Students explore off-campus housing

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

Many sophomore students are beginning to think about an issue that, to many, is far in the future: off-campus housing for senior year.

With a variety of options such as an apartment at Irish Row, a townhouse in Legacy Village or a house through Kramer Properties, students are moving fast in order to secure their top choice of homes.

Dave Kohlsaat, one of the owners of Legacy Village, said one reason students sign leases so early is because of the influx of quality homes that are springing up around Notre Dame.

“[This is our second year at Legacy],” Kohlsaat said. “We have a very unique product, brand new, fully-furnished, top-line amenities. When people hear of it, they tend to move sooner.”

According to Kohlsaat, Legacy Village is completely booked for the 2011-12 school year and he believes it will soon fill for the 2012-13 academic year.

“We were booked almost a year ago, probably by last December 1 [for the 2011-12 school year],” Kohlsaat said. “For the sophomore, I am 40 percent leased right now and I would again presume that probably no later than Christmas I will be fully booked.”

Sophomore Lisa Daul said students should start thinking about living off-campus depending on where he or she wants to live.

“At first we wanted to live in a house, so we started looking at properties earlier this year,” Daul said. “We heard that the good houses are the first things to go. But now we’re leaning toward a townhome in Lafayette [Square], so we figure we have a little more time.”

Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties, which includes and assortment of living options including houses and Lafayette Square, said his statistics reveal the same information.

“The houses we have are 80 percent leased for next year,” Kramer said. “For Lafayette we’re about 40 percent leased for next year, so there’s still a lot available, but that’s normal.”

Kramer said 12 of his houses have already been leased for the 2012-2013 school year, but Lafayette and the apartments both won’t be pre-leased until much later.

“We usually houses are the first to go, but that’s normal,” Kramer said. “We’re beginning to think about an issue that, to many, is far in the future: off-campus housing for senior year.”

Transpo ridership declines

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

After a recent decrease in student use of the free Transpo weekend bus service, student government is exploring ways to promote the 7A route and encourage ridership. Student Senate Off-Campus Concerns chair Emily LeStrange said.

“The biggest issue with the route is inconsistency in ridership,” LeStrange said. “One weekend in September, 237 people rode Transpo, but the next weekend only 23 used it. We usually average 150 students per weekend, though.”

LeStrange said her committee is working to determine the reason for the inconsistency. She said they are also developing new methods of promotion so the student body is more aware of the route.

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“We’re still working on getting seniors to ride Transpo,” LeStrange said.

Seniors explore off-campus housing

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

When the gun initially touched the back of her head on Oct. 29, she thought people were joking around in the spirit of Halloween.

In reality, she was being robbed at Irish Row Apartments, located just across the street from the east side of Notre Dame campus.

“I had the door halfway open to Building Three when two guys came up and put a gun to my head,” she said.

The Notre Dame senior returned home around 3 a.m., according to the student watch alert issued to Notre Dame by Sgt. Pat Hechlinski of the South Bend Police Department (SBPD). The Observer policy is not to release the names of victims.

“[The SBPD] and the village police were on the scene almost immediately,” Kohlsaat said. “The students are very fortunate in that they had a very quick response.”

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**

**What animal would you choose to bring to Hogwarts with you?**

- Stephanie Lovell: "Platypus."
- Dominic Lucero: "Goldfish."
- Alison Podaski: "Toad."
- Holden Lombard: "Naked mole rat."
- Emerald Woodberry: "Flying squirrel."

Junior Ashley Bera mans the collection table for the Northern Indiana Food Bank. The objective of the collection is to bring the issue of hunger to a more local perspective. It will continue throughout the week.

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**IN BRIEF**

An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Chinese Culture and Society will meet today at 1 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies in Room C102. The meeting is open to all faculty and graduate students who are interested in topics pertaining to Chinese culture and society.

Driehaus Prize Winner Rafael Manzano Martos will give the lecture "Mudjeck Architecture: Balance Between East and West" today at 4:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. A reception will follow in the Bond Hall Gallery.

eND Hunger is sponsoring a rally today at 5 p.m. at Field House Mall. The rally will include the Holy Cross Harvest campus-wide food drive. There will be a raffle for 2 tickets to the midnight showing of Harry Potter. All those who bring a non-perishable food item to donate are eligible to win.

The next installment of the "Discussions on Development Series" will take place today at 7 p.m. in 204 LaFortune. The cost is $5. For more information about an event to be held on campus, please call 631-6900.

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thing to go, then the townhouses come in second, then the apart- ments a little later,” Kramer said.

Sophomore Mike Cochran made his move early in the year to ensure that he would be able to lease the house of his choice.

“I signed my lease for senior year the first week of October,” Cochran said. “I wanted to get one of the best off-campus hous- es.”

Cochran, who currently lives off campus, said although he misses the day-to-day interaction with a lot of people in the dorms, he is happy with his decision.

“There’s a lot more freedom and customization of your living,” Cochran said. “What is most appealing to me is having my own room. It provides me with the necessary privacy to sleep and do my work without being dis- turbed.”

