Irish Guard to hold auditions for 2011

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

With the Blue and Gold Game just days away, the Notre Dame football team is gearing up for the 2011 season. It’s not the only group doing so, though — the Irish Guard is setting its sights on another year on the football field.

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Competition for membership in the Guard is fierce, as the group only has 10 members. Once the position of Guardsman is earned, the title is held until graduation.

“Between 25 and 50 candidates audition for a spot on the 10-member guard in August,” Flick said. “So the success rate of those who audition depends on how many graduating Guard member’s places we are trying to fill.”

“The Irish Guard was to be impressive, and as such, each member was required to be a minimum of six feet, two inches tall, a regulation still in effect today,” Flick said.

Flick added that due to its exclusive nature, the Guard remains one of the most coveted titles for students to hold at Notre Dame. Besides their marching duties, the Irish Guard is a unit of authority, protecting the ranks of the marching band. On game days, the Guard is either in front of the band clearing the way or flanking it on the sides to shield it from hostile crowds.

Prospective Guardsmen have a tryout consisting of learning to march properly, practicing standing at attention and maintaining a straight face. They must put these skills into a routine for a final audition to demonstrate they can handle the pressure during football games.

Freshman Eddie Linczer said he has hoped to earn one of the coveted positions on the Guard since childhood. “I think it would be a great experience to be a member of the guard, for they are at the front door to the student government office,” McCormick said. “Anyone who has a complaint, suggestion or criticism — they can take those and submit them online or in person to the chair, who will either work on them directly or distribute them to the right committee.”

McCormick said the new committee is built upon Whine Week, a weeklong event run by student body president emeritus Catherine Soler and vice president emeritus Andrew Bell. During the event, student government representatives stationed themselves around campus to collect student feedback.

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“The Constituent Services committee will offer the campus a more direct line of communication to student government, student body president Pat McCormick said. “The Constituent Services committee is hopefully going back.”

Students with suggestions or complaints to improve campus life will soon have a designated student government committee tasked solely with fielding student feed-

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Audrey Niffenegger, who wrote novel The Time Traveler’s Wife, is back on campus.

This week, underclassmen of the Fightin’ Irish Army ROTC Battalion took the chance to apply their knowledge in the field — literally.

“The group held its Notre Dame Field Training Exercise (NDFTX) at the Culver Military Academy in Culver, Ind., Friday to Sunday. Party fresh-

NDSP looks into assault

By MONA RODRIGUEZ
Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a sexual battery report from Saturday, according to an email sent to students Saturday afternoon.

The reported sexual battery was committed by an acquaintance in a campus residence hall in the early morning hours on Saturday, the email stated.

Officer Phillip Johnson, director of NDSP, said that according to Indiana state law a person is guilty of sexual battery when that individual touches another person against that person’s will to arouse his or her own sexual desire.

The victim of sexual battery is then compelled to submit to the touching by force or the imminent threat of force, or is in a mental state to give consent, according to state law.

Information about sexual assault prevention and resources for survivors of sexual assault are available from NDSP at ndsp.nd.edu and at the Office of Student Affairs’ website ona.nd.edu/health-safety/assault/
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**Finance and Economy**

Porcupines become public enemies

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Pennsylvania hunting regulators say it's time to stick it to porcupines.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is poised to declare open season on the slow-moving, razor-sharp rodents on Tuesday, citing complaints of property damage from residents.

Other states allow porcupine hunting. In Pennsylvania, porcupines are listed as a protected species but can be killed by residents if they're causing property damage.

Commission member Dave Putnam tells The Philadelphia Inquirer he wouldn't consider it sporting. Tom Leete says "you wouldn't so much track a porcupine as bump it into." 

Imported lizards not welcome in Thailand

BANGKOK — Authorities in Thailand have seized 1,800 monitor lizards being smuggled on pickup trucks to the capital.

Customs officials say the Bengal monitor lizards were hidden in mesh bags and stashed in open containers behind boxes of fruit in three pickup trucks. They were seized Thursday at a checkpoint in southern Thailand.

Customs Department chief Prasong Poontaneat said Friday he didn't consider it sporting. Tom Leete says "you wouldn't so much track a porcupine as bump it into." 

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**Correction**

The Observer regrets an editorial error and strives for the highest standards of accuracy and impartiality. We make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-6341 so we can correct our error.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What is your favorite mathematical constant?

**OFFBEAT**

Morrissy freshmen Adam Gongon, Tre Haskins and Andrew Gastelum and Pasquerilla East freshman Kara Cronin enjoy slip 'n sliding fun outside Morrissy during the Sunday heat wave.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

**LOCAL WEATHER**

**IN BRIEF**

University of Florida political science professor Michael Bernhardt will be offering a lecture entitled “Communist Legacies and Democratic Survival in a Comparative Perspective: Liability or Advantage?” this afternoon from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center, Room C103.

RecSports is offering free body composition and blood pressure testing this afternoon from 12 to 1 p.m. in the RSRC Wellness Room. Registration is available through RecRegister.

Notre Dame professors Daniel Philipot and Mark Noell and Georgetown University professor Timothy Samuel Shah will be offering a lecture entitled “God's Century: Resurgent Religion in Global Politics” this afternoon from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at McKenna Hall.

The Notre Dame International Law Society and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies will be offering a panel on the current crisis in Libya this evening from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Law School.

Vote on artwork from the 2011 Art Battle will be held Monday. Artwork will be displayed in the Sorin Room of LaFortune and top artists in each division will receive gift card prizes. Voting takes place this evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Native American Student Association of Notre Dame.

**TO SUBMIT INFORMATION**

To submit information to be included in the section of The Observer, email detailed information about the event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com
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By MELISSA FLANAGAN

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Experts discuss protests, faith

Emad Shahin, left, and Joe Bock give a lecture in the Spes Unica Hall concerning recent political and civil unrest in the Middle East and North Africa.

By JILLIAN BARWICK
News Writer

Political protests in North Africa and the Middle East have a link to people of faith, according to Emad Shahin and Joe Bock.

Shahin, associate professor of Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute, and Bock, director of Notre Dame’s Global Health Institute, and Bock, director of Peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute, gave a lecture titled “Faith, Conflict and the Middle East: Why they Matter” Monday in the Spes Unica Hall of Saint Mary’s College.

