Swarbrick addresses students

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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Notre Dame Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick stopped into both campus dining halls during lunch Wednesday to challenge and caution students.

“We have a really important football game the Saturday you return from fall break,” Swarbrick said to a full dining room in South Dining Hall, referring to the Oct. 22 game against USC. “I need two things from you to make that night successful.”

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Love said the given reason for the club’s rejection was inconsistent with the University’s mission toward other, existing clubs.

“The only difference between us and them is that we don’t assume the existence of the Judeo-Christian God. We just thought if those clubs were allowed, we would also be allowed.”

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Offbeat

“Moss Man” fails to show up for trial HILLSBORO, Ore. — Authorities say an Oregon burglary suspect dubbed “Moss Man” failed to show up at his trial, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Gregory Liascos of Portland earned the “Moss Man” moniker after police say he was arrested in full-body camouflage last October outside the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals.

Police say the 36-year-old Portland man had cut a hole in a museum wall and was trying to break in. Officers found a bike and a backpack, but they didn’t find the suspect until a police dog bit what appeared to be the ground. It was Liascos in a “philie” suit, a head-to-toe camouflage outfit used by military snipers to blend in with vegetation.

Liascos later said the whole thing was a mistake, and that the outfit was a Halloween costume from his kids.

Trap planned for wayward Pa. gator Slickville, Pa. — Zoo officials plan to set up a trap in hopes of capturing an alligator that’s been spotted on the shores of a Pittsburgh-area reservoir. Officials from the Pittsburgh Zoo visited Beaver Run Reservoir in Slickville on Tuesday in hopes of snaring the reptile. Zoo reptile curator Henry Kaczprzyk says the alligator was first spotted about a month ago.

The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County reservoir has about 25 miles of shoreline. Kaczprzyk says the trap will be set up on a sunny spot near where the alligator was last seen.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Class participates in ConvergeUs

Students in the Fundamentals of Business Thinking class participated in the inaugural ConvergeUs forum this week, a unique conference uniting Notre Dame students, faculty and staff with the business community about how to address social concerns.

Professor Charles Crowell, director of the CAPP program, said he views the class’s involvement with ConvergeUs both as an important opportunity for students in the class and the University’s social concerns in general.

"It gives the class the opportunity to really try and look for substantive change within social concerns identified by the conference," Crowell said.

Succeed said he was also excited about his class’s involvement with ConvergeUs.

"It’s neat to be forward-thinking and look for substantive change rather than being stuck just reading a textbook," he said. "This is the only class where I have ever had so much outside classroom experience," Crowell said.

By AUBREY BUTTS

Participants in the inaugural ConvergeUs forum used lessons learned in the classroom to consider social concerns addressed at the conference.

By MADELINE MILES

Entrepreneur offers business advice at SMC

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Empowering employees is a key to entrepreneurial success, said Jennifer Prosek, founder and CEO of CJP Communications, on Wednesday.

The Saint Mary’s College Women Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI) hosted Prosek as the second Entrepreneur-In-Residence on Tuesday and Wednesday. WEI is a joint project between the Department of Business Administration and Economics and the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership.

Prosek spent her time at the College speaking to students, faculty and members of the community about how to be a successful entrepreneur.

"If I can tell people ‘the business of the business,’ I can immerse and teach them what it means to be successful," Prosek said. "In my firm, we teach all of our employees how to become more entrepreneur-like. Our employees understood how to develop new business, how they make money and how they fit into it."

Prosek graduated from Miami University of Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. After graduation, she moved back to her hometown of Easton, Penn., and found a job at a local market research firm.

Although Prosek said it wasn’t her ideal job, it did allow her to come into contact with other successful business partners.

"We decided to start a firm in the suburbs of Connecticut in a one-room office," Prosek said. "All of these financial institutions, like trading investments, private equities and banks, were moving out of New York City and into Connecticut. We decided we were going to set up shop in their backyard and see if we can get some business."

But Prosek said she still yearned for the “big, sexy PR job” in New York City.

In order to accomplish her dream, Prosek said she went on to earn her Master of Business Administration at Columbia University, where she could network with potential clients and learn the business aspect of public relations.

While attending Columbia, Prosek and her partner opened an office in New York City, and Prosek simultaneously served as the CEO while attaining her MBA.

Since then, they have joined with the co-founder and the firm has grown exponential.

Prosek attributed the growth and success of the company to the model of entrepreneurship in her book, “Army of Entrepreneurs: Create an Engaged and Empowered Workforce for Exceptional Business Growth.”

"As an army of entrepreneurs, we treat each of our employees as if they were entrepreneurs, and it’s engaging to our employees and helped (us) to only grow as a company," Prosek said. "It’s all about tapping into the inner-entrepreneur in every one.”

Prosek said Saint Mary’s students, particularly future entrepreneurs, should always be persistent.

"There’s always going to be failure and rejection along the way," Prosek said. "I’m a big believer in fast failure. I don’t spend a lot of time dwelling on failures. Scrap it and move on to the next one. Students need to know to never give up.

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Swarbrick said one of the reasons Notre Dame has not hosted a night game in 21 years is because it allows us to promote the University so much more effectively. "It allows us to promote Notre Dame's help line, dressing the nondiscrimination clause. The effort to raise awareness against sexual assault. The goal of the movement, he said, is to move from four out of five people who support gay rights to five out of five.

"We want a stadium full of Notre Dame students is that among all ages nationwide, 73 percent of Catholics are opposed to discrimination.

However, the problem is that when polled, those same people believe only one-third of others agree with them," Coccia said.

The goal of the movement, he said, is to move from four out of five people who support gay rights to five out of five. Coccia said the organization is currently working on the ally movement and attempting to show people that being an ally makes them part of the majority. "The next steps include a larger, campus awareness plan and broader awareness such as addressing the nondiscrimination clause.

"You might think that in years past there have been petitions and they do this every year and it's never successful," he said. "But we have had some big changes in the last year.

These changes include an on-campus office for the Core Council and changes to the sexual harassment clause. "This is going to be a constant push," Coccia said. "There's going to be an event every week, I guarantee it, even if it's a small event it's just to get the word out there."

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University alumni pray for life

By MARIISA IATI

Alumni, parents and friends of the University are aiming to log 744 hours of unbroken prayer for human life as part of Respect Life Month and the Month of the Rosary this October.

The initiative is known as prayLIFE, executive director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, Dolly Duffy said.

“We've been amazed at the outpouring from the Notre Dame family toward this goal,” she said.

This is the first year prayLIFE has occurred at Notre Dame. Duffy said it was the inaugural project promoted by Beth Bubik, the Alumni Association, Dolly Duffy of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, executive director of prayLIFE, executive director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association, Dolly Duffy said. It was the LIFE has occurred at Notre Dame, Duffy said.

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PrayLIFE

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register online to pray independently for an hour, Duffy said.

