Students make cards for Sullivan family

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Student government delivered more than 200 letters from members of the Notre Dame community to the family of junior Declan Sullivan on Monday, student body chief of staff Nick Ruof said.

“The Notre Dame family is truly a family and it was shown over these past few days,” Ruof said. “Everyone came together to be arm-in-arm together in support.”

Student government wanted to allow students to show their support for the Sullivan family after Sullivan’s death, Ruof said. In a Thursday e-mail, student body president Catherine Soler and student body vice president Andrew Bell invited students to make cards and bring notes and cards to their office in LaFortune Student Center.

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Grads’ debt below national averages

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Editor

Notre Dame graduates’ student debt is comparable to or less than national averages released in recent reports, according to Joseph Russo, director of Student Financial Strategies.

Comparing Notre Dame’s student debt to averages in national reports is difficult, but valuable, Russo said.

“We always benchmark,” he said. “It’s good to compare.”

The Project on Student Debt, a national organization, released a report about student debt on Oct. 21. The report, titled “Student Debt and the Class of 2009,” stated that 2009 college graduates had an average debt of $24,000.

Russo said the median student debt for 2009 Notre Dame graduates who borrowed money for their education is $23,588. This number includes government and private loans.

According to The College Board’s “Trends in Student Aid 2010” report released last week, the average student debt for 2009 graduates of four-year private colleges was $26,100. Russo said this number is a more accurate comparison for Notre Dame because it compares the university to its peers.

“Notre Dame graduates’ student loans are well below the national average. According to The College Board, seven percent of college graduates default, or fail to pay, their student loans. For Notre Dame graduates, however, Russo said the default rate is less than one percent.

“Some 23,588 is a lot of money, but even in tough times our default rate seems to be decent and students appear to be managing their monthly payments.”

While national reports such as The Project on Student Debt use both government and private loans to determine total debt numbers, Russo said he prefers to exclude private loans when analyzing Notre Dame’s averages. Private loans are discretionary for each student or family, he said. The University only presents government loans, which include both Perkins and Stafford loans, as part of its student financial aid packages.

“A University policy in awarding student aid in general to try as best we can meet the full financial need of students, and we do that often by incorporating underlying government student loans … not private,” Russo said.

The median student debt for Notre Dame’s 2009 graduating class, excluding private loans, was $19,225, Russo said. That number rose to $20,625 for the class of 2010.

While Russo said national reports can be valuable, he also said public and media acknowledge.

British consul visits Notre Dame

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

British Consul General Robert Chatterton Dickson visited Notre Dame’s campus Monday to meet with University President Fr. John Jenkins and undergraduate students.

Dickson was appointed Her Majesty’s Consul General in Chicago on June 26, and he said the job has been both fascinating and busy thus far. He is responsible for relations between Britain and 13 Midwestern states, including Indiana.

He said his position involves a variety of responsibility in terms of relations between the U.S. and the United Kingdom, and the geography of his responsibilities has led to frequent travel.

“Campus visits are one of the best parts of my position,” Dickson said. “This is my fourth campus visit, and I always enjoy them. It was a real privilege to visit Notre Dame.”

Dickson traveled from Chicago to South Bend to meet with Jenkins Monday morning, and he said the two discussed cooperation in higher education relations. According to Dickson, higher education is one of the most important connections between the United States and the UK.

Dickson said he recognized just how important education is for the future of, and the relations between, both nations.

During his visit the Consul General also lectured in an Introduction to Political Science Class and toured campus. He said he enjoyed his visit and interactions with the local community.

CSC, halls recycle cans for Worker

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Through a partnership between the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) and the South Bend Catholic Worker, Notre Dame students will contribute to the local community this school year by recycling aluminum cans.

The program, called Miraculous Metals, began this week and will continue as long as students support it, said Michael Hebbeler, director of student leadership at the CSC.

There are currently 22 residence halls participating in the program, but more are welcome. Students are encouraged to participate.

“I encourage all students to participate. It’s a great opportunity to give back to the local community,” Hebbeler said.

Recycling involves residents setting aside recycle cans outside of their dormitory.”
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A blood drive hosted by ReSports and the South Bend Medical Foundation will take place today in Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. The drive will run from 11 to 5:30 p.m. Call ReSports at 631-6100 to register for a donation time.

Mauricio Santillana, Jim Henson Fellow at Harvard University, will present the seminar “Modeling the Chemical Composition of the Atmosphere of Our Planet in a Changing Climate: Mathematical and Physical Challenges” at 11 a.m. today. It will take place in Fitzpatrick Hall, Room 258.

Bill Miller will give the lecture “American Politics in the 21st Century: The Native Impact on American Politics” today at 3 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Miller is a Grammy Award-winning recording artist, performer, songwriter and activist and he will discuss different perspectives of feminism, featuring professors from different fields.

Stratford Caldbeck, Editor of “Second Spring” and writer on Christian apologetics, theology, and culture, will give the lecture “Beauty for Truth’s Sake” tonight at 7:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall.

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

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OFFBEAT

Man rob bank, then offers $25 for a ride

CITIZEN - Police say a bank robber forgot to set up a getaway ride. He left a $1,000 telling to two people on the street for a lift after the holdup.

Santa Cruz.

The California Highway Patrol said Santa Cruz police and Capitol police searched for the suspect, but have not found him.

Police believe the suspect is a transient, and are looking to interview anyone who may have given him a ride.

Man gets 5-day sentence for theft caught in photo

MADISON - A man captured in a vacationing family’s photograph as he stole their bag in front of the Wisconsin State Capitol received a five-day jail sentence and a nearly $500 fine.

The Wisconsin State Journal reported Saturday that Glenn Lumbright was given credit for time already served after pleading no contest to misdemeanor theft earlier this month.

Vacationer John Myers of Bloomfield, N.J., had set the self-timer on his camera and hustled into the frame with his wife and two children in August. Meanwhile, a man grabbed a bag containing Myers’ wallet and other items.

After discovering the bag missing, Myers checked his camera and found a photo with a man picking up the bag in the background. Myers showed the photo to police, who recognized the man and tracked him down.

In Brief
Habitat begins work on new house

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

Last month, Notre Dame’s Habitat for Humanity Club began construction on the 17th house it has built during its time as a student group. The club commits to building one house each year for a family. It chooses based on stability of jobs, support systems and Christian values, according to senior Deborah Olmstead, who serves as club co-president.

This year, Habitat’s house is being built for a family of four, which consists of a father and three children, Olmstead said. Their future home is located on Milburn Court in Mishawaka. It will be a one-story house, with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a basement and a garage.

