammates Monday when they were preparing to play the New York Jets at a New Meadowlands Stadium. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk publicly about the conversation.

ESPN first reported on Favre's apology. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Monday that the league is looking to “find out all the facts” regarding the Favre investigation. He said that once the investigation is finished “then we’ll determine what the next step is from there, if any.”

Goodell spoke in Chicago, where he is attending league meetings. There was no indication from the NFL when the investigation would be complete or when the league would talk to the quarterback.

The NFL is trying to determine if Favre, a three-time MVP, violated its personal conduct policy. Should the league find he did, Favre could be fined or suspended.

“The first thing you want to do is find out the facts, and that’s what we’re trying to do,” Goodell said. “We’re trying to find out all the facts around it and then once we determine those facts, then we’ll determine what the next step is from there, if any.”

After a long stretch with Green Bay, where he won a Super Bowl, Favre played for New York in 2008 and then signed with the Vikings last year.

Last week, the website Deadspin posted a story which included several voice-mails allegedly sent by Favre to Jenn Sterger, who worked for the Jets while Favre was with the team.

The voice-mails include a man asking to meet with Sterger, who now is a TV personality for the Versus network. The website posted a video and the alleged voice-mails and several graphic photos — said to be of Favre and Sterger — that were allegedly sent to Sterger’s cell phone.

Sterger’s manager, Phil Reise, has declined to say whether his client is cooperating with the NFL, which has retained a lawyer, but issued a statement Monday saying “we’re looking at all our options right now and our only concern is what’s in Jenn’s best interest.”

A person familiar with the situation told the AP that Sterger has not yet spoken to the NFL, and the person spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment.

Deadspin also reported that Sterger is employed as a massage therapist who worked part time for the team, but not with the Dolphins, or the women. Deadspin did not identify the women, but a Jets spokesman said the team was giving contact information for the two women to the league.

Favre’s only public comment on the reports came last Thursday. “I’m not getting into that. I’ve got my hands full with the Jets and am trying to get some time down with our guys, so that’s all I’m going to discuss.”

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Cosimo Kramer: They’re trying to screw with my head.

Cosimo Kramer: Why does Radio Shack ask for your phone number & address? Fm a killer of creepers.

Cosimo Kramer: You’re wasting your time.

Cosimo Kramer: I am not. What you call weird, I call living. I’m trying to get my life back. Cosimo Kramer: OK, like what? No, tell me. Do you have a job?

George Costanza: No.

Cosimo Kramer: You got money?

Cosimo Kramer: Do you have a significant other?

George Costanza: No.

Cosimo Kramer: Do you have any personal prospects?

George Costanza: No.

Cosimo Kramer: You got anything on the horizon?

George Costanza: Uh, no.

Cosimo Kramer: Do you have any conceivable reason for even getting up in the morning?

George Costanza: I like to get the Observer.
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Cronin said.

The Dawgs attributed much of their success in the offen-
sive line, especially junior en-
cer Tim Curran, whose offensive line led us to victory, "Dandall said. "Tim is the best."".

The Ramblers' offense, on the other hand, was seriously hampered when senior quar-
terback Matt Meirnet was injured in the first quarter and said he'd have to sit out the rest of the game. Siegfried struggled to drive together, and although sophomore replace-
ment quarterback David Whitmore and sophomore run-
ning back Bryce Burton made a couple of first downs, Alumnii's defense held tough.

"Meirnet getting hurt obvi-
ously hurt their offensive but our defense was awesome today," Dandall said. "We had a couple of guys play-
ning positions they had never been in before and everyone stepped up."

While Alumnii will see its fourth straight three-and-three, Dandall said he was happy to find out he could not be able to find his open receivers. Only 114 yards' worth of plays of the game occurred on third down with Morrisey out of field goal range when Morrisey sophomore tight end Taylor Stien in 20-
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**Men's Tennis**

Stahl looks to finish career on high note

By ANDREW OWENS
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With many college athletes, everything is about being flashy and making the headlines while academics take a backseat. Irish senior Dan Stahl, however, quietly goes about his business on and off the court and continues to excel for Notre Dame.