“We have what's called a prayer calendar,” she said. “They'll log into mynotre dame.nd.edu and put in their first name [and] the state. It’s so impressive that we've had so many members of the Notre Dame family praying throughout the night. Right now it's one person, one [time] slot.”

The Alumni Association advertised prayLIFE to its approximately 270 Notre Dame Clubs worldwide, sent out news releases and spoke with other groups at Notre Dame, Duffy said.

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By ANNA BOARINI

What do the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) The Cooking Channel and Saint Mary’s College have in common? Annie the Baker.

A 1991 graduate of Saint Mary’s, Annie Baker is a pastry chef who specializes in cookies in Napa Valley, Calif. and has been featured on the show “FoodCrafter.”

“My accounting background in combination with my baking and pastry certificate at the CIA Greystone I had was what allowed me,” she said.

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would provide funding to make this a reality.

“We want to form an official club so we actually have official status and we’d get some University funding so we could bring in guest speakers and do things,” he said. “This is how you advance your ideas, by having them challenged.”

In addition to the problems with the club’s mission statement, SAO’s rejection letter stated that AAPS had failed to receive the appropriate departmental approval. According to SAO, the concerned department was Campus Ministry.

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“We understand the University’s Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention,” the letter stated. “We’ve been meeting under a pseudonym for the last year to personally work to give nonsectarian students a forum to have ideas and let students return to their role as...”

The victim told police the reported assault was committed by an acquaintance in a residence hall Sunday during the early morning. "Sexual assault can happen to anyone at any time," the email stated. “College students are more likely to be assaulted by an acquaintance, which means that the person perpetrating the assault could be part of the campus community.”

The email warned students to be vigilant about the possibility of a sexual assault. “Being aware of your own safety and watching out for your friends is important steps you can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault,” the email stated.

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**Gameday**

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of energy on campus were apparent as early as Friday’s pep rally. “It was a really good positive pep rally,” he said. “People were loving the whole environment.”

Saturday’s game was sold out, with more than 82,000 people in attendance, Seamon said.

Police made 10 arrests Saturday, director of Notre Dame Security Police Phil Johnson said. Seven arrests were made outside the stadium, two for public intoxication, one for battery on a police officer and public intoxication, one for battery, one for battery and public intoxication, one for theft and possession of marijuana and one on an outstanding warrant.

Johnson said at the stadium, three more people were arrested for public intoxication.

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**Seamon said 4,200 people viewed the tunnel Friday, which was more than 1,000 more than the Michigan State weekend, and 1,300 attended Friday’s football luncheon.**

“That told us on Friday to start expecting some good things,” he said.

He said the Flyover before the game and the recognition of the marching band at halftime contributed to the energetic atmosphere. “People loved the B-2 Bomber Flyover, that was kind of very special for us,” he said. “We’ve gotten a lot of good feedback on that.”

Seamon said game weekends have been following a “really good trend,” which he expects will continue for the remaining home games. “Overall I would have to say the energy and the enthusiasm was unbelievable for the weekend, and a great springboard into the upcoming USC weekend,” he said.

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student government social concerns chair Ellen Carroll said.

Prior to the football game against Air Force, several basketball players affiliated a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for South Bend youth at Irish Green.

“We were working with the Martin Luther King Center in South Bend,” Carroll said. “The goal was to bring kids from the community to campus and let them see Notre Dame and further the connection between us.”

On Nov. 5, Playing for Peace will hold its first soccer tournament at Riehle Fields. The proceeds from the tournament will be donated to United Way in South Bend.

“The tournament will be a mix of students and community members,” Carroll said. “The goal is for it to be a mini World Cup.”

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Two South Sudanese children participate in the Playing for Peace basketball tournament. Kevin Dugan, manager of youth and community programs, spent two weeks in South Sudan organizing the event. Photo courtesy of Kevin Dugan

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Student body president Pat McCormick said connecting these characteristics is an important part of the Playing for Peace message, that Notre Dame is a place where nontraditional allies can come together and accomplish amazing feats.

“This is a way student government has worked on behalf of students and with them, to reach out and unite other organizations within the University,” he said. “Whether it be athletics or the CSC, we’re working in partnership with them to advance the mission of Notre Dame.”

The men’s basketball team will sponsor a Playing for Peace 3-on-3 basketball tournament right before its first home game of the regular season Nov. 12. This tournament will be similar to the initial Playing for Peace basketball event held last year, Carroll said.

Irish coach Mike Brey said he is excited to be involved with another tournament after last year’s positive experience.

“It was refreshing to get away from the grind of practicing and playing and to do something that has such a positive effect,” Brey said. The event will feature performances and a speech from Mike Hebbeler, director of Student Leadership and Senior Transitions for the CSC, and the proceeds will be donated to Catholic Relief Services.

“These events all fit in with this year’s slogan ‘From South Bend to South Sudan,’” Carroll said. “Youth basketball was a South Bend focus, soccer is both and basketball is more geared toward students and raising money for South Sudan.”

Dugan said there will be a second basketball tournament in the spring that will focus more on community outreach. “The spring event will take place actually in the community, at the Martin Luther King Center in South Bend,” he said. “We’re going to take playing for Peace off campus and run it on the west side of South Bend.”

The initiative holds high hopes for international events as well. Dugan said the Sudanese have already expressed interest in expanding the tournament in Sudan.

“They want to grow it to all different states in South Sudan, and they want to invite the basketball team from North Sudan,” he said. “It would be a truly beautiful thing. South Sudan hosting North Sudan in next season’s Playing for Peace tournament.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Interhall football: my new and unexplored frontier

From the time I was five until my senior year in high school, I played the same three sports: soccer, hockey and baseball. I was reasonably good at them and never felt compelled to switch things around. While I might have looked curiously at a sport like lacrosse or wrestling on one of the many nights I might be the one in pads under the lights on Fridays, I loved the sports I did play and had no desire to change.

And then I came to Notre Dame.

A month ago, I became my interhall football team’s back-up (read: seldom-used student body twodozen running back. At 5’6” and 170 lbs, I may not be Brian Kelly’s prototype for the Dog linebacker position, but I get to stand on the sidelines, give the real football players high-fives as they leave the field and occasionally get in the game and run around a little bit. Sometimes I even collide with the other team’s ball carrier in my confusion and make him fall down. It’s a lot of fun. My one sack and handful of carries in the year will be the athletic highlights of my fall, no matter what happened in interhall baseball.

While I’ve always been a big football fan and have played countless numbers of aggressive games of snow football. I had never encountered the sport in an organized fashion until this year. When we finally got our pads from RecSports, it took a whole lot of energy for me to overcome the barrier of fear of going out there. After all, I knew I was not as good at it and I don’t think I’ll ever be as good at it as I am in the sports I’ve been playing for the last 15 years of my life.

