**CIF early grade incentive continues**

By MELISSA FLANAGAN

After the University increased its response rate for Course Instructor Feedback (CIF) by offering an incentive during the 2009-2010 academic year, students who complete CIFs can once again see their grades a week earlier this year.

Students who complete CIFs will be able to view their semester grades Dec. 21, while others will not have access to their grades until Dec. 27. In the fall of 2009, the first semester this incentive was offered, the response rate for online CIFs climbed from 63 to 87 percent, according to Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost.

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**OT to provide more Google apps for students**

By NICOLE TOCZAUER

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) will flip the switch Dec. 21 to increase the number of Google services linked with their University accounts. The top three requests were for Google’s Blogger, Picasa and Reader.

According to the Google Apps website, Picasa is a service for uploading and sharing photos, Blogger allows students to create their own blogs, and Google Reader offers users a faster way to access blogs and news feeds.

"Students will now be able to access services like Picasa and Blogger automatically with their ND accounts. I know Blogger has been requested a bit since a lot of classes use it for collaborative work," she said. "And Picasa is popular in the arts and even some of the sciences because of the types of graphic work they do." Rose said students will benefit from the easy access they will have to these services once the change is made. In the past, students have had to sign up for separate accounts to work with these applications.

"There was just a core set of services originally. It had Gmail, which was the most popular, but we also had Google Calendars, Google Docs and Google Sites when we started," Rose said. "Unfortunately, we weren't able to add many of the other services before because that wasn't part of what Google was offering initially.

"Google offers 60 services overall as part of its suite. With a commercial account, any user may access them. For Notre Dame and other academic institutions, however, Google offers a smaller set of services. Rose said requests for more Google services from these universities are common.

"A lot of other schools get similar requests and that gets sent back to Google from the Customer Advisory Board and other various online mechanisms," Rose said. "Google has taken those requests and analyzed account management, she said. With the upcoming change, they hope to offer more services in the most effective manner.

"They are making an infrastructure change that will allow them to do all of these other services in one fell swoop," Rose said. "That's why we are going down the right path. It's shows clear-
Dame women's soccer team's College Cup semifinal opponent was misidentified in the article "’Not an upset.’" Notre Dame defeated Ohio State, 1-0, on Tuesday, December 7, 2010.
At Monday’s Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting, members discussed a memo presented by Brian Coughlin, assistant vice president for student affairs. It has considered the progress of the group in responding to issues related to student use of caffeinated alcoholic beverages.

The memo stated that, while the FDA and other governmental agencies have already taken steps to limit or ban the popular Four Loko and Joose drinks, AEDs are still a concern because “some students may still have ‘original’ formula AEDs and/or some students may attempt to make their own should the pre-packaged products no longer be available.”

The memo went on to say that the availability and consumption of non-alcoholic energy drinks on campus is a concern within itself. Julia Sutton, SUB director, said the University could only go so far in managing students’ decisions.

“At this point in time, there is a lack of hard data to prove that AEDs are causing problems like alcohol,” she said. “The concern is that they may be masking the binge-drinking problem.”

“Unfortunately, one of the things we found out across the country is that people do know that, so sometimes they won’t eat dinner and will drink the Four Loko,” he said. “Then they’ll have nothing to metabolize the alcohol with.”

“Ban it, but usually I take a ban as a challenge,” he said. “No ban is going to change the attitude.”

Christopher Haug, assistant director for residence life and housing, thought raising this point with students, faculty and staff of Saint Mary’s College can help those in need. Olivia Barzydlo Critchlow, assistant director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) said.

“It’s definitely not as bad as you may think, and the staff from the Red Cross is excellent at working with those who are donating for the first time.”

If students do not wish to donate blood but still wish to volunteer, Critchlow said there are other ways to help with the blood drive.

“Volunteers are needed to help staff the check-in table as well as the refreshments table,” she said. “As [blood] cannot be manufactured, the only place to get it is from someone during the holiday season.”

“Blood drives are a very important way for individuals to give back to their community,” Critchlow said. “There is always a need for blood, and what better way could you think of giving to someone during the holiday season than to donate blood to possibly save a life?”

Critchlow said the College holds four blood drives each academic year.

“[Blood] cannot be manufactured, the only place to get it for those in need is from healthy donors. They are afraid. I believe that if someone is able to donate blood they should definitely consider doing it as it truly does save lives,” she said.

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Hall raises funds for homeless center

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

McCandless Hall is using some Christmas cheer and a little competition to help raise funds for Hope Ministries, a homeless center in South Bend.