The senior from Bethesda, Md., is looking to put together his strongest effort since his Irish career began in 2007 and lead the team deep into post-season play.

Stahl was recruited by the Irish after an outstanding run in high school. He led his team to the 2005 Maryland state championship and advanced to the finals of the singles bracket in 2007.

Despite his distinguished high school career, he flew under the radar when he committed to campus as a freshman.

"Dan is a guy that wasn’t recruited as heavily as he should have been," Irish associate coach Rob Renzi said. "He wasn’t ranked as highly as others, but he ended up starting out as a freshman and has progressed every year."

As a freshman, Stahl was named to the Big East All-Tournament team after going 27-8 during the regular season. In his sophomore season, he was the conference’s 11th best player in the nation.

Despite the early success, Stahl has never stopped working to improve his game.

He has developed into an elite tennis player with strong serves and intimidating net play to compliment the impressive groundstrokes he had coming in as a freshman.

Sarcire noted that Stahl’s impact on the team cannot be overvalued.

"He’s a great embodiment of who we are and is one of the hardest workers on the team," he said. "He is a leader by example and really believes in himself."

Stahl continues to focus on reaching team goals over individual ones.

"I think that individual goals are good to have as long as they do not take precedence over team goals," Stahl said. "I would really like to make it into the NCAA singles tournament at the end of the season, and in doing so, maintaining a solid ranking. I can strive for that goal but ultimately I will only succeed in it by the back of my mind and focus on the team. I really want us to win the Big East tournament this year after losing to Louisville in the finals last year."

Stahl has already left a mark on the program and is looking to take the Irish program to a new high before graduating this spring.

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**NFL**

Favre fires 500th TD in loss to Jets

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brett Favre was at his dazzling best after a miserable start that put the Minnesota Vikings in a hole.

There would be no classic comeback this time, though, for the record-breaking quarterback.

Hit hard early and often by Rex Ryan’s physical defense, Favre nearly led the Vikings back with a milestone night, but Dwight Lowery returned an interception 26 yards for a touchdown with 1:30 left as the New York Jets beat the Vikings 29-20 on Monday night in a game that was delayed 45 minutes at the start by lightning.

Lacking fireworks early, Nick Folk kicked five field goals for the Jets (4-1-1), two after bumbles by Favre, and now the 41-year-old quarterback is left wondering if an even bigger punishment is in store from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Favre finished 14 for 34 for 264 yards for the Vikings (1-3) hours after he apologized to teammates for the distraction caused by an NFL investigation into allegations that he sent racy messages and lewd photos to a Jets game hostess in 2008.

He became the first NFL player to throw 500 touchdown passes and for 70,000 yards, but two early bumbles against his former team helped put the Vikings in a 12-0 hole.

Favre threw three touchbacks, including two to Percy Harvin — the second bringing the Vikings within two points with 3:09 left in the game. Favre and the Vikings offense had the ball with 1:43 remaining and poised for a winning drive — until Favre’s last big mistake.

He connected with new teammate Randy Moss from 37 yards out late in the third quarter to cut the Jets’ lead to 12-7. Favre zipped down the field and jumped into Moss’ arms in the end zone to celebrate the score.

Less than 5 minutes later, Favre hit Harvin for a 34- yard touchdown that made it 15-13 with 12:47 left. But Favre’s tying point-conversion try was intercepted by Antonio Cromartie in the end zone.

Shonn Greene’s 23-yard touchdown run with 4:30 left gave the Jets a 22-13 lead that appeared to seal the victory, but Favre still had plenty of time to try for a comeback victory.

The game marked the Vikings’ debut for Moss, who finished with four catches for 81 yards, including the touchdown, while being defended mostly by Cromartie despite the return of Darrelle Revis from a hamstring injury.

Adrian Peterson had 88 yards on 18 carries for Minnesota.

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**MLB**

Giants finish off Braves to advance to NLCS

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The San Francisco Giants celebrated their playoff win in eight years, then paused to honor the man whose career they had just ended.