Interhall football is my new favorite sport, and I’m somebody who really likes sports. I obsessively watch videos on YouTube and have gained a newfound appreciation for what I see on TV on Saturdays and Sundays. It turns out that there is logic behind the shakily-drawn diagrams that commentators super-impose over video replays, and I’m slowly learning it.

Besides being able to tell friends and family that I’m playing football at Notre Dame, the excitement of doing something new and actually being somewhat decent at it brings me back to when I was a younger younger and sports were a new and unexplored frontier. I look forward to going to football practice each week not because I particularly enjoy standing around listening to people argue about blocking schemes, but because it is fun, exciting and new. I don’t think I’ll ever be as good at football as I am at the sports I’ve been playing for the last 15 years of my life, but for those three months in the fall, being able to conquer a new challenge is incredibly fun. For me, even this change of pace is exciting. Imagine the possibilities of skydiving, acting, basket-weaving or spelunking.

Except I don’t think I’ll ever have time of offers interhall cave exploration. And I am pretty sure the winners don’t get to play at Notre Dame Stadium.

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What can fall break do for you?

Perhaps you, dear Notre Dame student, have had the same debate with your parents that I seem to have regularly with one of my sons whenever he has some free time. Perhaps because you’re closer in age to my son than to your parents or me, you will take his side. Some even though I, like John the Baptist, may simply be “a voice crying out in the wilderness,” I will again take the position that having a break (be it Fall, Christmas, spring, summer or even just a day off) shouldn’t simply become a reason to turn into a complete slug.

I am not opposed to relaxing, but I am the first to encourage my busy and perpetually tired teenagers to try to sleep in, go to bed earlier or take a nap when they have a chance. However (you knew there would be a “however” … go ahead, roll your eyes. I get that a lot), your fall break week, starting tomorrow, is a wonderful opportunity. It’s a gift of time worth more than a raft of reruns of “Two and a Half Men,” hours of trolling through YouTube or defeating the Master Chief on Halo 3.

Next week, even allowing for a generous 10 hours of sleep each night and coming back to campus early for the USC game, you will still have relatively completely 100 hours without a single lecture, lab or seminar to attend. So go ahead and spend a few of them on the couch with the remote, but just a few. Every moment in time is a gift God has given us. That same generous God has also given each us a variety of talents and interests, the enthusiasm to pursue those interests and great sense of curiosity. During a week in which you will probably enjoy an unusual amount of free time, will you share those talents with others? Pursue a new interest you haven’t had time for yet? Learn a new skill or teach one of your favorites to someone else? Spend time with a person you haven’t seen since the summer?

Remember the gospel story in which the Pharisees asked Jesus whether or not the Jews should pay taxes to the occupying Roman forces? Knowing they were trying to trap him, Jesus used the Roman coin with its picture of Caesar to remind them — and us — of the importance of striking a balance. “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God,” Jesus told the plotting Pharisees, silencing them.

He recognized, as we all must be careful to do, that we ought to be intentional about the way we live in the world. For it is precisely in the world that we meet God — in that which we can touch and taste and smell, in the people we meet and talk to and argue with and serve.

While I might miss the eligibility of some of my friends in the team, I am exciting about the prospects of having the time to focus on my curricular life. I am excited about the possibilities of spending some time on the sidelines, knowing that I might be Brian Kelly’s prototype for the Dog back. At 5’6” and 170 lbs, I may not be the athletic highlight of my fall, but because it is fun, exciting and new, I have no desire to change.

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Weekly Poll

Over Fall Break I plan on …

Going to Appalachian
Going home
Partying with state school friends
Going to Vegas, baby!

Vote by 5 p.m. Thursday at ndsmcobserver.com

We Are Focused on Jobs

Quote of the Day

“Nothing is permanent in this wicked world — not even our troubles.”

Charlie Chaplin
British actor, director and screenwriter
Dear Mr. Davis,

In response to your letter “Game Weekend Anthems” published on Oct. 11, I would like to point out that Mr. Labate was by no means implying on your right to freedom of speech and expression. There is a difference between blaring music out your window and blasting music out your window when you are more than welcome to listen to whatever music you want in the comfort of your own home at a volume that doesn’t disturb the people living around you. This is called being considerate.

In the original letter, Sorin was only used as an example, but it makes no difference whether you are on campus, fivesy dorm, whether or not it’s close to the Basilica, represents our student body, and is our University. We would hope that anyone in any dorm who chooses to blast music out of his or her window should select songs that are appropriate, especially on a football weekend when there are many families and alumni on campus. Playing music such as the “horror” of an unironically repeated “horror” song and amplification on the campus and in the LaFortune Ballroom, the chosen music is invaluable; raising capital is key for the children and tourists who populate God Quad and very probably don’t want to hear it, then I am really, really concerned for you.

Peace,

Michael Nokes

Letter to the Editor

The Observer

Oct. 12

Do it for the kids!

As co-presidents of the Friends of the Orphans at ND/SMC student organization, we are writing to you with a challenge.

First, a little background: Friends of the Orphans at Notre Dame (FOTO) was founded in 2009 to support the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos in Latin America, an organization that raises funds and sends children to the United States.

The organization has many volunteers and has found a way to make each family’s story personal by creating a special relationship with the students. This year, the organization will feature a Mexican dinner, dessert, and a fiesta in the LaFortune Ballroom. The fiesta will feature a Mexican dinner, desserts, and a visit from the children.

This week, we would like to extend the wonderful opportunity of meeting and supporting the children of NPH to the Notre Dame community.

On Thurs.-day, Oct. 3, a group of people from the NPH Mexico chapter will visit campus as part of a special visit to the United States.

We will be celebrating Mass at 5 p.m. in the Dillon Chapel, followed by a faculty benefit at 6:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Tickets will be available for sale at the door for a donation of $10.

Please accept our challenge of welcoming NPH into your lives. DO IT FOR THE KIDS!

Paz y bien,

Nicole McMillan

Sophomore

Farley Hall

Oct. 12

It’s the Leprechaun Legion of the Notre Dame Student Section

Remember: You won’t get to see the Leprechaun Legion if you are experiencing a blackout!
Be game ready. Be safe.

Michael Nokes

Alumnus

Class of 2010

Oct. 12

Public must not fault Wall Street

Many American reforms have made their mark on history through protests — through a struggle, civil rights and the ongoing gay rights movement, to name a few. While the ones mentioned are all legitimate, the current “Occupy Wall Street” efforts are far removed from their predecessors. It is time for the crusade against Wall Street to come to an end, particularly for those who cause destruction or go home and cease their disruption.

Protesters’ chants of “Wall Street, Wall Street, Occupy Wall Street” may seem catchy, yet those supporting the protest are causing a proliferation of the issues. The New York Occupy Wall Street demonstrations have proven to be chaotic, the protests caused many of arrests and consequently the New York Police Department has increased officers on duty to contain the crowds during the protests.