For members of McCandless to participate, they can go to the hall’s front desk and place their donations into boxes.

“At the front desk there is another table decorated for Christmas and it contains four wrapped Christmas presents,” said junior Caitlin Ascherl, a resident advisor in the dorm. “The presents are numbered for each floor in McCandless.”

According to Ascherl, the floor in McCandless that manages to collect the most funds gets a special treat.

“The floor that raises the most money for Hope Ministries gets to ‘pie’ their resident advisor [in the face] at the Hall Christmas Party this week,” she said.

Ascherl said she came up with the idea because she wanted residents to work together and support Hope Ministries.

“I came up with the idea while trying to think of ways to get the first-years involved and excited about the Hall,” Ascherl said.

Each dormitory at Saint Mary’s is assigned a service organization, and Hope Ministries was given to McCandless. Ascherl said each semester the dorm needs to hold an event for the place it represents, and she said this seemed like a good way to bring the hall together.

“The Hall is required to do one event for or with our service organization per semester,” Ascherl said. “What better way to create section unity then to come together against the RAs.”

They do not know how much money they have raised so far, but Ascherl said it will be counted Wednesday. If the entire dorm raises over $100, there is extra incentive for the residents.

“We find out Wednesday when a neutral party counts the money,” she said. “If it is over $100, the Hall Director gets [a pie in the face] as well.”

According to Ascherl, the fundraiser has gotten competitive between the RAs on different floors. Currently, she said it “has become a war between the RAs.”

Ascherl did say it seems like her floor is not doing as well.

“Right now it doesn’t look good for the 2nd and 4th floors,” she said. “Sadly, I am on the 2nd floor.”

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why it’s essentially happening all in one day here at Notre Dame.

Rose said the change would most affect students who have signed up for commercial Google accounts using their Notre Dame G-mail address.

“There are approximately 3,600 that have conflict accounts. That means they made a commercial Google account with an ‘nd.edu,’” she said. “They need to take some steps to prevent problems. They won’t lose data, but they need to tie it with a different account.”

Rose said students who received an e-mail on their conflict account follow the directions provided to ensure a smooth transition.

OIT will adjust the system Dec. 21 to include the new services.

Rose said they planned to make the change at this time to avoid conflicts with finals and the new semester in January.

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He said that decline was alarming for the University because a high percentage of students must complete the CIF to accurately reflect students’ opinions.

“We talked to the Academic Affairs Committee of Student Senate, we had focus groups with the students to find out what incentives would be of the greatest influence on whether they took the time to fill out the CIF,” Jacobs said.

Students who complete their CIFs are able to access an additional feature of InsideND’s class search, the registrar’s Web-based application that allows students to see classes.

“Five questions of the CIF were designed by students, and the data that comes from those is then shared with students through class search,” Jacobs said.

Considering the current CIF response rate and the legitimacy of the site, Jacobs said the class search is much more accurate than other websites students use to learn about professors, such as ratemyprofessors.com.

“I would hope students consider the class search tool to be a more reliable source of information than third-party websites,” Jacobs said.

CIFs are especially important for graduate students and faculty. Monique Gregg, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology, said she will rely on CIFs from this semester to further her career.

“Students don’t typically understand the importance of CIFs, especially to grad students,” Gregg said. “We have to use them to apply for jobs.

It’s important that students take the process extremely seriously.”

Gregg, who will be using her CIFs to apply not only for jobs but also for teaching awards at Notre Dame, said professors take the CIFs seriously.

“If it’s important to know whether or not the course was challenging, what the professor did right, where the professor can improve,” Gregg said.

Jacobs, who teaches in the College of Science, agreed with Gregg.

“If I tried a different approach I want to hear from students whether that was effective,” Jacobs said. “Should I continue that approach, should I improve upon it, should I discard it?”

The CIFs also influence tenure and promotion, Jacobs said. Although factors such as a professor’s research and scholarship are considered, teaching is looked at very seriously.

“We need to establish whether they are in fact an effective teacher,” Jacobs said. “There are standards of excellence that the department tries to apply to the professor.”

Although the CIFs for some courses open at different times, most are currently available online. Adam Pierson, the University’s strategic planning program director, said alerting students to the availability of the CIFs is important.

“We try our best, we send out e-mails, although we don’t know how many students actually read them,” Pierson said. “This year we worked with student government to coordinate table tents.”

Pierson said the CIFs for most courses will close Thursday at 11:59 p.m.

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Nicholas is second only to the Virgin Mary as the most popular namesake for churches worldwide, and is an especially popular patron in Eastern Europe and Russia.