But Habitat does not simply hand out houses, Notre Dame senior and club co-president Olmstead said. “We do not give away houses for free,” she said. “The owner will have a mortgage that’s interest free and that’s worth the value of all the materials in the house. They pay that over 15 years.”

Houses are built at the lowest cost possible by having volunteers do as much of the work as possible and by bargaining discounts for supplies from local businesses, Olmstead said. Habitat has had one regular weekend build so far this year, along with its annual Blitz Build event. The first regular build was attended by 25 to 30 volunteers and was a huge success, Olmstead said. “We finished our work two hours earlier than expected,” Olmstead said.

Blitz Build takes place over Fall Break to construct the entire exterior of a home. “We invite past alumni to help us and we provide free breakfast and lunch for our volunteers,” Olmstead said. “At the end of the day we go out to dinner together and participate in social activities.”

During the fall, builds take place on away football game weekends, and in the spring there is one nearly every weekend, Olmstead said. The next build is Saturday. Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County assists Notre Dame in constructing the house, Olmstead said. “It’s always dangerous to quote statistics,” she said. “The biggest single challenge I’ve had in 46 years has been the need to provide good, simple, accurate information.”

However, Russo said he is confident when speaking about Notre Dame graduates’ ability to handle college debt because a good education is an investment. “More and more, when we talk about affording education, we talk about seeing it as an investment,” Russo said. “Which, if you’re a typical Notre Dame grad, the return on your investment will be your lifetime and how you do, not just income-wise … but also your health, your longevity … your civic involvement. So many good things happening if you’re a Notre Dame graduate.”

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
Debutant

DePaul University, one of the nation’s largest Catholic universities, is located in Chicago and enrolls more than 25,000 students. "We are committed to providing a diverse and inclusive education that prepares students for lives of faith, service and leadership," said the university’s president, the Rev. Dennis H. Holtschek. The university offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in a variety of fields, including business, law, communications, education, and the arts.

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Student starts WWFF chapter

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary’s Editor

In order to provide international relief for malnutrition while offering a local twist, Saint Mary’s junior Meredith Rizzo spearheaded a national chapter of the Will Work For Food (WWFF) organization.

According to Rizzo, the organization, which was co-founded by Steven Weinberg and Josh Cohen of the University of Michigan in 2007, is a student-run non-profit which aims to fight malnutrition overseas by volunteerizing in the local community.

“It is an organization that combines local community service with international relief,” she said. “So it kind of comes from the idea of a Dance Marathon or a Relay For Life where people get sponsors for, in that case, dancing or walking around, but we want to make the impact twice as big and so we do local volunteer hours out in the community and then find sponsors for that work.”

The money raised from sponsorship is donated to Doctors Without Borders to buy nutritional supplements for malnourished children, Rizzo said.

“It’s specifically this supplemental plumpy nut, and it’s kind of like a peanut butter type of material that has all these supplements in it,” she said. “So since 2007, Rizzo said WWFF has raised more than $50,000 to assist malnutrition.

Cold weather.

“They like to keep it small for fellowship and community, and they can take it to 10 men each night,” Hebbeler said. “They provide a roof and bedding and coffee, and breakfast in the morning.”

Hebbeler also said many Notre Dame students regularly volunteer at the Catholic Worker. He described the volunteer effort as “a sense of solidarity of walking together.”

“There will be Notre Dame students spending the night with the homeless men as part of a national outreach," he said. “We have some of the money from the metal collection may be feeding volunteers. That’s what makes the Worker what it is in this sense of community. Notre Dame has a vital presence in the drop-in center at the Catholic Worker.

Although the project is just beginning, Hebbeler said the CMC is looking forward to seeing the progress of the program. He also hopes that Notre Dame students will become involved with the Catholic Worker.

“There’s good enthusiasm from the residence hall social commissioners, and we have a great partnership with the Catholic Worker community. and Rizzo said the first work effort will be held Nov. 7. According to Rizzo the November project will allow students to go door to door to collect canned goods for an area food pantry.

Additionally, Rizzo said plans are underway for a variety of other work efforts including making cards for soldiers and helping at a local animal shelter.

WWFF has a goal of collecting $4,000 this academic year, and Rizzo believes that the chapter has the capability to achieve it.

The headquarter’s teams at the University of Michigan set a goal of $4,000 for this year, which is the same goal set every other university for Ohio State, for everywhere,” she said. “I think we’re completely capable of it. I realize we’re a much smaller school, but I kind of like the challenge and think we can do it.

According to Rizzo, students from Saint Mary’s College, the University of Notre Dame and Holy Cross College, as well as members of the surrounding community, are invited to join in the cause.

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Miraculous Metals program, Hebbeler said. Students can collect aluminum cans and drop them into designated boxes in their halls.

Catholic Worker staff members will come to campus to receive support from the Worker, will collect the cans and bring them to a local recycling center. The cans will then be exchanged for money, which will go toward the Worker’s daytime drop-in center, Our Lady of the Road, and the nighttime shelter, the St. Peter’s Claver House.

“There’s a men’s house and women’s house, and they are really poor and marginalized, so people bring in a home for a look, looking for community,” Hebbeler said. “The houses open up their doors to those in need, and the people live there.

Most of the proceeds will go to Our Lady of the Road, where people can eat each meal, do their laundry or take a hot shower. The center serves about 60-120 people each day. The funds raised by the Miraculous Metals program support the center’s operation as well as building repairs.

Hebbeler said these funds are especially helpful in the winter when the St. Peter Claver House provides overnight shelter from the cold weather.

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Notre Dame students. Both the quantity and quality of student questions during his lecture told Dickson a lot about how the minds of students at the University, he said.

“I was impressed by the Notre Dame students,” Dickson said. “They’re intelligent, thoughtful and engaging. I was also impressed by the campus and the city of South Bend and Basilica. I am keen to do more with the Catholic Worker. I’ll be back.”

Dickson had an extensive career in diplomacy, he said he enjoyed the variety of his 12 different positions during his 20 years of service.

Dickson left his “more lucrative” job at a bank to work in the government’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), and said he has never regretted the decision.

As a British ambassador to Macedonia, he managed a team that oversaw U.K. aid programs in the Balkans and the development of the country’s currency, the euro. Dickson worked in alliances between the European Union and the Balkans.

Dickson described his work in the British embassy in Manila, Philippines, as both fascinating and challenging. He dealt with poverty, food and earthquakes, but said he

enjoyed position and was

struck by the spirit of the Filipino people.