Wall Street is a scapegoat for the problems protesters list on their signs. But the financial services industry adds our economic growth and is a major contributor to the community at large. In 2010, Morgan Stanley’s Low Income Housing Tax Credit Investments worked with partners to create 1,000 affordable housing units across the country. Also in 2010, JPMorgan Chase and Company gave over $150 million to non-profit organizations. Many other financial services firms spend a great deal of time and money to fund projects that help the community.

In harsh economic times, financial services firms are one of the few industries that contribute to the community. The role of the financial services industry is invaluable; raising capital is key for companies, small and large, to carry out their service and mission. Companies are unable to fund projects without the help of Wall Street. As Americans, we have the freedom of assembly, but there is a fine line between using this to rally for a unified purpose and abusing this privilege by aimlessly parading down Broadway.

Occupy Wall Street is best described as a vaudeville show — entertainment comprised of parts that are not cohesive.

The goal of Occupy Wall Street is unclear, despite its widespread growth across the globe. There is, however, a list of absurd demands listed on Occupy Wall Street’s official site. Some of these demands include “open border migration,” “guaranteed living wage income regardless of employment” and “immediate across the board debt forgiveness for all.” While this sounds great in theory, the question remains, how do we make the desired change? As a country, we are among the least in the world. The key to our country’s problems is not “class warfare” through protests, as stated by GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

It is time that Occupy Wall Street vanishes the premises. There are methods to having a voice in the conversation of our country. We are not among the least in the world. The key to our country’s problems is not “class warfare” through protests, as stated by GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

This article originally ran in the 11th section of the Washington Square News, the newspaper serving New York University.
Fiddler’s Hearth

Walking distance from campus and with free WiFi, Quincy’s Café is the perfect Fall Break spot to get a jump on some homework, hang out with other stranded pals and drink a cup of some of the tastiest coffee around. Thursday is open mic night, and Quincy’s will have other events throughout the week as well. Its friendly atmosphere makes it perfect for people without access to halls aren’t open.

Arts Grill

This delightful Greek restaurant is located walking distance from campus, so it’s perfect for people without access to cars. The friendly atmosphere truly reminds you of the chaotic nature of Mediterranean restaurants and the authentic food helps. Gyros, spanakopita and saganaki (pan-seared Greek cheese) might just be your taste buds. Aris is perfect for the cash-strapped college student with student discount and $5 meal deal on Wednesdays.

Clão’s

Good Italian food is an amazing find. And after tasting the real thing while studying abroad, it’s often hard to go back to American-Italian cuisine. Clão’s Restaurant and Pastry Shop, however, brings authentic Italian cuisine straight to South Bend. Tucked away near Madison Center, the warm brick building gives the delightful restaurant an intimate atmosphere. Clão’s also has a mouthwatering array of pastries available during the day for the perfect pick-me-up.

Elia’s

Family-owned and student-approved, this restaurant specializes in baklava, falafels and kebabs. Invite your friends to join you for one of South Bend’s more unique dining experiences and they’ll forever be grateful. Go out for a reasonably-priced plate and head home happy and full.

Uptown Kitchen

You may be familiar with its brother restaurant, The Mark, but check out where it all began with a visit to Uptown Kitchen. While everything on the menu is good, you won’t regret ordering from their breakfast section, no matter what time of day it is.

Gino’s East

You may already be planning a trip to Chicago over the week off, but if not, head over to Gino’s East and sample some of Chicago’s own very deep-dish pizza. Not for the faint of heart, Chicago-style pizza is loaded with cheese, tomato sauce and any other topping you can imagine. Gino’s East is the most authentic Chicago-style pizza this side of well, Chicago.

MOVIES

Dollar movie theater

Paying for stuff is the worst. And movie theaters are just so gosh darn expensive. Nobody wants to pay $12 for a movie and $200 more on concession stand treats. While you may not be able to find a free admission movie theater, there is a pretty cheap option in town — the Cinemark’s dollar theater. All tickets are just $1, and the movies are usually recent releases that have just left the mainstream theaters. Cinemark 5 can be found at 6428 North Grape Road in Mishawaka, across the street from the University Park Mall.

“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part II”

“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part II” is playing at the dollar theater (in some circles known Cinemark Movies 6) this week on Grape Road, which is a must-do over Fall Break. Maybe even a third, fourth and fifth time must-do.

“Captain America”

“Captain America” is also playing, which might be worth the dollar if you’ve got nothing else to do. If you’ve got a movie that somehow slipped out of theaters the first time, or one you want to take a second run at, this is a perfectly cheap way to spend an afternoon.

MUSIC

Umphrey’s McGee at Club Fever

With a week of freedom and the first night game at Notre Dame stadium in over 20 years, you probably won’t feel ready to head back to class and hit the books right away. Go out for a reasonably-priced plate and head home happy and full.

Tasting Fall Break

For the second time in the last five years, Fall Break is set to be anything but a bore. With everything from locally grown produce to handcrafted pizza dough, the Farmer’s Market features the perfect Fall Break spent on campus and to bond with friends while bringing home some healthy, delicious treats.

Beer tasting at Granite City Brewery

Strictly for those 21 and over, Granite City Brewery located at 1025 Mishawaka Road offers a wide selection of home-brewed beers sure to please every taste. Call and see if they offer a formal beer tasting, which allows you to try the various types of beer available. If not, go with friends and order some of each, testing a variety until you find the one you like best.

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There are certain experiences that forever bond you with your friends. It’s that first freshman dorm party where you met. It’s the laughs you share at 2 a.m. as you’re both stressing over exams and papers. It’s the care packages from parents you always share. And it’s the road trips.

The bonding experiences on long road trips are endless. For one, there are hours of driving to fill with chatter about life, love and Lady Gaga’s new song on the radio that you just don’t get. There are cornfields to gawk at for hours. There are hilarious license plates to read. There are awesome places to stop for food and rest ... and entertainment.

Inevitably, you will need to leave your car — possibly multiple times depending on the length of your trip. Whether you need a bathroom break or some real food, you’ve got a lot of choices. That is, unless you’re traveling east on I-80 through Pennsylvania — then you’ve got to get to Scranton before you reach civilization and food.

But there’s another reason to stop: for your sanity. Hours in a car can affect your mood and crack the strongest nut. Inane objects become hilarious, the road begins to blur and your mind just stops functioning. At this point, you should not only consider switching drivers, but also getting out of the car for at least 20 minutes to recharge.

This site made my road trip across southern Missouri something I could actually tell people about. Who crosses Missouri? And who cares? No one, until I tell them about the eight-ball-shaped water tower we saw. Or the store of award-winning brats, sausages and cheeses. Or the town of over 100 bed and breakfasts and the most delicious German food I’ve ever had.