As Bobby Cox came out of the Braves dugout to tip his cap to the cheering fans after last night’s decisive Game 7, the Giants started to think about what they were doing on the other side of the field.

They began clapping, too, and tipped their caps in Cox’s direction. The Atlanta manager was back in Studio 42.

Then the Giants headed off to savor a 3-2 victory that sent them to the NL Championship Series for the first time since 2002. Twenty-one-year-old right-hander Madison Bumgarner pitched six strong innings, late-season pickup Cody Ross homered and dru BBF”ms came out of the wicket to drive in two runs.

"This series had everything," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "Just the intensity and excitement of the series, it was there for us to be inspired by the fans. There was never an easy moment for Bobby or myself, because these games could have gone either way."

Bumgarner was voted the game’s Most Valuable Player.

After the final out, the crowd of 44,532 chanted “Bobby! Bobby! Bobby!” to lure the retiring skipper out of the dugout for a well-deserved curtain call.

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their second drive as Ruekert made it a two-score game with a 53-yard rushing touchdown.

The Chicks countered on their next drive with a 65-yard catch and run by freshman wide receiver Colleen Haller, setting up a short rushing touchdown by sophomore quarterback Connaught Blood.

On Lewis’ next drive, however, Blood was intercepted, leading to the first of two rushing touchdowns for the Chicks.

The Chicks offense came out stronger in the second half. On their first drive, Blood was hip-checked out of bounds by a Pangborn defender as she streaked to the end zone, forcing a penalty that led to first-and-goal. Blood then ran it in for the Chicks’ second touchdown.

The Lewis defense, led by senior cornerback Mary McGee, then forced a three-and-out, giving the Chicks an opportunity to tie the game. However, the Lewis receivers dropped three straight passes on the next drive.

There was only time for one more Lewis possession, and Blood connected with Haller to squeeze out one last touchdown.

The Phoexes were thrilled with the win and are excited for the playoffs.

“We knew we had to come into this game and win,” Ruekert said. “Colleen was really patient and waited for good opportunities to score.”

Looking ahead, the Pangborn squad is prepared to face stiff competition in the postseason.

“We’re going to take the play-offs one game at a time,” Ruekert said.

“The coaches do a good job of figuring out what each team is going to do,” Tate added. “Then we adapt to each opponent.”

Lewis’ fate was left unclear after the loss as they have to wait to see whether they will receive a wild card spot. Cepionis, however, is content either way.

“Lewis football has had the most fun all of the last six games,” Cepionis said. “If this was the last game, we left a legacy.”

Howard 26, Pasquerilla East 0

Howard blazed the Pasquerilla East defense for touchdowns on each of its three first half possessions en route to a victory at Laffar Field Sunday.

The Ducks (4-0) were led by senior captain and quarterback Kayla Bishop, who completed 11 of 21 passes on the day for three touchdowns. Bishop spread the ball around evenly among multiple receivers, who had big games themselves, showing quick strike capabilities that allowed Howard to score twice on drives lasting just three plays.

“Our game continues to improve as our receivers get better at reading defenses,” Bishop said. “They did a great job today.”

The Howard defense excelled as well, allowing only six Pasquerilla East (3-1) first downs in the game. With excellent containment and flag-pulling, the Howard defense contained the Pyros running game, led by senior Maggie Waller. Howard also returned an interception for a touchdown in the first half.

Though the result was disappointing, Pasquerilla East junior captain Kristin Mannion saw improvement in her team in the second half. Through a much-improved defense and an increasing reliance on the running of Waller after completing only one of seven passes in the first half, the Pyros played much better in the second half.

“In the first half we had the same issues that we’ve had all year, not connecting on plays and getting in our own way,” Mannion said. “But in the second half we let go of our fear of making mistakes a little bit and lit a little fire under our butts.”

Despite the better play, the Pyros were still stifled by a Howard defense that picked its second shutout of the year and has its sights on a defending its championship from last year.

“The key, as it has been all year, was our team chemistry,” Bishop said. “Especially on defense.”

The Ducks will lead to the playoffs after Fall Break.