He also worked in the British embassy in Washington, D.C., which he said was most similar to his current position.

“Our relationship with the United States is the most important relationship we have, at any country,” Dickson said. He was involved in shaping the UK’s contribution to the 2003 invasion of Iraq that ousted Saddam Hussein. Dickson advised British officials and was involved in diplomatic negotiations.

For a time, Dickson was the joint-head of the counterterrorism department at the FCO in London. In that capacity, he said he managed teams that helped various countries develop strategies to counter terrorist activities within their borders.

He focused countries in South Asia, North and East Africa, and the Middle East. He described the work as both busy and unpredictable.

One particularly unpredictable facet of his work was crisis response, wherein his team was responsible for advising the British Government on how to respond to terrorist attacks and activities.

When the worst attacks during his tenure were the shootings and bombings in Mumbai in 2008.

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When my friends and I moved off campus our senior year, we rented a house from Kramer Properties. We could ride bikes to campus and walk downtown. The house was secure and well-maintained, and it was always good to know that we could reach Kramer himself. My experience was so positive that three of my brothers also rented homes from Kramer Properties. It became a tradition.
Magazine switches to Web edition

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s yearly literary magazine, “Chimes,” is getting a new look this year. Seniors Sarah Sheppard and Meghan Price, co-editors of “Chimes,” are now taking submissions and recruiting for the spring edition of the magazine, which will be published online only. Sheppard said will they accept submissions from any Saint Mary’s student no matter her major or area of study. The magazine began in 1892, according to the Cushwa-Leighton Library website.

“We accept poetry, short stories, plays, excerpts from novels or novellas, really anything fiction. There are art submissions too,” Sheppard said.

Not all submissions are guaranteed to run in the magazine, Sheppard said. “Chimes” has an editorial board of 10 to 15 students that read over each submission and then discuss what pieces will go into the final edition.

“We’ll have a meeting in November or December then we have two submission dates. One’s in the winter and one’s in the spring,” she said.

The first submission date for students is Dec. 1, Sheppard said.

In the past, the “Chimes” board has sifted through up to 60 pages of prose and poetry to narrow down and put together an edition. Previously, the publication has had a print version, but in order to accept more submissions, Sheppard said they have moved to creating an online edition of “Chimes.”

“That is the best part about switching over to online, we can print a lot more,” Sheppard said.

Price said the final publication is e-mailed to alumni and professors so the student work is more widely read.

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As the clock hit zero this past Saturday, the meaning went beyond the fact that Notre Dame had just suffered another (record-breaking) loss. It meant that it was time to go back to reality.

For a university that was still grieving the loss of one of its family members, we could no longer distance ourselves with a game. But, at least for a period of a few hours on Saturday, we did our best to take the pain that we felt as a community and channel it into something positive.

At their most basic level, sports are just games. The dictionary defines the word “game” as “an amusement or pastime.” And in many respects, that’s exactly what they are. Think about it: football is group of 11 players trying to tackle someone from another group of 11 players that is attempting to carry a goody-shaped ball past a line. Hockey sounds even worse: two teams of six players on ice skating attempting to hit a rubber disc into a net using a wooden stick. When it is put this way, it sounds ridiculous that any people would spend their time watching these games, and even more ridiculous that grown men are being paid millions of dollars to play them. In American society, though, sports have a meaning that goes far beyond what physically goes on between the lines.

American culture is one of intense competition. Not just in athletics, mind you, but in everything we do. This culture of competition and constant need to better your neighbor is part of what keeps us on edge and, for better or for worse, is an ingrained part of who we are as a people. People compete in business, in the classroom and, yes, even in parenting. So, it should come as no surprise that people follow sports with the same vigor and intensity that they do with everything else in life. People need a way to stoke their competitive fire, so to speak, and following a sports team provides the perfect opportunity to do that.

In a much different light, sports can be used as a form of therapy or as some form of release. Obviously, this was the case for the Notre Dame community this past weekend, but there are countless examples of this phenomenon that we can see throughout America. The most prominent example of this was right after Sept. 11. The whole world took a few days to grieve and recover, and right fully so. But after a few days, there was a big push in America to “return to normalcy” and one of the biggest ways that we could do this was to start playing sports again. People who had lost friends and loved ones tuned into the games because, at least for a few hours, they could concentrate on cheering and pitching changes and yelling at officials, and not on what they had lost. Sports had provided them a chance to be normal again. On a much smaller (and less significant) level, I had the opportunity to spend my summer in Arizona this year. And for the first few weeks, I was busy, overwhelmed and most importantly, homesick. But every time they were on television, I tuned in to watch the Chicago Cubs, because seeing the ivy on the outfield walls and hearing the Wrigley Field organ playing brought me to a place much closer to my friends and family back home.

Most importantly, though, sports can be used as a galvanizing force, one that can unite millions of people across gender, race, political and geographical barriers like nothing else in the world can. I had the fortune of sitting next to a retired plumber from South Boston a few years ago at a spring training baseball game. He grew up poor, had never been to college and, basically, shared nothing in common with me. Except for one very important similarity — we both loved baseball. And so for the next three hours, we became best friends that were born 50 years apart, talking about strategy and players and old teams. I never saw him again and never will, but for that day, baseball had brought us together.

When people go to the viewing booths today, there will be an intense and sharp divide based on fundamental philosophical differences and social conditions. And yes, there still are neighborhoods in America separated by race, with hard and bitter feelings on both sides. But once the ball is kicked off, or the first pitch is thrown, or the puck is dropped, none of that matters. We are all one. It didn’t matter whether you were a white-collar executive working in the Loop or an auto mechanic living on 91st Street last spring, as a Chicagian, we could all agree on the Blackhawks. And when the Hawks brought home the Stanley Cup, over two million people packed the streets of the city to celebrate, almost three times the number that celebrated with fellow Chicagian Barack Obama at the victory parade.

There are an uncountable number of stories that could be told about relationships formed and adventures taken, all in the name of following your team. For the rest of our lives, we will reunite with Notre Dame fans and alumni on Saturdays in the fall to watch the Irish. And while people will label sports as “just games,” we know that isn’t true. They are so much more than that.

