Students foster awareness of illnesses

Club hosts lectures, fundraisers to educate community about neglected tropical diseases

By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

Bagels, hot coffee and educational brochures about neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) welcomed students filing into DeBartolo Hall on Monday morning.

ND Fighting NTDs is raising awareness this week about diseases that plague underdeveloped countries around the globe.

Club president Emily Conron said these diseases do not receive enough attention because people are not educated about their severity.

When people watch the news, they hear about diseases like AIDS and malaria, not schistosomiasis, and so they think that NTDs are obscure, Conron said. Actually, NTDs affect more people than AIDS and malaria combined.

The most common NTDs include leprosy and trachoma, according to the World Health Organization. Approximately 1.4 billion people in developing countries suffer from these illnesses, which could easily be treated in a wealthier country like the United States.

“All seven NTDs that we focus on can be treated with safe and effective drugs that already exist and which cost about 50 cents per person,” Conron said.

Lymphatic filariasis, a parasitic disease that causes grotesque swelling of the limbs, has already infected more than 120 million people worldwide, Conron said. Treatment is limited in some of the areas that need it most.

“The problem is getting these drugs to the people in need,” Conron said.

The club’s work on campus is a reminder of the global mission to eliminate NTDs, Conron said, and Notre Dame students can advocate for change.

“If the global community makes NTDs a priority, then there is no reason why we wouldn’t be able to eliminate them,” Conron said.

NTDs are the equivalent of a best buy in global health, Conron said, and Notre Dame Fighting NTDs is putting on a series of events and lectures this week to educate students about ways to fight NTDs.

“Our goal is to try to get students to think about NTDs and make NTDs a priority,” Conron said.

Event showcases telescope

By REGINA GILMOUR
News Writer

As darkness fell over campus Monday night, sophomore Patrick Whalen stared at a perfect image of the face of the moon.

Whalen joined nearly 100 other students for Astronomy Night on the roof of Nieuwland Hall as they gazed through the recently refurbished Napoleon Telescope.

“I could see a clear image of the moon,” Whalen said. “It was cool because I could see all the craters in sharp detail.”

Physics Professor Peter Garnavich said the Napoleon Telescope was a gift to the University from Napoleon in 1866. The telescope was originally located in the Main Building, but is now housed in the Nieuwland Observatory.

Garnavich said the original six-inch objective lens remains on the telescope, but the exterior has been refurbished in recent years.

“It used to be in a roll-off roof observatory, but it was falling apart,” Garnavich said. “We decided we needed

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As part of Love Your Body Week, students show appreciation for their bodies in front of South Dining Hall on Monday. Students also signed pledges to love their bodies at the event.

OFFBEAT

Wash. man banned from parks for digging up fossil
PORTLAND, Ore. — A Longview, Wash., man accused of digging up the skull of a horn-like animal that predated humans by 20 million years has been banned from national park lands for a year.

The Oregonian reports that 48-year-old David Wixson also must pay $4,500 in restitution for the misdemeanor crime of depredation of government property.

The fossil was from an ordinance, one of a number of stout, hooved, plant-eating animals now extinct.

Court records say an off-duty interpretive ranger saw Wixson using a rock hammer at a site at the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument in May 2007, leading to an investigation by federal agents. Authorities say they searched his house, and he returned the skull.

Prosecutors say the penalties were imposed Friday.

Trump casino offers plastic surgery prize
ATLANTIC, City, N.J. — The latest casino promotion in Atlantic City gives new meaning to “going bust.”

The Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort plans to give $25,000 worth of plastic surgery to a winner from a player’s card contest.

The lucky one can mix and match surgeries including breast enhancements, tummy tucks, liposuction and face lifts until the total hits $25,000.

“We wanted to change the face of a typical casino promotion, and with this one we are literally doing it,” said Kathleen McSweeney, senior vice president of marketing for Trump Entertainment Resorts.

“Many people have something they want to change; a nip and tuck here, a lift there, but the cost of these procedures can be quite costly,” she said. “This promotion will allow the winner the opportunity to get the procedures of their choice.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

As a part of Neglected Tropical Diseases Awareness Week, there will be a free Einstein Bros. bagels, brochures and coffee outside DeBartolo Hall from 8 to 10 a.m. today, sponsored by ND Fighting Neglected Tropical Diseases.

A symposium titled “Transitions to Democracy and the Arab Spring: Are There Lessons from the Latin American Experience for the Middle East?” will take place in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies from 1 to 6 p.m. today.

As a part of the Entrepreneurial Insights Lecture Series, Fred Keller, Chairman and CEO of Cascade Engineering, will give a talk titled “Entrepreneurship and Social Good” today at 5 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, Fr. Tom Doyle will say Mass at the Eucharistic Heart of the Lord tonight at 5:15 p.m. After Mass, professor Matt Ashley, Chair of the Department of Theology, will give a lecture titled “Sustainability and Catholic Theology” tonight at 7 p.m. in the Jordan Hall of Science room 101.

Four, the Catholic Fellowship group run by Campus Ministry, will meet tonight from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the Cavanaugh Chapel.

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

What do you love most about your body?

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Architect lectures on local design

By CLAIRE BRADY
News Writer

Designing buildings is not about creating an artistic masterpiece, a renowned architect said during a Monday lecture in Bond Hall. Urban architect Joanna Alimanestianu said her work is instead about creating a place that people will love as part of their local community.

“My mission is to create places for people, places people love, places where people can live quality lives,” Alimanestianu said.

“If a place isn’t lovable, it isn’t livable,” she said. “If a place needs to be livable, it has to be lovable.”

An architect must focus a city’s atmosphere and culture to design “authentically local” developments, she said.

“You have to understand the social fabric, the history, the people’s aspirations and history,” Alimanestianu said. “You have to understand how people live there, work there, walk around there.”

A design that emphasizes the local flavor will create a “contextually beautiful” place that will fit into its surroundings, Alimanestianu said.

Successful designs also need to “bounce forward” to answer the needs of the future, she said.

“You have to be open and present to what works and doesn’t, and what will stand the test of time,” Alimanestianu said.

Alimanestianu put these ideas into practice in her famous redesign of the Rue de Laecken development, an abandoned row of townhouses in Belgium. During the project in the early 1990s, she hired seven young architects under 40-years-old to design nine unique townhouses.

Realtors were skeptical, she said, but taking a risk with a new team paid off for the overall project. The homes sold immediately and attracted attention across Europe.

“They wanted to do this, they were interested and all seven went on to become famous, successful architects,” Alimanestianu said.

Alimanestianu also designed a vibrant neighborhood in Guayaquil, Ecuador, in 2006. She said she worked to revive the area by remodeling it according to traditional styles.

“It was one of the ugliest cities out there,” Alimanestianu said. “We produced the architecture guidelines by looking at what was truly Ecuadorian, what people would feel comfortable in.”

Although the Guayaquil project is not yet complete, Alimanestianu said residents have already expressed enthusiasm about the changes.

Alimanestianu said her work in both Europe and the United States places her at the intersection of two modern urban architecture movements — the American New Urbanists and the European Urbanists.

However, rather than identifying with either movement, she said she prefers to remain independent and design buildings according to residents’ needs rather than her own artistic inspiration.

“I’m not interested in making a statement or calling attention,” Alimanestianu said.

