Coalition discusses public safety, relations

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

The Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) discussed student safety and community relations during a Wednesday meeting at Notre Dame’s downtown offices. CCAC is made up of representatives from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary’s, representatives from South Bend city offices and agencies and other South Bend residents.

Student body president Catherine Soler said student government has been working to improve relations with the community with the revamping of the Off-Campus Council. “We have revamped it to be more community friendly. What we’re going to do is have at least six off-campus students be neighborhood ambassadors,” she said. “[They will] be responsible for a certain area in the community where students live. Their main job will be to communicate.”

Soler also said student government is looking to build the relationship between students and local business through the Students for South Bend Discount Program. “We’re entering phase two. We have 35 participants now,” she said. “We’re trying to get a little more and really push the promotions.”

South Bend resident Matt Costello said the relationship between students living off-campus and the community remains strong. “Things are still going really well in terms of partying and the peaceful neighborhood,” he said.

Mark Kramer of Kramer Properties voiced concerns of student safety for those who make the decision to live off-campus. “I’ve got a concern that we’ve got cases involving students in Irish Row held at gunpoint.”

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ND clubs support students

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

With finals approaching, many students will begin to receive packages of study snacks and treats not only from their family, but also from their hometown’s Notre Dame Club.

The Notre Dame Clubs, located in major areas around the country, are largely made up of alumni. Aside from the highly anticipated finals packages, many students do not know the scope of what these clubs actually do.

Susan Dorr Hagan, an administrator of the Notre Dame Club of Pittsburgh, said that their send-off event for incoming freshmen each summer is key to teaching students about the Club’s existence. “We connect with students at the very beginning of their experience,” Hagan said. “That way the students who are realizing there is such a thing as an alumni club and it’s active.”

For sophomore Jill Giunco, the send-off she attended for the Notre Dame Club of the Jersey Shore helped ease some of her fears about attending school in the fall. “I really felt more comfortable about the ND community after seeing other kids in the same position as I was,” Giunco said. “I even met some people I’m still friends with today.”

Hagan said the Pittsburgh club’s most popular service is the buses that they provide for the five community members who are topic.

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‘Thrown into a new job’

Doyle reflects on days as student body president

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Years before he was appointed Vice President for Student Affairs, Fr. Tom Doyle operated under a different title at Notre Dame — student body president.

“I remember I was just a kid from a small town in Washington state. After I was elected, I was worried I was not presidential enough. I talk slow and I have sort of folksy ways about me,” Doyle said. “I remember for the first couple of months trying to be what I thought was presidential but it was so hard for me because I was not good at it. I was not good at not being myself.”

Doyle served as student body president during his senior year at Notre Dame from 1988 to 1989, and his experience as an undergraduate leader stuck with him as he returned to campus to work for the University. “Whenever you are thrown into a new job or new profession, there is not a platonic friendship you are. Coming back here to Notre Dame, I assumed a new role and have to constantly remind myself that I have to be the best version of me I can be,” Doyle said.

Dealing with the administration as a student prepared Doyle to be an administrator himself. “I found that the administrators really cared a lot about students,” Doyle said. “As I was used the popular social networking website Twitter to “Tweet” his jokes. The social networking website allows participants to Tweet thoughts, post links and hold conversations, 140 characters at a time. Users can also “follow” other Twitter users. Sims is one of several professors on campus who uses the website as a tool to stay connected with students and the community outside the classroom.

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Sims estimates of the 255 Trash to Class

Junior Kristin Manning models a jacket, which a student made from a curtain, at the GreenND Annual Green Fashion Show Wednesday night in the LaFortune Ballroom.

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Professors connect via Twitter

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Economics Professor Eric Sims started class one day last winter with a practical joke, poking fun at the search for the next Fighting Irish head football coach by stating he was interested in a job at Northwestern University. What was unique about this joke, however, was how he presented it.

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**In Brief**

Pasquerilla East Hall’s annual signature event “Silent Night, Silent Auction” will take place today from 6 to 9 p.m. Attendees can bid on Christmas baskets with the proceeds going to assist Margaret’s House and Building Tomorrow. The event will be in the Ballroom of LaFortune Student Center.

Raghild Nordas, senior research of the Peace Research Institute in Oslo, will give a lecture called “Religion and Intrastate Armed Conflict” tomorrow. The lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center and is presented by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

The annual Jingle Jog will begin today at 7 p.m. in front of South Dining Hall. The race is a 5k and is sponsored by the AlumniStudentClub.

The Undortones Christmas Concert will take place tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Washington Hall Main Stage. Tickets are $5 a piece and can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office or from any of the Undortones.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Choir presents “Handel’s Messiah,” tomorrow at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 and $3 for students.

Recsports will offer a free class, “Poolates®, this Sunday from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Poolates® is soothing to the mind and spirit and focuses on joints and muscles that land-based exercises.

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

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**Offbeat**

NYC bees turn red from cherry juice

NEW YORK — A bunch of Brooklyn bees have been coming home looking flushed.

New York City beekeeper Cerise (seh-BREEZ) Mayo was puzzled when her bees started showing up with mysterious red coloring. Their honey also turned red as cough syrup. She tells The New York Times a friend joked that the bees were prohibiting the run-off at Dell’s Marsachino Cherries Company, in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. Mayo — whose first name means “cherry” in French — raises bees in that neighborhood and across the water on Governor’s Island.

Tests confirmed the bees were riddled with Red Dye No. 40 — the same food color found in the cherry juice. Bee expert Andrew Cote tells the newspaper that bees had been creating a big nuisance at the factory. The solution? Put up screens or provide a closer source of sweet nectar.