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Joe Donnelly the legislator is a lot different than Joe Donnelly the campaigner. His record contradicts what he is campaigning on. He wants you to think he has supported education and crime-fighting measures, but in reality, he has supported $43 billion in spending in the form of a trillion-dollar (at least) government takeover of health care. Jackie’s message is very simple: cut spending, cut taxes and get the government out of the way so businesses will stick to their limited government, pro-business agenda. Meanwhile, Joe Donnelly was somehow convinced at the final moment that the health care bill would not cover abortions because of an executive order from the most pro-choice president in U.S. History. The language of the law is clear to the pro-life leadership that, if elected, she would not rubber stamp whatever they introduce. Jackie wholeheartedly supports the repeal of the disastrous Obama Care law and will work to keep the focus on the doctor-patient relationship instead of putting the IRS and the Department of Health and Human Services in charge of your health care. She supports interstate purchase, coverage for pre-existing conditions, tax-free health savings accounts, and medical malpractice reform. Because of his devastating legislative record, Donnelly has resorted to attacking Jackie’s positions. Independent watchdog groups have called out Donnelly on his ads. He said Jackie supported the elimination of Pell Grants for students, which Fact Check.org said is not true. He said she supports privatization of Social Security, which is not true. The Associated Press said that Donnelly’s attack ads on Social Security “do not resemble actual Republican proposals.” Jackie wholeheartedly supports Social Security for current beneficiaries and those nearing retirement. She has proposed that Americans have a serious conversation about reforming the system for younger generations because it is going broke. She supports allowing younger generations to invest a portion of their payroll taxes in personal accounts. Don’t let Joe Donnelly fool you. If re-elected he will continue the failed Obama agenda, while Jackie Walorski will lead to job creation and get government spending under control.

Letters to the Editor

Missed opportunities

I saw and heard President Jenkins’ prayer for Declan Sullivan at the start of the Tulsa game on TV from my home in northwest Michigan. However pre- sumptuous of me to improve on his prayer, I nonetheless wish I had heard Father Jenkins speak a few words of encouragement, comfort and assurance to the family, his classmates and friends.

And finally, Heavenly Father, we ask your forgive- ness. We, particularly those of us in the administra- tion of this University, ask that You forgive us of our terrible, grievous mistake in judgment in allowing, permitting and directing this young man, who was not only our student but our employee, to assume a position high on a dan- gerous piece of equipment under the extreme weather- conditions that prevailed this past Wednesday afternoon. We also ask the forgiveness of Mr. Sullivan’s parents, his sister (also a member of the Notre Dame family here on campus), the rest of his family, his classmates and friends. This we ask in Your name... [etc.]”

My sympathy for Mr. Sullivan’s family and friends is boundless. Speaking now as a lawyer, however, I’m fully aware that this addendum to Father Jenkins’ prayer would cause a severe case of apoplexy on the part of the University’s lawyers. But neither they nor the administration should be con- cerned with such issues, so mundane in the circum- stance, when the family should do what is morally right. Moreover, legal liability in this case is clear, and I would understand a stay of any settlement negotiations or even during litigation itself, should it come to that. Notre Dame’s only defense will be a partial one, one based on an attempt to limit damages by reason of the fact that Mr. Sullivan had no dependents, was not married, and had no children.

Father Jenkins missed a big opportunity to seek forgiveness and express sorrow, not only for Mr. Sullivan’s death, but for the actions of the University. Hopefully, he will not miss another.

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Oct. 28

Spirit class points

In the midst of investigations and allegations of a full-scale smear campaign against her, Jackie Walorski announced that she would be running for re-election. Her record points to a record thatYou forgive us of our terrible, grievous mistake. I am not here to improve on his prayer, I must be audited to cut waste and fraud. She supports freezing eligibility for food stamps with the exception of defense to restore sanity to the system. Jackie supports extending all of the Bush tax cuts permanently to instill a sense of certainty in businesses and consumers.

The number one obstacle to economic growth in Indiana is the federal govern- ment. Joe Donnelly voted for the health care law that more Americans oppose than favor consistently in poll after poll. Joe Donnelly claims he supports existing businesses, but the health care law is loaded with regulations and mandates on businesses. The law that Donnelly voted for requires businesses to follow rules similar to the IRS each time they purchase something that exceeds $600. The business community is understandably up in arms, as the senseless requirement, among many others in the law, will divert billions of dollars to satisfy the demands of big government instead of creating jobs.

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Dear Editors,

It’s been determined in Declan Sullivan’s death is the individual responsible for him being over 40 feet in the air in a device that was not to be used in winds over 25 mph. The space shuttle Challenger blew up because one man at NASA wanted it to fly in weather that was too cold for its design. President Reagan could use the success in his State of the Union address. That man was a bully and people died because of him. We need another bully on campus responsive for Declan’s death, punishment should be swift.

Thank you,

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Oct. 28

Where is the accountability?
Taylor Swift is back, and this time, it’s personal.

The 20-year-old country-turned-pop starlet released her third studio album “Speak Now” last week. Unlike her previous records “Taylor Swift” and “Fearless,” she wrote every song on the new album with-out co-writers.

Perhaps the most frequent criticism leveled at Swift has been the charge that most of her songs are virtually interchangeable, with similar sounds and lyrics. While “Speak Now” contains some undesirable Taylor songs, such as “Mine” and “Back to December,” Swift also mixes up her music stylistically.

“Mean” is almost retro-Swift, reaching back to her country roots with a plucky melody and southern twang. On the other end of the spectrum, “Better Than Revenge” is unlike any song Swift has released before. With its somewhat risqué lyrics and pop-punk sound, it sounds more like Avril Lavigne in her prime, in a completely Ke$ha fashion.

The album kicks off with “Mine,” the first single released and a song seemingly destined to follow in the footsteps of “Love Story” and “You Belong With Me” as the go-to song to Saxo-phonically belt out at dorm parties. The title track on “Speak Now” takes one step in a new direction, with light, pop verses that are almost spoken rather than sung, but revets to a more recycled sound for the chorus. It’s a move-ment in the right direction, but the sappy cliché ending is still totally Taylor.

“Dear John,” maybe the most antic-pated song on the album, is worth a listen for its lyrics, as Swift describes the breakdown of her relationship with 33-year-old John Mayer. The song is also, however, emblematic of one of the few prob-lematics with “Speak Now.” At 6 min-utes, 44 seconds, it is, quite frankly, longer than any Taylor Swift song should ever be. “Speak Now” has two songs over six minutes — the sleep-inducing “Last Kiss” is the other, clocking in at 6:07 — and three more longer than five min-utes. To contrast, the longest song on “Fearless” was “Fifteen” at 4:54.

It may be Swift trying to branch out as a songwriter, but she’s just not varied enough stylistically to make six-minute songs worth lis-tening to. To be fair, though, not many musicians are.