“I am not interested in making a work of art.”

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French Language Programs Information Session

Tuesday, October 4
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Application Deadline: November 15, 2011 www.nd.edu/ois

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Domecoming activities

Tuesday Song-led adoration in the Ryan Hall Chapel at 5 p.m.
Wednesday The Stations of the Cross at 9 a.m. Free for juniors and seniors for other students.
Thursday Quidditch tournament at the Hennessey Bookstore basketball courts at 7 p.m. Registration is required.
Friday Domecoming Dance on South Quad at 10 p.m.

By EMMA RUSSELL
News Writer

This year’s annual Domecoming Week, hosted by Junior Class Council (JCC) will be “fun for a cause,” junior class president Kevin Doherty said.

Monday’s Domecoming kickball game, held for Kans for Kans, launched a weekend food drive sponsored by the junior class. Students who donated a non-perishable food item could play the kickball game on North Quad.

“We thought that giving back to the community would be a good way to give Domecoming a new dimension of ‘fun for a cause’ that would attract more interest from the student body and the local community,” Doherty said.

“We will have collection boxes available at all of the events this week.”

Doherty said the week offers a chance to bring the junior class and other members of the student body together.

“It is our purpose to unite students in a week of fun events and activities on campus,” Doherty said. “Our hope is that Domecoming will continue to grow and involve more student groups, and be carried on as a tradition for years to come.”

The junior class will also sell Class of 2013 “bro tanks” throughout the week. Doherty said an initial order of the tanks sold out almost immediately.

“We sold out within a few hours during our first sale in the dining halls,” Doherty said. “We ordered a little over 200 new tanks and are hoping these will sell out over the course of the week.”

JCC representative Kelsey Eckenrode said Domecoming is Notre Dame’s version of homecoming at other schools.

“We wanted to give the students something similar,” Eckenrode said. “We’re surprised that a big football school like Notre Dame didn’t already have homecoming.”

The junior class will also host song-led adoration service at 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Ryan Hall Chapel.

The song-led adoration should be a really awesome event for seniors, Doherty said. “I’m really excited for all of the events this week.”

Juniors can skate for free on the JAC ice rink Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Doherty said students could still register for a Thursday dodge ball tournament online or at the event.

“The winning teams will be awarded Chipotle gift cards and bragging rights,” Doherty said.

The second annual Domecoming Dance Friday will end the week with music and dancing under a tent on South Quad, as well as free food from Chick-fil-A, Eckenrode said.

“We’re happy that the dance is outdoors this year since the weather is supposed to be great on Friday,” Eckenrode said.

The junior class will host all of the Domecoming events this week, Doherty said, but the activities are open to all students.

“While the focus is on the junior class, we welcome all students to our events this week,” he said. “The only exception is the Domecoming Dance, which SAO classifies as a junior class dance, but non-juniors are welcome to attend as long as they accompany a junior. Our goal is to involve every student on campus as possible in Domecoming Week.”

Further information about Domecoming events can be found on the Domecoming 2011 Facebook page.

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The group practiced drills in the dark Friday night. Freshman cadet Colin O’Shea said this exercise, called night-land navigation, was the most difficult task for the students. “Saturday’s night land naviga- tion was the hardest part of the weekend,” O’Shea said. “During the day, land naviga- tion was still hard because it was my second time doing it. I did pretty well, but being alone at night in the forest, in the dark, was extremely challeng- ing.”

Junior cadet Kathleen Frechette led her group through a movement-to-contact exer- cise. “The seniors were playing the enemies and were about 300 meters away,” Frechette said. “As the leader, I had to figure out what the mission was, how we’re going to conduct that. We’d move from where we were to try to attack the enemy. It was a practical application of what we learned in class.”

Battalion commander Josh Sandler said he and other se- niors organized the FTX trip and acted as the enemy in each of the training exercises. Each junior cadet led a squad of sophomores and freshmen through the exercises. Sandler said the exercise is especially helpful for junior cadets because next year they will spend one month in a required Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC).

The course will test their leadership abilities, physical fit- ness and other useful skills. “This weekend was like a mini LDAC,” Sandler said. “I’m trying to take 30 days worth of training and evaluations and cram them into one weekend.”

Sandler said he and the other seniors added exercises in gar- rison leadership, or planning for everyday needs for the men and women under a leader’s com- mand, to this year’s FTX. Squad leaders now need to manage the day-to-day concerns of their group while everyone lives in close quarters.

“Now with the addition of garrison leadership that’s 24 hours that you need to be on your game,” Sandler said. “It’s meant to be the addition of a huge amount of stress. While our previous FTXs have been good, they’ve been incomplete without this garrison leadership piece.”

“My role as a [senior cadet and battalion commander] is to train [the younger cadets] to be better prepared than I was, and I feel that we have accom- plished that,” junior cadet Ted Spinelli said. “He was glad the weekend exer- cise would prepare him for the LDAC in the summer.

“The [Leader Development and Assessment Course] is the apex of ROTC, the step- ping-stone where a very large amount of our total perfor- mance in ROTC is established,” Spinelli said.

The LDAC determines the number of placement options in the Army for the senior cadets after graduation. Spinelli said. “For me the most helpful part of the weekend was executing a patrol mission on Sunday, and developing a plan to execute that mission that was executed on the larger patrol or platoon- size scale,” Spinelli said. “The longer time allotment and more complex objective made this a more involved exercise, more similar to what we would be do- ing as officers in the army after school.”

Sandler said that while the weekend was challenging, the cadets in his battalion learned important lessons for their ROTC training during the FTX weekend. “The most [difficult] part of the weekend was the constant physical discomfort,” Sandler said. “They don’t get to eat or sleep very much, and it’s very cold, wet and windy. That is a constant part of this train- ing. But this is forcing them to be agile thinkers despite this discomfort. Teaching decision making under less-than-ideal conditions is how the Army pre- pares us to be leaders.”

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Classmate Jack Choman said. “They are always set up before they graduate. A constant part of this train- ing is developing a plan to execute the mission that was executed during the FTX weekend.”

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people talking about NTDs who might not have known or cared about them before,” Conron said.

NTPs are an issue that we need to be able to approach fully invested in a cause, they need in order to engage the student body in new ways during NTD Aware- ness Week. “NTDs are an issue that we take very seriously,” Conron said. “But as college students, we recognize that in order for people our age to become fully invested in a cause, they need to be able to approach it in creative and unforeseen ways.”

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To raise awareness, Five Guys at Eddy Street Com- mons will donate 15 percent of Wednesday’s profits from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. to NTD chari- ties.

Funder raisers around cam- pus this week will include a dessert sale in the LaFortune Student Center on Thursday, a face-painting booth on Irish Green on Friday and a collec- tion at all Masses on Sunday.

“Astro- nomy Night could gaze at the moon through the t e s s c o p e in the Nieu- wland Ob- servatory, but oth- ers stared at its face from several small- er telescopes on North Quad near Stonehenge. Senior Maureen Choman and Elizabeth Fiolin said they were excited to catch a more detailed glimpse of the night sky.

“We ran from Lewis,” Flood said.

Choman said the girls had planned to see the telescope before they graduated.

“We have it every year, and it’s on our bucket list,” Choman said.