Walsh 13, McGillin 7

Walsh played spoiler this Sunday as they upset a McGillin squad that needed a win to advance to the playoffs, as everything finally came together for the Wild Women (1-3) as they get their first win of the season in a victory over the Shamrocks (2-2).

Walsh struck first early in the opening half when senior quarterback Amy Langnecker completed a long pass up the left side of the field to set up a goal line situation. Senior receiver Lindsey Schranzer hauled in a short pass from Langnecker on the next play for the touchdown.

The Wild Women missed the extra point, which allowed McGillin to take the lead just after halftime. After several strong defensive plays on Walsh’s part, the Shamrocks were able to break through when junior quarterback Lauren Miller lofted a pass to junior receiver Kate Miller in the left corner of the end zone. A sharp pass to the right corner of the end zone that was barely kept in bounds by junior receiver Lila Steller before being intercepted by the Shamrocks the extra point and put them ahead 7-6.

Walsh answered on the very next drive, when Langnecker found Schranzer in the right corner of the end zone for their second score. The Wild Women held on for the win during McGillin’s final drive of the game and sealed the deal with an interception.

The win meant a lot to the Wild Women, as they avoided a winless season.

“We came together as a team after three losses in a row,” Langnecker said. “We wanted to end the season on a good note. We wanted the seniors to go out with a win.”

Langnecker credited her team’s tough defense for keeping them in the game.

“Our defense rocked today,” senior Allison Vincenzi especially did a great job knocking down passes left and right,” she said.

While the loss for the Shamrocks eliminated them from the playoffs, Miller still has a positive outlook for the future of McGillin’s program.

“I think that we had a good season,” Miller said. “We had a handful of veterans and a handful of young kids, who can now build on experience.”

Welsh Family 20, Ryan 12

Both Welsh Family’s and Ryan’s seasons were on the line as the teams battled in the hope that a win would contribute to a potential playoff berth. In the end, the Whirlwinds (2-2) bolstered their playoff chances with a win over the Wildcats (0-4).

The Whirlwinds strong passing attack produced multiple long touchdown passes from sophomore quarterback Vicky Moreno to junior wide receiver Natalie Baldassari.

The Wildcats jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead after sophomore quarterback Maya Pillai found junior wide receiver Brianna Corsi in traffic across the middle for 7-yard touchdown pass. On the ensuing Whirlwinds possession, Moreno tossed an 80-yard touchdown to Baldassari, which was followed by a successful conversion to give the Whirlwinds a 7-6 lead. The game-changing drive for the Whirlwinds came with less than two seconds left in the first half. Moreno threw a 25-yard completion to junior wide receiver Charlotte Nealy, who placed the ball at 35-yard line with only three seconds left. A beautifully designed play was created to free up Baldassari for the touchdown as time expired, and Welsh Family took a 14-6 lead into the half.

“That play was huge,” Moreno said. “We knew that we needed points for the point differential to get into the play-offs. [Baldassari] made a great catch.”

The Whirlwinds scored on their first possession of the second half when Moreno capped of the open drive with a three-yard touchdown pass to junior Grace Johnson to increase Welsh Family’s lead to 14-6.

The Wildcats scored late in the second half on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Pillai to senior wide receiver Kelly O’Hare to narrow the deficit to 20-12, but it wasn’t enough as the Whirlwind won a do-or-die must win game.

“This was a must win,” Baldassari said. “We’re hoping we’re a wild card for the play-offs. We came out and played well. We had to and did what we needed to do.”

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**Irish tied for first after day one at Firestone**

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The Irish started off their third tournament of the season with a bang, finishing the first two rounds of the Firestone Invitational in a tie for first place with Indiana University. Both teams finished with a 12-under-par 564 and have distanced themselves from the field.

With tournaments so far at the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island and Notre Dame’s own Warren Course, the Irish have placed themselves on some of the most renowned courses. According to Irish coach Jim Kubinski, Firestone Country Club’s North Course in Akron, Ohio, is no different.

“It’s right in line with the first two,” Kubinski said.