“Dear John” and “Back to December,” the other breakup song on the album, both differ from Swift’s previous songs about heartache though. While Swift sounds bitter and angry in “Fearless” tracks “You’re Not Sorry” and “Forever and Always,” the two songs on “Speak Now” speak more to sadness and regret.

While many of the songs are directed at one particular person, “Mean,” the fourth single released from the album, is a harsh reply to Swift’s musical critics. The country tune is catchy and similar to tracks like “Our Song” from her first album, but the lyrics are almost comically childish. With a chorus of “Why you gonna be so mean?” Swift sounds like a grade-school student getting bullied on the playground. She’s groved, even on this album, that she’s capable of powerful defiant songs, so it’s curi-ous that she’d choose to sound almost whiny when slamming the people who are “drunk and grum-blin’ on about how [she] can’t sing.”

“Never Grow Up” seems to be the most personal song on the album. Swift doesn’t attack or call out any-one, but rather muses about how quickly she herself has grown into an adult. In a song easily relatable to college students ready to move into the real world, she sings about her first night in her new apart-ment, juxtaposed against memories from her childhood. “Never Grow Up” is not the most musically inven-tive song, but the lyrics are heart-felt enough to make it powerful.

Two tracks later, we reach the crown jewel of “Speak Now” — “Better Than Revenge.” From the spoken introduction, in which she says to “Go stand in the corner and think about what you did,” Swift does her best to shred her pristine pop idol reputation. The punk-pop track is devoid of all hints of coun-try — or sappiness, for that matter — as Swift sings about a love not lost, but stolen, and boldly pro-claims that her relationship’s saboteur is “better known for the things that she does on the mattress.” The song is so refreshing and new for Swift that it alone warrants an extra half-shamrock.

Lyrical.ly, the album comes together in an interesting fash-ion, truly showing Swift at the cross-roads between childhood and adult-hood. She sounds like a four-year-old in “Mean,” deals with a teenage breakup in “Back to December,” breaks up a wedding in “Speak Now,” and moves in with a guy in “Mine.” While her songs are all over the board, they actually come together nicely. It’s tough to improve on “Fearless,” which has sold over nine million copies worldwide, but “Speak Now” is different enough to show Swift’s maturation as an artist while still staying true to the sounds and themes that make her as popular as she is.

“Speak Now”
Taylor Swift

Label: Big Machine Records
Best Tracks: “Better Than Revenge,” “Mine”

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Taylor Swift has always been famous for singing about her relationships, from the very real aspects to the very imaginary. She does the same on “Speak Now,” with songs inspired by some of her famous boyfriends. I won’t be getting into that much. I’d rather answer the question I’ve heard several people ask, which is how she managed so many relationships in her 16 small-town years. The answer: she didn’t. If you look at the themes of her songs from her debut album, “Taylor Swift,” her next album, “Fearless,” and even a few tracks on “Speak Now,” you see a few common themes that give away a fairly small number of pre-fame flings.

**Relationship 1: The passenger seat**

Let’s be honest, this girl has a pretty traditional sense of who should be driving the car. Either that, or this particular relationship transpired before Taylor was old enough to have a driver’s license. In “I Did,” an early song not on an album, Swift pines after a boy who says he’ll never fall in love — as she sits in his passenger seat. Cut from there to “Fearless,” in which she has managed to corral this boy and is now out on a first date with him — sitting in his passenger seat. Then you get to “Our Song,” where she is once again in his front seat, returning from a date further along in the relationship. But finally, she gets fed up with this antifeminist relationship, or she turns 16. She recounts in “Picture to Burn” how very angry she is at her teenage lover for not allowing her to drive his truck. Next!

**Relationship 2: The shiny guy**

Good thing this one happened way before Taylor Lautner, because we all know how he feels about men who sparkle. I hate that I even understand that reference. Anyway, we know from “Hey Stephen” that this bright spot is Stephen, a man shiner than any other Taylor has met. We are part of the experience as she tries to grab him like a raccoon does a piece of tinfoil. She tries to convince him to be with her in “Hey Stephen” and again in “Jump Then Fall,” saying that if he shines, she will too. Pretty cool premise right there. But eventually, we see in “You’re Not Sorry,” waiting around for him gets pretty dull. Next.

**Relationship 3: The fairy tale**

Ignoring how a boy wearing a dark gray T-shirt, making you clearly overdressed in comparison, counts as a fairy tale, or how being Romeo and Juliet could ever be a good thing, we can look at the relationship that exists only in Taylor’s mind. First, you have the wonderfully illiterate “Love Story,” followed by “Long Live” on her new album. The prince and princess become the king and queen. You can add “Mine” to this fantasy category as well, as it tells a very similar story. But the fantasy comes crashing down in “White Horse,” when she realizes life is not a fairy tale, and starts to see reality. Which brings us to the next relationship:

**Relationship 4: The unrequited love**

This one has a pretty clear trail through all three albums. Taylor’s first big hit, “Teardrops on My Guitar,” is all about unrequited love, as she longs for a guy who is unavailable. She continues her sad tale in “You Belong With Me,” and imagines a happy ending that won’t actually happen in “Speak Now.” Bet that guy feels pretty stupid about now. Because look who the woman he spurned is now dating:

**Relationship 5: The celebrities**

I didn’t want to go into this, but seven minutes explaining why it was dumb to fall for John Mayer? Really? Taylor. I think you’re fantastic, but there’s a certain sales threshold at which I’m allowed to mock your pain, if just a little bit. Plus, your mom was against it, which leads to the last relationship:

**Relationship 6: The family**

Probably everyone’s favorite of Taylor’s relationships, and certainly the most stable. Tell me you don’t tear up every time you listen to “The Best Day.” And while I already mentioned it once above, part of me likes to think “Long Live” is also a tribute to her family and friends, with a clever reference to “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe,” in which the four siblings become kings and queens. And if you’ve gotten this far into the story, you’re probably not surprised by the level of over-thinking that went into that statement.

The little black dress and the emotional qualities of rain are too ubiquitous to classify into one relationship. But we have plenty of both here in South Bend, so Taylor, if you need any material you should look no further than another visit to Notre Dame. And I hope you took all of this in the good fun it was written in, though I’d be really impressed if you found something to rhyme with Laura.

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Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Just four weeks ago, Randy Moss gushed about returning to Minnesota. He felt fortunate to return to his first team and was looking forward to seeing those purple jerseys again.

So much for the happy reunion.