Law student Colin Little-

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field showed students an image of a supernova, or a recently exploded star, on his computer. “This supernova is about 25 million light years away,” he said. “It exploded about five weeks ago.”

Littlefield said he studied astronomy before attending law school, and he is now a teaching assistant for Intro- duction to A s t r o n o m y. The superno- va is located in the M101 galaxy, a spira- ral galaxy not unlike the Milky Way. “This par- ticular super nova was part of a star much, much bigger than Earth,” he said. “It kept pulling matter off of a smaller star until it got so heavy it finally exploded. The supernova is expanding at about 30 million miles an hour.”

Junior Bailey Moser, a physics lab assistant, said stu- dents access telescopes at other times of the year as well. “They are always set up in the observatory,” he said. “Anyone can come up after sundown on a clear night.”
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to organize the race after her summer externship experience.

“I spent this past summer learning as a nursing extern at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan and working with oncology patients,” Dorson-King said. “It was this experience that furthered my enthusiasm to not only help raise awareness of breast cancer, but to inspire in (Saint Mary’s) women a passion to fight for a phenomenal cause that touches so many lives not only in this country, but in the (Saint Mary’s) community.”

The “Save the Tatas” campaign also inspired Dorson-King to come up with the name “Belles for Boobies.”

“I love the “Save the Tatas” campaign, but that’s already been used and I wanted to connect [the name] to Saint Mary’s, so I used Belles and boobies instead of tatas,” Dorson-King said. “But I didn’t want to cross any lines, so I went right to (Vice-President of Student Affairs) Karen Johnson and asked her to approve the name.

The race has also inspired Saint Mary’s graduates to get involved.

“There have been some alumnae that contacted me about coming and participating,” she said. “There even might be a SMC alumna and breast cancer survivor that will speak at the start of the race.”

The track for the Belles for Boobies 5-K will follow a double loop around Saint Mary’s campus.

The registration fee for the race is $5. Funds raised by the event will support the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Dorson-King said.

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Michigan professor discusses music, culture

By ABIGAIL FORNEY
News Writer

The lyrics to country artist Gretchen Wilson’s song “Redneck Woman” could be a solution to modern tension between gender and class, a University of Michigan professor said during a guest lecture Monday.

Nadine Hubbs, associate professor of women’s studies and music at the University of Michigan, spoke at Saint Mary’s about popular music’s role in culture and used female country singers to demonstrate issues facing women, particularly those who come from the lower class.

Wilson, who grew up in a trailer park and comes from a working class family, sends a very specific message to her listeners Monday.

“I look at this song ‘Redneck Woman’ as a solution or a detour around that tough predicament between gender and class,” Hubbs said. “It’s quite a trick to pull off!”

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‘Ware scare

At the beginning of last summer, as I went to pick up the subletting forms from the recently-graduated student whose apartment I was renting, I had a stark realization. It came via ominous warning. "Enjoy your fake adulthood while it lasts," he said. The words landed in my stomach with a thud. I had never known pseudo-adulthood to be a thing but it totally makes sense. I was working on campus and living in an apartment, but I could still cling for comfort to my identity as a student. I was freaked out by what our morphed into during the summer. I was working on campus and living in an apartment, but I could still cling for comfort to my identity as a student. I was freaked out by what our school morphed into during the summer. I was working on campus and living in an apartment, but I could still cling for comfort to my identity as a student. I was freaked out by what our school morphed into during the summer. I was working on campus and living in an apartment, but I could still cling for comfort to my identity as a student. I was freaked out by what our school morphed into during the summer. I was working on campus and living in an apartment, but I could still cling for comfort to my identity as a student. I was freaked out by what our school morphed into during the summer. I was working on campus and living in an apartment, but I could still cling for comfort to my identity as a student. I was freaked out by what our school morphed into during the summer.

Over this past summer, the Catholic University of America announced that it was abandoning coed student housing and reverting to a model of single-sex residences beginning with the class of 2015. In an editorial piece published in The Wall Street Journal, university President John Garvey argued that the change would help reduce the prevalence of binge drinking among undergraduates, and would also prevent further development of a “hook-up culture” on campus. Garvey graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1970 and served as a professor in the Law School from 1994 to 1999, so it is not surprising that he sees a need for single-sex dorms and parietal regulations that we are so fond of here.

What is a bit more surprising is that he believes his strategy to reduce binge drinking and the number of casual hook-ups will actually work. As anyone at Notre Dame can attest, these two issues do not magically disappear merely with the presence of single-sex dorms, as they are certainly present here on our own campus. Moreover, a convincing argument can be made that in this day and age, universities no longer have the right to meddle in the personal lives of their students, and thus must be wary of instituting policies designed to change student behavior.

A more disturbing potential consequence of the switch to gender-segregated housing has been highlighted by George Washington University law professor John Banzhaf, who has filed a complaint against Catholic University on the grounds that the new policy violates Washington D.C.’s 1997 Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in housing and education on the basis of numerous categories, including gender.

Banzhaf argued that separating students into male and female dorms is no more justifiable than placing all Jewish students into one dorm and all Muslims into another, or establishing distinct calculus courses for men and women. The university countered by noting that the Human Rights Act only forbids a school from conditioning the use of facilities for a discriminatory reason, and because the new housing policy treats both sexes equally, there is no discrimination occurring and thus no violation of the law.

Whatever your position on the validity of these arguments may be, they certainly raise important questions about our own housing situation here at Notre Dame. Like Catholic University, Notre Dame maintains a single-sex housing policy that strives to achieve equality for all students. In practice however, this standard often falls short of its stated goals. To see evidence of this, one merely has to take a walk around Notre Dame on a Friday or Saturday night and observe that all the parties being held on campus are taking place exclusively in male dorms.

The reason for this is the gross disparity between how men and women are treated in their own residence halls. In most male dorms, parties with loud music and alcohol are generally allowed so long as they remain within reasonable levels of control. The University has wisely concluded that college students will party regardless of whether there are rules against it, and so it has determined to try and keep the partying on campus where it is better look after the safety and well-being of its students.

In female dorms, however, there is no such tolerance for this behavior, and any student attempting to host a party with loud music and free-flowing alcohol would quickly find herself facing consequences far more severe than anything experienced by her male counterparts. It is unclear whether the rectors and resident assistants in female dorms are simply significantly stricter, or rather if there is a concerted effort by the University to limit the partying to male residence halls, thus reducing the number of dorms requiring monitoring on any given night.

Either way, the end result is that the women of Notre Dame are increasingly treated like second-class citizens, a reality that hardly aligns with the mission and ideology of this University. It is time for us as a community to reopen the discussion on single-sex housing and work together to eradicate discrimination at Notre Dame.

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There seems to be a lot of good news coming out of Europe in the past couple of weeks. Greece recently passed a new string of austerity measures, most notably a new property tax, aimed at keeping the Greek government solvent until December. Second, the German parliament recently passed the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) with an overwhelming majority. Third, the International Monetary Fund, European Central Bank and European Union, which administers the bailouts given to Greece, as a result, Greece will likely receive the next part of its bailout package, about $8 billion, which will keep the Greek government solvent until December. 