Saint Nicholas lived as a bishop in Myra, which is present-day Southern Turkey, during the fourth century. Ayo said. Ruins of a church for Saint Nicholas have been found in this area, as well as several early churches in Constantinople.

Ayo said the tradition of referring to Saint Nicholas as Santa Claus began in New York. Dutch Protestants in New York referred to Saint Nicholas as “Sinter Klaas,” which became “Santa Claus” over the years.

Clement Clarke Moore, the son of an Episcopal bishop in New York City, wrote the poem “ ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas” on an envelope for his children, Ayo said. A guest staying in their home found the poem and submitted it to a newspaper in Troy, N.Y. Ayo said the poem immortalized the iconic American image of Santa Claus as a jolly old man dressed in red and bearing a sack of gifts.

The idea of Santa Claus coming only to those people who are good does not fit with Saint Nicholas’ own spirit of giving, Ayo said.

“Saint Nicholas’ generosity was meant to serve as a reminder that your family loves you, the Church loves you, no matter who you are or what you have done,” he said.

There are many legends about Saint Nicholas’ generous spirit, but Ayo said his favorite involves a father who could not afford dowries for his three daughters. Each night for three nights, a bag of gold was thrown down his chimney. On the third night, the father went outside to find the giver and found Saint Nicholas, who was bishop at the time. Wanting his good works to remain anonymous, Saint Nicholas made the father promise to tell no one it had been him.

These stories circulated in oral tradition for centuries before they were recorded, Ayo said. For this reason, they maintain imaginative tones.

“These are wonderful legends, almost fairy tales nobody knows,” Ayo said.

Because of these stories, Ayo said researching Saint Nicholas is enjoyable.

“Legends tell you what the human heart wants,” Ayo said. “Santa Claus tells you what children and families want, and that is gratuitous giving. The story of Saint Nicholas tells you the way humans’ hearts are made, and what their needs are. For that reason, I hope we never lose it.”

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Inside Column

Jimmy Wales: Will stare at you for food

In case no one has noticed yet, for the past few weeks, Wikipedia has been flooded by dramatic ads featuring founder Jimmy Wales—terrifyingly temple-voiced yet endearingly square—a personal plea for donations.

Because Wikipedia is entirely free to users, free of advertisements and free of sponsorships, the site needs donations to keep running. Wikipedia runs on a charity model: the nonprofit site, as various fundraising campaigns, the organization that would love to be seen exercising its right to decide the content of the page.

The economic and social framework of the modern state—venerated as the very condition of human freedom—renders insurmountable certain forms of manipulation. The free laborer, no longer a serf, can now give of himself without his lord having any obligation to ensure his welfare; the criminal, no longer tortured, is now imprisoned until he demonstrates his eagerness to serve the society that has chained him. One tends to think of these economic and social reforms as gestures of humanity, not manipulation—and yet it is not coincidental that the free laborer is one who can work in whichever task the capitalist most needs him, that the reformed prisoner is one who can return to the capitalist the resources that were spent on his rehabilitation. Wage slavery is far more profitable than chattel slavery, rehabilitation far more profitable than retribution.

These are not, in themselves, new points. They are not; Foucault spoke of them long ago. There is the perennial danger, however, that they will be either overstated or understated. It would be overstatement to suppose that these reforms were entirely negative changes—for freedom is better than servitude, rehabilitation better than retribution. Civilization ought not go back, even if this was somehow possible. And it would be a gross overstatement to suppose that these reforms were not motivated at all by the aversion of the wealthy and powerful — and not, as they claimed during their Enlightenment, by their humanity, their compassion. The greatest figures of the Enlightenment—individuals like Locke and Kant — were not only brilliant but also impossibly noble. Our criticism of them is worthless if it is not born of awe.

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“The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function.”

F. Scott Fitzgerald

U.S. novelist

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Enlightenment

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Kudos to the Glee Club

Dear Notre Dame Glee Club,

You’re never going to have that much your performance last Wednesday evening at Dujarie House meant to the folks of Holy Cross Village, many of whom would not be able to get out to witness a Glee Club performance. What a treat it was for the residents of Dujarie’s and Schubert Villas to be serenaded by this group of talented and enthusiastic young men. Your willingness to share your time and talent is truly representative of the Notre Dame spirit and the spirit of Christmas. Thank you for giving of your selves and for getting the holiday season off to a great start for the many folks you came to hear you sing.

Gracefully,

Holy Cross Life Enrichment Staff
Holy Cross Village Retirement Home
Dec. 4

I survived the snowball fight

Oh what a beautiful sight it was. White snow flying about, people being hit, snowballs being thrown — what more could you ask for? I had gathered my snow and moved to the front lines, and I threw my fair share of snowballs. My friend got nailed in the face and went back to the dorm, but I continued to fight on.