After three disappointing losses in four games, the Vikings decided to dump him during a bizarre postgame locker-room session. It was another shocker in tumultuous season for a team that began the year with Super Bowl aspirations.

Vikings players confirmed Monday that coach Brad Childress told them during a team meeting that Moss had been let go, possibly a few minutes before the NFL Network first reported struggling Minnesota (2-5) had been less than a month after acquiring him from New England for a third-round draft pick.

Childress and team officials didn’t talk about the move was the most seeking confirmation of the decision. Moss’ locker at Winter Park remained full of his gear when it was open to the media Monday morning.

His agent, Joel Segal, said he’s been in contact with the Vikings, even though the move was not made official Monday with the league.

“Merely a technical thing,” Segal said in an e-mail.

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**Men’s Tennis**

**Watt leads Irish in singles matches**

By Kate Grabarek

Notre Dame has come through the fall season with a strong team that returns all of its starters from last year’s squad and has added talented freshmen to the roster.

“The thing that stands out for us this fall has been our depth,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “We have 10 to 12 players who have demonstrated with quality wins that each is capable of playing and winning at a No. 5 to No. 6 level on a top 25 team. It is difficult to project now what our lineup could be, but at least two of our freshmen have shown that they can win at an elite level.

“Both [freshmen] Greg Andrews and Billy Pecor have wins that are very impressive so far. Both are very aggressive off the ground and made it to the finals of a national sive off the ground and made it to the finals of a national

Junior Casey Watt will once again lead the team at No. 1 singles. Watt advanced to the semifinals of last week’s ITA Midwest Regional at Notre Dame in a performance that included an upset of Ohio State’s Chase Buchanan in the quarterfinals.

“Buchanan had won the US National Juniors and the Junior US Open in 2009, so that is a pretty big win,” Bayliss said. “Casey can win big for us high in the lineup if he becomes more adept at handling shorter mid-court balls and finishing better at the net, but this is a challenge for him. He certainly will be challenged here by the level that Stephen Havens has shown this fall.”

In their final event of the fall season, the Irish will again split the team in two, sending half with Bayliss to the William & Mary Invitational, and the other half with associate coach Ryan Sachire to the Alabama Invitational in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Havens and Pecor will travel to Virginia with Bayliss, accompanied by seniors Dan Stahl and David Anderson, juniors Niall Fitzgerald and Daven Brodess, and sophomores Blas Moros and Spencer Talmadge.

Andrews will travel to Alabama with fellow freshmen Ryan Bandy and Matt Dooley, along with seniors Matt Johnson, Bryan Kelly, Sean Tan and Tyler Davis and junior Sam Keeton.

The Irish will look to have strong showings in both events before they return to Notre Dame to prepare for their spring season opener at William & Mary on Jan. 22.

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**MLB**

**Giants win World Series in game five**

ARLINGTON, Texas — Edgar Renteria saves his most memorable moments for the World Series.

After getting the hit that won the 1997 title for Florida and making the final out for St. Louis in Boston’s 2004 win, he pushed the Giants to their first championship in 56 years.

Renteria’s three-run homer off Cliff Lee in the seventh inning stunned the Texas Rangers and their fans, sending San Francisco to a 3-1 victory Monday night in Game 5. His unexpected offense from the No. 8 spot in the batting order earned him World Series MVP honors.

Not bad for a guy who began the postseason on the bench.

“It was a tough year for me,” Renteria said. “I told myself to keep working hard and keep in shape because something is going to be good this year.”

A five-time All-Star who has declined dramatically the past three seasons, Renteria hit .412 (7 for 17) with six RBIs during an injury-filled regular season that fanned the shortstop on the disabled list three times and prompted him to openly ponder retirement.

“I don’t know. I’m going to think about it and see what happens,” he said Monday night.

But he’s used to the big stage — Renteria is one of only two players to get a World Series-ending hit and hit into a World Series-ending out, according to STATS LLC. The other was Gome Goslins, who struck out for Washington against Pittsburgh in 1925, then singled for Detroit against the Chicago Cubs in 1945.

In 1997, Renteria’s 11th-inning single up the middle off Cleveland’s Charles Nagy won the title for the Florida Marlins, only the fourth Game 7 in World Series history to stretch into extra innings.

Seven years later, his come-from-behind to Keith Foulke finished Boston’s four-game sweep of St. Louis and gave the Red Sox their first title since 1918. He was the one who hit the ball that Doug Mientkiewicz made famous.