The desire for fewer rules is a dominant theme among students who live or plan to live off campus.

Chrissie Gotimer, a senior currently living in a house, said that freedom was a considerable factor for her and her friends.

“I moved off campus because most of my friends, including myself, wanted to move off,” Gotimer said. “We anticipated wanting a change of scenery from the dorms and a little more free- dom.”

Niall Fitzgerald, a junior who signed a lease as a sophomore to live in Legacy Village for the 2011-12 academic year, shared sentiments similar to those expressed by Cochran and Gotimer.

“While I enjoy life in Dillon Hall, as a 21-year-old senior next year I do not wish to be bound by many of the rules associated with living in the dorms,” Fitzgerald said.

While some students believe liv- ing off campus may cause a sense of detachment from Notre Dame, Gotimer said she feels her experi- ence enabled her to connect with the University in different ways.

“I’ve found that moving off cam- pus has heightened my apprecia- tion of campus,” she said. “It’s forced me to utilize many of the resources on campus that I other- wise would have likely never con- sidered using.”

The real downside for Gotimer was the addition of many new responsibilities.

“I have to be more aware of my surroundings and be responsible for not violating my housing con- tract,” Gotimer said. “I have to be very aware that I lock my car and house every day when I leave for class. Furthermore, I have to be responsible for paying all my bills on time.”

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Another senior, Caitlin Sullivan, said it was her desired classes, rather than the required classes, that were hard for her to get.

“I don’t know if we’re hav- ing trouble getting classes that we need to graduate,” Sullivan said. “But I know some people are having trou- ble getting the classes they wanted.”

Other students, however, decided to forgo taking the classes they wanted in order to save money. Choosing to become a part-time student for the final semester, such as Coldren did, saved seniors money on their tuition.

“Part-time students pay by credit, and to be a part-time student, you need under 12 [credits]. I’ll be taking eight next semester,” she said. “I’m still technically a Notre Dame student, even though I’ll be taking less classes.”

For Coldren, this academic time will be replaced by job and graduate university applications. Coldren said while taking her final pairs of classes and labs, she applied to 16 different schools.

“How much time the applica- tions take depends on where I could be traveling. It might be twice a month but hopefully not that much,” Coldren said. “Most people though, apply between 14 and 16.”

Coldren said she wished she could stay as a full-time stu- dent.

“I like to learn so I would enjoy getting to take the extra elective classes,” she said. “But in terms of finances, it’s cheaper for my family if I’m part-time.”

In general, seniors reported feeling less stressed academi- cally about their last semes- ter.

“I think that the last semes- ter for seniors is more laid back,” Coldren said. “There’s a lot less to do.”

However, many other sen- iors find the academic burden is replaced by the weight of finding a job or applying to graduate school. Sullivan said her final semester would only be less stressful in terms of academics.

While the senior class of 2011-12 academic year, shared sentiments similar to those expressed by Cochran and Gotimer.

“While the senior class DARTed for the final time, the freshman class just began to register on their own and many have found the registra- tion process less confusing than they originally thought.”

Freshman Catherine O’Donnell said she wasn’t very worried about register- ing and she doesn’t believe she will encounter much trou- ble getting into the necessary classes.

“I mean, no one wants to end up with a bum schedule, but it should end up all right,” she said. “There are some [classes] that I need for major requirements, but they’re still the really big lec- tures.”

Many freshmen arranged for individual meetings with their advisors in the weeks leading up to registration.

“I spoke with my advisor,” freshman Daniel Kokotajlo said. “We mostly talked about politics and my philosophy major.”

After one semester at Notre Dame, O’Donnell said she felt she was well-prepared to reg- ister for the Spring.

“You have a better handle on classes,” she said. “Plus, you realize just how much you don’t want 8.30 classes.”

Registration can be a stress- ful experience for students of all years, but many freshman said they don’t have too many concerns.

“There are more than enough classes I’m interested in, so if I don’t get my top choices I’ll be fine,” Kokotajlo said. “[My DART time] is on the second day, but it’s early in the morning, so I suppose that’s average.”

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Without a doubt, however, the most common reason students gave for their decision to be a part-time student is money.

“Cheaper for my family if I’m part-time,” Coldren said. “But in terms of finances, it’s cheaper for my family if I’m part-time.”

While the senior class

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College hosts book fair to benefit Learning Tree

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Usborne Books, a supplier of educational materials, and the Learning Tree, a resource education center that benefits Saint Mary’s students and faculty as well as teachers and parents in the Michiana community, co-sponsored a book fair held Tuesday at the College.

The fair will continue today from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Atrium.

The selection of books covers a variety of topics including learning, history, science and fiction, as well as activity and learning books. There are books for a variety of ages and the selection is quite diverse, Usborne consultant Karen Richards said.

All of the books sold at the fair are published by Usborne Books, a company founded in England that has been a presence in the United States for the past 20 years.

Usborne books are published in 21 languages. Due to their international audience, Usborne books tend to be culturally neutral, Richards said.

