**A South Bend ambulance responds to an emergency on Notre Dame’s campus Tuesday.**

**ND researchers pioneer ER technology**

**By AMANDA GRAY**

University research is giving trauma victims a greater chance of survival, according to Dr. Franci-c Castellino, director of Notre Dame’s W.M. Keck Center for Transgene Research.

Researchers at the Keck Center, in collaboration with trauma phys-i-cians from South Bend’s Memo-rial Hospital, are looking at blood coagulation, or clotting, using a thermal scanning technique that breaks down how a patient’s blood coagulates. Castellino said.

By using this machine, a new way, the researchers are finding out what specific blood product, such as platelets, plasma or red and white blood cells, a patient might need.

“We save lives by doing state-of-the-art early trauma care,” Castel-lino said. “We’re looking at blood clotting in real time at the point of care, whether that be at the bed-side of the far forward battlefield, like the front lines.

This real time analysis leads to quicker treatment as well as specified treatment, called “goal-directed point of care therapy,” Castellino said.

Besides saving lives of trauma victims, who need treatment as fast as possible, these new ground-breaking developments in the field of coagulation research are also saving precious blood products.

“Treatments now are shooting blood into patients [instead of find- ing out what blood product they need],” Castellino said. “This re-search is taking it a step further.”

Dr. Mark Walsh, a trauma phys-i-cian at Memorial Hospital, said the goal-directed therapy is helpful in the emergency room.

“We can save blood products — we want not to waste them,” he said. “We can give this goal — di-rected blood component therapy instead of fixed ratios. We can ad-just our ratios based on what the patient needs.”

The research out of Castellino’s lab is like nothing else in the na-tion, Walsh said. Only three to four other labs are doing any research on this.

**Architecture professor leads Taj Mahal preservation**

**By MEL FLANAGAN**

Imagine if we could have known the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World — what they looked like, how they were built.

Assistant professor of archi-tecture Krupali Krusche la-ments not having the opportu-nity to study these architectural phenomena, which is why she has taken the task of digi-tally documenting World Heri-tage Sites such as the Taj Mahal. Krusche founded the Digital Historical Architectural Re-search and Material Analysis (DHARMA) team in 2007.

The team, comprised of Krische, assistant professor of ar-chitecture Selena Anders and graduate and undergraduate ar-chitecture students, studies and documents historical sites in or-der to create highly detailed, 3-D images that can later be used for the preservation of the sites.

“These historical sites have just never been documented very well before,” DHARMA team member Jack Bangs said.

“As they age slowly, in order to repair them we need to know what they looked like otherwise we might repair them wrong,” DHARMA initial project of documenting four tombs in Agra, India, including the Taj Mahal, began in 2008 and is on-going.

Krusche said the process con-sists of multiple methods of mea-surement and documentation that are fused together to form a complete digital image of the space.

“Our biggest investment has been in the 3-D scanning tech-nology,” she said. “It is a 3-D la-ser scanner that allows you to create and capture the 3-D co-ordinates of every surface you want to document.”

Anders, who co-founded DHARMA as a graduate student, helped the University acquire the scanner, a high-end device that not many schools have ac-cess to.

The DHARMA team works with the Center for Research Computing (CRC) to access the technology needed to create 3-D views of the site.

“If anything happens to the site in the near future, there are exact data coordinates available about the site that allow you to reconstruct it without any infor-mation being missed,” she said.

The DHARMA team is also working with the Office of Infor-mation and Technology (OTT) to employ Gigapan technology.

“‘This is when you take a mul-titude of photos, say 500, and you put them together to create an image that is in gigapixels,’” Krusche said. “‘It is very heavy, but very detailed.’”

Krusche said this technology has the ability to zoom in ex-

**Students discover ‘footprint’**

**By NICOLE MICHELS**

It takes a lot to outfit a Notre Dame student — clothes, electronics and oth-er school supplies. Ever wonder who made all of those things?

On Wednesday, ND8 hosted an event in the Dooley Room of LaFortune where students could look up their “slavery footprint,” an estimation of the people and conditions of those in slavery involved with the pro-duction of the items they use.

This event was the second in a month-long series focus-ing on the problems of hu-man trafficking and modern day slavery.