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got going there and got more comfortable," he said. "[The first shot] was nice. I just stepped into it, and knocked it down. I was wide open so I had to shoot it."
Atkins, a freshman from Columbus, Md., finished the night with eight points on two- for-three shooting, along with one assist.
Before the game, the only people who had really seen Martin and Atkins in action were the players passing them the ball.
"It was a long time coming, but it was fun," said Martin, who sat out the 2008-09 season after transferring from Purdue and then missed last season due to a torn ACL. "I'm just happy I got out there and played with [my teammates] rather than against them for once.”
Martin, still sporting a knee brace to protect his surgically-repaired knee, said he entered Monday’s contest with relatively low goals, especially when compared to his first 15 points.
"Individually, I was just happy to get into the game," he said. "I told [Scott] I wanted to do, to play for a minute and then I would have been happy. That was a major milestone for me, if stopped.”
Instead, Martin logged 26 minutes, while Atkins notched 21 in his first action at the college level.
"I would say the best thing is I didn’t miss a shot two-for-two. Everything was good," Atkins said. "Everybody else got involved, Scott [Martin] being back is a big part.”
Atkins came off the bench with 15:30 left in the first half, extending his wait by six and a half more minutes.
"I was excited all day to get out there. It felt good to finally go out there and be out there for everybody," he said. "After pre-game shootaround, I felt like [the game] was right there, but we had to wait another three or four hours. It’s good to get the first one out of the way.”
Preventing Atkins from starting alongside Martin was the newly-named quartet of Irish captains: Abroncavage and seniors Tyrone Nash, Carleton Scott and Ben Hanshrough. In 27 minutes, Nash, a forward, tallied nine points and eight rebounds, while Scott added 13 points and seven rebounds. Hanshorough contributed 14 points.
Despite the balanced offensive attack, the captains said the best aspect of Notre Dame’s game was its defense, which led to a quick start and a 24-8 lead after less than nine minutes had passed.
"We did well defensively," Scott said. "We came out of the gate, jumped on them early and didn’t let up... They are a great team. They control the ball well, which is going to sort of have to get out there and defend shooters, and that is what we did.”
Notre Dame held the Knights to 33.3 percent shooting on the game, including 27.6 percent in the second half. Meanwhile, the Irish ended the game at 59.2 percent shooting from the field, leading 16-of-25 from the three-pointers.
Notre Dame will play its second and final exhibition game Saturday against Catholic University from Washington, D.C., at 7 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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Reunion
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games because of an American boycott instituted by President Jimmy Carter during the height of the Cold War.
"They got to the training grounds where so much happened with Brown and her teammates made the recognition and the reunion even more special.
"It’s a lot of fun, any time I can get together with my teammates. While Brown and our 1980 Olympic team, we always have a good time.” Brown said. "It was probably a little extra special just being in Colorado Springs because that’s where we trained and where we went through so much; [it was] where we trained and lived and spent so much time there. It was great to be back and it was really nice to be recognized by the city.”
Not only was the weekend special but it was also an honor for Brown and her teammates to be reminded of how much the city cared for them and that it was where they went to college.
The 1980 Olympic team was the first group to train in Colorado Springs where the Olympic office had any connections to the city or were from the state of Colorado. The office was unknown for them, but the training center had local support after they arrived.
"We didn’t know how it was going to go but just the support of some of us had friends or family or anything there, and it was real important for us. We’d never been to Colorado Springs just really met our friends from from there, but we were there, whenever we would play there, we would play with friends. A lot of people in the community just really took an interest. They would have us over for home-cooked meals, just took us in, as if we were from there and had lived there all along.”
Returning to her old training grounds with her teammates reminded Brown of the bonds that she had shared and that continue to play a role in her life today.
"We stay in touch quite a bit. Obviously not with every single person on the team but the bonds that we formed when we played together and for the amount of time we played together are still very strong and these are still my best friends,” she said.
Although they never competed on the Olympic stage, a "bit- tersweet thing" for Brown, she said her team has been recognized by a number of organizations for their role in putting USA Volleyball on the map. "It was great to be recognized and always a good time when we can get together with our teammates because, like I said, there’s such a close bond and we are such good friends, so it was pretty special to come together and be able to celebrate something like that.” Brown said. "And 30 years after, it’s kind of crazy to think of that but it was 30 years ago and it’s kind of special to know that these bonds are as strong as ever.”
When asked if it felt like 30 years had passed by since she and her teammates were training in Colorado Springs, Brown laughed and said, "No, not at all. That seems crazy.”
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Irish coach Debbie Brown talks to her team in a game against Depaul on Oct. 15.

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pleased with the season the Finest had. “This year was lots of fun. We peaked at the right time. I’m proud of our seniors,” Ritt said.

The Phoxes will battle No. 1 Howard next Sunday for the right to go to the Stadium.

“We lost to Howard in the regular season,” Tate said. “We know we’ve got our work cut out for us, but we’ve got a fair chance if we play as well (as we did today). It will be a good game.”

**Howard 7, Welsh Family 6**

Without its starting quarterback, No. 1 Howard made up for it with a pair of sisters and ended any hopes of a No. 8 Welsh Family upset, defeating the Whirlwind in a close-fought game.

The Ducks were missing senior captain and starting quarterback Kayla Kopf, so sisters Kaitlin and Clare Robinson filled in. With freshman Clare taking over passing duties in the first half and senior Kaitlin replacing her for the second half.

Though Howard did not have its usual offensive firepower, the Ducks’ timely interceptions in the first half, which featured three punts, an interception and two turnovers on downs. The interception came courtesy of Clare Robinson, who also served as safety and rusher.

On game’s final drive, Welsh Family appeared to complete a long pass that would have put the Whirlwind within scoring range, but the play was called back due to a holding penalty. Welsh Family was unable to make a first down in the next three plays, and the clock expired as the Howard offense took the field.

“The game was really close,” Kaitlin Robinson, Howard Senior.

With the victory, Howard will play No. 4 Pangborn in next Sunday’s semifinals.

“We’re glad we’re still in it,” Carlin said, “You never want to be out of the playoffs, but our offense held up.”

Offensively, the Shamrocks showed some imagination with their play calling, repeatedly using the hook-and-ladder and moving the quarterback all over the field. McGlinn’s impressive performance was countered by a disappointing showing from the Chao, who surrendered a game with an undefeated one-yard line, which allowed them to secure a touchdown on the following play.

Not to be outdone, Bigi marched her squad down the field and put the Purple Weasels back on top. After the Pasquerilla West touchdown, Lewis took over with a minute left in the half. Blood marched her team down the field and scored on a one-yard run with only seconds left in the half.

Both defenses locked down in the second half. Pasquerilla West’s defense broke up multiple pass attempts and Lewis’s defensive line, led by senior captain Sarah Ceponis, sacked Bigi for multiple losses. The teams traded the ball back and forth until regulation expired.

Entering overtime, Pasquerilla West scored on an end around reverse, converting the extra point. Pasquerilla West gave Lewis a challenge almost immediately, but could not capitalize on the extra point, and the Purple Weasels emerged with a one point victory.

Despite the loss, Ceponis was proud of her team.

“We played real flag football out there today,” Ceponis said. “We wouldn’t want to go out any other way.”

Pasquerilla West senior captain Libby Koerbel was not as excited about her squad’s effort.

“The defense started out a little slow,” Koerbel said. “We felt good in practice this week, though, and we’re excited to go up against McGlinn on Sunday.”

Pasquerilla West will face McGlinn in the semifinals on Sunday.

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it in any way. I know individuals are certainly dealing with it.”

Before the game, Fisher said a prayer as a team in memory of Sullivan.

From the outset the Big Red’s defense came at the Ramblers with intensity, forcing a fumble within the first few minutes that allowed the offense to take a

Throughout the game the Big Red defense was all over the field with two interception and 14 more incomplete passes from Fisher junior quarterback Pat Bertelsen.

“Our (defensive) strategy was to come out, hit hard, and andounted pressure,” Sullivan senior captain Jordan Smith said. “Our defense was perfect today.”

Despite a strong effort from Fisher on the defensive side of the ball, Dillon was relentless on offense. The Green Wave scored on a few big plays, highlighted by two in the red zone in the second half, and a blocked extra point. In the end, they were simply worn out by Dillon’s dual-threat offense featuring sophomore running back Terry Howard and the passing duo of freshman quarterback Kenrick Funk and sophomore receiver Will Salvi.

“Not many teams have the luxury of being able to run and pass,” Smith said. “Not a lot of kids play quarterback like that, let alone having that kind of backup (Fink).”

Funk credits the success of Dillon’s passing game to his on-field chemistry with Salvi as well as his other receivers.