Unfortunately, this news is too little, too late. The Greek economy is on a terminal cycle. Even as the PIIGS (Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain) try to cut spending to get their deficits under control, a recession appears to be setting in across the continent. This recession will hurt economic growth, lowering the amount of money that European governments collect from taxes and reducing Germany and France's willingness to continue bailing out other governments. It also appears unlikely that Greece will be able to make good on its debts. The Greek government could unravel markets and lead to trouble for Italy and Spain. Long story short, Europe is in for trouble.

Let's look at this situation a little more closely. The European recovery, which is funding Germany's remarkable economic run, is losing steam. Consumer spending is falling in Germany, economic growth has come to a standstill in France and the Eurozone as a whole is only projected to grow by 0.3 percent in the second quarter. This is especially bad for countries like Italy and Spain, which are cutting government spending. A sign in deficits. The more that government spending is cut, the slower the economy will grow in the short run. As a result, the government will take in less revenue, leading to a pernicious cycle in which the government will take in less revenue, spending is cut, the slower the economy and, in turn, the government will take in less revenue. The answer to this question is hard to predict, it seems almost a foregone conclusion that Greece will either default on its debt or force investors to take haircuts (e.g. only receive a certain percentage, say 40 percent of what they were originally promised) on their investments. The distinction between these two is of critical importance. European banks are highly exposed to the Greek crisis, holding tens of billions of dollars worth of Greek debt. If these banks were forced to take a total loss on these loans, it is likely that they would need to be recapitalized, which would be a highly expensive process akin to the TARP program initiated here in the United States. What's more, a disorderly default would unravel financial markets, perhaps making it necessary to bail out Italy and Spain. These countries, which have debts in the trillions, not billions, may be beyond the capacity of Europe to save.

Pain is coming for Europe regardless of what happens. Greece, Ireland, Portugal and possibly Italy and Spain are in for years of painful cuts in spending and slow economic growth. Germany and France will continue to face the question of how much they should help out other countries, even as their own economies begin to suffer. The answer to this question will determine whether or not the European Union stays together. The most likely outcome will be a hybrid. The European Union will continue to exist, but it is unlikely that the process of creating a "United States of Europe" will continue much further.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Something worth fighting for**

Yesterday I spent $5.95 on a Pizza Pollo at Recker's. It tasted like happiness, as always. It also cost the same as about 12 human lives.

Let me explain.

This week is ND Fighting NTDs Awareness Week. NTDs are a collection of chronic, preventable diseases that plague over 1.4 billion people worldwide. That’s 20 percent of the global population. All of these diseases can be treated or prevented for just 50 cents per person per year.

NTDs are chronic parasitic illnesses. They cause unimaginable suffering: malnutrition, respiratory illness, debilitating, painful blindness, paralyzing swelling of the limbs, mental retardation — the works. The medicines to treat these diseases have been developed and donated by major pharmaceutical companies, but we have no way of physically getting the medicine to the people who desperately need it.

That’s why ND Fighting NTDs is launching a major initiative around campus this week to raise money and awareness. Here’s a quick overview of the events you don’t want to miss: free Einstein bagels in front of Debartolo on October 3 and Tuesday, a documentary screening on South Quad Monday afternoon, a faculty panel to discuss various solutions to global health problems on Tuesday in Geddes Auditorium and a Dirt Cup Dessert Sale in Lafontaine on Thursday.

If you are starting to feel really guilty about your latest Starbucks coffee, don’t. I don’t feel guilty about it. I just press myself up against my partner's body and sway to the beat of the song. Until you can’t stand it anymore and you end up making out with your partner (which is usually the endgame for both students), you just as something that follows naturally from it. And Dr. Moss is right, it’s easy; it’s the easiest way.

Eileen Lynch

Economics

**Science and God**

The Sept. 30 editorial ("Health insurance issue calls Notre Dame's identity into question") suggests a conflict exists between Notre Dame's identity as a Catholic and a scientific research university. The editorial creates a false dichotomy between science and Catholicism. The inscription, paraphrased from Ecclesiastes 3, 1 on Newsworld Hall says, "All things God made are good and each of them serves its turn." If God created the universe, scientifically exploring it helps us understand God's work and, in turn, understand God Himself.

Notre Dame can be a research university and not blindly accept any recommendation of the "premier scientific researchers" the editorial mentions. Can there not be more than one view in the scientific world?

Where would we be with only science or only religion? Both have made mistakes. After all, clerics condemned Galileo (and scientists not so long ago) declared the size and shape of one's universe.

Peter Teneriello

Business

**"Grinding" my gears**

Reading Dr. Moss’ article "Hip-hop night education" (Sept. 30) made me think (which, if you ask my friends, is something I do not do nearly as much as I should). I’ve never really thought of grinding as a treat. I mean, it seems obvious, but I’d always seen the party or the dance or Hip Hop Night itself as the social interaction, and grinding just as something naturally from. And Dr. Moss is right, it’s easy, it’s the easiest dance move ever. It’s the most physically intimate dance there is, but there’s no real emotion to it. You just press yourself up against your partner’s body and sway to the beat of the song. Until you can’t stand it anymore and you end up making out with your partner (which is usually the endgame for both students), you can’t even see their eyes.

That’s why it’s popular — there’s no need to get to really know the person if it’s just some random drunk kid at Hip Hop or Fever, no need to wrap yourself up in who your partner really is, in all their perfections and imperfections. You just fly past all those messy complexities that come along with it and just enjoy the pleasure.

It’s cheating. It’s skipping the best parts — those small moments, those quick glances, those subtle touches and I really don’t want to miss any of that. I want to get to know the girl he’s interested in, and I want her to feel the same way. That sounds a lot more appealing to the mind than some drunken make-out session, surrounded by hundreds of other students I barely know, with someone I may not talk to again.

Wasn’t my friend right? I’m planning on “getting some” when we go out, I kind of cringe. Not because it wouldn’t be physically satisfying, but because I want something a little deeper than that. I’m looking for something a bit more meaningful than a one-night relation ship, and I wish I had realized that sooner. The freshmen at Hip Hop Night will probably come to realize it too, eventually.

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October 3
After a nostalgic trip to the movie theater to see “The Lion King 3D” this weekend, a few friends and I discussed and debated the age-old question of where to grab dinner. Many of you might scoff at this, believing that the only place worth going to near school are Taco Bell and Perkins. I, however, am on a quest to dispel that myth and find the best foreign food places in South Bend.

Naturally, our first option for this exploration into the wide world of food was Outback Steakhouse. As a practicing Hindu, it was not my first choice. The few of us still traumatized from seeing hyenas eat zebra carcasses in “The Lion King” walked to the strip mall behind Outback and found the hidden Mexican restaurant and attached supermarket, Puerto Vallarta. At first, we seemed extremely out of place in the traditionally decorated restaurant. The only customers were of Hispanic descent. However, the moment we sat down, we felt at home. The service was great (I don’t say that as a marketing ploy). As for the meal itself, the portion sizes were huge and, yes, I finished every last bite on my plate. I ordered the Vallarta Chimichanga, which contained a pair of deep fried chicken, spinach and white cheesy burritos, a side of refried beans and Mexican rice. Though it was delicious, I recommend the fajita burrito one of my friends bought which, honestly, puts Chipotle to shame. For those of you who like a plain cheese quesadilla, this place is not for you. Everything from the guacamole to the side order of rice packs strong flavor and an authentic feel.