Sophomore John Gibbons, co-president of NDS, said the goal is to take a holistic look at the issues so the various aspects of these global prob-lems are brought to the at-tention of a larger audience.

“A fair amount of the popu-lation knows so little about these problems,” Gibbons said. “Our main goal is to raise awareness about them so that it inspires people to think about it more and what they can do to help.”

All of the groups involved were motivated by a desire to increase awareness of these issues, inspiring students to help those affected and giv-ing those students ways to help.

**Workshop addresses race relations in dorms**

**By BROOKE KOVANDA**

Wednesday night was a night of awareness, understanding and acceptance of multicultural-ism on Notre Dame’s campus.

Movimientos Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA), a Latino student activist group promoting social reform, student govern-ment and the Diversity Council presented a workshop on race relations in residence halls in Geddes Hall.

Senior Maya Younes, the di-rector of MEChA, organized the workshop, centered around discussing challenges in promoting multi-culturalism in dorm life and eliminating instances of dis-crimination through racial awareness.

“Conversations on discrimina-
tion in dorms have been occur-ring on a small scale across cam-
pus and I realized that in order to make long-lasting improve-
ments to the experience of mul-ticultural students in dorms, we needed to open that conversation to administrators who directly oversee housing,” Younes said. “Part of the movement to creat-ing a better community is shar-ing your experience with others.”

The event began with a story regarding racial conflict in one of the residence halls, and followed with small groups of students and peer mediators discussing their reactions, findings and per-sonal experiences with race rela-
tions in residence life.

Two central topics of workshop were the “Spirit of Inclusion” and “Awareness.”
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Nose biting eums poll worker jail time

CLEVELAND -- A poll worker suspected of trying to bite off the nose of a voter during an Election Day argument surrendered to sheriff’s deputies on Wednesday.

James N. Williams turned himself in at the Justice Center, which houses police headquarters and the courts, and was jailed to await possible charges, police spokesman Sgt. Sammy Morris said. The case was investigated as a suspected felonious assault.

Williams, 53, is accused of trying to bite off the nose of a voter who helped a campaign volunteer in an argument oversigns posted near a Cleveland polling place on Tuesday.

The head-butching and nose-biting landed voter Greg Flanagan, 49, in a hospital for treatment, authorities said, and he was still feeling dizzy hours after his release.

“I’m glad that he turned himself in because that’s the first right decision he’s made in the last 24 hours,” Flanagan said after hearing of Williams’ surrender.

Mauri bull freed after giant tire stuck on head

KULA, Hawaii -- A Maui bull has been freed from a giant tire that was stuck on his head for about 20 hours.

The bull, named Skywalker, couldn’t eat or drink after he got his head lodged in the truck tire dumped at the Tri-ple-L Ranch in Maui. The tire weighs more than 50 pounds.

When the bull became exhausted enough to be approached, a ranch worker pried the tire off with a piece of wood. Ranch owner Paige De Ponte says Skywalker seems fine now that he’s free from the rubber ring.

The “Children of the Holocaust” exhibit opened Wednesday in Spes Unica Hall at St. Mary’s. The exhibit is a part of a weeklong series to reflect on Kristallnacht and the Holocaust.

In Brief

The Notre Dame International Security Program and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies will host Dr. Josef Joffe, publisher-editor of the German weekly “Die Zeit” and Visiting Professor of Political Science at Stanford University. He will give a lecture titled, “Barack Obama, Fooler of the Free World.” Joffe will speak at 4 p.m. in 119 O’Shaughnessy Hall. A discussion will follow the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

Now in the final two months before it disbands, the Merce Cunningham Dance Company will perform at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15-$40. The program is comprised of three of Cunningham’s seminal works, and will feature Suite for Five, first performed at Notre Dame in 1956.

Taste of ND will take place in the LaFortune Ballroom from 7-9 p.m. Participating dorm food sales are St. Edward’s, Welsh Family, Morrissey, Siegfried, McGinn, Keough, Keenan, Dillon, and Knott. The price is $2 for all you can eat admission to the event.

Carolyn Wool, Dean of the Mendoza College of Business since 1997, will speak in Menozzo’s Jordan Auditorium as a part of The Last Lecture Series. Doors open at 6:30. This event is free and open to the public.

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

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Statistically, probably nothing"

"KNI Week and being Karina from the block."