Pa. woman rescued from pickup stuck in tree top

EVANS GITY, Pa. — Rescue crews had to use ropes and ladders to retrieve a western Pennsylvania woman from her pickup truck after it ran off a road and landed in tree tops about 30 feet above ground in a ravine.

Police say they’ll be citing 33-year-old Dana Bowser for driving too fast for conditions on Route 68 near Evans City. That’s about 25 miles north of Pittsburgh.

State police say Bowser lost control near a culvert that carries the highway over Connoquenessing (kow-muh-NESS’-ing) Creek. Police say Bowser told them the road was icy.

Rescue workers say Bowser was conscious and able to communicate with workers. Most importantly, they say she didn’t panic as they worked to reach her in the precarious position.

She was taken to Butler Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

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**Correction**

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-651-4324 so we can correct our error.
GROUP DEBATES ALCOHOL ISSUES

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Student Senate debated improvements to alcohol education and made further changes to the process for undergraduate elections Wednesday.

Senators reported feedback from their dorms about the way program such as “College HAS Issues” and Peers Inspiring Listening, Learning and Responsible Socializing (PILLARS) educate students about drinking. Student body vice president Andrew Bell said student government would like to improve alcohol education.

“We bring these issues up because we now have a Campus Life Council (CLC) task force that is addressing the culture of drinking on campus, and we thought a good place to start would be alcohol education,” Bell said. “We are looking at an overview of the way the students learn about drinking.”

Some senators said students in their dorms felt overwhelmed by the amount of alcohol education at the beginning of their freshman year but did not see much education after first week of school. Siefried senator Kevin McDermott said freshmen student body president Laura Smith said.

Senators also suggested ways to expand alcohol education. Carroll Hall senator John Sanders said more education on Indiana State laws would be especially relevant to students at Notre Dame.

Cavanaugh senator Tegan Chapman said her dorm asked about the signs of alcohol poisoning, and Farley senator Leslie Tailow was concerned about medical amnesty.

“A lot of the girls in my dorm wanted to know what to do if a friend is sick (after drinking) but you are worried about getting into t r u b l e , ” Tailow said.

Chief of staff Nick Ruof said a formal medical amnesty policy was not put into place last year after student government discussed the issue with the administration.

“What we came to real- ize is that in a ResLife meeting [the administration] takes into account the entire situation,” Ruof said. “You should be worried about your friends’ health over getting in trouble.”

Student government will continue to look at alcohol education and try to improve, Bell said.

The Student Senate also passed a resolution to change several clauses in the constitution on undergraduate elections. Oversight chair Paige Becker and Judicial Council president Marcelo Perez presented the changes to the senators.

The Senate passed a resolution last month to create an Executive Committee to deal with allegations made against candidates for election.

The Senate also passed the most significant changes to the constitution related to campaigning on election day.

Previously, the Judicial Council could sanction a candidate if a supporter posted the voting link in a Facebook status on the day of an election. Becker said.

Now, the link will only be a c c e s s i b l e through e-mail to students.

“One of the positive things we felt about the change was that the link to the voting website only goes out to the student body that attended the forum,” Ruof said.

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got cases involving students in Irish Row held at gunpoint. That’s an uncomfortable reality. We’re talking about safety,” he said. “When you read and hear about that sort of thing, I just wonder what you can do to prevent that.”

Captain Robert Hammer of the South Bend Police Department said it’s important to be vigilant when they spend time on the campus.

“The biggest message to everyone, especially students, is that they need to take security, locking doors and leaving lights on,” he said. “Know the area you are in, and don’t go out alone.”

He said students often are not accustomed to living in areas with safety issues such as South Bend. “There are a lot of things kids have been exposed to that are in the environment they are now living in,” Hammer said.

Tim Sexton, Notre Dame Assistant Vice President of Public Affairs, said the University is working to create a system of off-campus safety. “We’re trying to grow a neighborhood watch program. We’re hoping that there is reinforcement that we are paying attention,” he said. “We want things to change.”

Sexton said students must continue to be alert in their time off-campus.

“I think there is awareness you need to take responsibility for,” he said.

The Coalition discussed the issue of students walking back to campus instead of taking a taxi cab. The group found this was a contributor to off-campus safety issues.

Carolina Arroyo, Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, said cabs sometimes overcharge students, deterring them from taking a taxi back to campus.

“If students can take a cab and know they won’t get overcharged, I think that will help the safety issue,” she said.

City Council Member Buddy Kirlaht said the CCAC would strive to work towards a secure community.

“The goal of this group is safety. It’s about making students and residents safe,” he said.

The CCAC’s next meeting will be Jan. 26, 2011.

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people who follow him on the website, at least 10 to 20 are current or past students. In addition to students, Sims said he has one follower with a high profile on campus.

Brian Kelly follows him on Twitter and is a 91-year-old indi-

tive and has around 20,000 followers. I am one of the 91 he said.

Senior Brad Adamo, who follow-on with the high profile on the course of their academic career.

“It is difficult to stay in touch and or build a relationship with professors in general and even more so after you’ve finished taking their classes,” he said. “I think that Twitter is a great way to interact with professors outside of the academic sphere.”

Marketing Professor Carol Phillips believes the social networking site also possesses a value in her career. “I use it mostly for busi-

ness. I have a consulting business, and I tweet about things I am interested in,” she said. “It allows me to have a much bigger commu-
nity of people who are interested in the things I am interested in.”

Phillips, who has been using the site for two years and has 5,000 followers, said students should consider opening a Twitter account for future employ-

ment opportunities.

“Showing an ability to use social media such as Twitter is important to employers. Twitter is about extending your network,” she said. “I’ve met people I wouldn’t have met another way.”

Mark Galano, a junior who follows Sims on Twitter, said he believes the website will prove impor-
tant for social and employ-

ment purposes in the future.