Then it happened. I got hit in the face for the fifth and final time. I staggered back to Dillon and was proceeded to be asked if I were high because of how red my eyes were. For some reason, instead of forming two sides (the side closer to God Quad and the side closer to Alumni Hall), there was a third side. These people stood on Alumni’s turf and were throwing snowballs at the people in the middle of South Quad where I stood. In effect, I was caught in the crossfire.

However, I am not angry. The thrill of a snowball fight is seeing a man go down from a low blow or seeing him crouch over in pain from a shot to the face. Rather, I am thrilled that I survived. After all, it’s just for fun.

Sean Fitzgerald
Freshman
Dillon Hall
Dec. 6

It’s not complicated.

Tax or cut.
Pick one.

When did spend and tax become just spend? Or where between Social Security and health care reform, Congressional leaders, fearing public backlash, continued to pass legislation in the name of social welfare, failing to account for appropriate funds.

A little debt is OK — even the most responsible among us carry a credit card — but the thought of more American debt just sounds ludicrous. As of Sept. 30, the U.S. is $13.56 trillion in debt. That’s six percent less than what our country produces yearly in goods and services. Nut cool. In fact, the Government Accountability Office, an agency of U.S. Congress, estimates that somewhere between 2030 and 2040 mandatory spending will exceed government revenue.

So why are we talking about all this? The Bush Tax cuts. No, we’re not against tax cuts. However, the view that the solution to our country’s debt ceiling and extend the tax cuts? Cut spending, we extend the tax cuts? Cut spending, we should spend appropriately. Taxing and spending is a two-way street whether you are a Republican or a Democrat.

Unaware of this two-way relationship, congressmen might ask how else to extend the tax cuts? Cut spending, we extend the tax cuts? Cut spending, we should spend appropriately.

Congressional leaders feel the will of the people is to cut taxes, let them cut taxes, but they should tax appropriately. If Congressional leaders feel the will of the people is to cut taxes, let them cut taxes, but they should spend appropriately.

A balanced budget is nowhere near as important to anyone in this country as it is to a college student. Long after Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, this country’s college students will be around facing the consequences of their economic decisions. If anyone should be worried about 2040, it’s us.

Therefore, it’s not complicated. Tax or cut. Pick one.

Rachael Givens
Junior
LeMans Hall
Dec. 6

Saint Mary’s library hours

This letter is being written at 4:50 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4. I was sitting in the library diligently working on a research paper only to be interrupted by an announcement saying that the library is closing in 10 minutes. I feel that 5 p.m. is unreasonably early to close on a Saturday. Yes, the weekend is a time to go out with friends, but before I do so, I would still like to get work done for the coming week.

Because I am in the Notre Dame marching hand, this is one of the only free Saturdays that I am given during the semester. And I currently feel penalized for sleeping in, having to go to a close friend’s grandmother’s funeral today and not getting to the library until 3 p.m.

I’m not asking for the library to stay open 24 hours a day or even until midnight. I’m just asking for you to have reasonable hours on the weekends that extend beyond 5 p.m. that will allow me to get work done.

Rachael Givens
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Dec. 6
“Fantasy” defined “critical darling” for the new decade. With his VMA performance, countless public appearances and the GOOD Friday release series, “Fantasy” felt more like a three-month event than a one-day release. Destined to be a classic, “Fantasy” leaves critics wondering if anyone will match it before the decade draws to a close.

‘halfcution’ Deerhunter

Indie bands rarely make albums like “halfcution.” There is no external caveat. No prior knowledge needed. The magnificence is self-contained. If one hasn’t heard any of Deerhunter’s material, “halfcution” is a great place to begin. The songs move from one to another like dreams in a night of tossing and turning. Bradford Cox’s lyrics are little memories and details of his life, devoid of anything too the- matically crippling or distracting. Cox has certainly mastered the art of capturing a peculiar feeling, and this album is a perfect demonstration.

‘King of the Beach’ Wavves

If you don’t know who Wavves is or haven’t heard this album, you’re missing out on some wild expectations. It’s exactly what you think it is: A Cali skater singing punk songs about summer. Nothing here defies gravity. But nobody ever said predictability was a negative. Nathan Williams sounds like a low-fi Blink-182 appealing to a much narrower audience. The opening title track, “Beach” captures the Cali feel and spirit with danceable three-chord anthems. He also addresses the elephant in the room: his stage stint from 2009 that painted him as a brat. It’s personal, it’s punk and it sounds awesome.
changing television.