Shahin said non-violent protests in North Africa and the Middle East have a link to people of faith, according to Shahin and the Middle East. Why they Matter to Americans and People of Faith,” Monday in the Spes Unica Hall of Saint Mary’s College.

Shahin emphasized the political activity in the region, while Bock focused on the nonviolent protests of people of faith in Northern Africa and the Middle East.

Shahin said the area is experiencing political change in a rapid manner.

“We are witnessing in the Middle East an amazing and remarkable demonstration of people’s power — how they are risking their lives for the betterment of their countries and the remarkable ability and skills of the youth to mobilize their countries during these times of protests,” he said.

Most countries in the region, with the exception of Libya, have exhibited nonviolent means of protest. Shahin said.

“These are inclusive demonstrations, and protests that include a multiplicity of classes and a universal nature of values have been raised through these protests. These values include freedoms, social justice and liberty,” he said. “These people have been able to break through the barrier of fears and brutal regimes. Fear is gone and people feel liberated.”

Shahin said non-violent protests might not be able to avoid aggression completely, even if they are people of great faith.

Bock, who lived in Jerusalem for three years, said he witnessed the mixing of people of different faiths and their conflicts. He said the emergence of new technologies could be used for the prevention of hostilities.

“Nonviolent social movements in the Middle East and Northern Africa are using components of bounded crowd-sourcing, strategic nonviolence, digital mapping, early warning and early response and crowd feeding to potentially create a synergistic combination of technologies that can make a critical difference in overcoming tyranny,” Bock said.

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man and sophomore cadets participated.

Lindsay Miller, a senior at Bethel College and member of the Battalion, said the weekend provided an opportunity for sophomores to develop their leadership skills.

During the NDFTX, cadets practiced land navigation and five lane drills. Miller said.

The drills included four Situational Training Exercise (STX) lane drills — simulations of attacking, reconnaissance, knocking out a bunker and fighting off an ambush.

The final component was a patrolling lane drill, a longer element involving two patrols fighting each other with paintball guns.

“The paintballs made you treat it more realistically. You had to avoid opposing fire,” freshman Chris Lillie said.

Sophomore John Dieckman said he was excited for the chance to demonstrate his leadership skills.

“This is our first opportunity as sophomores to lead,” he said. “I’m hoping to make a solid first impression and make the best of this opportunity.”

Sophomore Eric Dowdey said he emerged from the weekend with stronger group management skills.

“The FTX gave us a great opportunity to be able to lead and to do so without the pressure of actually being graded,” he said. “Personally, I felt very comfortable and my experience reinforced my confidence in my abilities.”

Freshman Megan Maloney said she saw NDFTX as a chance to learn and practice field training exercise drills.

“It’s scary going in, but it should be a lot of fun to learn new things alongside everyone else,” she said.

F r e s h m a n Sabina Fischer said she enjoyed applying her knowledge in the spring weather during a weekend of drills and training outdoors.

“I put a lot of the things we’ve learned this year together, and the nice weather helped,” she said.

NDFTX was limited to underclassmen, which freshman Rob McKenna said allowed the participants to develop a sense of camaraderie.

“It was a great experience and you couldn’t ask for better weather,” he said. “Also, since it was just sophomores and freshmen we got more attention from the evaluators and had more unit cohesion.”

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freshman Heather Eaton, chair of the committee, said she hopes to implement “Whine Wednesdays” in the vein of Whine Week before the semester ends.

In addition to the online submission method, Whine Wednesdays will offer students a chance to present their concerns directly to student leaders. Similar to last administration’s Whine Week, Whine Wednesdays would occur once a month and would be a chance for students to talk to their senators and members of student government’s ability to improve student life.

“Student government is a great organization with a lot of power to initiate change. We would never forget that we were chosen to serve the student body,” Eaton said.

Eaton said students would influence how the committee’s function takes shape.

“Since Services is a brand new committee, members and students will play a vital role in defining what we work on and what projects we take on this year,” she said.

Eaton said the committee would consist of approximately 15 members, with up to five senators. These committee members would focus on small everyday issues students are unsatisfied with, she said.

“We will find out what the day-to-day concerns of the students are and what they want changed,” Eaton said.

Examples of things we might address this year are pep rally format, more points for Grab-N-Go and the marketing of the newly returned quarter dogs.”

Eaton said the committee would make it easier for students to take advantage of student government’s ability to improve student life.

“Student government is a great organization with a lot of power to initiate change. We should never forget that we were chosen to serve the student body,” Eaton said. “Student input often gets lost in the vast operation that is student government. So having a committee dedicated solely to getting student feedback will make their voice that much louder.”

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heart of the tradition at this University,” he said. “Growing up in South Bend, I would come on campus for game days and watch the Guard’s inspection, and then their march into the stadium.”

Though the tryout process is rigorous, Flick said accepted Guardsmen enjoy the benefits of being a part of one of the most prestigious traditions of Notre Dame.

“Beyond representing the University in one of its most revered and most recognizable traditions, the primary benefits are the development of leadership skills and long-lasting friendships between Guardsmen,” she said.

The group of precision marchers was formed in 1949 to add spectacle while leading the band on march-outs.

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Please recycle the Observer.
Southwest Airlines has some definite pros. It often offers dirt-cheap flights to popular destinations. The colorful planes are fun to look at and sometimes the pilot even crashes jokes over the plane’s address. Troy Mathew
Scene Writer
Southwest

Airline mind games

A few years ago, something came up in The Observer viewpoint section pertaining to the motivation of students. The author stated all columnists are being paid, and that writing our opinions are to be read by thousands of people across campuses across the world a way to boost our ego and make us feel important.

After two years as a columnist, however, I have found that nothing could be further from the truth. I don’t write, because I want people to know who I am. That is probably the last thing on my mind when I sit down to write a column. If columns were to be published anonymously, I would not even blink. I have never used this space as a soap box upon which I can stand and press against the crowd; I write because I want to know that you are reading with me. There are far too many well-informed people on this campus that don’t have the forum I do that could make far more convincing arguments, either for or against anything controversial that I would choose to write about.