“I do believe Twitter will be a powerful networking tool as far as staying in touch with old friends as well as making new business opportunities,” he said. “The way Twitter works is somewhat like a ripple effect, because you don’t follow your followers and your followers you follow.”

Phillips said though Twitter is important for business networking, she has not had success with the website as a classroom tool.

“I have found students at Notre Dame aren’t as interested in it,” she said. “I have students that follow me, but I don’t use it exclu-
sively for class.”

Adamo said a reason stu-
dents may not see much purpose in Twitter academi-
cally is its similarity to pre-

existing technology.

“Twitter is definitely an expedient way to disseminate information but I don’t know if it would be any more effective than e-mail,” he said. “Then again, it could be interesting to have a Tweet a discussion ques-
tion. I think it definitely worth a try.”

Sims said Twitter is becoming an important source for current events.

“It condenses thoughts and information from a lot of people in a small space. There are web of connec-
tion,” he said. “People aren’t trying to hide stuff. All the news sources have one, and it’s a great pool of information.”

In addition to the usefulness of the site for her career, Phillips said the enjoyable nature of the website is part of the reason she continues to use it.

“It is really fun. I check it before I check my e-mail. My husband knows to reach me he should Tweet and not e-mail,” she said. “Anyone can follow me.”

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year breaks. “I think the students like it, but I know the parents love it,” Hagan said. “Cheerleading is on the way to Pittsburgh, so I’ll even have stu-
dents from Cleveland asking if they can pay the full amount and be dropped off along the way.”

Another service the Pittsburgh club provides for the parents is assisting them in buying tickets for football games. Hagan said parents are only offered tickets for certain games, so the club tries to help them find tickets if the would like to visit the University a different weekend.

Another main event for the Pittsburgh club is its networking evenings. The club brings in pro-

fessionals from various fields to meet current students. Hagan said, “It’s not solely to find jobs but really more to make some contacts, maybe pass out a business card and get some questions answered,” Hagan said.

Katherine Piscopo Stein, presi-
dent of the Notre Dame Club of Long Island, said her club also tries to help students with networking. “If students want internships or jobs, we encourage them to contact us,” Stein said. “It really depends on what the student needs, but we’ll do what we can.”

The Notre Dame Clubs are also involved in organizing the University’s Summer Service Learning Programs. Hagan said this is one of the most time-con-
suming activities the Pittsburgh Club organizes.

“We tailor our SSLP to the actual students and what their desires are,” Hagan said. “We spend time convincing places to allow our stu-
dents to come in and work for eight weeks.”

For the Long Island Club, Stein said most of their SSLP students are Long Island natives. “We can’t really dorm someone here so in the past we’ve usually gone with students who have a place to stay,” Stein said.

Additionally, the Long Island Club sponsors pizza breaks during study days and activities for students to participate in while at home. Stein said. These events in New York take place not only over the sum-
mer but also over breaks.

“Two years ago when Notre Dame [basketball] played St. John’s, we did a big event since it was over winter break,” Stein said. “All the current students were invited.”

While still at school, students are looking forward to pizza from the clubs during finals week. Sophomore Chris Carr said he enjoys receiving packages from the Notre Dame Club of Detroit during finals. “It’s just a nice thing to get rid of some of the stress from finals and studying,” Carr said.

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The Observer
European police pursue WikiLeaks founder

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — WikiLeaks was on the defensive on several fronts Wednesday, scrambling to remain online and post more U.S. diplomatic documents with its fugitive founder Julian Assange targeted by a European arrest warrant for Swedish rape charges. Amazon.com Inc. prevented WikiLeaks from using the U.S. company’s computers to distribute its illegally seized diplomatic cables. Amazon said Wednesday it was taking new steps to protect government secrets after WikiLeaks release of thousands of sensitive U.S. diplomatic cables.

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**“Especially with a lot of the attention is being focused on Catherine and Andrew and how they have been leaders among their peers,” Doyle said.**

**“Doyle dealt with practical problems on campus as well as larger issues in the community. His administration set up the first campus 24-hour space outside the dorms, rented more portable toilets for football tailgaters and surveyed students on the University’s alcohol policy.”**

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**“If you are going to do anything that is going to be stretching or challenging, make sure you do it with somebody whose deepest values align with yours,” Doyle said.**

**“Doyle and Paese built their success on a friendship that remains after almost 25 years.”**

**“Doyle began his career in student government as the president of Grace Hall during his junior year. Michael Paese, a friend of Doyle’s, suggested the two run for student body president and vice president despite their limited student government experience.”**

**“The issue was that they were using dogs to break up the parties,” Doyle said. “I only wish that we were as effective as this year’s student government at being a good broker and conveyor between the South Bend police and the student body. These issues will come up again and again.”**

**“Doyle learned during his term, he joked that the immediate rewards of his election were not what he expected.”**

**“As student body president, I thought my social life would improve,” he said. “Being elected was not worth it for the suffering that country.”**

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**The White House also spurned a call from Assange to a senior aide to identify and develop reforms needed in light of the document dump.**

**“The company’s decision to cut off Wikileaks now is the right decision and should set the standard for other companies,” Lieberman said in a statement. He added that he would have further questions for Amazon about its dealings with Wikileaks.”**
Comprehensive immigration reform

When it comes to the issue of illegal immigration, there are many different voices with valid points trying to talk over each other at the same time. Everyone is concerned about aspects that really matter. How can you tell the family that has been affected by drug war violence that the border is not an issue? How can you tell millions of people to just up and leave? How can you stop people from trying to get their own piece of the American Dream? There are real issues at stake and many good people stuck in the crossfire, but we need to have a solution soon if we want to move forward. Many are calling for strong border security, and those concerns are very valid. Countless tons of drugs, count- less illegal immigrants, and countless weapons cross the border every single day. This is causing stress on the nation, financial and social stress on border towns and states and creates danger for Mexicans and Americans. Day after day we hear of the unpeak- able drug violence in Mexico and fear that it might spill over to our side. Living in fear is not tolerable, and hav- ing essentially a war take place next door is not sustainable. Border States have seen rising murder and kidnap- ping rates as criminals from the south permeate the rich drug markets of the north. The federal government has a duty to enforce our borders and protect our citizens from foreign violence, but they have failed to do so, which is why states are desperately trying to correct the problem themselves with legislation like Arizona’s SB1070. Border security needs to be solved before any other type of solution can be implemented. Otherwise, our children are going to have the same issues we are having now, but worse.