Late night drama
Never has late night television been as discussed as it was in 2010. After a short run, NBC announced it was moving Conan O’Brien and “The Tonight Show” back a half-hour and reinstating Jay Leno at the 11:35 time slot, reserved for “The Tonight Show” for most of its decades-long history. O’Brien didn’t take this news lying down and decided to leave his post. Fans rallied to join “Team Coco” in support. Thanks to his classy departure, hilarious Twitter postings and “The Legally Prohibited From Being Funny on Television Tour,” Conan is more popular than ever before. He won in the long run, now hosting his own late night show “Conan” on TBS.

‘Glee’ takes over
Love it or hate it. “Glee” has become one of the biggest hits on television. After its instant popularity last year, it has only grown larger. It’sreturn in 2010 due to the seasoned episodes of the standouts “The Power of Madonna,” the lewdown “Britney/Britney,” and “The Rocky Horror Glee Show.” “Glee” is at its best when exploring its humorous side and making fun of itself. Compared to the after-school special feel when it tries to take on sensitive topics like religion or bullying. Here’s hoping it continues to find the right balance and give more screen time to Brittany, Mike Chang and new addition Blaine (Darren Criss).

Cable sets the new standard
Cable television used to be a barren place full of repeats of old classics and movies, but there’s no denying it now produces the highest quality shows on television. AMC is the biggest success story, with its that trick of critically loved “Mad Men,” “Breaking Bad,” and the new zombie hit “The Walking Dead.” Even after a lackluster third season, HBO’s “True Blood” is still the most fun and novel disturbing supernatural show on TV. With the premieres of “Treme” and “Boardwalk Empire,” HBO has continued to prove it knows how to produce hyped shows that never disappoint. And, after a huge twist at the end of its last season, Showtime’s “Dexter” still fascinates.

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For TV lovers, fall doesn’t mean back to school, but rather an excitement of discovering adding new shows. Unfortunately, this fall failed to produce any real standouts. “Lone Star” received the best reviews of the season, but was quickly can- celled. Keri Russell and Will Arnett failed to bring humor to “Running Wilde.” The 20-something dream “My Generation” was a cliched mess. None of the other shows that have managed to survive cancellation have garnered any real traction. Why was it such a weak season? There’s no real answer here. One can only hope that next year brings twice as many great shows to make up for this year.

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Amid controversy, Broncos fire head coach McDaniels

Mike Glennon talks to the referees in Sunday's game against Kansas City Chiefs on Monday afternoon.

McDaniels put on a Red Sox jersey for the first time and immediately said what the Fenway faithful wanted to hear.

“I’m very excited to be in Boston and ready to beat the Yankees,” he pronounced Monday.

The Broncos completed their deal with their first pick — a seven-round minor league pitcher. McDaniels said Monday his first time and immediately said what the Broncos’ fires had been relieved of his head coaching duties.

The team’s planned news conferences for Tuesday. A message left with Bronco's chief operating officer Joe Ellis wasn’t returned.

Players didn’t know of McDaniels firing when they left team headquarters after a 3-0 win over Miami on Sunday. Shortly after that, McDaniels met with Bowlen and was fired with two years left on his contract.

McDaniels then met with his assistants. He didn’t return a message left by the AP seeking comment.

Josh McDaniels talks to the referees in Sunday’s game against Kansas City Chiefs on Monday afternoon.

McDaniels said of his starter.

“Jeff has pitched well. We have a good year,” McDaniels said.

The 2009offensive and defensive misery videotaping of opponents and levied heavy penalties.

Last week, McDaniels said his staff meetings were supposed to be confidential but that he didn’t think his on-field personnel decisions that backfired, notably trading away Peyton Hillis who became a power running back in Cleveland, and he also had fined $50,000 by the

“I think he’s going to be a monster in Fenway,” Epstein said.

Williams was a left-hander and Gonzalez — like Gonzalez, team, in part because of Boston

He said the Padres were sure they had put up big numbers despite him playing at pitcher-oriented Petco Park.

“I think he’s going to be a monster in Fenway Park,” Padres general manager Jed Hoyer said at baseball’s winter meetings last month in Las Vegas.

Fla.

“Calling me more often than usual,” said Hoyer.

For the Red Sox, the trade allows them to play a little catch up with the Yankees. A couple of
days early or leaving seats empty altogether.