Richards, a former teacher, is an advocate for Usborne published books because of their educational value and good quality.

The books are commercial free — they contain no references to movies, television shows, or toy brands — and they are both fun and educational, she said.

Usborne Books will donate 50 percent of all sales from the book fair at the College in the form of free books to the Learning Tree.

Jayne Fogle, director of the Learning Tree, said last year’s book fair “turned out very nicely” for the center.

“Last year’s [book fair] was very successful and we received a very nice selection of books,” she said.

Fogle said the book fair was planned before Christmas due to the hectic nature that comes with the end of the academic semester.

She said she hopes students will be able to purchase books as Christmas gifts and that education majors at the College will be able to buy materials for some of their classes.

Though she has not yet purchased anything from the book fair, Elementary Education major Natalie Bartzen hopes she will be able to benefit from the fair’s selection in the future.

“I really like that we are able to have something like this on campus,” Bartzen said. “It is hard to know what to buy considering I do not know the grade level I will be teaching next year, but I know that it will be a great resource for when I do.”

Education students at Saint Mary’s are able to check out the books at the Learning Tree to help with their class projects and to use when they are student teaching.

Students who tutor at local schools in the community are also able to check out free books.

Bartzen said she believes the center is a valuable resource.

“The Learning Tree has all the resources and more that I need for my field placement,” Bartzen said. “Jayne Fogle has all the teacher manuals, workbooks, and activities for us to refer to when creating units and plans. Also with the Ellison cutters and hundreds of cut outs the variety for projects and displays is endless.”

While the Learning Tree is mainly focused on education majors at Saint Mary’s, other College students and teachers from the South Bend School District come to the center for learning materials, Fogle said.

The Learning Tree sells a myriad of learning materials including educational games that focus on science, math, and language arts and other educational supplies. Most of the materials are geared towards students ranging from preschool to sixth grade.

“Students engaged in their educational value and the fair was able to give them a resource. The Learning Tree has all the resources and materials for learning,” Fogle said.

The Learning Tree may charge for their services and supplies, but Fogle said this is not to make a profit.

“We charge for everything because we do not have a budget,” she said. “However, the prices are reasonable as they are only used to replenish the materials.”

The Learning Tree is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in 251 Madalena Hall.

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SMC celebrates ‘Potter’

By MIRANDA PERETTI
News Writer

As many students await Friday’s release of latest Harry Potter movie, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” Saint Mary’s geared up with its own celebration entitled “Bellakazam.”

“The night included lessons in Quidditch, the popular sport in the series that is played on brooms, a Harry Potter themed dinner, a magic show and a viewing of the film version of “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.”

The Student Activities Board, Residence Hall Association and Quidditch Club sponsored the event.

“Seeing everyone out here playing Quidditch makes me want to go back up to my room and watch all six Harry Potter movies,” sophomore Kristen Rice said.

The Quidditch Club hosted the library green and gave away scarves to the students who participated. The scarves were themed after the Saint Mary’s dorm buildings.

Many Harry Potter enthusiasts engaged in the various Quidditch games and broom races. Following the lessons, students were invited to a “Great Hall” themed dinner in the Noble Family dining hall.

“The dining hall was well decorated and it got me excited for the movie,” sophomore Kerry Stewart said.

The candle-lit dinner included long tables, such as those in the movie, and bannisters to represent each resident hall of Saint Mary’s. Students could also make chocolate dipped pretzel wands themed for dessert.

“I really liked making the chocolate pretzel wands,” sophomore Erica Wallace said. “However, I wish there were more Harry Potter themed foods.”

After dinner, Magician Norman Ng put on a magic show in Carroll Auditorium. Overall, Bellakazam tried to bring a little bit of Hogwarts to the College campus while giving Harry Potter fans a chance to gear up for the release of the “Deathly Hallows,” and express their love for the Harry Potter series.

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**SPECIAL QUIDDITCH EVENT!**

**“Great Hall” Themed Dinner and Dance**

The Student Activities Board, Noble Family Residence Hall Association and Quidditch Club will be hosting a Harry Potter themed dinner and dance at the Noble Family Dining Hall on Friday, November 19th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Students will be able to enjoy dinner and learn about Quidditch with activities such as broom races, magic lessons and “Great Hall” themed games. Students will also have the opportunity to view the film “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.”

The event is free and open to all Saint Mary’s students.

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The silence of intellectualism

When was the last time you saw a student defined by ideas rather than sex and alcohol? However, the fact that we are intellectual isn't enough. We need to translate this intellectualism into productive outlets in the real world. The changing nature of information gathering has made it much easier to maintain an insulated intellectualism. The challenge of our generation is maintaining the dynamic and creative spirit of previous great generations in order to espouse the ideas of our time, despite the increasing ease with which we can slip into the silence.