Many are calling for amnesty because America needs the workers and there is sympathy for hard work- ing immigrants who come to this coun- try to prosper, and those concerns are valid. There are many Mexican and South American people who cross the border illegally that have honest inten- tions. They come to escape poverty and oppression, just as many of our ances- tors did. Their illegal status opens them up to exploitation as well as a constant anxiety over being discovered and deported. These people need to be addressed and not forgotten or ignored. In the old days, immigrants simply signed their name in a book at Ellis Island and immediately were left to fend for themselves. How is this much different from modern illegal immigrants? Often these hardworking immigrants contribute to society and take the harder, unskilled jobs that are not desirable. This keeps wage infla- tion low and improves the nation’s overall quality of life. America is built with the labor of hardworking immi- grants, and as their children grow up in our systems and schools they will achieve higher levels in our society than their parents. What we need is a way to legalize and keep these good people in the country, and kick out the bad ones.

Comprehensive immigration reform requires that these two sides be addressed simultaneously. We need to be hard line on border security. Military presence on the border, a great wall of America, or other ways to stop the influx must be implemented immediately. Continuing the status quo of easily crossed borders will bring vio- lence and financial and societal stress to even more unsustainable levels. We need to also address the people already here and show our compassionate side and fiscal reasoning. We should issue amnesty to those with a good track record, but with caveats since they still have broken our laws. Citizenship can be earned quickly with military service or by the slower traditional method. Just because you live next door does not mean you should have an easier time to immigrate to this country than the millions of others who wish every day they could move here. Illegals should not be able to continue to cut in line in front of those who follow our laws and have to wait months and years for approval.

Immigration and border security will continue to be an issue until we address these two subjects head on.

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A full orchestra tuning their instruments prior to the start of the Christmas program. The trumpet players tune their instruments with a silent and deadpan attitude, while the percussion instruments “tune up” to make one perfectly harmonious and beautiful sound.

From my seat in a concert hall, I often find myself in awe of life. As I watch a life so young and vibrant is cut short for no apparent reason. By all accounts Declan Sullivan was a bright and promising young man with a seemingly limitless future ahead of him, in remembrance of Declan. I recently became aware of a similar tragedy that previously occurred to another student, Declan Sullivan. After his tragic passing in October, I have spoken to several members of the Notre Dame family and have come to the realization that the possibility that the University might never again lose such a young and promising student is nearly gone from our minds.

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Guest

Columnist

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As a father of a young man who died in a similar manner, I was profoundly affected by the loss of Declan Sullivan. I was told by the father of another student who lost a child, Declan Sullivan, that the University should honor the memory of Declan with a day of silent reflection and prayer. I believe that this would be an appropriate way for the University to honor the memory of Declan Sullivan.

The University should also create a scholarship in Declan’s name to support students who are facing similar challenges. I believe that this would be a way to honor Declan’s memory in a meaningful way.

I urge you to consider these proposals and I look forward to your response.

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Love him or hate him, Michael Bublé can sing. And his jazz-infused style is perfect when it comes to Christmas songs. In 2001, Bublé released a Christmas EP called “Let It Snow,” featuring his jazzy renditions of six classic Christmas songs. Bublé’s “Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow,” “The Christmas Song,” “Grown-Up Christmas List,” “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” is infectious from its first note. More melodic than other versions of the song. Bublé’s is stunningly beautiful and infused with a little Christmas magic. Bublé’s jazz standard take on “White Christmas” is one of the less remarkable songs on the EP. However, his version includes the original recording by Nat King Cole. It’s hard to compete with that kind of pedigree But Bublé’s version is beaut- iful and charming, staying true to the song’s roots while still adding much of his own style. Give it a listen, and all you’ll want to do is stoke the fire, grab a mug of hot chocolate and curl up with someone special. And that’s not a bad thing. “The Grown-Up Christmas List” is less famous than some of the other Christmas songs on the album. Perhaps it’s due to lack of familiarity, but “Grown-Up Christmas List” isn’t as good as the rest of Bublé’s album. However, Bublé still sounds wonderful and the song is a welcome addition at Christmas time. “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” is infectious from its first note. More melodic than other versions of the song. Bublé’s is stunningly beautiful and infused with a little Christmas magic. Bublé’s jazz standard take on “White Christmas” is one of the less remarkable songs on the EP. However, his version is smooth as always and the song is a welcome addition to any Christmas playlist. The album closes with a live version of “Let It Snow,” which includes a little audience participation on the chorus. It doesn’t have the same cheerful, comfort- ing sound of the studio ver- sion that opens the album, but showcases Bublé’s real vocal talents. Bublé’s “Let It Snow” is certainly not the ultimate Christmas CD. But rather than trying to redo every Christmas song ever made, he selects a nice, small group that suit his voice and musical style extremely well. He changes the songs enough to make them fitting for him, but maintains the integrity of the original, and beloved, classics. “The Christmas Song” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” are remarkable, to say the least. So whether you’re a jazz fan or not, whether you loved his rendition of “Feeling Good” or loathed it, spice up your Christmas music with something from “Let It Snow.” The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer Contact Majia Gustin at mgustin@nd.edu

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Cee Lo Green has already proven his worth as a chart-topping soul man with Gnarls Barkley, the duo he formed with indie producer Danger Mouse that produced the smash hit “Crazy.” He returns for “The Lady Killer,” his first full-length since Gnarls Barkley’s two albums, in much the same fashion — with a runaway, smash-hit soul song.