Are you headed south? Maybe you’ll find the Statue of the Bird Girl in Atlanta, Ga. Or the tool box-shaped building in La Porte, Texas. Like firehouses? Check out the only underground one in the world in Colorado Springs. No matter what sort of random things you enjoy, you’re sure to find spots that will entertain you.

The stories of the hilariously offbeat places you stopped could tighten bonds with the people you love. What better way to cement a friendship than to visit the Home of Sliced Bread in Chillicothe, Mo.? Or the World’s Largest Ball of Twine in Cawker City, Kan.?

Make your road trip exciting and forge new memories with your friends. Visit RoadsideAmerica.com and see a side of America you never new existed.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

MLS needs to pay up

To some, American soccer sounds like an oxymoron. To others, it's at the same level with the WNBA and the Denny's PBA Tour. But to those two groups of fans, it is an entertaining disappointment that doesn't know its full potential.

Yet the biggest limitation of Major League Soccer is the lack of interest from the American public — just take a look at a Portland Timbers Timbers Timbers.

And its not the lack of the talented home-grown players. With other — both FC Dallas midfielder Brek Shea and New York defender Tim Ream are in their early 20s and have garnered interest from European clubs.

In fact, the biggest restraint to the growth of the MLS is the MLS. Long gone are the days of signing has-beens who are over 30 years old, much to MLS Commissioner Don Garber's chagrin. Too long have teams relied on signing players just to past their primes to make a quick buck while sacrificing long term gain and global respect — see Thierry Henry, Rafael Marquez, and Cuauhtemoc Blanco.

For the MLS to advance, teams need to go overseas and sign young, top talent like Spanish midfielder Cesc Fabregas, who just signed with Barcelona, and French midfielder Samir Nasri, who was picked up by Manchester City.

But that is much easier said than done. The question is: How does a small team, draw European players to advance, their talent pool that has never been immersed in a soccer culture? They have to play in a league that has never been seen before.

Whether Garber knows it or not, the rule is limiting the potential fan base that has already come so far since the 1994 World Cup was held in the United States.

And that is the difference between Europe and America. The fans are here, there just needs to be a reason to go see a game.

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NFL

Rob Ryan preps Cowboys for Pats

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — New Cowboy defensive coordinator Rob Ryan has a blueprint that has worked to defeat Tom Brady and the Patriots.

That game plan Ryan used 11 months ago while with Cleveland to hold New England to 14 points may very well be in the mix for this year's game in Texas.

"Pretty much, it's the kitchen sink, to put it lightly," defensive end Kenyon Coleman, who like Ryan came to Dallas from Cleveland during season. "We were probably (in Cleveland) doing a fourth of what we're doing now. I definitely think you're going to get a good beat on what we're doing by just looking at the Cleveland game.

With Pro Bowl players like DeMarcus Ware and Jay Ratliff, and leading the NFC in tackles, Coleman said the Cowboys are already doing so much much more in Ryan's system than he ever remembers doing in Cleveland the last two past seasons.

So just how imaginative will Ryan be this week in a personal showdown with his brother, Patriots defensive coordinator and MVP Brady and the Patriots.

"I'm hoping it'd be definite- ly fiction," said safety Abram Elam, another first-year Cowboy starter who came from Cleveland. "I don't look at anything that he can look at and know what we're in.

New England has scored at least 30 points in all 13 of their games since that 34-14 loss to Cleveland last November.

The Cowboys haven't defeat- ed New England in 15 years.

OK, so there have been only three meetings in that span — the last in 2003. But the Cowboys play Sunday for the first time in four years.

But the Cowboys are ready for the chance at another vic- tory against New England, as Ryan.

"He's excited," Elam said. "He's relishing the chal- lenge.

Against the NFL's best of- fense, the Patriots average 495 total yards a game.

But the Cowboys are ready for the chance at another vic- tory in the series was in 1996, the season after the Cowboys won their third Super Bowl title in four years. That was an un- precedented championship stretch that New England has since matched.

Brady is the linebackers coach for the Patriots' first two championships, both when Super Bowl MVP.

Ryan has defensive coor- dinator for five seasons in Oakland and two in Cleveland before going to the Cowboys.

"I enjoyed the years that Rob was here. He obviously comes from a great football family," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "Football is important to him, he's very knowledgeable, smart guy.

New England is playing at home against one of Buddy Ry- an's twin sons for the second week in a row.

In 1996, the first year of Ryan's twin sons for the second week in a row.

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Belles defeat Olivet, prepare for tournament

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Belles swept Olivet in all three sets Wednesday to roll to a 3-0 win during their Dig for the Cure event. The convincing victory gives the Belles momentum going into the upcoming UW-Oshkosh Tournament this weekend.

The Belles took an early lead in the first set and maintained it throughout with a strong showing from junior outside hitter Stephanie Bodien and freshman outside hitter Kati Schneider, who displayed aggressive attacking throughout the game. The Belles secured the win 25-15.

In the second set, Olivet hung tight with the Belles, tying the game eight times before Saint Mary’s took definitive control to win 25-18.

“We came out a little slow in the second set, but we were able to put some tough serves over the net,” Belles coach Toni Kuschel said. “Both of their middles are really good and we served them tough.”

In the final set, Olivet only once managed to get within one point of the Belles advantage before Saint Mary’s pulled ahead thanks to some key kills by Christi Wyble. Kuschel credited all of her hitters in the 25-15 victory.

“We had so many people really step up and hit well tonight,” Kuschel said. “All of our hitters really connected.”

Wyble hit .625 in the match with five kills. Bodien led the squad with 11 kills and hit .500 throughout the game. Junior captain and setter Danie Brink led the team with 30 set assists, a match high.

The Belles return to action Friday at UW-Oshkosh, where they will kick off a span of four matches in four days. From there, the tough week continues as the Belles gear up to face conference rival Alma on Oct. 18, followed by senior night on Oct. 21 against Trine and Hope on Oct. 22.

“We’re definitely going to take it one game at a time, one point at a time,” Kuschel said. “We need to play our game. We already know what’s coming our way. We can’t be focused on everything they’re going to do, we just have to get out there and play.”

With so many games in such a short period of time, Kuschel said she is making sure her team remains focused.

“We have a lot of team activities planned over the next week,” Kuschel said. “Having a lot of structure and staying together as a team are definitely key aspects to remaining focused.”

Kuschel said the break from school provides a good opportunity for her team to come together and reach its peak performance level.

“It’s definitely a time where they can take a bit of a breather and reconnect as a team which will only make us stronger,” Kuschel said.

The Belles will face UW-Oshkosh in Oshkosh, Wisc., on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

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SMC Cross Country

Saint Mary’s readies for pre-regional meet

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

The Belles return to MIAA competition Saturday as they travel to Oberlin, Ohio for a pre-regional meet at Oberlin College. Last weekend, Saint Mary’s hosted several of the program’s alumnae for the annual Alumnae 5K, but the trip to Oberlin should see a return to more serious competition for the Belles.