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Living up to the “Spirit of Inclusion” at ND

Acceptance comes from both the top down and bottom up. To truly create a spirit of inclusion at Notre Dame, there are things that both students and the University can do. The administration must add “sexual orientation” to the nondiscrimination clause. True, these are just words. But words send a powerful message. Certainly the University does not condone violence or harassment toward any student, but the lack of “sexual orientation” in the nondiscrimination clause seems inconsistent with these beliefs. Second, the University should begin a course selection on Queer Studies. Queer Studies would enable the students of Notre Dame to educate themselves further about the issues. Finally, the University would provide the administration a forum to thoroughly teach the Church’s position on homosexuality, and it would enable students to decide for themselves their opinion after being thoroughly taught about the issue. Notre Dame must become active in the CORE Council on campus. headquarters at 310 Detroit Ave., standing up for the rights of their fellow students.

The year, students of Notre Dame have another opportunity to stand for the dignity and respect due to all persons, including gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered students. This opportunity is presented in fighting for “sexual orientation” to be added to the nondiscrimination clause. When shirts were worn last year, saying, “Gay? Fine by me,” opponents wore shirts saying, “Gay? Go to Hell.” The University quickly responded saying that this was not consistent with the spirit of the University. Our community as a Christian community. Our distinction in a social and cultural milieu that does not admit of distinction terms that does not distinguish between the two orientations in a person is neither sinful nor evil. The call of the gospels is a call to inclusiveness.”

2. “The Church also teaches that all people, regardless of their sexual orientation, are called to live chaste lives in accordance with their vocations. Neither heterosexual union outside the permanent bond of marriage nor homosexual union is morally acceptable.”

3. “We deplore harassment of any kind as antithetical to the nature of this community as a Christian entity. The nondiscrimination harassment policy specifically precludes harassment based on sexual orientation.”

4. “The University exists, however, within a social and cultural milieu that does not always accept religious values as normative… Within society at large, the phrase ‘sexual orientation’ sometimes takes on a meaning that does not admit of distinction between sexual orientation and the manner in which people live out their sexual orientation—a distinction that is critical to a Catholic understanding.”

5. “Institutional nondiscriminating clauses are highly stylized statements which are legally binding. Neither federal nor state law mandates that sexual orientation be included in nondiscrimination clauses. Thus, like a number of other institutions, our clause does not currently include the ‘sexual orientation’ term.”

6. “After considerable reflection, we have decided not to add sexual orientation to our legal nondiscrimination clauses for several reasons. To make the change requested would mean that our decisions in this area would be measured by civil courts that may interpret this change through the lens of the broader social milieu in which we live. This, in turn, might jeopardize our ability to make decisions that we believe necessary to support Church teaching.”

The petition for “sexual orientation” to be added to the nondiscrimination clause is nothing new. The Officers of the University issued a letter to the Notre Dame community on Aug. 27, 1997, addressing the issue and laying out the University’s reasoning for not adding “sexual orientation” to the nondiscrimination clause:

1. “The Church distinguishes between homosexuality as an orientation and sexual activity. The church teaches that homosexual orientation in a person is neither sinful nor evil. The call of the gospels is a call to inclusiveness.”

Second, along with adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause, the University has the power to make clear that it is distinguishing between sexual orientation and sexual conduct. If it is thus distinguished in the University’s legal statement, then it will be clear upon interpretation by the courts. Instead of protecting its own ability to make decisions by coupling its interpretation of sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination statement, the University fails to extend its protection uniformly by excluding gay members of the community. Notre Dame specifies that a number of institutions do not include the phrase in their nondiscrimination clauses. This is true, but many also have added it since 1997. 22 of the 28 Jesuit Universities in the United States include sexual orientation in their nondiscrimination clauses. This includes Wheeling Jesuit, Loyola University of Chicago, John Carroll, Fordham University, Duquesne University and Boston College. After reading these articles, there is little to be gained by adding the phrase to our clause, and then turning one’s attention to Notre Dame’s, the omission of “sexual orientation” is obvious.

While the distinction between sexual orientation and sexual conduct is critical to Notre Dame as a Catholic institution, the University, by not including sexual orientation in the nondiscrimination clause, itself does not distinguish between the two phrases. Instead, it errs on the side of discrimination against members of the gay community because it fears that the rest of the American community will not distinguish. However, if the University advocates that all sexual activity has to be abstained from until marriage, and enforces this via partitals and educational programs on campus, then adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause will not be a problem for the University with respect to distinguishing on campus between sexual orientation and sexual activity. It would appear then that the University is in fact not changing the nondiscrimination clauses for fear of what the outside community will think; however, Lance Garland said it well in his letter to The Observer, “There but for the grace of God go I (Oct. 11).” “[Gay members of the community] need a University which is brave enough to say, ‘It doesn’t matter if our donors or our trustees walk away because we choose to accept you. If we lose money and power and prestige because of you, we do not care. We love you more than this.”