With thousands of empty seats at their last home game, the Broncos didn’t announce attendance but only paid attendance, which at 72,736 was the lowest since Invesco Field opened a decade ago. By the time the Broncos’ fourth-quarter drive fell short in their 36-33 loss to St. Louis, most of the seats were empty.
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**NBA**

**NBA to buy Hornets, keep team in Big Easy**

**Associated Press**

**NEW ORLEANS —** The NBA’s decision to buy the New Orleans Hornets gives Louisiana both the best opportunity and the best possible chance to hold onto the franchise that moved there in 2002, league commissioner David Stern said Monday.

Stern confirmed that the league is proceeding with a plan to buy the club from majority owner George Shinn and minority partner Gary Chouest, but those negotiations that I think the state is probably familiar with in the context of a sport whose hall is shaped differently than ours, I think that the state will be a party along with the team and possibly the city to a broader deal,” Stern said. “It’s a fair issue, and the governor knows we’re coming.”

Louisiana, like many states, is dealing with enormous budget cuts during the current economic recession. Gov. Bobby Jindal pledged to work with the NBA, but only within the state’s limits.

“We have been talking to the team, the NBA, and potential buyers for some time now about keeping the Hornets in New Orleans,” said Jindal spokesman Kyle Plotkin. “We think the Hornets are a strong fit for New Orleans and we have discussed various creative ideas to keep them in Louisiana. At the same time, we realize the state is facing budget challenges and we are not going to do anything that jeopardizes funding for higher education and health care.”

The Hornets’ current lease, which already channels most arena advertising, parking and concession revenues to the team and leaves the state little more than what it needs for operating expenses, runs through 2014.

However, the lease also includes an attendance clause that allows the Hornets to break the lease early if average attendance falls below 14,735 during a two-year period.

Through 10 home games, average attendance this season has been 13,865, raising the possibility that next two-year attendance benchmark could be missed by late January.

If that happened, the club would have to notify the state of its intent to end the lease by March 31, 2011, but Stern stressed the NBA would not rush to get out of its lease.

**NHL**

**Pens extend win streak to 10**

**Associated Press**

**PITTSBURGH —** Sidney Crosby scored a goal and set up another, and the Pittsburgh Penguins matched the second-longest winning streak in franchise history, winning their 10th in a row by beating the New Jersey Devils 2-1 on Monday night.

Marc-Andre Fleury, 11-0-1 in his last 12 starts, made 27 saves as the Penguins matched a 10-game winning streak from Jan. 28-Feb. 15, 1999. Their only longer streak was an NHL-record, 17-game run from March 9-April 10, 1993, the season they failed to win a third consecutive Stanley Cup title.

Crosby leads the NHL with 24 goals and 24 assists for 48 points. He failed to get a hat trick for the third consecutive home game, but has nine goals in five games and six in three games. Crosby missed a good chance for a second goal when his wrist shot struck the right post 7:30 into the third period.

The Penguins won their sixth in a row at home despite going 0 for 6 on the power play, including a two-man advantage that lasted 34 seconds early in the third period.

New Jersey (8-7-2) lost its fourth in five games despite Johan Hedberg’s 32 saves. The Devils won the Atlantic Division title last of the last four seasons.

Crosby broke a 1-all tie in the second period, following up shots from the points by Alex Goligoski and Chris Kunitz. Goligoski’s shot deflected to Crosby at the right side of the net, and his shot banked off defenseman Colin White’s stick and past Hedberg.

Crosby’s 16-game scoring streak (18 goals, 15 assists) is the league’s longest this season and ties for the second longest of his career. He had a 19-game streak from Oct. 6-Nov. 17, 2007, but he already has three more points during this run.

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was beneficial just to get a feel for what other times are out there beyond the Big East,” freshman Frank Dyer said. The team hoped to put up its fastest times of the year to close out the fall season before transitioning into a mid-season break and a very competitive 2001 season. “Coming into this meet we expected to have it be our fastest weekend of the year,” senior Peter Koppell said. “I think a lot of people still, though, underestimated our capabilities.” The Irish began the weekend on Friday by finishing third in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Dyer led the day’s competition, posting a meet record of 4:24.04 and earning first in the 500 free. Senior Mike Sullivan put up his best time of the year in the 200 individual medley with a mark of 1:50.85, good enough for second place. The Irish also had success in the three-meter dive, with senior Nathan Geary finishing third. Senior Eric Lex finished just behind Geary in fourth, and senior Wesley Villafort and sophomore Ryan Koter earned fifth and sixth, respectively. “The divers did a great job,” Welsh said. “We count on our divers. I thought their performance was very strong throughout.” Lex earned a second medal on Saturday, earning third in the one-meter dive. Villafort earned fifth, while Koter finished seventh. Sullivan and Dyer continued their successful weekend on Saturday. Sullivan took home third place in the 400 individual medley, while Dyer earned second place in the 200 freestyle. On Sunday, the Irish cemented their second-place finish. Dyer earned fourth in the 100 freestyle and joined junior Marshall Sherman, sophomore John McGinley and senior John Thomas Van Velggeom in a fourth-place finish in the 400 freestyle relay. Freshman Joshua Choi finished sixth in the 200 breaststroke. The winning combination for Notre Dame stemmed from the experience of its seasoned swimmers and the enthusiasm of the freshmen. “The same combination of age and experience, youth and exuberance that we’ve been enjoying all year was here,” Welsh said. “The senior class was excellent, and there was a lot of enthusiasm.”