“ Forget You ,” as it is known in its censored form, is a gleefully foul-mouthed kiss-off to an ex-lover set to a fantastic R&B backing track that features a hip-swaying beat and a backing gospel choir in the chorus. The sometimes playful, sometimes remorseful lyrics — “I guess he’s an Xbox and I’m more Alari / But the way you play your game ain’t fair” — are delivered, of course, in Green's pitch-perfect falsetto.

This track is produced by The Smeezingtons, a coalition whose other hits include “ Nothin’ On You ” by B.o.B and Bruno Mars, “ Georgious ” by Travie McCoy and “ Right Round ” by Flo Rida. Besides being the album’s highlight, “ Forget You ” is also the song that has propelled Green into the spotlight once more.

Upon its release the unedited version of the song immediately went viral online, and the song charted as high as #1 on the R&B chart immediately after its release. A cover version by Kanye West’s “ Gold Digger ”, which is propelled by ‘80s synths and a funky guitar sample, to “ Fool For You ,” a piano-driven soul number that appropriately features Philip Bailey of Earth, Wind & Fire, each song sounds like an instant classic in its own right.

That being said, the album rarely strays from the same themes of spurned romance and regret seen in “ Forget You ” or “ No One’s Gonna Love You ” or “ It’s OK ,” the album’s ELEMENT-produced second single. This can make the album feel a bit stale towards the middle, despite the instrumental diversity, and can call the album’s title into question.

Green’s assertion in the album’s introduction that “When it comes to ladies … I have a license to kill” rarely seems to come into play in the album’s lyrical subject matter. The intimate “ Bodies ” reflects this theme certainly, however, he seems to be rejected by the ladies more often than he seduces them.

But maybe that’s just over-thinking the concept. Besides, despite Green’s clever lyrics on songs like “ Wildflower ,” “ Forget You ,” the focus of this album isn’t lyrical. Its purpose, simply stated, is for Green to nail gorgeous melodies over lush instrumentation, and that he does time and time again. In the aforementioned “ Bodies ,” he soars for the higher end of the spectrum as he proclaims, “They say that chivalry is dead,” in the chorus.

Overall, “The Lady Killer” is a fantastic solo effort by Cee Lo Green that shows without question that he is the “King of Soul” at the moment. Despite his success with this genre, however, he said in a recent interview that he plans to return to hip-hop next, rejoining his old Atlanta-based group Goodie Mob, friends and sometimes-collaborators with Outkast, also from Atlanta. Whether he ever returns to the type of music he’s been making for most of the last decade or not, “The Lady Killer” and its viral single “Forget You” will certainly be remembered as a creative high-water mark for Green — equally important as Gnarls Barkley’s “Crazy.”

This album comes with highest recommendations for anyone who enjoys classic R&B and soul or who has heard “Forget You” and found it entertaining.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Heisman Trophy favorite Cam Newton can focus on playing for the SEC championship instead of worrying about pay-for-play.

The NCAA ruled Wednesday that Auburn's quarterback won't be punished for the pay-for-play scheme concocted by his father, Cecil.

Instead, the younger Newton will lead the second-ranked Tigers into the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday against South Carolina — with a shot at the national title on the line.

The NCAA cleared Newton to compete without conditions, saying it was Cecil Newton and an "owner of a scouting service" who designed the pay-for-play scheme.

The NCAA became involved during the summer in investigating the pay-for-play scheme that was discussed during Newton's recruitment. Two Mississippi State University boosters accused Cecil Newton and Rogers of trying to get up to $180,000 for Cam Newton to pay to the Bulldogs while the quarterback was being recruited out of junior college last year.

"Based on the information available to the reinstatement staff at this time, we do not have sufficient evidence that Cam Newton or anyone from Auburn was aware of this activity, which led to his reinstatement," Kevin Lennon, NCAA vice president for academic and membership affairs, said in the release.

The question of how much Auburn and Newton knew about the scheme has dogged the Tigers since the news of the recruiting scandal became public last month.

The NCAA and Auburn moved swiftly this week to bring at least some resolution.

The sports governing body concluded Monday that a violation had been committed by Cecil Newton and Rogers of trying to get up to $180,000 for Cam Newton to pay to the Bulldogs while the quarterback was being recruited out of junior college last year.

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"If you get the team of boys together, a bunch of dogs, you people," Browns linebacker David Bowens. Thus, the facemask.

"Not only does he bulldoze his way to the college games at Arkansas. It's ugly, but I like it."

Cleveland has fallen for Hills, the same way he drops line- backers. At 6-foot-1, 240 pounds, he's a hulking hunk, who on the brink of surpassing 1,000 yards, has quickly made the Browns' female fanbase forget about quarterback Brady Quinn. Quinn, by the way, is the one Cleveland traded to Denver in March for Hillis.

Hillis is also a guy's guy. Dressed in rattlekaze-skinned cowboy boots, jeans, a camouflage jacket and a tattered base- ball cap. Hills is the antithesis of many pro athletes right down to his favorite hobby — hunting. He runs people over, blocks well.

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"I thought he would be pretty good and a great addition, but he's been outstanding," coach Eric Mangini said. "He just shows up, works like crazy. He's a great guy, loves being here and his heart is always above his head."