At the end of the meal, everyone was served a complimentary cinnamon sugar fried tortilla with a caramel drizzle and dollop of whipped cream. It was the cherry on top, pun intended. The biggest complaint I had about the meal was that I was too ridiculously full afterward to order more to bring home.

If you couldn’t tell by now, I am a huge fan of Puerto Vallarta, and recommend a visit if you’re looking for a relatively inexpensive, yet delicious meal.

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Hollywood executives like to make money, and, if so, they tend to like making movies they are confident lots of people will want to go see. This means the types of movies that get made are immutably sequels and adaptations of other media properties.

There isn’t anything inherently wrong with this, except that turning an animated series into a live action movie is often a terrible idea. Certain stories are suited to a specific medium. That is why (among other reasons) “Catch Me If You Can” was a great movie and a so-so musical.

That is why no matter how hard they try, they just can’t make “The Smurfs” into a quality film. However, because “The Smurfs” grossed nearly $410 million, it seems unlikely that live action adaptation of cartoons will stop anytime soon. That doesn’t have to be a bad thing, as long as the right cartoons are turned into movies.

Consider number 16 of this column talking to real people is just weird. That is why “Yogi Bear” was not only bad, but also completely unwatchable. However, this list is going to start with the one exception to that rule.

The classic 1960’s Hanna-Barbera cartoon “Top Cat” would make a great movie. The plot revolves around Top Cat leading his gang of alley cats in attempts to outsmart Officer Dibble and make a quick buck. It’s a clever and funny series that could even make jokes addressing how silly the movie might look, without breaking character.

There have been numerous attempts to turn “Jonny Quest” into a live action movie, including the announcement in 2009 that Zac Efron and Dwayne Johnson would star in an adaptation, but no further announcements have been made about the progress of the movie. The story of Jonny, his adopted brother Hadji, his father Dr. Quest, his bodyguard special agent Race Bannon and his dog Bandit gallivanting around the world on all sorts of adventures lends itself naturally to the screen. “Jonny Quest” set the standard for realistic action cartoons in its day and could do the same for contemporary movies.

Another animated action adventure series that seems to be stranded somewhere in the development process is the Cartoon Network classic “Samurai Jack.” In 2009 it was announced that J.J. Abrams would produce the film, retelling the tale of the Japanese samurai trying to make his way home after being displaced in time by the villainous demon Aku. Hopefully this movie will make it, because the original series was awesome and because it won’t be as ridiculous as a live action version of the same toys. This was unfortunate because the story (and Shia LaBeouf) was the biggest problem with that trilogy.

It would have been better to adapt the anime show “Mobile Suit Gundam Wing” that aired on Cartoon Network’s Toonami block in 2000. The movie would look a lot like “Transformers” was adapted from the line of toys, so its plot did not really owe anything to the numerous animated shows based on the same toys. This was unfortunate because the story (and Shia LaBeouf) was the biggest problem with that trilogy.

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Disastrous Dolphins

If you took a potty-training baby, put it in one of those ‘flouridors’ houses and threw a raging party before crashing a Hummer into a Civic in the driveway, you would have a mess.

And then you have the Miami Dolphins.

Fresh off a 3-1 start in San Diego, it now has d r o p p e d its opening seven games and seven in a row, and has a losing season heading back to last year. The Dolphins have not won more than two consecutive games since 2008, when they won the AFC East title and they hope to avoid a first-round bye week in the future.

The Dolphins finished 11-5, winning seven games by less than seven points before bowing out in the first round of the playoffs to Baltimore. A pretty pitiful third season in a row.

Why do I bring up the one good season in a recent Dolphins history? Because it is Sparano’s crowning achievement in an otherwise miserable, disappointing tenure.

Dolphins majority owner Steve Ross agrees — but maybe not wholeheartedly. In January, Ross traveled to California to talk with former Stanford coach Jim Harbaugh to replace Sparano at Miami. Ross’ re-crewing of the Dolphins organization wasn’t good enough (Harbaugh now coaches the 49ers), or private enough.

The West Coast trip was from the Miami Herald, a lead story on SportsCenter and a poorly kept secret. Whispers began to amplify and rumors continued to swirl. But Sparano survived that swirl. Whether or not he survives the possible oncoming tide, however, is yet to be seen.

Not like Ross cares, either.

He is too busy tracking down celebrity parent parts (like Gloria Estefan and the Williams sisters), putting a night club in Sun Life Stadium and "enhancing the fan experience" to truly worry about his on-field product.

Not only did the Dolphins blatantly look for a new coach, but they also searched for a replacement to take over Chad Henne’s quarterback duties. The big prize? Kyle Orton, zero postseason starts. When you want Orton to be your top quarterback, you are in trouble (see: Bronco, Denver, 2010).

But still, management tried and tried to land Orton and fans at training camp chanted for him. However, Miami could not even snug a quarterback with just one season and a completion percentage below 60.

Even worse is that Henne was injured during the loss to the Chargers, leaving Miami with Matt Moore as its primary quarterback. But maybe help is on the way.

The Phins with no wins look like big contender in the Suck for Luck 2012 campaign. One of few 0-4 teams remaining, Miami is in a perfect position to grab the number one overall pick, presumably S a n f o r d q u a r t e r b a c k Andrew Luck. Miami’s minus-two season in 2011 has blossomed into a Pro Bowl.

Dolphins fans can only hope Luck can do the same.

If you look at the franchise history, it’s a big part of that, is playing winning football and doing the things that help you win games, and the last couple of weeks we’ve done some things,” said the owner.

"In this game against Detroit on Sunday, the Cowboys threw his third touchdown early in the third quarter after a few interceptions, the first two returned for touchdowns and the third set up the Lions’ game-winning score with 1:39 left.

"Certainly the thing that we will continue to emphasize to our football team, and he’s a big part of that, is playing winning football and doing the things that help you win games, and the last couple of weeks we’ve done some things,” said the owner.

"We have to realize we're behind the game, and every day he came in to try to do some things. He’s had some games where he’s had some really good games for us.

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**SPORTS**

By BRENDAN BELL
Sports Writer

Ryan continued its dominance this weekend with a 38-8 victory over Welsh Family.

Ryan (3-0) fell behind early in the game 8-0, but immediately responded with a touchdown and never looked back. Senior captain and running back Brianna Curtis led the Wildcats with 100 rushing yards and two touchdowns along with 20 receiving yards.

“This week basically was just putting what we’ve done in practice into play,” Curtis said. Junior quarterback Maya Pillai also threw for three touchdown passes in the game. With the score at 14-8, the Wildcats ran a hook and lateral to Curtis down the sideline for a 62-yard touchdown.

“It’s a play we like and it’s difficult to pull off, but when we do it’s a lot of fun,” Curtis said. "It worked out really well for us today.”

Welsh Family (2-2) started strong with a touchdown pass from junior quarterback Vicky Moreno to senior receiver Natalie Baldasare. After the Wildcat’s quick start, though, they struggled against the Wildcat defense.

“We made a couple of errors and didn’t make adjustments well,” senior receiver and captain Charlotte Seaborn said. “Next week we will look to tighten things up a little bit offensively.”

Ryan looked to keep its undefeated season alive last night against Pasquerilla East, while Welsh Family hopes to bounce back against Walsh next Sunday.