With the increase and prominence of teen suicides of people thought to be gay, there has come an increased focus on bullying based on sexual orientation. What happened at Rutgers University to Tyler Clementi could happen to someone at the University of Notre Dame. Rutgers was just about to implement workshops as a part of Project Civility, to teach students to be tolerant and accepting of others. Notre Dame cannot stand idly and pretend that this could not happen at the University. Rutgers has the right idea. They already have “sexual orientation” in the nondiscrimination clause, and the situation Project Civility is a great idea. Notre Dame is behind in this respect. Adding “sexual orientation” to the nondiscrimination clause is the first step.

In 1997, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral letter “Always our Children.” Addressed to parents and pastors of homosexual children, the letter read in part, “First, don’t break off contact; don’t reject your child. … Your child may need you and the family now more than ever. He or she is still the same person. This child, who has always been God’s gift to you, may now be the cause of another gift: your family becoming more honest, respectful, and supportive.” It is time the University of Notre Dame became more honest, respectful and supportive of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered members of its family.

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Why yes, I do know who I am. How astute of you to mention that deduction.

Mr. Kachadoorian, I am disappointed in you. Have you really been in line behind me four times? Why did you not, at any previous time, speak up and say, “Excuse me, I haven’t been offered a carrot shaving yet. Could you perhaps let me pass?” I would have happily moved aside for you.

Mr. Kachadoorian, it is your conduct that is unacceptable. While others respect the dignity of those who do not eat carrots, you literally stand there making snide comments in your head and ignore the fact that some of us would rather choose exactly what we would like to eat rather than throw away the large ones, you find me less worthy of the same courtesy.
The University of Notre Dame was established as an all-male institution in 1842. Though women were admitted to the university in 1972, the men of early Notre Dame marked their territory on this campus. Their continuing legacy is reflected in the skewed gender relations present on campus today. Maintaining single-sex dorms, parietals and numerous male-female stereotypes (i.e. the atrocious “ring by spring”), Notre Dame has preserved archaic notions of gender as a clear-cut social construct. Looking at the history of women at Notre Dame unearths some of the roots of Notre Dame's unique view of gender.

The early 20th century “Dome” yearbooks are chock-full of abstract jokes, poems and caricatures, a nice departure from the current typical headlines of “Academic Life,” “Student Life” and “Sports.” One spread in the 1909 yearbook features dueling “N.D. Boy” and “N.D. Girl” poems. The male’s poem, seemingly written from the perspective of a woman, details the ND boy’s growing ego but then acknowledges submissively “with all your faults, we honor you.” The ND girl is described as “petite and coy” and beautiful — we learn only of her physicality, and the man’s hatred for her hat.

Though Saint Mary’s College was founded in 1844, only two years after Notre Dame, those women were not necessarily hot commodities in the eyes of Notre Dame boys around mid-century. “The Dome” of 1938 recounts tales of dances and balls on campus where “lovely guests arrived on every train… for those who waited too long, dates from the lake.” SMC students were a last resort. As the idea of co-education began to loom at Notre Dame, “The Dome” presented conflicting views of the issue. One SMC student, cheerleader Terri Buck, was interviewed for the 1971 yearbook and expressed her support for the introduction of women to the university. She believed it would promote an improved social environment where women were regarded as peers, not just possible dates for the weekends.

And then WWII happened. The 1953 yearbook praises The Marriage Institute’s work on campus and introduces “Vetville,” which was a set of 39 housing units for veterans and their families. It was located just off the east end of campus and was autonomous from the university, but the vets were an integral part of the social community at ND.

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The legacy of these norms has provoked some newer conflicts with sexuality on campus. AllianceND, a gay-straight alliance group on campus, petitioned for the inclusion of sexual orientation to the University’s non-discrimination clause last spring. The university has yet to officially recognize the club or edit the clause, but at least there is a community working toward those goals. Also, the Gender Relations Center is in its seventh year, and serves as a campus resource for discussion to promote “the human dignity of each person” regardless of gender or orientation. The standard definitions of the “N.D. Man” and the “N.D. Girl” are changing.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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By CLAIRE STEPHENS
Scene Writer

Club Fever hosts legendary British rock band The Cult Thursday, with an opening act by Australian alternative band The Black Ryder.

The group’s origins can be traced to Ian Astbury’s band Southern Death Cult, which was disbanded and changed to Death Cult, at which point guitarist Billy Duffy joined with Astbury (the band’s songwriters), and in 1984 the band was changed to simply The Cult.

Their discography spans from the band’s creation in 1984 to today, including albums like “Dreamtime,” “Love,” “Electric,” “Sonic Temple,” and “My Life.” The Cult has been associated with bands such as Mötley Crüe, Aerosmith and Metallica.

After numerous break ups, hiatuses, members quitting or being fired and hard rock or alternative. Some of their hits are “She Sells Sanctuary,” “Rain,” “Love Removal Machine.” The Cult’s music can be described as a combination of heavy metal revivalist, pseudo-mysticism, post-punk goth rock, hard rock or alternative. Some of their hits are “She Sells Sanctuary,” “Rain,” and “Love Removal Machine.” The Cult has been associated with bands such as Mötley Crüe, Aerosmith and Metallica.