Kubinski acknowledged that for his team to earn the right to play in invitationals on such prestigious courses.

“That’s the neat thing about college golf,” Kubinski said.

“Don’t have your schedule set in advance. We have to get invitations.”

Integral to these invitations is his team’s body of work, and Kubinski noted that only two quality schools have gotten the honor to play Notre Dame this year.

“The only two teams to beat us this year, Iowa and NC State, finished one-two in Duke’s tournament, so it shows how good they are,” Kubinski said.

Notre Dame’s play on Monday lived up to the expectations set forth so far this season, and freshman Niall Platt in particular helped the Irish keep up with the field in the first round.

“We were lucky this morning. Niall really kept us in it,” Kubinski said. “He shot that 65, one of the top three or four (scores) in Notre Dame history.”

After a first round 284, Notre Dame stepped up to deliver an eight-under-par 280 in the afternoon. Kubinski credited the improved play of the rest of his squad, particularly juniors Max Scodro and Chris Walker.

“Max had two eagles. Chris shot a 69,” Kubinski said of the seniors’ second round efforts. “They really did a great job taking advantage of the par fives and putted really well.”

Another positive for the Irish after the first day at Firestone was the debut of freshman Andrew Lane. Although not competing for the team, he entered as an individual and finished with a seven-over-par 157 for two rounds. Kubinski expects the talented first-year golfer to eventually contribute to the team score this season.

“He would tell you he didn’t play real well,” Kubinski said.

“He’s very talented, and I would expect him to break into the top five at some point this season.

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**ND Women’s Golf**

Junior Allare leads Irish on and off the golf course

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In college golf tournaments, the top five scores compose the total team score. While the sixth score may not count in terms of numbers, for the Irish, number six counts for a whole lot more.

Junior Katie Allare, from Phoenix, Ariz., has been playing golf since a very young age. What began as a pastime quickly became much more for Allare at an age when most people have barely played more than a game of miniature golf.

“I began playing golf when I was really young, but I started taking it seriously when I was about twelve because I started competing,” Allare said.

From then on, the game became a large part of her life, as she left high school with four varsity strokes. But when she was not golfing, she hit the books, remaining an honor role student throughout high school, something she has continued since enrolling at Notre Dame.

“After college I think I’m going to law school,” Allare said.

As a political science major, she has managed to balance the two worlds of athletics and academics, tackling an equilibrium that many athletes struggle to maintain.

“It’s made keeping up with grades much harder, but I love being able to compete for the university,” Allare said.

Strong family ties pushed Allare to Notre Dame, who is surrounded by stories of her dad and uncle, both Notre Dame graduates. Her younger brother is here as well, which makes Phoenix seem far closer than a map may show.

“The best experience outside of golf has been tailgating with my family every home football game,” Allare said. “I love the team trips — it’s just so much fun to spend time with the team, for Notre Dame, the answer is always no. It’s just so much fun to be around by stories of her dad and uncle, both Notre Dame graduates. Her younger brother is here as well, which makes Phoenix seem far closer than a map may show.

“The best experience outside of golf has been tailgating with my family every home football game,” Allare said. “I love the team trips — it’s just so much fun to spend time with the team, Members of the starting five, which she remembers as her best individual college experience thus far. However, when it comes to her favorite part about playing for Notre Dame, the answer is always no. It’s just so much fun to be around.

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Jackson gets back on track

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After two-and-a-half years of what he calls “very little success,” senior Dan Jackson is in top form and is ready to lead the Irish to the 2010 NCAA Championships. “Last fall I had a dismal cross-country season and I came nowhere near accomplishing my goals,” Jackson said. “I believe this was due to a lack of commitment to the sport. I didn’t realize just how much work it took to compete at the highest level.”

After a year of training hard, Jackson has been a top runner for the No. 28 Notre Dame men’s cross country team. He led the Irish to a victory at the National Catholic Invitational in September, finishing 24th overall in 24:13. The Irish finished seventh overall, facing tough competition from No. 3 Oregon, No. 10 New Mexico, No. 12 Florida State, No. 21 Tulsa, No. 23 Penn State and No. 26 UCLA.