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in a championship final. She claimed sixth place in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:29.91. Dalrymple also took part in the A-team’s 200 medley relay, which, along with sophomores Katie Griffith and Genevieve Spittler and junior Katie Donovan, finished in 1:54.13 with a time of 1:59.27. The relay B-team of freshmen Katie Roddy, Theresa Bajerek and Sarah Thompson and sophomore Liz Litke finished next in 2:00.43. The 500 freestyle also featured back-to-back finishes for the Belles, with junior Megan Price taking 13th with a time of 5:24.04 and sophomore Ellie Watson finishing 14th in 5:24.80. The Belles now look forward to some time off before heading to Florida for a week of training from Jan. 7 to 14. The unique opportunity allows the team to train and focus entirely on getting in shape for the MIAA season.
The next competition for Saint Mary’s comes Jan. 15 at Rolfs Aquatic Center against conference foe Olivet. Races begin at 1 p.m.

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in the C-final of the 100 breaststroke, Casey earned ninth in the B-final of the 100-yard fly and Holden grabbed a fifth-place finish in the C-final of the 100-yard fly.
Stauder had another solid effort in the 200-yard individual medley, earning a first-place finish in the C-final of the 200-yard breaststroke.

New Evidence shows that the team’s strong showing at Nationals puts the team in position for success at the NCAA Championships.

“Finishing third overall for women’s collegiate teams sets us up well for NCAA competition,” she said. “This gives us great momentum and positive attitudes going into conference which will ultimately lead to great swims to qualify us for NCAAs.”

On the second day at the Hawkeye Invitational, Notre Dame earned two top-10 finishes in diving. In the 1-meter event, senior Heidi Grossman earned fifth with a score of 271.95, and sophomore Jenny Chiang (266.10) placed sixth. Next on the schedule for the Irish is a trip to Hawaii toward the tail end of the holiday break in order to train for the spring season.

“We have two full weeks in Hawaii, so we will have time to get great training in as well as some fun,” Casey said. “Training in a warm and sunny environment allows us to be happy while we are having really hard practices. [The] training trip also gives us time to bond as a team in the pool and on the beach.” Notre Dame’s next competition will come during that trip, when the Irish face off against Hawaii in a dual meet Jan. 4.

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NHL

Associated Press

DETROIT — Logan Couture scored twice, including the go-ahead goal 8 seconds after Nicklas Wallin’s goal, to lift the San Jose Sharks to a 5-2 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Monday night.

Tomas Holmstrom and Johan Franzen each had go-ahead goals in the first period, but the Western Conference-leading Red Wings couldn’t hold either lead. Joe Thornton made it 1-all late in the frame and Dany Heatley gave San Jose a two-goal lead in the second.

Couture sealed the victory in the third with his second goal.
San Jose’s Antti Niemi made 25 saves and notched his first win since Sept. 30 for Detroit, which fell to 10-2-2 at home.

San Jose improved to 6-5-2 on the road and moved out of last place in Pacific Division.

The Sharks, who jumped over Anaheim, have alternated winning and losing for eight games.

Detroit lost its previous game for the first time since winning four straight and nine of 11.

The Red Wings’ other only loss in regulation at home was Oct. 28 against the Phoenix Coyotes. It looked as though they might roll to another win when Marian Gaborik was penalized in front of the net and redirected Nicklas Lidstrom’s shot into the back of the net before play 4:48 into the game. The Red Wings scored only once in 15 games and had been held to one shot in three of four games before he put in another goal during an odd-man rush with 4:01 left in the first. He was set up on a diagonal cross-ice pass from Heatley.

Franzen finished a play in which he had stuff up into skaters touched the puck. The Wings’ Niklas Kronwall appeared to shoot a pass ahead 2-1 with 8.5 seconds remaining in the second.