Throughout the night, Strum’s violin added rich texture to the arrangements, and gave the whole performance a very likable rootsy feel. Among his many asides, he gave some advice to the younger folks out there, saying that when he was young he thought he knew a lot. But, he’s also lived a great deal since then, and thought he might have picked up some knowledge along the way, and that made him dangerous. He humorously warned that there’s “nothing worse than a dangerous old man.” If a dangerous old man can continue to put on shows like his, there might be nothing better.
Vick’s MVP-like resurgence sparkles as Eagles

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Vick has just scored after another dazzling run against the Redskins when Eagles fans at a local sports bar began chanting: “M-V-P! M-V-P!”

It was a far cry from what Vick was being called a few years ago.

Overshadowed by the NFL’s biggest and highest paid stars, his career was in ruins and his life in peril. He was broke, reviled and relegated to being a career criminal. But he’s back. Fighting to become perhaps the best ever, and just as important for fans around the country — finally, his dogfighting is in the past.

Vick is just a few months into his new life. He is back on the field, on the field, on the field.

But he’s also trying to make good on another promise: to become a model citizen off the field, work with the Humane Society of the United States and speaking to school and community groups about the cruelty of dogfighting.

“I feel like I’m playing the best football only because of the coaches that I have, the guys I’m playing with, the system we have,” Vick said. “I’ve definitely gotten better players around me. I’m just doing a great job, those guys are doing a great job for me.”

Wiebke fans who were outraged when the Eagles signed Vick to a $100 million, six-year, $50 million guaranteed deal, were not impressed.

Vick had 18 touchdowns and 14 interceptions last year, and they are not happy.

“I could have never envisioned,” Beinfest said. “Dan is a great guy. He understands. He’s a great story in a lot of ways from where he came.”

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MINNEAPOLIS — It’s taken a few weeks for Michael Beasley to find his way in the Minnesota Timberwolves offense.

Coach Kurt Rambis has flood-gated the 21-year-old with responsibilities, asking him to play two positions, be aggressive but not too aggressive and take over when the time is right.

The message appears to be getting through.

For a player who was labeled irresponsible in his first two seasons in Miami, Beasley is embracing his role as the go-to guy in his first season in Minnesota. He scored a career-high 42 points in a win over the Kings last week, followed that up with 35 in a win over the Knicks and is averaging 32.5 points over the last four games.

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He never got into the flow of the offense playing with Dwyane Wade and ran into problems off the court as well.

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NEW YORK — Roy Halladay arrived in Philadelphia to a standing ovation, a $60 million contract extension and the billing as baseball’s top ace. That was before he threw a single pitch.

Doc delivered, and then some. Halladay added another victory to an almost perfect season Tuesday, unanimously winning the NL Cy Young Award and becoming the fifth pitcher to earn the honor in both leagues.

“It’s by far the most fun I’ve ever had playing this game,” he said on a conference call from Mexico, where he was golfing with Phillies teammate Mike Sweney, Cardinals star Chris Carpenter and pitcher Chris Young.

“It was everything I hoped it would be,” Halladay said.

In the Year of the Pitcher, he became the only one ever to throw a perfect game and no-hitter in the same season.

Halladay was an easy choice after going 21-10 with a 2.44 ERA and 219 strikeouts. He led the league in wins and topped the majors in innings (250 2-3), shutouts (4) and complete games (9).

Halladay received all 32 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America.

Adam Wainwright of St. Louis was second and Ubaldo Jimenez of Colorado was third. San Francisco ace Tim Lincecum, who won the past two NL Cy Youngs, finished 11th.

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Phillies pitcher

Halladay split a pair of matchups with Lincecum in the NL championship series. The Giants won in six games, blunt- ing the Phillies’ bid to reach the World Series for the third straight year.

“We fell short,” he said. “That part is definitely tough.”

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“To be able to do it again after so long,” he said, “means a lot to me.” Halladay joined Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and Gaylord Perry as pitchers to earn the award in both leagues.

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This year’s AL Cy Young Award winner will be announced Thursday. It could be a much more complicated race.

Felix Hernandez went 13-12, but topped the majors with a 2.27 ERA, led the AL in innings and was second in strikeouts.

His Seattle Mariners had the worst record in the league and were either shut out or held to one run in 10 of his 34 starts.

CC Sabathia of the Yankees went 21-7 with a 3.18 ERA and Tampa Bay’s David Price was 19-6 with a 2.72 ERA.

“Obviously, Felix’s numbers are very, very impressive,” Halladay said. “Ultimately, you look at how guys are able to win games. Sometimes, you find a way to win games.”

Acquired from Toronto last December, Halladay quickly adjusted to a new league and added to the 2003 AL Cy Young he won with the Blue Jays.

Halladay threw a perfect game at Florida on May 29, then tossed a no-hitter against Cincinnati in his postseason debut.

Voting for the award ended after the regular season. Three days later, Halladay completely overmatched the Reds, the top-hitting team in the NL, in their playoff opener.

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Belles dominate in opening win

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s made an emphatic statement in their opening game with a 72-36 victory against Wheaton College.