“I’m very optimistic about the season after our two tune-up races at the National Catholic Meet and the Notre Dame Invitational,” Jackson said. “We were able to compete well even while training very hard. It’s been hard and we’re starting to gel as a unit, I think.”

The Irish have several races in the upcoming month, including the Pre-National Meet and the Big East Championship, but Jackson is only thinking about the biggest stage.

“I have my eyes set on only one race this season and that is the NCAA National Championship in Terre Haute, Indiana, on November 22,” he said.

Jackson is confident in his ability to make it to the championships.

“I believe my greatest strength as a runner is my body’s ability to withstand week after week of very hard training,” he said. “Durability is a great asset in a runner because consistency in training is arguably the most important predictor of success in distance running. While most people have trouble running 80 or 90 miles per week, I can easily run more than 100 miles for many weeks in a row.”

After what he referred to as a “disastrous” past, Jackson believes he is on the right track.

“I ended the spring track season on a high note, finishing 20th in the country in the 10,000 at the National Championships,” Jackson said. “I now have the confidence and focus it takes to compete with the best in the NCAA.”

In the time leading up to the NCAA Championships, Jackson will look to befriend and fellow runner Greg Meyer for inspiration. Meyer is the last American male to win the Boston Marathon. He finished the marathon in 2:09 in 1983.

“Greg was a Boston Marathon champion in his day and was one of the greatest runners of his era,” Jackson said. “But more importantly, I look up to Greg because he is the toughest person I know. When he raced, he raced to win and wasn’t scared or intimidated by anyone he went up against.”

Jackson plans to lead the Irish to the Championships in November and says they are ready to do just that.

“Our team is improving every week right now,” Jackson said. “We are really going to surprise some people. We have some extremely talented runners on the team that have had a lot of success in the 1500, Mile, and Steeplechase in the past, but who are now expanding that talent to the 5k cross-country distance and we’re excited.”

Beyond November, Jackson is looking forward to his favorite spring races.

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ly a great practice team, we had a lot of days where we felt that we didn’t get enough accomplished. I feel like since we had such a veteran team they were the type of team that knew they were going to get it done in the game. But this is a group that really wants to get it going.”

Jackson again finished first for the Irish at the Notre Dame Invitational, running in 20th in the country in the 10k at the National Championships.

The Irish have several races for the rest of the season and says they are ready to do just that.

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They’re pushing each other. They’re a competitive group, and I love that.”

A prime example of this team’s attitude can be seen in senior forward Peters, who has missed time in all of her first three seasons due to two ACL tears. McGraw referred to her development from last season to be like “night and day.”

“I think when you see her, you’re going to be really surprised,” she said. “Just looking at her, she’s in great shape. She has really worked hard in the weight room this summer, she is running the floor extremely well.”

Peters also feels like she is in a better position than ever before and that she’s more prepared than she ever has been.

“I’m just glad I can participate in everything with them this year,” Peters said. “It’s really hard to come back in the middle of the season. A lot of times last year, [Coach McGraw] was on me because I wasn’t really an offensive presence, but I didn’t have the confidence that everyone else did. Now I’ll have more confidence to actually take somebody, or at least I’m open, or on defense, little more confidence.”

Having something to prove also plays a lot into what Peters knows her team is ready to do.

“[We think we’re a] just a young, fresh team,” Peters said. “I think a lot of people think that’s a bad thing, because we graduated five people, and they think we’re young, we don’t really know anyone else. I think everybody’s just really excited.”

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins, who will be taking over as the lead point guard this season, is extra anxious to start the season as well, especially after a successful summer of learning one-on-one playing style.

“I’m just as anxious, I’m ready to get out there,” she said. “I think we’re going to get out there with this squad because I know that you only get to win, they’re willing to learn, and they work hard in practice. You know the confidence of this team is amazing.”

Notre Dame will begin its season Nov. 3, when it hosts Michigan Tech in an exhibition game and will start the regular season against New Hampshire on Nov. 12 at the Purcell Pavilion.