My method for writing is twofold. My first reason is that transcribing my thoughts — no matter to whom or why, permanent medium is simply a form of self-expression. I reached a sad conclusion one day, one that many other former high school athletes reach: we can’t do it anymore. I watch enviously as other students play guitar on the quad, paint a portrait or produce a movie, because these people are doing what they love, and they will never face the moment where they will have to stop doing it because they physically can’t anymore.

For many years, playing football and baseball competitively was my outlet. I worked hours daily towards making myself a better player in each sport, and I took pride in it. But once I reached college, I reached a point where I could no longer do what I love. I wasn’t big enough to play football anymore, and wasn’t talented enough to play baseball. And just like that, the mode in which I defined and expressed myself for my entire life was gone. I felt lost. That is, until I found writing.

Humans have thousands of thumbs per day (some even estimate it as high as 55,000), and each of those is an opportunity, an opportunity to discuss, or ponder, something important, even if it is just with oneself. Writing things out as a stream of consciousness, or a message board post or a page in a notebook, is a medium in which you can express how you feel. Through these, you can convey happiness, anger or excitement.

Writing is extremely versatile, as well. A writer can be as creative or as blunt as he or she wants to be. He can be verbose or brief, funny or serious, symbolic or literal. And it is for this reason that I chose to express myself through a newspaper column.

Why write

My second reason for writing is that I want to make people think. I don’t necessarily want them to think like I do, or even agree with me. But what I do want is for them to take some time to reflect and look at themselves and the world around them. It is extremely easy to go through the daily routine mindlessly, and I am sure that we have all done it. I challenge that. I don’t want that to happen. There are so many opportunities throughout the day for thought and for growth.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What are you planning for the Blue and Gold game?
Go to the game
Who cares about football?
Drink all day
Study for finals
Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at ndsmcobserver.com

Choose any answer:

Lettet to the Editor

To our Notre Dame community,

On March 26 a tragedy befell our family. While traveling home from Spring break, our friend and Notre Dame quarterback and best friend Riley was struck head on by an opposing vehicle — all four of the quickest, smartest, most beloved years of his life was only 18 years old.

In the wake of this awful news our family came together to grieve. In the shock and horror of those first few days we closed tightly around one another. We mourned — and mourn still — we have witnessed unimaginable kindness, warmth and compassion.

The same evening that Indiana State Trooper came to our front door to deliver the news, friends from Notre Dame were already visiting our home. They held us in their arms as our legs failed beneath us, they wept with us as rage overcame us, and as we needed time to be alone they were already calling one another. We were being fit at the grotto.

In the days that followed, close friends and roommates made them their business to care for us. They stayed with us, they ran errands, they cooked for us and they helped with chores, missing classes and work of their own.

From around the country other close friends from Notre Dame made their way to our home — from New York, Chicago and Cleveland, as well as South Bend. From friends, family, students, and alumni who were visiting us to console and accompany us to the viewing. Those who could not come in person sent cards, letters, emails, texts, flowers, food and so much love.

At Riley’s funeral there were flowers from the Notre Dame football team and coach, the athletic director, the cheer team, and hundreds of other alums. The Mass found our small town church filled beyond capacity — the largest gathering in our parish’s history — and mourners included dozens of our friends from Notre Dame, students and alumni who coordinated rides and carpooled en masse to be there. Father Foster of the Notre Dame College of Science even came to concelebrate.

Since the funeral we have experienced nothing but kindness and love from our extended Notre Dame family. Professors have been patient and kind, and classmates have helped in every way possible. The calls and emails and support have reassured us that the tragedy has been seen from headlines, and life for many others has been carrying on.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The French are not known to be a war- ring people, despite Napoleon, WWII and French involvement in Francophone Africa. They have the reputation in mainstream America as cigarette smoking, banana eating, cheese lovers who needed bailing out in WWII. In reality, the French have proven themselves to be quite the fighting force under President Sarkozy.

Sarkozy, the first of the nation’s history, they are involved in three wars across the globe: in Afghanistan and Libya. They were the first to drop bombs on Libya, they are working to overthrow Laurent Gbagbo, who refuses to step down as president of the Ivory Coast after losing the election, and they are fighting alongside NATO forces in Afghanistan. This level of military activity would usually shock the French public but France has taken America’s queue on international wars: never fight them alone. Not when you’re under the banner of the U.N. in the Ivory Coast and NATO in Afghanistan and Libya, but they claim to be fighting in the name of “saving lives.” It is reasonable to assume that the French public would be resistant to the new aggression; however, the IFOP (Institut Français d’Opinion Publique) has found that 65 percent of the French public support French involvement in Libya. While this statistic might indicate a “rally round the flag” effect in the French public, it is most revealing when com- pared to the American public reaction to the invasion of our Libyan involvement. According to Gallup, only 47 percent of Americans support military involvement in Libya. This is the lowest approval rat- ing for foreign interventions in U.S. history. In fact it was the only military action with a majority of Americans in support. It helps to be the only history where the French public supported a war more than the American public, who have become numb to our warring ways or have the French become more eager to fight?

It is clear that during the Arab revolu- tions in Tunisia and Egypt, the French government and Sarkozy were very slow to react, and in many cases reacted inap- propriately. Regarding Tunisia, former foreign minister Michèle Alliot-Marie made a public suggestion during her vacation in Tunisia that France should send riot police to support the regime and quell the pro-democracy protests. To many, France’s prompt and aggressive reaction in Libya and Ivory Coast is Sarkozy’s version of John F. Kennedy’s mistakes regarding Egypt and Tunisia. It is also posted that this is an attempt for Sarkozy to prop up his approval rating for next year’s election. What is evident is that the French are people reacting pos- itively to France’s new stance in protecting democracy and the innocent. Therefore, it seems that the high approval ratings regarding Libya can be credited to France’s use of the U.N. and NATO as well as their mission to protect the unpro- tected, to justify military action.

These justifications can also be used to support U.S. involvement in Libya, howev- er, U.S. public support for the intervention is significantly lower than historic support for military action. Even though U.S. and NATO intentions can be questioned in this conflict, the only comprehensive explana- tion of this trend is a change in the American attitudes towards military inter- vention. The U.S. has involved itself in war with more questionable motives in the past with higher approval ratings. Public support for military intervention in Afghanistan and Iraq has steadily decreased since the start of the wars and is recently at its lowest levels. Perhaps the American public is fed up with the contin- uous U.S. presence in Middle Eastern con- flicts.