Contemporary Captain and running back Brianna Curtis led the Wildcats with 100 rushing yards and two touchdowns along with 20 receiving yards.

“The defense had some pretty big plays,” LaPorte said. “They did really well in the first half and worked really hard.”

The Pyros hoped to notch their first victory against Ryan last night and the Chicks look to continue their momentum against Lyons on Monday.

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**Women's Interhall**

**Wildcats dominate Welsh Family, 38-8**

By JONATHAN WARREN
Sports Writer

In a game that was decided in the final seconds, Lyons gained a victory beating Walsh 13-12 Sunday night.

“We are thrilled,” senior quarterback Kat Rodriguez said. “It was an exhilarating win.”

Rodriguez, who threw for 153 yards, led the Lynites (2-2) through the grueling Wild Woman defense.

“Our offense played well today despite some under the pressure of Walsh’s defense,” Rodriguez said. “We were able to hold ourselves together and play composed.”

The Lynites found keeping their composure even harder after two penalties cost them 75 yards and a touchdown in the second half.

“We were a bit deflected after the penalties but we knew there was nothing we could do about it except play even harder,” Rodriguez said. “Overall it was a great game with a lot of controversial calls. That we were able to hold it together till the end shows the strength of Lyons Hall football and how far we have come since last year.”

Working to improve each week, Walsh (0-3-1) grappled with setbacks as well.

“They ran a different offense than we expected which threw us off a bit but defense adjusted well,” junior captain Linda Navarre said. “We played well and we played hard and I guess that’s all we can ask for. No one likes losing but we’re improving each game.”

With 96 rushing yards and two forced punts, Walsh has found improvements since its last game especially with young talent like freshman Maggie Fisher, who scored one of Walsh’s two touchdowns.

“We just need to regroup and refocus for this coming week,” Navarre said. “I am confident in the talent of this team and their dedication to the game. Lyons looked to continue its winning ways against Lewis last night, while Walsh hopes to regain its composure against Welsh Family on Sunday.”

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ability of the offense to help the defense. "If it's on the offense," Danzill said. "The offense was bad and it made the defense tire. Alumnae will now establish its dominant defense against Knott, while Siegfried will look to stay undefeated Sunday against Morrissey.

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St. Edward's, 9, Fisher 8

By JAMES SOUTHARD
Sports Writer

St. Edward's triumphed over Fisher in a thrilling 9-8 battle that came down to the last play.
The Gentlemen (1-1) first drew blood in the showdown with a 47-yard field goal. Then, with six minutes left in the game, junior receiver Connor Ryan came up with a clutch 11-yard touchdown catch from sophomore quarterback Paul Martin Rodri-guez to secure the lead at 9-8. That touchdown really came togetherness towards the end, and our defense as a whole," senior defensive lineman Neil Mathieson said.

Mathieson had two pass breakups, a sack and a forced fumble for the Gentlemen.

Fisher (1-2) came away disappointed despite a solid offensive effort that included three sacks. Dropped interceptions haunted the Green Wave, and failure to establish a consistent passing attack kept the offense one-dimensional.

"We just need to get going in the second half," junior captain Matt Hart said.

Fisher sophomore quarterback Kevin Fink threw for 109 yards and ran for another 36 yards in a 17-0 win over Stanford.

"Our offensive line played amazing," Fink said. "They de-termine how well our offense plays. Without them, we could never really gain momentum."

From the first snap, the Big Red (2-1) dominated, opening the game with a quick 47-yard pass to junior receiver Willy Salvi that led to a 36-yard field goal.

"We controlled the ball with two quick turnovers which set the tone for our offense," Salvi said. "Our biggest improvement by far was that we made no mental mistakes and we took care of the football."

Meanwhile the Griffins defensemen played well, giving up 191 yards of total offense but still keeping their team in the game. Their offense, however, never really gained momentum after committing too many penalties and turning over the ball twice.

One of the bright spots for the Griffins, though, was an outstanding one-handed grab by sophomore receiver Jack Ber-nard.

Stanford junior captain Eric Zeitzwanger said the Griffins (1-1) will take a lot from this game.

"We had no energy, spirit and we played dead football," Zeltwanger said.

The Griffins will look to re-vive their playoff hopes next week when they play Kneough, and the Big Red will play O'Neil on Sunday.

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Dillon 17, Stanford 0

By ANDREW CARDOZA
Sports Writer

Dillon sophomore quarterback Kevin Fink threw for 109 yards and ran for another 36 yards in a 17-0 win over Stanford.

"Our defensive line was the key," Fink said. "They did a lot better in the second half.

After running the ball the whole game, Dillon finally reached the end zone in the third quarter when sophomore running back Noah Ran-gel scored on a five-yard touchdown run to shut out Morrissey 7-0.

The Highlanders (1-2) came out on top with their combina-tion of smash-mouth football and a strong defensive effort. The Highlanders combined for 214 yards rushing, with 130 coming from Rangel and sopho-more quarterback Josh Whelan. "Our linemen played well with a lot of intensity today and our fullback had a couple of great blocks that opened some holes and got me some yards," Rangel said.

Rangel's winning touchdown was set up by Whelan's 20-yard pass to the Morrissey 5-yard line on fourth down after Whel-an fumbled the field goal snap.

In addition to an effective rushing attack, the Highlanders' defense also played well. Whelan said.

"Our defense was great as always," Whelan said. "It's really been a strong point of this team this year.

Duncan had two interceptions on the game, including one with four seconds left to prevent the Knights' reign.

"We played hard," junior safety Alex Oloriz said. "We played for four quarters and always will.

Next week the Manor will try to get their season back on track against Siegfried while Duncan has the week off.

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Keenan 35, O'Neill 14

By MEGHAN RODER
Sports Writer

Keenan took care of O'Neill 35-14, despite an O'Neil come-back attempt that left the game tied at 14 in the second half.

"We shut ourselves in the foot the first half," O'Neil senior captain Guy Schwartz said. "We did a lot better in the second half. It was tied at 14-14 and that was obviously not because Keenan was letting up. Our of-fense fixed a lot of the problems they were having in the first half.

Sophomore Jonathan Savakus maneuvered his way through the Knights' defense, helping push the Moh offense during the second half. But there was not much the Moh 0-2 could do to prevent the Knights' reign.

"Today feels really good. Those guys beat us last year and there was no mistake that this was our payback," junior captain Andrew McDonough said. "It got a little chippy out there towards the end, but we are really happy with the way we played.

Led by senior Allan Jones who recorded two catches and a touchdown on the day, the Knights' offense was nearly un-stoppable.

"Big shut out on the offensive line," McDonough said. "Helped the line of scrimmage I got touched once. I was able to throw all day. When our guys do their jobs, that allows our of-fense to really click how it did today."

Keenan has a bye next week, while O'Neill plays Stanford on Saturday.

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Carroll 9, Zahm 0

By ALLY DARRAGH
Sports Writer

Carroll dominated Zahm in a 9-0 shutout win Sunday, pro-longing the Zahmies’ search for their first win.

I had the time of my life out there today," Zahm senior Luke Lennon said. "I don't think we lost. I think the only people that lose are the people who actually care about interhall football. I'm just excited to finally go to the Old Comfy Buffet.