"Yeah, he's made for Cleveland."

And Cleveland seems made for Hills.

The buckles of the Rust Belt, it's where generations of fami- lies spent their work weeks in factories and steel mills and their Sundays in front of the TV or down on the shores of Lake Erie watching the beloved Browns. Of course, times have changed, but there remains a strong identity to athletes who give it their all without com-promise to their personal lives.

And that's something Hills' senses as soon as he arrived. He felt the passion and the connection between his people and the fan base.

"I feel like I can relate to fans on a personal level," said Hills, who was raised in the Pittsburgh, Cleveland area. "They're hard-working people, they love football and they don't ask for much. They just want to see their team play. This city's hungry for a winning team."

On Sunday, there were ban- ners hanging over the railings of Browns Stadium honoring the "new hero. "Peyton's Place" read one. "House of Hills" was another.

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — His hog-nosed facemask is unlike any in the NFL, just one of the many things about Cam Newton that has the NCAA and Mississippi State's oldest star unable to put a name to.<ref>

Harry: "Yeah I called her up, she gave me a bunch of crap about me not listening to her, or something. I don't know. I wasn't really paying attention."

Woody Allen: "I was thrown out of college for cheating on the meta- physics exam: I looked into the soul of another boy."
**NBA**

**Horford Hawks soar past Grizzlies**

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Al Horford scored 20 points and the Atlanta Hawks beat the Memphis Grizzlies 112-109 on Wednesday night after learning star Joe Johnson will have elbow surgery and miss four to six weeks.

The Hawks had six players score in double figures, including a season-high 16 points off the bench by Josh Powell, to overcome the loss of Johnson, the team’s four-time All-Star and top scorer. The Hawks have won four straight.

Mike Bibby, who had 15 points, hit three 3-pointers in the last 5 minutes after Memphis by one. Bibby’s last 3, with 17 seconds remaining, came after Horford and Josh Smith grabbed offensive rebounds to extend a long possession.

Rudy Gay led Memphis with 23 points, including a 3-pointer and another basket in the final 10 seconds.

The Hawks announced at the start of the game Johnson will have arthroscopic surgery to remove a “loose body” from his right elbow.

An improbable layup by Mike Conley, with the ball dropping from the top of the backcourt with 4.38 remaining, pulled the Grizzlies within 95-94. Bibby answered with a 3-pointer for Atlanta before drawing a charge on Conley seconds later.

Conley had 22 points. Zach Randolph, with 19 points and 19 rebounds, and Pau Gasol, with 16 points and 10 rebounds, had double-doubles for the Grizzlies.

Jamal Crawford had 16 points and eight assists for Atlanta. Marvin Williams had 15 and Smith had 13.

Johnson said the elbow has caused discomfort “off and on” this season.

“It just got unbearable yesterday,” Johnson told The Associated Press.

Maurice Evans, who started for Johnson, had nine points.

The Hawks were looking for someone to fill the scoring void left by Johnson’s absence. The first-half surprise was Powell, who had 14 points while making 7-of-8 shots from the field. Powell’s previous season high for a full game was 10 points.

The Grizzlies led 44-43 before Powell began a hot streak in which he scored 10 points in the final 4:41 of the second period to give Atlanta a 63-57 halftime lead.

The Hawks stretched the lead to 86-76 at the end of the third quarter. The Grizzlies opened the final period with eight straight points to cut Atlanta’s lead to two points.

Smith was charged with four turnovers in the third period as Tony Allen had a string of three straight steals. After Allen’s second steal of Smith’s pass, Smith hustled and blocked Allen’s layup. Allen responded with his third steal from Smith for a basket.

**MLB**

**MLB grants 105 ADHD exemptions for drugs**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball granted 105 exemptions for otherwise-banned stimulants in the last year because of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, virtually unchanged from the previous year’s total.

MLB and the players’ union released the report Wednesday, covering a period that ended with the World Series.

The ADHD figure has stayed about the same for four years. There were 108 therapeutic use exemptions in 2009, up from 106 TUEs in 2008 and 103 in 2007. Baseball management says the level of ADHD among young males is higher than for the general population.

“My reaction is the same as last year and the year before that,” said Dr. Gary Wadler, chairman of the committee that determines the banned substances list for the World Anti-Doping Agency. “It seems to me almost incomprehensible that ADHD is so pervasive in baseball to a degree that it requires medicine.”

A frequent critic of baseball’s drug-testing program, Wadler said “these numbers really cry out for transparency in the TUE process in baseball — a good look-see at the process, not just the numbers.”

Rob Manfred, baseball’s executive vice president for labor relations, said MLB was encouraged by the low number of positive tests. “We’re always cautious that we’re not missing anything.”

Manfred emphasized the standards were determined by Smith, not MLB.

There were just two positive tests for steroids in the second full year of the sport’s toughened drug program, according to Dr. Bryan Smith, MLB’s independent drug-testing administrator. Cincinnati pitcher Edinson Volquez and Florida catcher Bonny Paulino were suspended for 50 games each.

Without saying who tested positive for what, Smith identified the substances as Climaphone and Oxandroldone — Among 3,747 tests for major leaguers, up slightly from last year’s 3,722, there were 15 positives for stimulants, including 13 for Adderall and one each for Clobenzorex and Phentermine. They were presumably initial positive tests, which don’t result in discipline.
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Longtime Columbus nemesis Steve Sullivan scored the only goal in the shootout to lead the Nashville Predators past the Columbus Blue Jackets, 4-3 on Wednesday night.

Sullivan, who has 43 points in 44 career games against Columbus, notched the goal while going second in the shootout. Pekka Rinne, who had 28 saves in regulation, made stops on Jake Voracek, Rick Nash and Antoine Vermette — who had two goals — for the Predators.