The women’s division race will begin Saturday at 11 a.m.

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The Keough-Naughton Institute Congratulates Professor Peter McQuillan and the Department of Irish Language & Literature on the establishment of the first major in Irish outside of Ireland.
ND CROSS COUNTRY

ND heads to Wisconsin for meet

By LAURA COLETTI
Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's Irish squads will face plenty of tough competition as they travel this weekend to compete in the Wisconsin Adidas Invitational, a meet that features a combined 37 ranked opponents between the two fields.

“It's basically the National meet in October,” men's senior captain Jordan Carlson said. “Everyone who's anyone will be at this race, outside of a few teams. It will be a real test of our strength. This will be a great opportunity to practice running in a big race with a lot of good teams.”

Senior Rachel Velarde, captain of the women's squad, agreed that the race would be a good measuring point for her team.

“The competition will be fierce,” Velarde said. “We have 19 ranked teams and 42 teams overall, it will be the biggest field we race against this year and the most competition outside of nationals. We will use the great competition to our advantage and run some fast times.”

Both captains said the key to this meet would be running as a unit. The women's team has never run this course before. Regardless, Velarde said she believes the team will perform well.

“As a team, we are going to have to focus on running as a group for the first few miles in order to help each other out when the race starts to get tough.”

The team will use this race to prepare them for other important upcoming races including the Big East championships and nationals. Both captains said their team goal is to place in the top-10.

“I think we have the opportunity to run really well, and we will compete against some teams that we'll see again at Big East and nationals,” Velarde said.

Carlson said he thinks the course is well-suited for his team as well.

“We will adapt very well to this course because it is suited to runners with a lot of speed and that's exactly what we have on this team,” he said. “We still need to focus on running as a group for the first few miles in order to help each other out when the race starts to get tough.”

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ROWING

Irish to compete against top teams in Boston

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The Irish travel to Boston this weekend to compete in the 47th annual Head of the Charles, a prestigious race that boasts an array of the country's top teams, including last year's national champions.

“We want to go out there and race the best that we can,” junior Joanna Poinsette said. “We have some pretty stiff competition, with teams like Virginia, Harvard, Princeton and the reigning national champions, Brown, in our race, but I think we can go and surprise some people with how fast and powerful our team is, not to mention we have an undeniably strong will power.”

Poinsette explained that she is particularly motivated for the race because racing on the Charles is held in such high esteem. With so many of the country's top rowing teams based in and around Boston, the Charles is the epicenter for American collegiate rowing.

“The Charles is a prestigious race, so it is important that we show our strengths early, not only to set our selves up in a good position for the rest of the year, but also to encourage invitations to next year's race.”

Poinsette said. “Personally, this is my sixth year rowing and I have never been to the Charles, so I am very excited to go. I have heard that it is an incredible atmosphere for both rowers and spectators alike.”

Sophomore Olivia Kacsits said this is an important race, not necessarily for NCAA rankings, but for letting the rest of the country know that Notre Dame is a force to be reckoned with.

“Our main goal is to put ourselves out there as a team that will put up a fight,” Kacsits said. “We've missed NCAAs by only a couple seconds for the past couple years and we want to let the rowing world know that we intend to be a threat this year. Even though fall races don't count toward scoring for NCAAs in the spring, performing well early definitely sends a message.”

Poinsette said every member of the team is ready and willing to pull her weight in the race.

“As far as personal expectations for this weekend, the only big ones are to pull as hard as possible and to go as fast as possible and that applies both to my teammates and myself,” Poinsette said. “We have worked really, really hard to get to the Charles and I don't think any one of us wants to be the weak link in the chain.”

The race will begin at 8 a.m. in Boston, Mass. on Saturday and continue through Sunday.

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By LAURA COLETTI
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I am very excited to go. I have never been to the Charles, so in the 47th annual Head of the Charles Regatta, a prestigious race that boasts an array of the country's top teams, including last year's national champions.

“Everyone who's anyone will be at this race, outside of a few teams. It will be a real test of our strength. This will be a great opportunity to practice running in a big race with a lot of good teams.”

Senior Rachel Velarde, captain of the women's squad, agreed that the race would be a good measuring point for her team.

“The competition will be fierce,” Velarde said. “We have 19 ranked teams and 42 teams overall, it will be the biggest field we race against this year and the most competition outside of nationals. We will use the great competition to our advantage and run some fast times.”

Both captains said the key to this meet would be running as a unit. The women's team has never run this course before. Regardless, Velarde said she believes the team will perform well.

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The Irish will look to finish out the first half of Big East play with a victory over DePaul and a winning conference record before traveling to Hawaii for fall break. The team will fly to the "Aloha State" for more than just sand and surf, as Notre Dame will take on No. 8 Hawaii in back-to-back matches.

On Friday, the Irish (10-6, 3-3 Big East) travel to Chicago hoping to beat DePaul and finish above .500 for the first half of its conference matches. The Blue Demons (4-15, 1-5) have struggled so far this season, but according to Irish senior outside hitter Kristen Dealy, Notre Dame will need good concentration to take down DePaul.

"There's always that thought in the back of your mind, but I think as long as we focus we will be alright," Dealy said of overlooking the Blue Demons. "Games like these are the best chanced to get a lot of chances to scout them, but I do know they hit out of the back row a lot. It's really detrimental to your team if you can't defend shots out of the back row, so we've been incorporating some preparation for Hawaii this week. Ordinarily we wouldn't do that, but there's not much time after (DePaul)."

Dealy said the team is looking forward to the Hawaii trip after DePaul, but the Irish are focused on finishing off the Blue Demons first.

"I'm sure everyone is really excited for Hawaii, but in the Big East it seems like anything can happen," she said. "We're not going to overlook DePaul." With matches against the Warriors (15-1, 5-0 WAC) Monday and Tuesday, Notre Dame does not have much time to prepare after its conference match Friday. Dealy said the Irish have spent part of this week's practices looking ahead to a talented Hawaii squad.

"We know Hawaii is much tougher competition," she said. "We haven't had much of a chance to scout them, but I do know they hit out of the back row a lot. It's really detrimental to your team if you can't defend shots out of the back row, so we've been incorporating some preparation for Hawaii this week. Ordinarily we wouldn't do that, but there's not much time after (DePaul)."

The Irish play DePaul on Friday at 7 p.m. CST and take on Hawaii at 7 p.m. HST on both Monday and Tuesday.

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Irish freshman middle blocker Jeni Houser hits the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to Louisville on Oct. 2. The Irish will play DePaul before traveling to Hawaii next week.

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Notre Dame to face DePaul, Hawaii during fall break

Saint Mary’s looks to rebound against MIAA opponents

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will have a difficult round of games over fall break, facing four conference opponents in eight days, all four of whom have recorded wins over the Belles this season.

"It’s a tough stretch, four games in eight days,” Belles coach Mike Bernard said, “all against teams who beat us earlier in the year.”