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"The ‘incident’ in O’Neill."

“My aggressively friendly hugs!"

"My intensity. We don’t lose!"

"Studying in the library before the first exam."
College displays Holocaust art

Senior Sarah McCroy visits the “Children of the Holocaust” art exhibit in Spes Unica on Wednesday. The exhibit featured art created by Mishawaka school children.

By JILLIAN BARWICK
News Writer

After more than 65 years since the end of World War II, students at Saint Mary’s are still learning about the lasting effects the Holocaust had on its victims and its survivors.

Misti Garner, a teacher with the School City of Mishawaka, introduces the “Children of the Holocaust” art exhibit in Spes Unica Hall, which features 50 pieces of art and poetry, as well as two sculptures, Wednesday.

Garner worked with local students, ages 9 to 17, to read, discuss, interpret and express their feelings about the Holocaust through art and poetry.

“These kids are street-wise,” Garner said. “They know about the prejudices between blacks and whites, but that is the only prejudice they know about.” Garner and her students studied the Holocaust for an entire year and during part of the summer as well. While learning the vivid details about death camps and how Nazi soldiers treated their prisoners, the students were sad and shocked, Garner said.

“They did not realize that this type of suffering could exist because of faith,” Garner said. “They did not know what being Jewish was.

“At the end of the display, the pieces of artwork told some of the students’ own stories of suffering through poetry and paintings.”

“My students told me, ‘If those people can survive the Holocaust, then I can survive what I’ve been through’,” which really resonated in me,” Garner said.

Garner said her students learned that they were not alone in their suffering through their study of the Holocaust.

“The theme throughout the exhibit is the degree of suffering people in the Holocaust endured,” Garner said. “The students felt that they were the only people suffering in society, but now, after learning about the Holocaust, they see there are more people they did not know about who suffer Jewish was.

“The art exhibit at Saint Mary’s is a part of a week of events commemorating Kristallnacht, the official beginning of the violence against Jews in Nazi Germany on Nov. 9, 1938, which led to the Holocaust.

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Student Senate passes resolution to amend constitution

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Student Senate unanimously approved a resolution to amend the Student Union constitution by adding instructions to fill vacant student government positions Wednesday.

Oversight committee chair Ben noe said the committee recommended several changes that he and his committee wrote into a resolution.

The first addition inserted a clause detailing the procedures to remove a committee chair. Previously, the constitution did not contain a way to remove a chair if necessary.

“This is kind of a problem because if committee chairs are slacking and not doing their jobs right, they may need to be removed,” Noe said.

The resolution also modified the instructions for the selection of the Student Union treasurer.

“In the constitution the way the Student Union treasurer is replaced is that they appoint one of the assistant Student Union treasurers,” Noe said. “What if neither of the assistants are available to take the role of the Student Union treasurer?”

Following the amendment, if this scenario were to occur, the Student Union treasurer would have two options.

If he or she was available to serve another term, the treasurer could reappoint him- or herself. Otherwise, the treasurer can open the position up to applications from the student body.

“We thought this increased the transparency and openness of student government so we can get some people who have not been involved in student government for years at a time into the top positions,” he said.

Similarly, another clause opened up the positions of judicial council vice presidents to the entire student body.

While the judicial council president has the final say over who is selected as vice president, Noe said it encourages students who have not previously been involved with the council to apply.

“Once again, this is with the intent of increasing the openness of student government,” he said. “We’re trying to make the positions on the council really open to everyone.”

The last modification to the constitution was the process of replacing officer positions.

“These changes are being made to make student government more open to the student body as a whole, and also to just make some technical changes that need to be made,” Noe said.

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Saint Mary’s sponsors Holy Cross Harvest

By MADELINE MILES
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College kicked off the second annual Holy Cross Harvest, a large-scale donation drive to benefit the Northern Indiana Food Bank, on Monday.

Carrie Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE), said she would like to see a majority of the Saint Mary’s community participate in the event.

“The Harvest shows us how a small amount of money can make a big difference,” Call said. “Plus it is important to remember that hunger is very real in our area and many families are struggling. It is our responsibility to act.”

The Holy Cross Harvest started last year in response to the declining economy, as many families struggled to pay food on the tables, Call said.