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Irish freshman Natalie Achonwa and senior Becca Bruszewski, both forwards, run a play at practice on Sunday.
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Although the Irish have generally received strong support from the local South Bend community, the contin- gent of students who lent their support in the early part of the season has been missing in recent games. Waldrum said that his players feed off the energy brought by the students, which can be the difference in a tight game.

"I think it's important that they know that it's difficult to come out here and not get supported," he said. "We'll keep plugging away, and see what we can do, but if the students have ideas, let us know.

The Rakes of Mallow, the newly formed student-run soccer support group that serves as the equivalent of the Leprechaun Legion, mobilized students earlier in the year to great success. The Rakes of Mallow sold out remaining No. 8 Santa Clara in front of a nearly sold-out crowd of 2,960.

Notre Dame battled the elements and emerged with a 1-0 victory. "I hope they start realizing that we've got one of the best teams in the country here, and we're fun to watch," Waldrum said.

Along with Marquette, the Irish have clinched a playoff berth and are undefeated in conference play. Although the Irish will play four consecutive road games to close out the season, Waldrum expects a strong fan contingent present when the Irish return to host the first round of the Big East championship.

"It's equally as hard on our players to play in front of a big crowd if they're not used to it," Waldrum said. "We need to see 200 or 300 students turning out regularly. Maybe they're saving it, and realizing that we're always good, and [thinking] 'we'll be there to support you in the playoffs.'"

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changeable parts, because that's tricky to defend and hard to scout."

Joining the five seniors on the court, in some variety, will most frequently be sophomore forwards Jack Cooley, sopho- more forward Mike Brey, and freshman guard Eric Atkins.

Atkins played point guard in high school, and thus is the only player on Notre Dame's roster with that experience exclusively at that position. But Brey hesitated to say Atkins would serve as the team's pri- mary ball-handler from day one; instead he was "beating it like I'll be the primary ball handler," Atkins said. "That is what coach is telling me right now. I just have to be ready for it when I step into the game."

Atkins will get his first chance to take the court on Nov. 1 against Marian University in an exhibition game. Notre Dame's first regu- lar season game is on Nov. 12 against Georgia Southern.

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Sanders adjusts without twin

Over a decade ago, a father took his twin daughters out on a court and started feeding them tennis balls. At five years old, neither girl could hit a single one, but the dad never gave up.

Irish freshman Britney Sanders remembers many occa- sions of not wanting to play the sport that had taken over her life.

"Tennis took up all my time and I never got to hang out with my friends. The only dance I went in to high school was my senior prom. I had practice six days a week," Sanders recalls.

"All I wanted was to be normal and not have tennis be my life," Sanders and her twin sister, Nikki, began playing at a tennis academy as high school fresh- men, so when they joined the high school team sophomore year, they caught the school by surprise. Sanders remembers the semifinal game that year as "her most memorable tennis moment thus far. After the sis- ters brought their underdog team to a winning level, they lost the first game in the semifinals. But that's where one of the hardest moments in our season. We couldn't believe that it was over. We cried with each other and it was then that we all realized how close we grew together," she said.

After that season, Sanders' negative feelings about tennis changed as she realized her love for the sport. As she traveled to tournaments and played against athletes from all over the world, tennis transformed more than a stressful waste of time to some- thing that kept her fit and healthy.

"I love pushing myself and having people push me, and I loved the fact that I had some- thing going for myself," Sanders said. "I was doing something with my life."

Just as her dad pushed her as a little girl, a small push later on in her life led Sanders to the place she is now. One day she came home with Rudy, the classic Notre Dame pull, and after put- ting off the old movie for days, she gave in.

"I ended up crying at the end and falling in love with the movie," Sanders said. "As soon as I watched it I wanted to go to Notre Dame."

Although her twin sister, Nikki, is at Texas Tech, the two still hold a special bond. "I look up to my sister a lot. She will give her all in matches and she won't go down without a fight," Sanders said.

"Although her sister did not join her with the Irish, Sanders has found plenty of sisters at heart.

"I have seven other girls play- ing next to me wearing the same uniform I am and cheering me on. I'm not just representing myself anymore on the court," she said. "I couldn't have asked for a better team."