Zahm (0-2) had a chance to take the lead after intercepting a pass at the Carroll 20-yard line. But the Zahmies could not muster up enough offen-sive production to capitalize on

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three touchdowns in the first half to give the Chaos a 20-0 win over Breen-Phillips. After being held to a three-and-out on its first drive, Cavanaugh (3-0) scored on its next three possessions. The Chaos put their first points on the board when senior quarterback Rebecca Cink connected with senior receiver Brittni Alexander on a 19-yard touchdown pass. Alexander would then find the end zone again on the next possession, running the ball from the 1-yard line to give the Chaos a 13-0 lead.

“I simply ran my routes the way they were designed and turned on the afterburners to outrun their defenders,” Alexander said. “Rebecca can really throw the deep ball, and she executed well today.”

Cink showed her effective passing skills on several long completions, including a 41-yard touchdown pass to senior receiver Bridget Bredemann with mere seconds left in the first half.

Breen-Phillips (0-4) was able to move the ball on defense, amassing eight first downs and utilizing several strong runs from sophomore quarterback Molly Toine.

However, the Babes were kept from reaching the end zone by Cavanaugh’s defense, a unit that has not allowed a single point this season.

“We moved the ball better today than we have done the entire year,” Toine said. “Unfortunately, we couldn’t put together enough good plays in a row to score touchdowns.”

Breen-Phillips looks to notch its first win of the season when it plays Pasquerilla West next Sunday, while Cavanaugh looks to keep its perfect record intact when it plays Pangborn tonight.

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Farley 6, Pangborn 0
By PETER STEINER
Sports Writer

On its way to its third shutdown of the season, an undefeated Farley squad defeated Pangborn 6-0.

Farley (3-0) relied on its lockdown defense and some timely offense to get the victory. Senior defensive end Elise Jordan and senior defensive back Claire Kueny both greatly contributed to the defensive effort, as Jordan had four key stops in the backfield and Kueny had one of the Finest’s two interceptions.

“It was a hard fought defensive battle,” Jordan said. “I’m really proud of the defense.”

The Finest’s lone score came in the first half when senior quarterback Megan Bastedo threw a 1-yard touchdown pass. Farley’s offense had difficulties in the second half as they failed to gain a first down. But the first-half score was enough for the Finest’s defense.

Pangborn (1-2) stayed with the Finest all game and threatened to score on their first two drives of the game. Pasquerilla West is

Passing West lines up on offense during the Purple Weasels’ 20-6 win over Badin on Sunday. Junior quarterback Kirsten Danna, back left, directed the offense on three scoring drives.

Farley looks to stay unbeaten tonight against Badin, while Pangborn also plays tonight, hoping to get back to 300 with a win against Cavanaugh.

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Pasquerilla West 20, Badin 6
By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

Pasquerilla West put together a dominant all-around effort in a 20-6 win over Badin.

Coming off a thrilling come-from-behind win last week against Pangborn, the Purple Weasels (2-1) picked up right where they left off, scoring on their first two drives of the game. Pasquerilla West is surging, and has its sights set on a third straight championship game appearance.

“We’re feeling really confident right now,” senior head coach Jim Moore said. “We’re looking to get back to [Notre Dame Stadium]. We lost in the championship game the last two years and we don’t think it’s a successful season unless we win the championship. The Purple Weasels had to install a new offense after losing freshman quarterback Lauren Vidal to the varsity crew team. Junior Kirsten Danna took over at quarterback and the offense didn’t miss a beat. Pasquerilla West scored three times, twice on trick plays.

“We scored on some trick plays that they love running,” Moore said. “We had the line- man screen and the option pass, which worked like a charm.”

Badin (1-2), which only had one first down in the first half, struggled to find continuity on offense. The Bullfrogs, however, know they ran into a powerhouse in Pasquerilla West.

“We put up a good fight against a good [Pasquerilla West] team,” senior captain Melissa Guinan said. “We’re seeing a lot of improvement and we’re excited for our next game against Farley.”

Some of that improvement was seen in the offense in the second half. With junior Ashley Okonta in at quarterback, the Bullfrogs moved the ball with more success. Okonta accumulated 78 total yards, 10 of which came on a touchdown run.

Badin looks to get back on track tonight against Farley, while Pasquerilla West hopes to keep their win next Sunday versus Breen-Phillips.

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SMC SOCCER
Belles begin MIAA stretch with Trine
By MATT UNGER
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Looking to return to the winning ways that helped them gain a 1-4-1 record in the MIAA early season, Saint Mary’s begins a stretch of four straight MIAA matches on the road Tuesday with a game against Trine College.

After winning the first five games of their season, the Belles (6-4, 2-4) have since dropped four of five, including a 2-0 home loss Saturday to Kalamazoo.

To get past the Thunder and avoid dropping another player position. In the nine-team MIAA, the Belles will look to convert more of their opportunities on offense. In Saturday’s match, Saint Mary’s managed 14 shots — only three less than Kalamazoo — but failed to convert any of the opportunities into goals.

Senior midfielder/forward Katey Tondo-Steele will look to spark the Belles’ offensive efforts. Tondo-Steele leads the Saint Mary’s squad with 10 shots on goal for the year, and is tied for the team lead in scoring with three goals each.

Meanwhile the Belles’ defense will look to continue its strong play so far this season. The defensive squad has surrendered a mere 11 goals in 10 games and has given up no more than two goals on only one occasion.

Saint Mary’s youth at the goalkeeper position has also contributed to the Belles’ backfield efforts. The team’s two goalsies, freshmen Chandler Rosenbaum and Natalie Warner, have together saved 77 percent of shots sent their way.

In the upcoming match, the Belles face a Thunder team (3-6-1, 1-4-1) that has dealt with its own struggles lately, winning just one of its last four games.

However, Trine put forth an encouraging effort Saturday as it took Kalamazoo to a scoreless tie. Though goals have proven hard to come by for the Thunder offense, the defense has stepped up over the past four games, allowing a mere two goals cumulatively.

The Thunder defense has been anchored by the strong play of senior goalkeeper Jen Wall. Facing a barrage of 23 shots from the Alina offense Saturday, Wall managed to save all 11 shots on goal.

Saint Mary’s will travel to Angola, Ind. on Tuesday to take on Trine College at 4 p.m.

Following Tuesday’s game, the Belles will travel to Holland, Mich. for a match at Hope College on Thursday at 7 p.m.

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ers told us how significant it was going to be and set us up an aca-
edemic schedule within two days, we had players to watch this season by Golf World magazine.

“Winning the Big East gave Scodro a lot of confidence,” Kubinski said. “He finished five off the lead at the Gopher Invita-
tional last weekend, and he really didn’t play his best golf. That just shows how good he can be.”

Tom Usher and Chris Walker join Scodro at the top of the Irish line up.

Usher, who hails from Bail-
don, England, is attempting to come back from a wrist injury suffered while weightlifting in the spring season. Before the in-
jury, Usher was a game changer for the Irish after he exploded onto the scene his sophomore season.

“Usher really has a chance to put together a special season,” Kubinski said. “Even though he’s recovering from injury he beat our whole team at qualifying early in the year. We know he has the big-time experience after winning the Big East as a sophomore.”

Walker is another player who has a chance to lead the Irish to a special year in 2011, Kubinski said. Though he broke into the Irish lineup last weekend, the Texan can raise his game to another level.