Saint Mary’s has also joined with Notre Dame and Holy Cross College to combat hunger in the community.

“The three schools can work together to make an impact in the community,” Call said.

Call said she is asking for students to donate $1, which can help provide up to eight meals.

Last year, the Harvest brought in more than $800. Call said she hopes to surpass that amount this year.

If every person on this campus gave just $1, we could provide hundreds of meals to families in need,” Call said. “It’d like to beat that this year by at least $100.”

Junior Kelly Roepke, student director of OCSE, acknowledged the importance of the Holy Cross Harvest.

Students don’t realize how much a dollar can do,” Roepke said. “It really does make a significant difference.”

The Harvest will run through Nov. 17.

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The daughter of a firefighter and parks board member, Becky Reimbold learned at an early age the importance of giving back to the community. Reimbold is the proprietor of the Just Goods fair trade store in South Bend, said she didn’t intend on giving back to the community by becoming a retailer, but after she discovered the store could help make a change in the world.

“If we feel glad about what we’re doing, and it meets a need, then we’ve found our calling,” she said.

Reimbold, a graduate of Kenyon College in Ohio, spent part of her youth carving herself into international studies in Ecuador. While there, she experienced something that changed her forever.

She spent a day working with children in a carrot field, where children would pack heavy loads of carrots down field rows.

“When I looked at a man who was all night deprived of sleep, who was desperate for sleep and finally is getting some sleep, am I gonna sit over him, sit around him, tug on his feet, do anything unusual to wake him up? No,” Murray said.

“I was trying to live a life that was in line with my values,” she said.

“Because it had no effect,” she said.

“Tell me about things, hear about them, read about them, but when we feel them physically and make human connections, we’re changed.”

And she was.

“I came back knowing that I couldn’t just live life normally,” she said.

Instead, she continued to research international affairs, and took a second trip to Ecuador with her children 10 to 12 years after her first stay in Quito, Ecuador.

While there, she visited the Cloud Forest where she met women’s co-operative, Mujeres Medio Ambiente. The group of 35 single women who use locally harvested and hand-processed fiber to make their goods asked if Reimbold knew the Fair Trade Federation logo.

“If we feel glad about what we’re doing and it meets a need, then we’ve found our calling,” she said.

“[Fair Trade] is not a trade — to support safe and empowering working conditions, ensure the rights of children, cultivate environmental stewardships and respect cultural identity, she said.

Reimbold said if consumers want to buy fair trade, they simply have to look for certified fair trade labels such as the Fair Trade Federation logo or the World Fair Trade Organization.

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to do at the Center is to en-
courage collaboration among student groups, and to give them support and resources to move forward with edu-
cational events about social issues for the campus and in the community,” McDowell said.

The series kicked off on Nov. 3 with a showing of the Invisible Children documentary “Tony,” which docu-
dmented the struggle to end the use of child soldiers by the Lord’s Resistance Army in Uganda.

The St. Mary’s Invisible Children club and the Notre Dame club Inspire were heavily involved in bringing the film screening to cam-
pus.

Olevia Boykin, president of Inspire, said Invisible Children contacted her over the summer about doing a
screening of “Tony” on Notre Dame’s campus.

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time to move forward with edu-
cational efforts at showing this docu-
mentary on campus.

“The bill [the Traffick-

ing Victims Protection Re-

authorization Act of 2011], originally passed in 2000, is
currently making its way through the House and the Senate because it is due to expire at the end of this year,” she said.

“We want to mobilize students to con-
tact their representatives to encourage them to pass this bill.”

Hattler said the bill pro-

vides crucial funding for programs aiding the victims of sexual trafficking, and is

crucial in its ability to set the

standard internationally for na-

tions attempting to combat the problem.

The goal of the groups in-

volved with this series is not
to only raise awareness. Gib-

bons said, but also to provide
tangible ways for students to act.

“We want to bring these

harsh realities to life, at

the same time we want to show that there are ways to work toward changing them,” he said.

“We want to show people that there is hope and that there are ways to address these daunting
problems.”

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The group has published two papers on this coagulation re-

search since the beginning of the collaboration a year-and-a-half ago, and has several more waiting for publication, he said.

“These are pioneering papers,” Castellino said. “We have had ma-

jor collaboration with schools like the University of Colorado Medical School.”