It seems that this distaste with aggres- sive foreign policy explains the low public support for military action in those countries. I believe the distaste is understandable, but it is also dangerous. While Afghanistan and Iraq have left a bitter taste in the mouths of most Americans, this mustn’t cloud our judgment regarding the appropriate use of force. When a dictator uses indiscrimi- nate force against his people because they demand freedom, we have a right to inter- vene, especially when the U.N. requests it. Indeed, this war is arguably one of the most justifiable wars we have fought in recent times, and yet it has the least amount of American people fighting. We should not let our trials in Iraq and Afghanistan dissuade us from waging war. They should inform us when we’re wading- ering war. While the American people might he fed up with war, we mustn’t resort to an isolationist attitude. We must continue to engage the world, taking what we have learned in Iraq and Afghanistan into consideration. I believe our actions in Libya are sign of this maturation, howev- er, the majority of the American people don’t. This is a concerning trend. Perhaps we should take a queue from the French this time and he more eager to fight the good fight next time.

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Audrey Niffenegger, author of the internationally bestselling novel "The Time Traveler’s Wife," will conclude this year’s ND Literary Festival Wednesday. A book signing will follow Niffenegger’s speech, and copies of “The Time Traveler’s Wife” will be available for purchase at the event.

“The Time Traveler’s Wife” won the 2005 Exclusive Books Boeke Prize and a 2006 British Book Award. The novel was published in 2003, and a film version starring Rachel McAdams and Eric Bana was released in 2009. The novel has sold over five million copies and has been translated into 33 languages.

“The Time Traveler’s Wife” is a love story about a female artist, Clare, and her husband, Henry, who has a genetic disorder that causes him to time travel unpredictably. Henry first meets Clare when he is 28 and she is 20, but Clare meets Henry for the first time when she is six and Henry is 36. Henry is involuntarily pulled to random moments in the past, present or future, and Clare’s linear and normal adolescence is dotted with memories of Henry appearing to her from different moments in time.

Clare struggles with the turmoil of always being the one left behind to wait for Henry to reappear, and Henry’s inability to take clothing or identification with him while he time travels leaves him helpless and dependent on his survival skills. The intersection of Clare and Henry’s life is not ordinary, and Niffenegger’s edgy style complimented by themes of love, death, sex and time make "The Time Traveler’s Wife" a suspenseful and exciting read.

Niffenegger is most recognized for her novel, but has enjoyed success in other fields as well. Niffenegger is a professor and has produced numerous drawings, paintings, prints and visual books. She helped found the Columbia College Chicago Center for Book and Paper Arts, and was a professor at Columbia College’s MFA program in Interdisciplinary Book and Paper Arts. She is now on the faculty of the Columbia College Fiction Writing Department.

Recent works by Niffenegger include the novel "Her Fearful Symmetry," released in 2009, and "The Night Bookmobile," a serialized graphic novel that originally appeared in the London Guardian and was published in book form in September 2010. She is currently working on her third novel, "The Chinchilla Girl in Exile."

Niffenegger’s creativity and experience as an artist allows her to challenge the traditional bounds of fiction writing to produce exquisitely woven and original stories. Whether you are a fan of Niffenegger’s skills or just want to learn more about the creation of Clare and Henry and how their entangled adventure ends, stop by Jordan Hall of Science Wednesday at 7 p.m. to enjoy Niffenegger’s speech.

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Scene Around the World

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Scene

By CLAIRE STEPHENS

For those looking for a unique new album this year, look no further. Glitch-hop producer and instrumentalist A.M. Breakups, also known as A.M. Mielnick, recently released his debut album, "The Cant Resurrection." According to his website, ambreakups.com, this album is "a reflection of environment, acquaintances and circumstances."

The 24-year-old indie-rap artist is from Utica, N.Y. and has been performing for years. He started with MC Eleven as the duo 11 A.M., and has a strong local following and devoted online fan base. He has collaborated with other artists in the genre, including Teddy Fueg, Super Chron Flight Brothers, Sasa and K-Swift.

His influences include dirt, Chi-Rock nation, Backwoodz Studios, Uncommon Records, interrupt expansion, Komadose, B.O.S. Skweed Records and expired Polaroid film, according to his Facebook page. He considers his mix of music to be hip-hop, electronic and experimental. "The Cant Resurrection" continues Backwoodz Studioz's tradition of progressive, critically acclaimed indie hip-hop from New York.

All songs on the album are written, produced and mixed by A.M. Breakups himself, and he recorded most with Reservoir Sound Womb. The album was recorded between 2006 and 2009.

According to the album cover, this LP has been hailed to "have stark production, heavy with layers and texture and interspersed with verses from some of this new millennium's most promising indie talent." Appearances by other artists on the album include Teddy Fueg, VS, Eleven, Billy Woods, DJ Dyllemma, Bedtime9, Model Citizen and Shtronk.

The album includes an intriguing mix of typical instrumental music, techno and vocals. Overall, the album keeps the listener engaged with the movement of the beat, often switching between songs or in the middle of songs. Shorter songs are mixed in between longer songs, sometimes serving as a break or cleansing of the palate between diverse types of music. The tone and feel of the songs varies throughout the album and within individual songs. Percussion sounds and beats play an important role to the pace and its changes. Different techno sounds work with more traditional instrumental sounds (like piano, strings and percussion) to form the melody that evolves from song to song.

The vocal performances of the most different artists featured on the album bring another layer of diversity to the music. Distant, background vocals with steady, aggressive, Eminem-esque rapping is scattered across the album. While some songs strongly feature the rapping, others use distorted or altered vocals as part of the beat in the background.

"The Cant Resurrection" has dark, unsettling songs as well as pleasant, easy-listening ones. Techno audio mixes with, changes and sometimes competes against the vocals and other instrumental sounds. A.M. Breakups' use of electronic music sounds foreign, calming, troubling, agreeable, confusing or chaotic, depending on the song. Recognizable instrumental audio is also used in multiple ways, serving as a pacemaker and providing a simple melody or a dramatic underscore to each song.