“Walker has been a steady, if not consistent player for us for a couple years,” Kubinski said.

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scially in high-pressure situa-
tions. I understand what it’s like to be a student athlete.”

Brown began her playing ca-
cer at USC in 1995 and led the Trojans to a 72-1 record in her first two years. She left after her sophomore year, during which she won the Mikasa award for the nation’s “best all-around player” for the second year in a row. Brown joined the national team to train full time and cap-
tained the squad at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics.

But Brown said that was her love of the college experience that led her back into coaching after her playing days were over.

“I always thought I’d continue as national team coach,” Brown said. “But really I missed the college atmosphere, being in a department that’s not just about volleyball.”

After six years as head coach at Arizona State, Brown joined the Irish in 1990. Since then, she has amassed a 717- win-
ning percentage, 15 conference championships and 21 NCAA tournament appearances. But Brown said it is more than on-
court successes that have kept her at Notre Dame for the last 21 years.

“I think I believe in everything that the University stands for and is trying to do,” Brown said. “The educational experience, campus life, spiritual growth is all so strong here.”

Through it all, Brown said she has always maintained a strong devotion to her players and their needs.

“Whether it’s coming in to watch film or analyze play, my players always come first no matter what I’m doing,” Brown said. “Because when it comes down to it, that’s what we’re re-
ally here for.”

Brown’s busy schedule is a juggling act of coaching, pro-
gram managing and recruiting in a cycle that she said seems never-ending. But, ultimately, Brown said all the hard work has been worth it.

“There can be some pretty late nights in the office,” Brown said. “But it’s what I signed up for.”

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ranks, which can help them get into the NCAA individual championships,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “It gives our top two players a chance to com-
peete against the top players in the country.”

Mathews echoed her coach’s enthui-
asm for meeting her toughest competition.

“I look forward to this opportu-
nity,” Mathews said. “Kristy and I have been working hard these past few weeks in preparation for this tournament and we feel great about our games as well as our chances this year.”

Sizing up some of the best com-
petition in the country will be ex-
citing, but it’s not the only thing on Mathews mind. She said she hopes the Southern California weather will live up to its reputation and bestow a bit of much-appreciated sunshine on the Irish.

“The players enjoy playing tennis outdoors, especially in California,” Mathews said. “Unfortunately, I think it will actually be warmer in South Bend this week than Pacific Palisades, but maybe Mother Na-
ture will surprise us.”

Mathews will represent the Irish at the Riviera Tennis Club for All-American Qualifying in Pacific Palisades, Calif., on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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**Men’s Golf**

**Fantastic Four**

Senior Max Scodro sets up a putt during Notre Dame’s sixth place finish in the Gridiron Golf Classic on Sept. 26 at the Warren Golf Course. Scodro is one of four seniors leading the Irish this season.

By CONOR KELLY

Sports Writer

After a Big East championship and a respectable showing at the NCAA championship last year, Irish coach Jim Kubinski said his squad has the talent to make a deep run in national competition this year.

Returning the top five golfers from last season, Notre Dame draws strength from its depth and experience. That stems from the squad’s four seniors, whose presence over the last three years has helped propel the Irish to the brink of the nation’s elite.

Though Kubinski was disappointed at his team’s third place finish at the Gopher Invitational this past weekend, he said the tournament highlighted just how much potential his senior foursome of Tom Usher, Max Scodro, Chris Walker and Ryan Loughlin has. “Three of those guys have been playing since their sophomore year and one since his freshman year,” Kubinski said. “They know what they’re doing out there, and more importantly they know what they want to do. We were crushed after finishing third the other day. Last year we might have been satisfied with that, but not those guys this year.”

Any discussion of the senior class has to start with Chicago native Max Scodro, the defending Big East individual champion. Despite Kubinski’s reluctance to label him as such, Scodro appears to be Notre Dame’s top golfer based on his early tournament results.

Senior forward Melissa Henderson, right, is one of several Irish players who have taken to tweeting.

By VICKY JACOBSEN

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**Women’s Tennis**

Mathews to play in qualifying tourney

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Sports Writer

Shannon Mathews, the nation’s No. 38 women’s collegiate tennis player, will participate in the 64-player qualifying pool in Pacific Palisades, Calif., on Tuesday to try to secure a spot in this weekend’s All-American Championships.

The senior will first play No. 43 Nadja Gilchrist from the University of Georgia. Mathews will need to win that match, plus two more across Tuesday and Wednesday, to be one of the eight finalists in the 32-player main draw.

Mathews’ teammate Kristy Frilling, ranked No. 3 in the country, is one of those 32. Together, the two make up the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s fifth-ranked women’s doubles pair, and are already entered in the main draw of the 24-team doubles field.

This is the second consecutive year that the duo has automatically qualified for the main pool. Last year, the two defeated a pairing from Yale before falling to the nation’s top-ranked pairing from the University of California in the round of 16. “This is a tournament that helps our players’ individual rankings,” Frilling said.

**Volleyball**

Brown draws on time as player to coach

By CONOR KELLY

Sports Writer

Since taking over the reins as head coach of Notre Dame, Debbie Brown transformed a program that had recorded just five winning seasons in its first 11 years of existence into a Big East powerhouse. Now in her 21st season at Notre Dame, nine of Brown’s Irish teams have ranked in the AVCA’s top five.

The involved coach has not only led her players to success in the collegiate realm, but also on the international stage. As the Irish currently sit at 8-6 and appear poised to make a run in the Big East, current sophomore Andrea McHugh is set to join the ranks of Irish players on the U.S. national team. Brown credits her experience playing both in college and on the international level with helping her relate to her players.

“I think as a coach, being a former player is a huge advantage,” Brown said. “You are able to identify with players, what they’re going through, etc.”

**Soccer**

Waldrum, team embrace Twitter

By JACK HEFFERON

Sports Writer

In the world of college soccer, Irish coach Randy Waldrum is known as a successful coach, a strong tactician and a national champion. To an increasing number of online followers though, he’s also known by another title: @NDCoachWaldrum.

Waldrum and the Irish have embraced Twitter as a way to reach out to fans and give people an inside look at the team. Waldrum said he was introduced to the power and reach of the website several years ago. “What got me started in on Twitter was a convention a couple of years ago when I was president of the National Soccer Coaches Association,” he said. “One of our board mem-

**Men’s Interhall**

Ramblers hand Dawgs their first loss of season

By SCOTT FRANO

Sports Writer

Siegfried not only became the first team to score on Alumni this season but also became the first to defeat the Dawgs with a 13-3 win Sunday.

Siegfried senior receiver Will Gesicki caught a touchdown pass on the Ramblers’ first drive and junior running back David Whitmore added another touchdown on a sweep play at the end of the first half. Whitmore admitted he knew of Alumni’s shutout streak and gave his offensive line credit for the running game’s success.

“We had some trouble getting a push from our line last week,” Whitmore said. “We have some pretty good backs, we just needed a little space at the line and we got that this week.”

Alumni (2-1) tried to establish a running game of its own, but the Ramblers’ defensive line stood tall throughout the contest. Senior defensive lineman Mike Dineen said he liked what he saw from the defense, but overall we caused some turnovers and got some good pressure from our defensive line.”

Alumni senior running back and captain Dan Dassell put the blame for the loss on the in-