After starting off the season strong with a 3-0 record, Saint Mary’s (8-5, 4-5 MIAA) has fallen in several close games to conference opponents. Joyce said he hopes to turn that luck around in the second round of games.

"The fact that it falls during fall break is nice, so we don’t have any other distractions," Joyce said. "We played all of these schools one game at a time," Joyce said. "Our goalkeepers will have to come up with a big save here and there," Joyce said.

"We played all of these schools close and had either a close game or long stretches of game where we matched up well." Every opponent the Belles will face this week currently holds a higher ranking in the MIAA than Saint Mary’s, which Joyce looks at as a challenge, but also a great opportunity. Joyce said he has made a few adjustments in his coaching style to help his team come out on top the second time around.

"Your strategies change a little the second time you face a team because you know all the ins and outs of how they play, what they do, where they are weak," Joyce said. "Hopefully we can make those adjustments and get results."

While Joyce has confidence that his squad will be able to compete in every match, he emphasized the importance of defense against the series of tough opponents. He said that goalkeeping in particular will be a focus for the week.

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The Belles begin their fall break jaunt Saturday against Alma in a game that the Scots claimed 1-0 in a tough defensive match.

From there, Saint Mary’s will face Adrian (10-4, 8-2), who is currently leading the MIAA conference, on Oct. 18. The Belles lost a 4-1 decision to Adrian on Sept. 17. Just two days later, Saint Mary’s will face Kalamazoo (7-6, 6-4) before rounding out the week against Calvin (6-8, 6-4) on Oct. 22.

Joyce said he isn’t focusing on the week as a whole, but rather each opponent individually.

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Irish to open season with Dennis Stark Reylays

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

After an offseason of extensions, deepens, and a look Irish squad is anxious to plunge into the pool for its first test as it takes on Michigan, Texas Christian, Valparaiso and Oakland this weekend.

The Irish will begin competition against Michigan in the an- d al Dennis Stark Reylays and con- tinue with a dual meet the next weekend against Texas Christian and Valparaiso are to be held in both days, the and will participate on Saturday.

It’s probably the fastest field ever assembled,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “To that extension, games take place on a tough meet. It’s exciting to race somebody besides ourselves, so we are sure to not take it as a weekend off.

Notre Dame’s roster includes 16 freshmen—12 swimmers and four divers. Welsh said this weekend will provide the in-experienced team with several changes.

“With the whole lot of fresh- men, this is a brand new team for us,” he said. “The first thing we’re looking for this weekend is to say, ‘What is this team all about? Do we have the talent and makeup, the Irish are full of first-time swims and a very important weekend,” Welsh said. “Every fall season begins, ‘What’s our team likely to evolve in the course of the season?’

After graduating eight seniors, the young team focused primarily on core fitness dur- ing the summer. The emphasis on fitness in the Dennis Stark Reylays will bring in some of the best com- petition to the pool this season, and he is excited to discover the strengths of his new team.

“This weekend is our opening two meets of the season, it’s our first chance to see this team,” Welsh said. “The season is fitness-based, so whether in the weight room, pool or on the field, everybody is just in a volume increases, volume kicks and control. We’ve had a bunch of work in the off-season, so what we’ve done is core-fitness based. How fit are we?

With a new team chemistry and makeup, the Irish are fully aware of the tough meet and eager to find out what this team is all about, Welsh said.

“There is fresh energy in this group,” he said. “Not only nu- merous, but one of the things we’re about to do is leave be- hind what normally is at a higher level. We are hoping to see some fresh energy going into this ev- ery day. Our relationships begin, and maybe we are going to work as a team.

Irish senior Marshall Sher- man and junior Chris Johnson have been given the opportu- nity to lead this inexperienced team as well. Sherman, Irish veterans have done their part to assure the freshmen, and while this weekend is led by se- nior midfielder Ingrid Wells, who leads the Hoyas with 14 goals and 16 assists.

Once a recruiting target for Waldrum, the Irish coach will now be charged with stopping Wells from jumpingstartsthe potential Hoyas attack.

“They have [Wells], who we try to recruit at Notre Dame, and she’s one of the best mid- fielders in the country, not to mention the conference,” Wal- drum said. (The Hoyas are) very similar to us in many ways. They don’t play the same

system, but they have a lot of technical and skillful players like Wells. She also had to try and minimize turnovers, and that will fall on our midfield. Our midfielders have to really organ- ize the game. The game between such closely matched teams, the deciding factor may be Notre Dame’s ability to keep Wells in check.

“We just kind of plead to (the local fan base) because of the students being gone. We’re at a critical stretch,” Waldrum said. “We certainly want to appeal to them to come out and support us. I don’t know if the local fan base knows this, but these students are kept for nationwide atten- dance, and right now we’re 6-0. With [the students] being gone this weekend, we are going to need everyone to come out and support us.”

The Irish and Hoyas will take the pitch of Alumni Sta- dium at 7:30 p.m.
Notre Dame looks to recapture Big East championship

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

From 1997 to 2010, the Irish women’s swimming and diving team dominated the Big East, finishing first each year as conference champions. Though Louisville ended the 14-year streak last season, the Irish are gearing up to begin another run of Big East championships as they begin their season Friday. The team will host and compete in the annual Dennis Stark Relays at the Rolfs Aquatic Center against Oakland and Texas Christian University.

The meet pays tribute to Dennis Stark, the former coach of both men’s and women’s swimming at Notre Dame. Key swimmers returning for the Irish this season include junior Kim Holden and senior Amy Prestinario. Last season, Holden, who competed in back and fly events, held the squad’s best times in the 50, 100 and 200-yard backstrokes. Holden was just one of two Irish swimmers to qualify for the NCAA championships, the other being graduate Samantha Maxwell. Holden has been a stand out since her freshman year, when she won four Big East titles and earned six all-Big East honors.

The other team leader, Prestinario, a freestyle and individual medley swimmer, looks to continue her contributions to the team as a senior. Last season, she held the team’s two best times in the 50-yard freestyle and three of the five best times in the 100-yard freestyle.

Meanwhile, the diving team earned first place with 68 points in the 2011 Big East Diving Championships. Juniors Kimmie Lisiak and Jenny Chiang are two returning divers from that squad, which will feature three freshmen this season.

At the 2011 Big East Swimming Championships, the Irish took second place with 655.5 points, placing them 165 points behind the first place Cardinals.

Following the Dennis Stark Relays on Friday, the Irish will host Auburn at the Rolfs Aquatic Center for a meet Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.

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Steven Summerhays, has contributed as well, starting the second game last weekend after senior goalie Mike Johnson garnered the season-opening start. Summerhays made 21 saves in the win, Johnson, 27 in the loss.

Jackson said he could still see the two netminders splitting time between the pipes.