With only one college tourna- ment under her belt to date, the future is not set in stone, but Sanders is ready to take whatever comes her way.

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**ND Women's Soccer**

Coach wants more attendance

By CHRIS MASOUD

With an NCAA Division I-record unbeaten streak of 73 consecutive games against Big East opponents, Irish coach Randy Waldrum has figured out what it takes to build up one of the strongest programs in the nation. However, he admits he still hasn’t mastered one of the final pieces to the puzzle — how to attract more students to the games.

“Around the country, teams like Portland are drawing 4,000 and 5,000 [fans],” Waldrum said. “We have big recruits coming in here and they see an empty stadium — it’s demoralizing.”

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**Men's Basketball**

Atkins ready to take over reins from Jackson at point guard

By DOUGLAS FARMER

A picture of Tory Jackson celebrating and smiling still hangs in the Joyce Center Auditorium, but, make no mistake, the four-year starter at point guard will no longer serve as Notre Dame’s floor general.

Instead, Irish coach Mike Brey heads into this season not knowing who will serve as his primary ball-handler in the season-opener on Nov. 12, or if he will even have the luxury of a primary ball-handler.

“You lost the winningest class in school history, so certainly you’ve got challenges there,” Brey said during a press conference Monday. “I don’t know if there’s one guy that will replace [Jackson]. I think we have to replace that, and certainly [graduated forward] Luke Harangody’s production — that has to be a group effort.

But the ball handling and the leadership stuff is a concern.”

Fortunately for Brey, while Jackson, Harangody — Notre Dame’s second-all time scorer — and guard Jonathan Peoples graduated, he now has the luxury of a five-member senior class, and that doesn’t even count walk-on senior guard Tom Kopko.

“You’ve got five guys who are in their fourth or fifth years of college basketball,” he said. “We have a nucleus of guys back that have had some success together. We have five guys who are technically seniors who have been around a little bit, and so it’s a great group to try to build with and grow with.”

Among those five seniors, four are listed at 6-foot-8: guard Scott Martin and forwards Tyrone Nash, Carleton Scott and Tim Abromaitis.

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**Women’s Interhall**

Pangborn runs into playoffs

By TORI ROECK, CONOR KELLY, LAURA COLETTI and IAN GARRAHY

After a high-scoring, high-energy contest between two teams vying for playoff spots, Pangborn emerged with a 28-20 win over Lewis and proved that it deserves to move on to the postseason.

The Phoxes (3-1) scored on the first possession of the game and never looked back. After getting sacked on the game’s first play by Lewis (2-2) senior defender Sarah Cepoin, who finished with three sacks on the day, Pangborn senior quarterback Gabby Tate marched the offense down the field to set up a touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Kristin Ruekert.

The Phoxes didn’t let up on Pangborn.

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**Men’s Interhall**

Defending champions fall to unbeaten Dawgs

By KELSEY MANNING, ADAM LORENS, KRISTEN LASAK, KATIE HEIT, MEGAN GOLDEN and DAVID KENNEY

It was a defensive battle on Sunday as Alumni kept its perfect season intact by dethroning powerhouse Siegfried 6-0.

Siegfried (2-1), the two-time defending champions, was frustrated by Alumni’s steady run game from the outset. On the Dawgs’ first drive of the game junior running back and captain Dan Dansdill put Alumni (3-0) in the red zone with a pair of long rushes. Dansdill accumulated 60 yards rushing on the day.

On fourth-and-goal, freshman quarterback Will Cronin ran it up the middle for a touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Tyrone Nash, Carleton Scott and Tim Abromaitis. "The run game is what’s been working for us in the past few weeks and we are very confident in it so that was our game plan today," said Guard Ben Hansbrough, at 6-foot-2, rounds out the class. Brey said this group of "old guys" will lead to match-up problems for Notre Dame’s opponents all season long.

"If you look at the old guys, we have a bunch of them who are all the size," he said. "My theme is a lot of inter-changeable parts. I would hope that we have some inter-

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