Couture scores two in Sharks win

Red Wings defenceman Ruslan Salei, right, tries to clear the puck as he fights off Sharks center Logan Couture in a 5-2 Detroit win.

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**MEN’S SWIMMING**

Making a splash

Irish finish second in Hawkeye Invitational, post meet and personal bests in outing

By MAIJA GUSTIN
Sports Writer

The Irish closed out the first half of their season with a strong finish at the Hawkeye Invitational, where Notre Dame finished second behind host Iowa. The three-day event saw the Irish rack up 822 points, as they were aided by strong performances from a number of competitors.

In their last meet of 2010, the Irish dominated the event across the board, posting several meet and personal records in the process.

“The depth of the team really resonated all weekend long,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “The meet was very strong for us.”

The Invitational gave the Irish an opportunity to compete against non-conference opponents Denver, Milwaukee, Green Bay, South Dakota and Ohio State were in attendance.

“Seeing some different teams from other conferences...” see HAWKEYE/page 14

**SMC SWIMMING**

Invitational wraps up for Belles

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

The Belles wrapped up the Calvin College Winter Invitational on Saturday, finishing in ninth place behind a competitive field of swimmers. The three-day event featured eight programs, each bringing an A, B and C team, with the exception of Saint Mary’s and Valparaiso.

The competitors hailed from NCAA Divisions I, II and III, with Grand Valley State, the top-ranked women’s swimming and diving team in Division II, easily claiming the victory. The Lakers earned 1,223 points, while second-place Calvin, an MIAA rival of the Belles, finished with 549 points.

Quickly becoming the most consistent performer for Belles coach Mark Benischek, junior Audrey Dalrymble was the lone Bellite to earn a spot... see BELLES/page 14

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Saint Mary’s looks to restore winning ways

Comets next on MIAA lineup for Belles

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look to rebound from Saturday night’s loss to MIAA rival Calvin when the Belles take on Olivet Tuesday night.

The context against the Comets will be the Belles’ second conference game and their first on the road. Although Olivet (3-3, 1-0 MIAA) has struggled early in the season, the squad won its conference opener against Adrian on Saturday.

The Comets also boast one of the best guard-forward combinations in the MIAA. Junior guard Debbie Nikitenski captains the offense out of the backcourt, and she leads the team with 11 points per game. She registered a season-high 16 points against Aquinas earlier this season.

The second half of the one-two punch is junior forward Alysia Cole, who normally averages a double-double with 9.6 points per game and a team-high 10.1 rebounds per game. In a game earlier this year against Cornerstone, the talented post player grabbed a season-high 20 rebounds.

Searching for their first conference win, the Belles (5-2, 0-1) will look to control the glass and prevent second-chance opportunities.

Saint Mary’s comes into this game with a balanced scoring attack. With the combination of junior forwards Kelley Murphy and Jessica Centa down low and junior guards Patsy Mahoney and Maggie Ronan up top, the Belles feature four players averaging double-digit points per game.

Centa and Murphy will be tasked with keeping Cole off the boards as the leading rebounders on the team.

Centa is averaging 5.5 rebounds per game, while Murphy leads the team with 9.3 boards per game.

The Belles won their first four matchups of the season over Wheaton, Aurora, North Central, and Anderson, winning the North Central Tournament. The Belles also participated in the Thomas More Tournament.

Saint Mary’s has since dropped two of their last three, dropping contests to Wilmington and Calvin.

Tipoff between the Belles and Comets is Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Olivet, Mich.

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**ND WOMEN’S SWIMMING**

Irish compete in Nationals

By MICHAEL TODISCO
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After a three-week layoff, Notre Dame traveled to Columbus, Ohio, last weekend to compete in the U.S. Nationals. With 228 points, the Irish finished third out of 16 collegiate teams in the competition behind perennial powers California (556) and USC (495). The diving team competed at a separate event, earning a pair of top-10 finishes at the Hawkeye Invitational at Iowa.

The Irish had not competed since defeating Utah Nov. 12.

On the second day of Nationals, senior All-American Amyreyen Miller led the Irish with a victory in the B-final of the 50-yard freestyle. Miller finished with a personal-best time of 22.65.

On the final day in Columbus, senior All-American Samantha Maxwell finished in ninth place for the Irish in the A-final of the 100 breaststroke. With a time of 1:00.53, Maxwell posted her fastest time of the season. Maxwell also earned a sixth-place finish in the A-final of the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:11.06, the fourth-fastest time in program history.

Senior captain Katie Casey, freshman Lauren Stauder and sophomore Kim Holden also reached the finals in their events. Stauder finished seventh... see STAUDER/page 14