“I’m not supposed to playing two different guys,” Jackson said. “I thought both of them were okay. I didn’t think either one was exceptional. Until one of them shows [he] can be exceptional on a consistent basis, I’m willing to look at both of them.”

The Buckeyes (1-1-0) enter the weekend having split a pair of one-goal games to Quinnipiac. Ohio State allowed 35 shots a game but has only given up a mere five goals.

“A lot of those shots may have been perimeter shots,” Jackson said. “We’re obviously going to take this game as seriously as we need to to as far as improving on our blocking shots. I’ll be more interested to see what we do than what Ohio State does.”

Lorenz likened the Buckeyes to last year’s Irish — young and talented — and said Ohio State’s energy could be a threat.

Ohio State freshman forward Ryan Dzingel leads the Buckeyes with team-highs in goals (two) and points (three). Senior goalie Cal Heeter started both contests for Ohio State but was replaced by junior Brady Hjelle during Saturday’s 4-3 loss after allowing three goals in less than 12 minutes.

“In my estimation, it’s not like [the Buckeyes] aren’t good hockey players. They have some good young recruits, so I think they’re going to be a real challenge for us,” Jackson said.

After the Ohio State games, the Irish will next face Robert Polytechnic Institute in the opening game at the new Compton Family Ice Arena.

“We’ll be weird to walk out of that locker room for the last time,” Jackson said. “We joke about it not being very nice, but it’s been a serviceable home. It’s going to have an impact emotionally for me, and I’m sure a lot of people, walking out of there for the last time.”

The Compton Family Ice Arena, a sparkling $50 million, 5,000 seat project, will replace the Joyce Center as the home of Irish hockey beginning with the BPH game.

“There’s been all kinds of little idiosyncrasies of this new building that we don’t even know what they are yet,” Jackson said.

“We’re extremely excited to play in a building that’s something to be proud of.”

This No. 20 Engineers are following a 4-1 win over Minnesota State-Mankato and will play Ferris State this weekend. Sophomore forward Brock Higgs and freshman forward Ryan Hogerty lead BPH (3-1-0) with two points apiece.

“BPH is going to be a good game, but right now the focus is on sending out the JACC on a good note,” Lorenz said. “When the time comes to move into the new building, we’ll be excited for it.”

The Irish close out the Joyce Center with games against Ohio State on Friday and Saturday, both at 7:05 p.m. A week later on Family Weekend, the Irish will host BPH at 7:35 p.m. for the much anticipated unveiling of the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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Coach Muffet McGraw said: “We’ve got to start, and we aren’t going to win the national championship today. And that’s something I think we have to try to communicate … to the team — that each game is important, but we really do have to take it one step at a time.”

With a veteran lineup that includes four returning starters from last year, the Irish are among the preseason favorites to be this season’s champion. Notre Dame brings back Diggins, fifth-year forward Devereaux Peters, senior guard Natalie Novosel and fifth-year guard Brittany Mallory as starters, with Peters, Novosel and Mallory splitting captain duties.

Diggins, Peters and Novosel are preseason All-Americans and were recently named to the preseason list of candidates for the Coach Wooden Award, an honor awarded to the top player in NCAA women’s basketball.

However, the Irish know what they learned from last year’s starting lineup is significant one, as the graduation of forward Becca Bruszewski leaves the Irish wanting for a physical presence. Along with replacing Bruszewski’s contributions in the paint, Notre Dame will also have to replace her leadership ability.

“I think sometimes leadership is something harder to replace than the stats,” McGraw said. “We already miss [Bruszewski’s] voice. When it comes down to it on the court, I think Skilar is going to be the leader. She is going to have the ball in her hands, she will definitely have that voice that Becca had.”

To fill the void under the hoop, the Irish will turn to sophomore forward Natalie Achonwa. However, McGraw said she realizes that the team’s strengths rely principally on the guard position.

“We can really score,” McGraw said. “This is our best 3-point shooting team ever. I think we’ll be able to be score, and our question mark will be inside — can we score on the block and can we defend on the block.”

In the offseason, Diggins, Peters and Novosel helped lead our USA to a championship in the World University Games, but Notre Dame’s “big three” haven’t let their success affect their approach to this season.

“I think they definitely still have the edge, and I think they are trying to get the rest of the team to get that edge,” McGraw said. “I think right now, they are really, really intense at practice. Last year we were pretty intense, but it’s almost obsessive with those three right now.”

As she prepares to embark on what many hope will be a magical season, McGraw acknowledged her team still has plenty of room for improvement.

“If I had to rank where my team was at now, I’m not sure we’d be in the top-25,” McGraw said. “I think we’ve got a long way to go and I think they know that.”

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By JOSEPH MONARDO
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For a team that finished as runner-up in the national championship last year, there is only so much room to improve. But based on the commentary at Notre Dame’s annual media day yesterday, that won’t stop the Irish from trying to produce an even better season than their 2010-2011 campaign.

“Every season you approach, your goal is to do better than you did last season,” junior guard Skylar Diggins said. “Last sea- son we were the bridesmaids, and this season we want to be the bride.”

The media day provided a preview of a 2011-2012 season surrounded by high expectations. Still several weeks away from their first exhibition game Nov. 2, the Irish have set their focus on making a return appearance in the title game.

“1 think you look at what we have — obviously we want to compete for a national championship. That’s something that has got to be our goal," Irish Sophomore forward Anders Lee both picked up where they left off last year, when the duo combined for 98 points.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Irish to close Joyce with Ohio St.

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For the 2011-2012 Irish squad, the curtains will come down this weekend – the blue draping curtains that line the Joyce Center that is.

In the final games played at the Joyce Center, No. 2 Notre Dame will host Ohio State in each team's opening pair of CCHA games.

“There’s a lot of tradition, a lot of good players have come through here and we want to go out on the right note, leave this building on a good note,” senior defenseman Sean Lorenz said.

Last weekend, the Irish (1-1-0) split a pair of games against defending national champion Minnesota-Duluth. Notre Dame dropped the opener 4-3 before rebounding to win 5-3 the next night. Lorenz said the Irish learned from their loss.

“We have to be grittier,” Lorenz said. “I think Friday night, everybody knows we weren’t gritty enough. We weren’t jamming like we should have been and I thought we came out Sat- urday night and we were doing that. We were taking the man instead of going for the puck and I think the whole tempo of the game picked up for us.”

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said making with the puck and making plays with the puck especially at the offensive and defensive blue lines.” Jackson said.

Sophomore center T.J. Tynan and sophomore forward An- ders Lee both picked up where they left off last year, when the duo combined for 98 points.

Tynan, last year’s National Rookie of the Year, has already piled up a goal and three assists while Lee has two goals and an assist.

“[I] tell them to keep on working, don’t get comfortable, don’t get complacent," Lorenz said of the sophomores. “Al- ready in the first weekend, all of our sophomores are doing a good job. They’re keeping a level head.”

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