Kris Russell supplied a go-ahead goal for Columbus in the third period. The Predators led 2-1 heading into the third, fell behind 3-2, and then tied it on Klein’s goal with 8:22 left.

It was more of the same for Nashville, which always seems to find a way to beat Columbus — and usually with Sullivan and/or Erat playing a major role. The Predators are 41-13-4-1 against the Blue Jackets, going 24-4-2 in the series since 2006-07. Erat has 40 points in his last 40 games against the Blue Jackets.

Columbus, down 2-1 heading into the third period, scored the next two goals. Russell found the net on a hard wrister from the high slot 2 minutes into the period.

After an Erat blast caught the corner junction and just missed going in for the Predators, the Blue Jackets took a 3-2 lead when Nash made a great individual effort and Vermette collected his second garbage goal. Nash went strong to the net, muscling his way between two defenders to get off a point-blank shot on Rinne. The goalie got a piece of it, but Vermette was there to punch in the go-ahead goal.

Nashville then knotted things again on what appeared to be an innocent shot. Klein collectted the puck near the blue line, skated laterally for an instant and then fired a hard, low shot that goalie Steve Mason lost in the traffic in front of the net.
For the Notre Dame swimmers, the U.S. Nationals will also be challenging to test the waters of their swimming potential. “We have just been continuing to practice like normal,” Maxwell said. “Our team has been focusing on getting better every day. We haven’t been doing anything specifically for this meet; we have just been trying to improve our overall performance.” Because the meet is a national invitational event, the swimmers had to meet certain standards to be able to take part in the three-day event. “There will be several teams at this meet including club and college teams,” Maxwell said. “One of our toughest opponents will be Cal. They have a very good swimming program.” The meets that will take place this weekend will offer ample opportunity for both the swimmers and divers to go up against excellent competition and to get a lot of events in during the three days. “We want to use this meet to get lots of swims in and evaluate where we are at this point in the season,” Maxwell said. “All of the events will be very interesting to watch because the level of competition is higher than that at a dual meet.”

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On the night.

Five minutes later, freshman Kayla McBride hit two free throws to make the score 65-59. “The gamer in us kicked in. The heart finally showed up. We wanted to win,” Diggins said. “I think in the first half we were playing light and then finally we started to pick it up like we need to get up.”

But the six-point difference was as close as the Irish would get.

Notre Dame and Baylor (8-1) were tied at seven points each after nearly six minutes when the Bears went on an 8-2 run to make it 15-9. Baylor continued to pull away and led 38-24 at the end of the first half.

Diggins’ 21 points led the Irish. She also had five assists and four steals on the night and played 39 of the game’s 40 minutes.

“She is obviously our go-to player,” McGraw said. “She played like an All-American today and had a great game in a big game on the road. I am just proud of the way she played and really kept us in the game. She did everything thing she could to win the game for us.”

The Irish had a significant difference in fouls, 27-12, and put the Bears into the double bonus in both halves.

Junior forward Devereaux Peters ran into foul trouble early, with two fouls after just four minutes of play. She stayed on the bench for the rest of the first half.

Junior guard Erica Solomon fouled out with 2:47 to go in the game after a nine-rebound performance to lead her team. Junior guard Natalie Novosel fouled out with 36 seconds left after scoring 12 points and grabbing four steals.

Solomon has become a major presence for Notre Dame after her performance in the WBCA Classic over Thanksgiving earned her all-tournament honors.

While Notre Dame was guarding Griner, Baylor redshirt sophomore forward Brooklyn Pope became the go-to player for the Bears. She finished with 20 points and 14 rebounds on the night. “I think definitely in the first half [Pope] took advantage of that and she drove a lot,” Diggins said. “We were playing off of her and she got a whole lot of layups in the first half. I think that was huge for them. In the second half we tried to contain her a little bit, but I think we dug ourselves a deep whole by not guarding her.”

Notre Dame faces Purdue Sunday at the Purcell Pavilion in a game that will be nationally televised on ESPN2. Tip off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

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their winter break trip.

The teams that will be there include Grand Valley State, Calvin, Hillsdale, Valparaiso University, Kalamazoo, Northern Michigan, Olivet, Alma, and Saint Mary’s.

Benishek said the Belles got some good workouts in over the Thanksgiving break that will help them prepare for the Calvin Invitational.

“They were in the water during break,” Benishek said. “The extra time will be good for some of them, but the rest will also serve well. We will have some chances at this invitational for improvement before heading to Florida.”

Saint Mary’s will participate in the Calvin invitational starting today before heading to Florida Jan. 7-14.

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experience have helped them work together to set up scoring chances.

“We’re really just focused on seeing the ice and making plays rather than the system and where we’re supposed to be because we’re already acclimatized to that,” Ryan said.

So far this year, Ryan has played primarily with freshman left wing Anders Lee, who leads the team with nine goals. The senior has also seen ice time with classmates Calle Ridderwall, who has seven goals on the year.

“As long as somebody’s putting the puck in the net I’m sure that Ryan’s happy,” Jackson said. “I think he’s been really well-balanced in his game.”

Part of that all-around style has manifested itself in the faceoff circle. Heading into the season, Ryan was expected to take a lot of the key draws for the Irish after the graduation of Kevin Dever. So far this season, Ryan has won 51.5 percent of his faceoffs.

The Irish struggled in the circle earlier in the season, which Jackson credited to freshmen adjusting to Division I hockey. Ryan said he has been working with fresher centers T.J. Tynan and David Gerths to improve their faceoff percentages.