The rapping talents are used well, allowing a message to appear through the lyrics. The vocals are never too over-bearing and fit well into the unique and varying music that form the melody that evolves from song to song.

For a listener looking for something new, "The Cant Resurrection" is an interesting and refreshing mix of rap, indie and techno. Though perhaps not the most revolutionary or impressive album of the year so far, it is worth a listen. Changing and diverse, the music has an assortment of sounds to offer to an open-minded music lover.

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By COURTNEY COX

John Hughes’s movies do the impossible — they make audiences nostalgic for high school, an extremely difficult task. With "The Breakfast Club," "Pretty in Pink" and "Ferris Bueller’s Day Off," DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s midnight movie series will bring the best of the 80’s back to Notre Dame.

"The Breakfast Club" is the quintessential tale of teenage angst and follows five high school students who are sentenced to serve a Saturday in detention. Set in the library of their school, the students bond with each other and recognize that they have more in common than they could have imagined.

The movie also depicts the most prevalent high school stereotypes. Versions of the cliques that appear in "The Breakfast Club" can appear in sitcoms and other high school movies today.

The end of the movie aptly defines each individual. In writing a letter to the principal of the school they say, “You see us as you want to see us … In the simplest terms and the most convenient definitions. But what we found out is that each one of us is a brain, and an athlete, and a basket case, a princess and a criminal."

The best part of the movie is that it doesn’t use these stereotypes to set up easy antagonists to a story line, as so many films do today. Instead, the movie starts with the assumed antigens of each individual and shatters it. No person in the group can be easily defined by one word. "Pretty in Pink" explores the effects of money on high school social interactions and gains new insight each time it is retold. In "Pretty in Pink," Andie, played by Molly Ringwald, does not come from the same kind of money as Blane, her crush. As Bueller famously says “life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”

John Hughes captures the most awkward moments of being a teenager and gives them an artful appreciation that not many others have succeeded in doing. Catch his greatest hits at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center in the coming weeks.

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Men’s volleyball takes second in National Championship
Gymnastics competes in national meet; cycling completes regular season

Special To The Observer

N oste Dame entered the National Championship tournament as the No. 13 seed overall, one of the highest in team history. This was just the start of something special for the Irish. The Irish were the highest No. 2 seed, and in Thursday’s pool play, the team defeated Wisconsin and Arkansas to win its three games to Cal-Poly to win the pool and advance to the pool play on Friday, where winning and losing determines who advances to the gold bracket or bracket of no prize.

On Friday, the Irish faced California and UC- Santa Barbara, winning the matches 25-17, 25-21 and 25-18, 25-22 respectively. This launched the Irish into the Gold Bracket.

A team made up in the Gold Bracket, the Irish faced Fresno State, ranked No. 1 in the country for most of the season. In dominating fashion, the Irish swept the Community in two games 25-19 and 25-23, to advance to the Elite 8, thus securing the best-of-three title.

However, the Irish weren’t done yet. The Irish went on to defeat UC-San Diego, a strong opponent hailing from the San Diego region. In one of the most exciting matches in the tournament, the Irish defeated UCSD 25-17, 25-20, 25-15. It was a huge win for the Irish, who were set to face the Cinderella story Illinois State for the opportunity to play for the national championship. Notre Dame came out swinging, and the Irish held the lead 25-16, 25-15 to advance to the national championship again against powerhouse powerhouse, UW-Oshkosh.

Behind the powerful swings and monster blocks of Rob Bauer and Kevin Padden, both of whom are from Illinois, All-Americans, the Irish won the first game 25-21. This was not enough, however, as UW-Oshkosh’s jump serve proved to be too much for the Irish to handle, who lost the next two games 25-12 and 15-10.

The Irish fell just short of the ultimate goal of a national championship, finishing as the second best team in the country is a huge step forward for the program.

Gymnastics

This past weekend, the Gymnastics Club of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s made the long trip down to Richmond for the NAIGC national competition. The meet, held in the greater Richmond Convention Center, was host to 129 teams from all over the country. The Irish, who competed in the fourth of six meets at the event, finished sixth in their last meet of the season.

The women’s squad, comprised of Kristin Smith, Sarah Cole, Bryanna Becardo and Kelsey Teke, posted especially strong scores on vault with scores of 7.9, 8.0, 7.8 and 8.45, respectively. The team was also named to the selection of the University's Golden Ticket as they kicked off slow, but regained their strength at the first quarter with an exclusion goal from Ali Durkin. Durkin led the offense with five goals from the hole set. Manie O’Malley and Victoria Anglin helped put points on the board for the Irish, with Lizzzy Gormley added two. Kasia Abern showed the tone of the Irish defense with four steals in the field.

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Women’s Water Polo

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The Irish scored again on a fast break by Durkin in the fourth quarter. O’Malley led the Irish defense with five steals. Lizzie Gormley won three swims for the Irish.

Women’s Boxing

Club president and captain Anna Dywer competed in the prestigious Golden Gloves over the weekend. Dywer claimed the title trophy in her division after a hard-fought battle of her many fans and admirers on campus.

Women’s Equestrian

The Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s Equestrian team traveled to Doonman, Wis.., over the weekend to compete in both Regions and Zones. Katie Walsh took first in open fences at Regions Saturday. Amy Giordano took third in both intermediate flat and fences. Nicole Oberschmidt and Laura Tiche completed their collegiate careers with a fifth place showings in their classes.

Whitney Preissner qualified for Zones on Sunday, sweeping her class and taking first place. On Saturday, the University of Wisconsin-Madison took first place, and Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s took third place, followed by University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in third on Sunday at Zones, Preissner finished her year with 10th in novice flat.

Walsh garnered a third in open fences in the Cornell class. As the Cornell rider for the region, Walsh will go to nationals May 5 to 7 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky.

Men’s Rowing

The Notre Dame first and second varsity eight travels to San Diego last Thursday to compete in the San Diego Crew Classic over the weekend.

The racing began early Saturday morning for the Irish, who were the first varsity boat competing in the championship heat Cal Cap’s racing heats. The crew, coxed by Greg Obeoe, with Garrett Campbell, Greg Flood, Michael Maggatt, Brent Shawcross, Cliff Roberts, Tim Parks, Sean Gibbons and Michael Wagner from stroke to bow, was seeded first in the heat. They got off to an early lead in the first 500m, and in the middle of the race held off moves by UCLA and Sacramento State.