Also in progress is an applica-
tion for a Department of Defense grant, according to Ploplis.

“We have a good chance of get-

ting the grant, and because we have people at both ends of the re-
search,” she said. “We have the scientists, and we have the physi-
cians implementing the research into patients’ treatments. It’s transla-
tional.”

Castellino said he hopes to see this research implemented on the battlefield.

“I can see it implemented in the military,” he said. “These ma-

chines are small, and you can have one in the field to diagnose what a victim needs.”

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Race

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When discussing the “Spirit of Inclusion,” many students identi-
fied the size of their dorm as a

crucial factor in allowing among residents, as well as the level of comfort felt in interactions with re-
ctors and resident assistants.

Senior Amanda Meza said it is important for students to feel that they are respected within their residence halls.

“You have one space on the entire campus that you can call yours, and you have to share it

with your roommates. So it’s re-

ally sacred to feel at home,” she

said. “We have to live with one

another and deal with one an-

other in such a way that you can understand where I was coming from.”

Younes said this was the first

time she ever had the oppor-
tunity to invite them to dinners I made or events so they could kind of understand that there are different beliefs, and what they could do to help promote and respect difference.

The workshop also consid-
ered the impact cultural events had on creating con-
sciousness about other ethnici-
ties.

Sophomore Omar Garcia ex-
plained his approach to promot-
Stay alert: for the Kingdom of God is at hand

As the Liturgical year comes to a close, the Gospels are becoming increasingly apocalyptic in tone: questions to Jesus about the end of the world, parables about the end. After one of the first came this past Sunday: the Parable of the Ten Virgins — five of whom are prepared with lamps full of oil to greet the Bridegroom, and five of whom are not. While the five unprepared virgins are away buying oil, the bridegroom arrives, enters the wedding feast with the five prepared virgins, and the door is locked. “So stay awake,” concludes Jesus. “For you know neither the day nor the hour.” End of parable. The door is locked. The end of the world. It is not in our hands, so be prepared. Yet, as important as such a reading is, it seems to me that it is only part of the meaning of the parable. What else is the parable about?

Perhaps, in response, I could tell a simple personal story. It would be one any of us could tell, because something similar has happened to each of us in our own way. I was in my first year of teaching last fall. Like all teachers, I had one of those trouble students — the one who just drove me nuts on a daily basis. Oddly enough, the most troublesome students would often be the ones most likely to stop by my classroom at the end of the day — mostly, just to bother me some more. So this student would often hang around in my classroom at the end of the day when I would be grading papers or getting the next day’s lessons prepared. I was always too busy for him. Or, more accurately, I made sure I was too busy for him!

Then one day in the spring season, after almost a year of his antics, the weather had turned nice again so I asked him if he wanted to go outside and have a baseball catch. We grabbed some gloves and a baseball, walked outside and began to throw and, as happens during baseball catches, we started to talk. We talked about his other classes, his friends at school and then I asked him about his family. As we tossed the ball back and forth, I noticed that he had begun to cry. So we slowed down and started walking. And I heard the story of how this student’s parents had been going through a painful separation throughout that whole year, and had now decided to divorce.

For the next three years, I accompanied this student as he adjusted, sometimes painfully, to this new life. I think I served as an instrument of grace for him, providing some stability and care. And he served as an instrument of grace for me, calling me, at the very beginning of my teaching career, to slow down and come to a deeper understanding of what was happening in my students’ lives.

But it took me eight months of his persistent antics to finally catch on, and if he wasn’t so persistent, I would have missed it entirely. Or, in the imagery of the parable of the Ten Virgins, the door on that opportunity for grace would have closed and locked.

We could each tell many such stories of missed opportunities due to busyness or distraction — all kinds of legitimate and not-so-legitimate reasons. We have all missed movements of God’s Spirit, right in front of us, in a person or an event or a quiet moment of prayer. So here is a second reading of Jesus’ Parable of the Ten Virgins, and many of the apocalyptic readings we will hear in these last weeks of the year. Be alert, not just because the Kingdom of God will come in all its fullness at the end of time. Be alert because “the Kingdom of God is in your midst. The Kingdom of God is at hand.” Can we see it? Are we ready? Or are we too busy and distracted?