The Belles (1-0) were led by junior forward Kelley Murphy, who led the team with 21 points on 8-11 shooting from the field and eight rebounds in 25 minutes of action, and senior Annie Bowen, who recorded a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. The Belles will next be in action Friday against Aurora College at the North Central College holiday tournament.

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NHL

Canadiens shut out Philadelphia

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Carey Price made 41 saves for his third shutout. Brian Gionta had a goal and two assists, and the Montreal Canadiens extended their winning streak to four with a 3-0 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

Price stopped 13 shots in the first and 20 more in the second on his way to his seventh career shutout, his second in four games. He stopped 34 shots one week earlier in a 2-0 win over Vancouver which began Montreal’s current streak.

Gionta assisted on Michael Cammalleri’s goal during a two-man advantage midway through the first period. The Canadiens’ captain got his second goal in 13:48 into the third.

Gionta scored for the third game in a row when he added Montreal’s second power-play goal 6:24 into the third.

Cammalleri scored 9:36 into the first during a lengthy two-man advantage. Flyers defensemen Chris Pronger was sent off for clearing a puck into the crowd at 8:39, 23 seconds after Matt Carle was called for slashing.

Plekanec scored in the second period but the Canadiens up 2-0 moments after Philadelphia had two straight power plays, including a two-man advantage for 30 seconds.

The Montreal center took Gionta’s pass and stopped in the right faceoff circle before surprising Bobrovsky with a shot under his right pad while Canadiens forward Travis Moen stood in the left side.

Canadiens center Jeff Halpern had to be helped off the ice after he was hit by Philadelphia’s Darroll Powe in the corner 27 seconds into the third. Powe appeared to get his elbow up on Halpern’s head, though no penalty was called on the play.

Halpern’s helmet came off after his head struck the boards and the back of his head struck the ice when he fell.

Powe fought with Montreal’s Maxim Lapierre at 2:06.

Gionta got his third point at 6:24 when his backhand toward the net got past Bobrovsky for his fourth goal in five games.

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especially hot hand from deep, hitting nine of his 15 three-point attempts.

Both Abromaitis and Nash are also averaging double digits for the Irish — a scoring diversity that Brey fore- saw.

“We will be a little more diverse [in scoring], with guys being able to make plays,” he said. “Certainly [Robinson’s] ability to play off [Tim Abromaitis] are the most confi dent to make plays, especially during our early non-league slate. They have been in the battles a little longer.”

Notre Dame faces Chicago State tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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Hurley

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Hurley finished 61st out of 136 competitors. At the event, it was announced that Hurley won the 2009-10 World Cup Trophy as the best junior epee competitor.

According to Bednarski, Hurley can use the interna- tional competition as motiv- ation to be in a continual program of improvement.

“The whole world is chal- lenging her,” Bednarski said.

Hurley’s sister Kelly was a fencer at Notre Dame as well and also competed in the World Championships.

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Yeats and Eliot

A Mutual Illumination?

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Committee on the same side of the bracket as No. 1 overall Louisville. For Notre Dame, this means the road to the College Cup runs through their old Kentucky foes.

Several things bode well for Clark’s squad with their seeding and their draw. They will be playing familiar foes nearly all the way through. In their opening game, the Irish will play the winner of a Wednesday night tilt between Dartmouth and Monmouth. Clark should have no trouble game planning for a Dartmouth squad that he knows well, as he coached at the school from 1995 to 1993 and led the Big Green to the NCAA quarterfinals twice. Clark’s oldest son Tommy also graduated from and played soccer for the Ivy League school. Waiting for the Irish in the next round, if top seeds hold, would be UCLA, who handed the Irish a 1-0 defeat in Notre Dame’s season opener. The next logical opponent would be Louisville, provided the Cardinals are able to knock off lower seeds in their first two games. On the whole, it’s clear that there is no lack of familiarity for the Irish on their side of the bracket.

While the results against the Bruins and Cardinals haven’t been positive, this is a different Irish team than the one that took the field in the early stages of the season. Senior forward Steven Perry and junior midfielder Brendan King have been sensational in the second half of the season, with Perry seemingly scoring in every match. Notre Dame has been scoring goals against better defenses than the ones they struggled to score against early in the season. If there is one trend that the team can ride through the postseason, it is the fact that their main striker — Perry — is scoring goals. Soccer coaches have a lot to smile about when that happens. The teams that win championships are not always the best overall teams, but the ones that are playing the best going into the postseason. Clark’s squad is playing well at the right time, and if fate smiles on them, they will get the chance to take on the team that has tormented them throughout the regular season and beat them when it really counts.

Isn’t that really all they can ask for?

Brown

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“Of course our goal was to win the regular-season and we weren’t able to do that, so we have another opportunity here this weekend to win the tournament, which would be awesome to have a Big East championship this year,” Brown said.

Once again, the Big East features a number of powerhouse squads, with Cincinnati, Louisville, Marquette and Villanova taking the top four seeds. Each of these squads defeated the Irish this season and threatens to take them down once again this weekend.