The Irish won the heat with a time of 6:05.10, placing ahead of UCLA, Sacramento State, Bates, University of California- Santa Barbara, University of California – Davis, and Loyola Marymount to earn a spot in the Grand Finals Sunday morning.

In the Grand Finals, the Irish had a 3-2 lead over the game but an early boat length down to field leaders University of Columbia and Brown in the Rev.

However, the first varsity finished strong, making a series of moves over the next 1000m and finishing with a sprint in third place with a time of 6:19.67, less than two seconds behind the leaders, which were the first varsity. The Irish rowed well, but placed sixth overall in the finals with a time of 6:22.20. The California “A” boat won the event, followed by Stanford, California “B,” Oregon State and the University of California – Berkeley.

The third place finish by the Irish Irish folded 22 players in the Grand Finals was the highest finish at the Crew Classic in the team’s history.

Women’s Rugby

In their final home game of the year and their last game before the national tournament, the Irish defeated Ball State University this Saturday 112-0. Nine Irish played and even had some of their players part play the game with Ball State, as they only had 15 players.

The Irish got on the score board quickly and continued to dominate every contact point, which resulted in a shutout. One of the Irish’s team goals was to make sure that the backs had forwards supporting them. The Irish greatly improved in this support during the game.

They also made it a goal to get fewer penalties for things like off sides and not rolling away. They have great opponents that they have previously and never got called for the same penalty twice in a row. The Irish are looking forward to playing Mesa State in their first game of the national tournament next Saturday.
Miami locks up No. 2 seed

Associated Press

ATLANTA — LeBron James scored 34 points and Miami locked up the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference with a 98-90 win over the Atlanta Hawks, who nearly rallied from a 20-point deficit while going with their backups against the Big Three in the fourth quarter Monday night.

Miami played its starters all the way, looking to clinch the second spot behind Chicago in the East. Shortly after heating the Hawks, the heat got the news they wanted: third-place Boston lost at Washington in overtime.

The Hawks, who are locked into the fifth seed, went to a makeshift lineup for the final period and almost pulled it off.

The game turned ugly with 3½ minutes to go. Atlanta’s Zaza Pachulia was ejected for a basket. Zydrunas Ilgauskas took exception to the move and slammed the ball off Pachulia’s back as he turned to head back down the court.

Ilgauskas was ejected, and the Hawks hit the technical free throw to tie it at 88. But Miami outscored the Hawks 10-2 the rest of the way, with James Jones making two huge 3-pointers — including one that turned into a four-play when he was fouled by a leaping Josh Powell, sending both players flying out of bounds.

The Hawks pulled their starters for the fourth quarter. Pachulia, Powell, Jamal Crawford, Jeff Teague and Damien Wilkins held their own, actually outscoring Miami 23-19.

It wasn’t enough.

Bosh drew a charging foul on Powell with just over a minute left, and James clinched it with his final basket of the night. The Big Three combined for 70 points, with Dwyane Wade adding 21 — the bulk of his scoring coming in the first half — and Bosh adding 15.

Celtics rest top four, fall to Wizards in OT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even in a game that went to overtime, the most interesting spectacle was the quartet of Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen, Paul Pierce and Rajon Rondo sitting on the Boston Celtics’ bench.

The Celtics were making a statement: The Miami Heat can have second place. It wasn’t worth fighting for anymore.

Coach Doc Rivers decreed that a few days of rest for his veteran starters would be a bigger priority than trying to climb one rung in the standings in the season’s final days.

Boston’s leftovers made a game of it, losing 95-94 Monday night to the lottery-bound Washington Wizards.

The result, along with Miami’s 98-90 win over the Atlanta Hawks, guaranteed that the Heat will be the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference while the Celtics will be No. 3, drawing a first-round playoff matchup with the sixth-seeded New York Knicks.

Rivers called it a difficult decision to sit his stars, one that involved everyone from general manager Danny Ainge on down, and one that surely will leave him open to second-guessing if the results fall a certain way.

“I usually don’t seek out — it comes from me all the time — but this was one where I asked a lot of questions to some players, all our coaches, to Danny, so this was a tough one, but this was the right one,” Rivers said. “At the end of the day for us, it’s got to be right for our team and whatever’s best for our team, even over seeding.”

Rivers said his mind was made up after the Celtics were blown out 100-77 by the Heat on Sunday, a loss that put Boston behind Miami in the race for second. The coach will also sit the bulk of his top players in Wednesday’s regular-season finale against the Knicks, giving his veterans a three-day mental break to set them up for three good days of practices Thursday through Saturday before the playoffs start.
**MLB**

Surging Rangers dominate Martinez, Tigers

**Associated Press**

DETROIT — To Victor Martinez, the Texas play made perfect sense.

The left-handed hitter had a closer Neftali Feliz intentionally walk him in Cabrera with two outs in the ninth inning, even though it meant bringing Martinez to the plate as the potential winning run.

The Detroit newcomer grounded out with two runners on base Monday, finishing off the Tigers’ 2-0 loss to the Rangers.

Martinez wasn’t surprised by Texas manager Ron Washington’s bold strategy to pitch around Cabrera.

“He’s been swinging the bat good and I haven’t been swinging the bat good all,” the four-time All-Star said. “They took a chance on me.”

The former Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians standouts are hitting just .225, making $12 million in the first season of a $50 million, four-year deal he signed with Detroit to primarily be its designated hitter.

Martinez, though, said it’s too early to be frustrated.

“We’ll see what happens at the end of the year,” he said. “We’d see what happens if we end up 9-1, maintaining the majors’ top record and matching the best 10-game start in team history.”

Michael Young and Mitch Moreland hit RBI doubles in the seventh inning as Texas equaled the start of its 1989 club.

Ogando (2-0) gave up just two hits, walked one and struck out four over seven innings in his second start in the majors. The converted reliever had his out-cutting short fluid by under a callus on his right index finger after pitching six scoreless innings last week with a developing blister on the same finger.

Ogando expects to make his next start.