“You have to be able to realize where you are on the ice,” Ryan said. “Taking an offensive zone draw is totally different than the [defensive] zone. Offensive zone, you’re willing to try some things, take some chances, because the puck’s not necessarily coming right back down your throat again because you’re in the o-zone, but in the d-zone you can’t go in there trying to win it clean because if you lose it clean, they’re probably getting a shot on net.”

Ryan is also one of three senior alternate captains this season, no easy task on a team that features 12 freshmen.

“With all these freshmen that came in in the fall, I just thought back to what it was like when I was a freshman, what I was going through,” Ryan said. “We’re right there to help these guys out.”

These next two weeks will pose an especially interesting challenge for the senior leadership on the Irish roster, since they not only have to contend with a road trip to No. 6 Miami this weekend and a home series against Northern Michigan after that, but the freshmen’s first final exams are looming around the corner.

“We just kind of encourage the guys to have fun at the rink because when you’re here it’s time to maybe goof around a little bit,” Ryan said. “It’s serious, but you get to goof around a little bit and let things go because as soon as you leave here it’s right back to the books.”

Ryan also said he has enjoyed the murderers-row schedule Notre Dame has faced recently — with consecutive series against No. 11 Michigan, Michigan State, and No. 7 North Dakota, leading up to this weekend’s showdown against the Redhawks — because it would help the Irish prepare for the gauntlet that is postseason play.

“It’s good to have this experience early in the season because it teaches you that you can’t have any off nights,” Ryan said.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Too much to Bear

No. 2 Baylor defends home court as No. 16 Irish fall 76-75 to Brittany Griner, Bears

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

In the end, Brittany Griner and No. 2 Baylor proved to be too much for Notre Dame. The Big 12 post-center played all 40 minutes and scored 21 points as she and the Bears defeated the Irish 76-65 in Waco, Tex.

It was the third loss to a top-15 team for No. 16 Notre Dame (5-3) this season.

“It is disappointing because we thought we played our game for about 15 minutes, and they are a great team,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in a post-game press conference. “They are a Final Four team and I thought they just really hung together when we made our run and showed a lot of poise.

After being down by as many as 22 points in the second half, Notre Dame went on a 12-0 run to close the gap to 56-49 with just under 10 minutes to go.

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins scored eight points during the run and finished with 21 points.

Women’s Swimming

Irish split up for two meets

By KATHARINE MACK
Sports Writer

The Irish will be splitting up this weekend to participate in two extremely competitive meets that will test Notre Dame’s mettle.

The Irish swimmers will head to Columbus, Ohio, to take part in the U.S. Nationals swim meet, while the Notre Dame divers will head to Iowa City, Iowa, for the Hawkeye Invitational.

The Hawkeye Invitational is a three-day event that will span from Friday through Sunday. The U.S. Nationals are also a three-day event, stretching from Thursday through Saturday.

The Hawkeye Invitational will be comprised of a competitive field of diving teams. Iowa, Denver, Illinois, Northern Iowa, South Dakota State, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Notre Dame and Ohio State.

SMC SWIMMING

Belles to swim in fall finale against Calvin

Squad coming off invitational in Chicago

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Belles are coming off a fifth-place showing at the Phoenix Invitational hosted by the University of Chicago earlier this month, and will now round out the Fall semester portion of their schedule at the Calvin Invitational this weekend.

“We are looking for strong swims out of everybody at the Calvin Invitational,” head coach Mark Benishek said. “I am looking for everyone to give 100 percent effort in the pool, even whether they get their best time or just off their best time.”

The Phoenix Invitational featured the host No. 15 University of Chicago, which won the Invitational easily with 1252 points, with the next closest team having 464. The Belles finished with 296.

Saint Mary’s had its some strong finishes on the weekend with sophomore Katie Griffin finishing third in the 100-yard backstroke. Griffin also finished seventh in the 100-yard butterfly for the Invitational.

Overall it was a pretty good meet,” Benishek said. “We weren’t competing for a month or so, so to come out with those performances was a step in the right direction. We saw some great times, and some of the girls had beat their best times in practice so we’re continuing to improve.”

Sophomore Audrey Dalrymple also had an impressive swim for the Belles at the Phoenix Invitational, finishing seventh in the 200-yard backstroke, and eighth in the 400-yard individual medley.

Dalrymple noted that there are only 14 girls on the team this year and said she found the small roster to be a mixed blessing.

“We only have 14 girls on the team this year. It’s unfortunate because we have a lot of talent but just do not have the numbers to beat some of the teams in our conference,” she said. “The size of our team is also a blessing because we are extremely close and help motivate each other to focus on our individual goals for the season.”

Saint Mary’s will get a chance to face some of its MIAA competition this weekend at the Calvin Invitational before heading to Florida for their winter break.

HOCKEY

Ryan stands out as a senior

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Senior center Ben Ryan may not be lighting the lamp as much as he has in years past, but that doesn’t mean he hasn’t been finding his way onto the score sheet.

Through 15 games, Ryan has only two goals, but has already racked up 14 assists, just two short of his career high.

“You know, I think in some ways he’s changed his game in a positive way from a leadership perspective,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of Ryan. “I don’t think he feels he has to be the guy who puts the puck in the net all the time.”

For his part, Ryan said he hasn’t necessarily changed his style of play, but rather just adapted to the situation in which he found himself. He pointed out that during his freshman and sophomore years, when he scored 10 and 12 goals, respectively, he played most of his minutes with Erik Condra, one of the team’s top playmakers.

“I think it’s kind of natural,” Ryan said of his transition to set-up man. “I don’t think it’s necessarily me changing my game up. We’re just playing with more others now.”

Ryan’s 14 assists are second on the team only to senior linemate Ryan Guentzel’s 15. Ryan said his and Guentzel’s years of