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Brown isn’t letting that get her team down.

“One of the things that’s fun about it is that we’ve played each of these teams before, so to have the opportunity to see them again and to be able to make the adjustments and to be able to look at the little things, what we didn’t do well against them the time before, makes it a fun and challenging situation,” Brown said. Off of the four teams ahead of the Irish, only Cincinnati registered a 3-0 sweep. At the opening of the conference season, the Bearcats were unanimously selected as the favorite in the Big East preseason coaches’ poll. Louisville, the defending tournament champion, was picked second, and Notre Dame followed in third. The Irish have struggled out of Louisville in the Big East championship before, falling to the Cardinals in the title game in both 2008 and 2009 after defeating them in the regular season.

But Brown isn’t allowing her team to worry about the past. Instead, she’s working to keep them focused on being ready to play three difficult matches in a matter of three days against some of the Big East’s best competitors.

“The challenge is the tournament, always, that you play, if you win the championship, you play three matches back-to-back and its always good competition,” Brown said. “It’s a matter of being sharp for three matches in a row.”

Notre Dame doesn’t have to look far for the key to its success and playing on top of its game. The Irish found that key earlier this season, and were reminded of it this past weekend as they swept both Rutgers and Seton Hall when everything was about the team.

“Our main focus is on the team and whatever we can do,” Brown said. “All through the season and it was really noticeable this last weekend, how the team was really united and everybody was really selfless and really happy for their teammates, whenever their teammates would do something well.

“I want to definitely impli cate that as we go into the tournament. It’s definitely a team time, it’s something where everybody’s really focused on doing what they can to make the team better,” Brown continued.

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Opening volley
Notre Dame set to begin conference tournament with match against Pittsburgh

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will head to Pittsburgh this weekend to compete for their 10th Big East title.

Unlike last season, when the Irish (17-11, 10-4 Big East) went into the tournament at the top of the conference, this year’s squad has a lot more to work for.

“The tournament is huge because of two reasons,” Bednarski said. “The primary goal is to win the competition. She’s in celebration of a victory, not able to sustain her performance the whole day and it helps her.”

Hurley came to Notre Dame, having accomplished a lot. “And obviously, anytime you can go to a tournament and win, and win a championship that would be obviously, the second part of it and certainly our goal.”

Hurley was not able to win one of her early goals for this season, a goal it achieved flawlessly last season with an undefeated conference schedule.

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FENCING

Hurley sets sights on national excellence
Sophomore grows after 50-5 freshman season

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

When sophomore Courtney Hurley came to Notre Dame, she was an enthusiastic young fencer looking to find her way in the sport. Slightly more than a year ago, she is an internationally competitive athlete with her sights set on becoming one of the best in the world.

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski noted the many challenges that come with being a student athlete while training to keep up with the rapidly developing sport of fencing.

“She needs to follow up with the technical nuances that her opponents are bringing from the work with their coaches,” Bednarski said. “It’s time-consuming, but she has to find the time for this. It’s not easy with studies, but that’s how she has to improve.”

Even as a young competitor, Hurley has accomplished a great deal in the sport. At one point, she was ranked as the No. 2 junior fencer in the world. As a freshman last season, she went 50-5 in the regular season on her way to first-team All-American honors in the NCAA Championships. She fell in the semifinals of the national tournament a year ago, but she should compete for a title this season.

This year at the FIE World Championships in Paris, Hurley sets sights on national excellence.

Irish to host Chicago State

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Edu

Two games into the season, Notre Dame has outscored its opposition by a combined 58 points. In their third game of the season, the Irish (2-0) faced a Chicago State team that was outscored by 34 points against DePaul Sunday.

Tonight’s match-up will be the second in a month-long road trip for the Cougars (1-1), while it ends a six-day stretch for Notre Dame filled with three games. Friday night the Irish topped Georgia Southern 98-61 to open the season, and defeated Liberty 72-51 Sunday.

In both games, Notre Dame started five seniors – guards Ben Hansbrough and Scott Martin and forwards Tim Abromatis, Carleton Scott and Tyrone Nash. Four of the five – excluding Martin – are team captains.

The Irish will host Chicago State Wednesday after starting the season 2-0.

Men’s Basketball

ND’s road to Cup is familiar

Evidently, baseball bats aren’t the only high-quality product to come out of Louisville. The Louisville men’s soccer team is pretty good too, a fact the Irish and head coach Bobby Clark know all too well.

Notre Dame has lost twice to the top-ranked Cardinals on the season, falling 2-0 on the road in Louisville in October, and dropping a heartbreaking 1-0 decision in the Big East semifinals in New Jersey Friday.

After Friday’s loss, Clark expressed his hope that the Irish might get another shot against Louisville in the NCAA Tournament. He may get his wish. The Irish were seeded No. 9 overall by the NCAA Selection

MEN’S SOCCER

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Edu

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough chases down a loose ball against Georgia Southern on Nov. 12. The Irish will host Chicago State Wednesday after starting the season 2-0.