Texas reliever Darren Oliver gave up a hit in the eighth. Feliz finished for his fourth save in as many chances after retiring two batters and allowing Ryan Raburn to double, bringing up Cabrera.

Verlander (1-1) lost despite pitching a six-hitter, striking out four and walking one in a 119-pitch performance.

“It’s terribly disappointing for me,” he said. “I think it’s terribly disappointing for the team.”

Verlander was perfect until Josh Hamilton hit a two-out single in the fourth inning. Hamilton walked with one out in the seventh, scored on Young’s double off the right-field wall and Moreland followed with a two-out double off the same wall to make it 2-0.

“He was great,” Young said. “He’s always a handful.”

Detroit had its best chance to score in the fourth when Cabrera became the second player younger than 28 to hit his 300th double, according to STATS LLC, but that didn’t mean much to him after another defeat.

“We lost the game,” Cabrera said.

His hit in the fourth put two on with one out, but Martinez’s bloop to shallow left field turned into an inning-ending double play when shortstop Elvis Andrus caught the ball and the 27-year-old Cabrera couldn’t beat the throw back to second base.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland planned to start slumping center fielder Austin Jackson the day off, but used him as a pinch-hitter in the eighth when Magglio Ordonez came out of the game with tightness in his right Achilles’ tendon.

Ordonez missed games earlier this season with a stiff surgically repaired right ankle.

Leyland plans to sit him out at least a couple games.

“We’re not going to go day to day and get him right,” Leyland said.

Jackson hit a leadoff single, but was stranded after Oliver got Johnny Peraltia to foul out, Alex Avila to strike out and Brandon Inge to fly out.

Detroit fell to 3-7, needing victories in the next two games to win its first series in a season that started with relatively high hopes, after failing to make Washington’s gamble backfire.

“I gave them a lot of credit,” Leyland said. “I was certainly very comfortable with Victor in that position.”

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**NFL**

Miles anticipates a Super Bowl in Indy

**Associated Press**

INDIANAPOLIS — Mark Miles doesn’t expect the NFL’s lockout to be settled until at least this summer.

The 2012 Super Bowl host committee chairman is still moving ahead, as scheduled, with his plans.

As the countdown to February’s Super Bowl hit 300 days Monday, Miles described the progress made over the last three months and addressed the one issue everyone is asking — whether the lockout could scuttle the city’s first Super Bowl.

“There are probably scenarios where you may miss some preseason games and you may even miss some regular-season games and the league officials will have to define what constitutes a season for them,” Miles said. “So we’re doing our thing and we are doing what needs to be done and not let it (the lockout) become a distraction.”

With $35 million of construction projects under way on the city’s near east side, another major construction project in full throttle downtown and 60 committees trying to fine-tune details, the host committee is busy.
Judge orders mediation

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The NFL and its locked-out players have been ordered to start talking again.

The federal judge handling the lawsuit against the league told both sides Monday they will participate in court-supervised mediation, saying she still is considering whether to grant the players’ request to lift the lockout that’s been in place for a month.

The players got their wish, with the talks held in the federal courts in Minnesota rather than the collective bargaining setting where the two sides unsuccessfully met last month.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson said formal mediation will begin Thursday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan at his office in the Minneapolis federal courthouse. Boylan will meet with representatives for the players Tuesday, then representatives of the NFL on Wednesday.

The sides tried mediation before, negotiating for 16 days in Washington with Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service director George Cohen. Those talks broke off on March 11, and the old collective bargaining agreement expired.

The NFL Players Association dissolved that day, saying it no longer would represent players in bargaining under labor law. That allowed players — individual MVP winner Ben Roethlisberger of Pittsburgh, Tom Brady and Peyton Manning — to file a class-action antitrust suit against the league in federal court here. The owners then locked out the players, creating the NFL’s first work stoppage since 1987.

Nelson ordered Monday that both sides keep the mediation confidential.

NFLPA spokesman George Atallah declined comment as did NFL spokesman Greg Aiello. Neither party would divulge who will be attending the session this week.

At a hearing last week about the injunction request, Nelson urged the parties “to come back to the table” and said negotiations should take place at “not the players’ table, not the league’s table, but a neutral table, if you will.”

The next day, the players and owners both expressed a willingness to talk, though they disagreed on where and how they wanted to do it. The players said they were willing to engage in mediation overseen by Nelson. The NFL said it wanted to resume talks with Cohen in Washington.

Nelson said at the hearing she would “take a couple of weeks” to rule on the injunction. On Monday, she noted that her order to resume mediation “will not have the effect of a stay on this litigation,” and that she would rule “in due course.”

Nelson’s order called for legal counsel for the parties “as well as a party representative having full authority” to attend. She also said that participation in the mediation "and any communications conveyed between the parties in this process, shall not be admitted or used against any party in any other proceeding or forum, for any purpose.”

That would appear to address the players’ concern that any talks would be held after the dissolution of the union could be construed as collective bargaining — and thus bolster the NFL’s claim that the dissolution was a “sham” merely intended to strengthen the players’ position at the bargaining table.

The next week, NFL executive vice president Jeffrey Pash sent a letter to a lawyer representing the players. James Quinn, with a copy going to Nelson, wrote that the league is “prepared to give reasonable and appropriate assurances” that the players’ legal position — not a union protected by labor laws but a group of players suing under antitrust laws — would not be compromised through any new talks.

Nelson’s order referred to the mediation “as a form of Alternative Dispute Resolution,” a legal and in this case, nonbinding term for the revival of negotiations. Perhaps it will lead to some real progress. Or maybe it’s more like marriage counseling, simply getting two disputing parties back in the room together.

Former executive director of the NFLPA DeMaurice Smith speaks at the Federal Courthouse Wednesday.

Jury continues to deliberate in Bonds trial

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds is going to have to wait a longer wait for his verdict.

The jury considering four felony counts alleging the home run king deliberate without a conclusion for the second day Monday.

The eight women and four men, who started their deliberations on Friday before a weekend break, will resume work Tuesday morning.

The gap between closing arguments and verdict has grown longer than the gap between Bonds’ record-tying and record-breaking home runs in 2001 and 2002, becoming the only one of 25 witnesses at the trial to claim firsthand knowledge of Bonds using drugs.