“(Salvi and I) work well together. I’ve been working hard and getting my timing down and that’s been the key.” I’m very comfortable throwing to him. We’re lucky to have a great coach.”

Dillon’s second drive of the contest started with Howard diving into the end zone for a score, while its third concluded with Funk hooking up with sophomore tight end Ben Ferry for a touchdown on a pass from Funk to Salvi for a touchdown. Fisher managed to hold Dillon out of the end zone after the Big Red’s seventh drive of the contest. However, Funk hooked up with sophomore tight end Ben Ferry for a touchdown on their final drive. The Big Red now look ahead to weekend games with Siegfried.

Siegfried 28, Stanford 3

Siegfried began the defense of its interball championship in style Sunday, as the No. 5 Ramblers rolled past No. 4 Stanford. Led by senior cornerback Matt DeFranks at mdefrank@nd.edu,

Jordan Smith

Dillon Senior

“The offensive line blocked really well for me. I think this was their first really complete game,” Meiners said. “They stayed on their blocks and really took it to them today.”

The offense turned in their best performance this season, amassing 221 total yards and scoring a season-high 28 points.

In an opening drive that chewed up the entire first quarter, Siegfried marched 65 yards on 14 plays, capped by sophomore running back Terry Burton’s four-yard touchdown plunge. Burton finished the game with 37 rushing yards on 9 carries.

The Ramblers defense was determined to start strong as well. After allowing a couple of long drives by Stanford senior quarterback Tony Rizzo, Siegfried forced Burton out of the pocket and intercepted an errant pass.

On the second play of the ensuing drive, Whitmore followed by sophomore running back Jake Gardner completed a 16-yard pass to junior wide receiver Will Soloty for a touchdown.

“You’ll see the luxury of being able to run and pass,” Smith said. “Not many teams have that kind of offense.”

The Belles’ up-tempo offense featured a balanced attack, with quarterback Tony Rizzo leading the aerial attack, while the Belles’ defense relied on a stingy defense.

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**Men's Interhall Football**

**Dillon shuts out Fisher**

Fisher loses to Dillon, declines game change

By KELSEY MANNING, MATTHEW DEFRANKS, MATT UNGER and MEGAN GOLDEN

Sports Writers

Following Wednesday’s death of Notre Dame junior Declan Sullivan, a Fisher resident, RecSports contacted Fisher with an offer to postpone its first-round playoff game against No. 1 seed Dillon.

Without hesitation, Fisher rector Fr. Rob Moss and senior and captain Michael McMahon declined the offer.

“We definitely appreciated the offer,” McMahon said. “That was very kind of them. While we are all dealing with the tragedy, we have to roll on with what we are doing.”

“I don’t want to downplay what they’re doing,” Moss said. “But, at the end of the day, it’s not about us. It’s about Sullivan.”

**Women's Interhall Football**

**Pangborn comes from behind to take Farley in overtime**

By LAURA COLETTI, VICTORIA JACOBSEN, JOSEPH MONARDO and DAVID KENNEY

Sport Writers

No. 4 Pangborn showed just how badly it wanted to reach Notre Dame Stadium in the first round of playoffs against No. 5 Farley on Sunday. After Pangborn fell behind early, the Phoenixes (4-1) recovered to force a tie at the end of regulation and scored a touchdown in the overtime period to win the game 25-19.

“This was a give-and-take game,” Pangborn senior quarterback Gabby Tate said. “It was one of the greatest flag football games I’ve ever played in. Either team could have won.”

The Finest (3-2) took an early lead when junior receiver Kaitlyn Vitale received a short pass through the middle in the end zone. Farley’s running game was effective in moving the ball down the field to gain better position. Vitale scored again on a similar series to make the score 12-0.

Pangborn answered just before halftime with a touchdown of its own. Freshman receiver Mary Kate Veselik received a long pass on the right side of the field and ran it in for a touchdown.

The Phoenixes tied the game in the second half on special teams. When they returned a Farley punt to the house for a touchdown. After exchanging touchdowns, the teams remained tied at the end of regulation. Pangborn’s tenacious defense held the Finest scoreless in overtime. When given their chance, the Phoenixes made the most of their opportunity when Tate found Veselik in the left corner of the end zone for the deciding points.

“Both freshmen came up huge today,” Tate said. “Mary Kate kept her cool and played great. I’m expecting good things from her in the future.”

Farley’s loss was not for lack of effort and senior coach Kevin Ritt was still...

**Men's Basketball**

**Notre Dame off to a good start**

By DOUGLAS FARMER

Sport Writer

Irish fans have waited two years to watch senior guard Scott Martin take the court, and they have waited months to see how freshman guard Eric Atkins would do leading the offense.

As Notre Dame defeated Marian 85-52 in an exhibition game Monday, Martin tied with fourth-year forward Tim Ahromaitis as the leading scorers in the contest with 15 points apiece. He went six-for-10 from the field, including three-for-five from three-point range, and hit his first shot of his Notre Dame career.

“I was a little nervous at the start, a couple butterflies, but I...

**Women's Golf**

**Irish in fifth despite improved strokes**

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Sport Writer

After commencing the 2010 Alamo Invitational with a first-round score of 298 on Sunday and a fifth-place standing, the Irish have cut nine strokes off their second-round team score but remain in fifth place. Monday’s compiled score of 289 puts Notre Dame at 587 overall as it heads into the today’s third and final round.

Texas Christian University leads the tournament with a two-day total of 575, followed by Tulane in second with 581 and Texas A&M and Colorado tied for third with a 26-hole stroke total of 582.

Freshman Nicole Zhang and senior So-Hyun Park lead the Irish with rounds of 145, tying them for ninth among the 75-player field. Rookie sensation Zhang, who entered the tournament as Notre Dame’s No. 2 seed, shot a 72 on Day 1 and followed it with a 73 on Monday. Her Day 1 score was an even-par total and landed her in third, a position now held by players who shot a 143. Last season, the event was shortened due to rain, but the...

**ND Volleyball**

**Brown and teammates meet again**

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Sports Writer

Thirty years may be a long time ago for most people, but when Irish coach Debbie Brown gets back together with her teammates from the 1980 Olympic team, it doesn’t feel like a day has passed.

Brown and six other living players from that Olympic team—a team that never had the chance to compete for the gold medal they were favored to win—will honor their history just Wednesday in Colorado Springs, the city they trained in and lived in when they were inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame.

The team was favored to win the gold medal, but they never competed in those Moscow...