“This was very damaging testimony that contrasted sharply with the testimonials of steroid use that are the heart of this perjury case,” said legal observer Joshua Berman, a former prosecutor who now works criminal defense attorney in Washington D.C.

However, it’s impossible to discern how many of the 12 jurors are focusing on that testimony and whether they feel the interaction answer was material, or in layman’s terms, important, to the grand jury’s investigation.

To convict Bonds of making a false statement, the jury must find both that he said Bonds said was a lie and one that had an effect on the grand jury.

Anderson was jailed during the trial because he refused to testify. No witnesses said they personally saw Bonds using drugs — Kathy Hoskins said she did not ask what was in the syringe Anderson used on Bonds.

Now 46, Bonds testified before the grand jury that he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs, and that Anderson told him he was using flaxseed oil and other ingredients — not designer steroids that were undetectable at the time.

Most of the jurors scribbled notes when Hoskins’ testimony about the injection was read back. Bonds, wearing a dark suit, white shirt and blue tie, kept an eye on the jurors during early portions of the reading, then focused on the clerk.

Just before the jury finished for the day at 3:45 p.m., lead Bonds lawyer Allen Ruby was in the hallway outside the courtroom, wondering when deliberations would be recessed.

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NCAA tournament at the end of May, but should he side- lined for over a month.

“Tom’s injury is obviously a big loss for us, but we have to have a next-man-in mentality,” Kubinski said. “I’m confident that we have people who will step up.”

Kubinski expects senior Connor Alan-Lee to move into his top five for at least the four to six weeks that Usher will be out.

“(Alan-Lee) has been playing great recently, averaging around 72 or 73,” Kubinski said. “He’s a solid player, we’ve got him in the middle and he’ll be out. The guys are actually going to class tomorrow.”

The guys have played this course a lot, and that can only help us,” Kubinski said. “It’s always nice to play at home. The guys are actually going to class tomorrow.”

The Battle at the Warren will tee off today at 12:30 p.m.

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Laura Winter was named Big East Pitcher of the Week Monday for the first time in her career.

Johnson improved her current hitting streak to 15 games this weekend, going 10-for-19 with eight RBIs and two homers for an impressive .589 slugging percentage over the past week. A 2010 All-Big East selection, Johnson has not struck out in 19 at-bats and has struck out just seven times in 106 at-bats this season.

Standing at 6-foot-1, Winter had an equally impressive week, giving up only 13 hits in 18 innings with a whopping 24 strikeouts. She allowed just three earned runs on the week for a 1.17 ERA, one of the notable tallies that earned her the honor of Big East Pitcher of the Week.

With the freshman and senior leading the way on their respective sides of the ball, the Irish are hoping to roll through contests against Bowling Green (4-21) and Loyola Chicago (15-15) on their home turf this week. Regardless of the team’s recent success, Notre Dame still has specific goals in mind.

“We will still be focusing on manufacturing runs, not leaving runners on base and strong defense,” Clancy said. “We also consistently work on keeping the positive energy going.”

“Louisville is always a tough team and are doing really well this year,” Clay said. “We can definitely sweep [the Cardinals], but it will be tough, so a large display of fan support would really help. Louisville is a game we always look forward to because they are one of our toughest opponents throughout the year.”

The team is looking forward to the weekend for personal reasons as well.

“(This weekend) is our Strikeout Cancer series, which supports the awareness and search for a cure for pediatric leukemia, which our coach’s daughter was diagnosed with this summer.” Clay said. “We have a lot of silent auction items for which all the proceeds go to cancer care and research, and a homerun derby after the games, plus a bounce house and fun games.”

Despite the anticipation for the upcoming weekend, the Irish remain focused on the task at hand, namely continuing their winning streak when conference play resumes Saturday.

Sharp defense, consistent pitching by Winter and a balanced offensive attack will be key as the squad takes on Bowling Green tomorrow at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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or uncomfortable at times,” Sullivan said. “We need to stop thinking and go up and hit.”

Saint Mary’s has struggled against Franklin in the past, falling to the Grizzlies both times the teams met last year. This year, Sullivan anticipates an easier game.

“They were a much stronger team last year,” Sullivan said. “(Now) they are young and scrappy. They play hard and want to win.”

One concern Sullivan has this weekend is the Grizzlies’ strong pitching, a recent Saint Mary’s graduate and softball player.

“They have an added member to their coaching staff this year. Cathy Kurczak, a standout player for our softball team from 2007-2009,” Sullivan said. “There will be a lot of emotion during this game.”

The Belles take the field today at 3:45 p.m. against the Grizzlies in Franklin, Ind.

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**ND carries nine-game winning streak into double-header against Bowling Green**

By KELSEY MANNING

Sports Writer

The difference between the nine-game winning streak that began Notre Dame's season and the one the squad will look to extend in tomorrow’s doubleheader against Bowling Green is simple—this time around, the Irish know what it is like to lose.

I don’t think the streaks are much different in terms of how we feel,” senior catcher Alexa Clay said. “The hall was rolling then and it is still rolling now. I think the difference is the games to between the streaks. Every team has to go through some learning experiences and some hardships.

Those hardships include a pair of losses in early March to cut short Notre Dame's record-setting start and a 2-4 Spring Break loss at the Judith Garman Classic in Fullerton, Calif., that left the squad disappointed, but with the knowledge that it has the talent to compete with top teams.

Clay said that while losing is never easy, it has added the Irish squad and promoted team growth.

“Those hardships are what help you grow, help you become tougher and help you be better,” she said. “We were in a good place to start, went through some things and are in an even better place now. The team is really starting to run on all cylinders.”

The Irish (26-7, 5-0 Big East) have only gained momentum in recent games. Over the weekend, the team had a dominating performance at Syracuse that kept it undefeated in Big East play. Notre Dame has had a commanding presence in the Big East of late, as senior third baseman Heather Johnson earned Big East Player of the Week honors for the second straight week. Freshman pitcher Callie Selner said her team is trying to toughen up mentally for the upcoming games.

“Our team has mentally prepared ourselves better by being more confident and picking each other up,” Selner said.

The Belles, who pride themselves on being a strong hitting team, are focusing on that aspect of play now, especially since their at-bats have suffered since the start of conference play.

We are swinging the bat, but it looks either tentative...