As I reflect on the Gospels and think about this encounter with my student I almost missed, I am struck by how often Jesus encounters a person who could easily be seen as inconvenient — a leper, a blind person, a deaf person, a Pharisee or his own disciples lighting. He never sees such people as an obstacle that he must get around so that he can continue his work of building up the Kingdom. Instead, he sees the Kingdom trying to break forth, right there, in that person who is right before him. Jesus’ life is one of utter conviction that “the Kingdom of God is in our midst. The Kingdom of God is at hand.” He calls us, his disciples, to the same conviction.
Letters to the Editor

**Occupy Rainbow Road**

**Dear Notre Dame campus,**

Our obsession with Mario Kart needs to end. The game has been a legitimate phenomenon for years, despite the serious design flaws and faux pas that plague each iteration.

**Problem #1:** While Mario Kart is lauded as “a fun party game” where “anyone can win,” it remains openly hostile to guests and new players. Dangerous levels lend themselves to memorization, and advanced strategies guarded by the best. New players are left in the dark by the game’s rapid, almost unrelenting rise of new content, making power-up handouts as a solution to this issue, but these are band-aid solutions that do not address the crux of the problem.

**Problem #2:** Mario Kart pits its players against its courses, not each other. It is easy to forget about your company mid-race due to the punishing, in-your-face corporate image that drives the game. Mario Kart is an example of how far removed from reality the game is from the real world. Instead of business, there is a different code, one that allows the young men of our campus to share a bond like no other, but be morally responsible when the time comes. And it is that code that has a tighter grip on this campus than any “Bro Code,” we also have moral codes which prevent boys from allowing bad things happen to innocent and sometimes sloppily drunk girls. There is no way you can convince me that there is not one brave soul who doesn’t mind saying, "bro, chill.” And it is these young men who the women and educators on this campus need to recognize and discuss, not the ones who put bros before hoes or the ones who will sit in silence and watch their friend take advantage of a young woman and think nothing of it.

**Problem #3:** There is a poor correlation between expected modes of effort and reward. Game Design 101, if rewards do not meet player expectations, frustration will be quick to set in. And yet, Mario Kart awards the eggheads who practice power slides and inventory management over those who can actually aim a green shell. The dominance of these white-collar skill sets feels unintuitive, artificial and dissonant in the context of something that presents itself as a simple context of effort.

**Problem #4:** Players who lag behind will encounter more banana obstacles on each lap than players up front. Excuse the pun, but the bottom rungs of the ladder have quite a bit more of work.

Mario Kart does have two saving graces, though. It starts all players on the same footing and it teaches those of us in the mediocre ranks to accept our place there. Why does the racer in 120th always punch the one in 11th? He earns more by listening to what the game is trying to teach him: We all drive the same three laps in life, those of the station. But once you have had this epiphany, there is simply no reason to play Mario Kart.

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Scene Writer

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I’ll think about it.” That was always a yes in my mother's book. So there we were, sitting on the floor against bookshelves, waiting in line for midnight to come. Barnes and Noble was packed. I had taken a copy of the fourth book from a display somewhere and was rereading it as we waited, and finally that all-consuming excitement started to take over me again.

We eventually got it, and I read it as we walked out of the store. I read it in the car on the way home. I got into my mom's big bed with her and continued reading even though it was late and we had a flight to catch in the morning. She didn't even bother trying to tell me to not. I read for as long as I could, until my eyes glazed over and couldn't take in any more words. But my mind woke me up only a few hours later and couldn't take in any more words. But my mind woke me up only a few hours later, and I sat on the floor leaning against the bed as my mom slept until I finished.

Well, until I almost finished. Something stopped me on page 806.

“There's nothing you can do, Harry. ... nothing ... he's gone.”

Just like that, Sirius was gone. My world outside of Harry Potter was falling away around me, and in an instant, my escape betrayed me and took something else from me, too.

The characters from Rowling's world had been with me since I was seven years old. Sirius had not joined them until the third book, but maybe because he had become such a life raft in Harry's loneliness, he was the character I grew most attached to. I cried like I hadn't yet cried for the friends I was leaving and the painful change that I knew was ahead. Those friends had been mine for just a year. But to lose Sirius — just as isolation was about to engulf me again — was too much for me to bear.

My mother woke to my bawling, completely alarmed and unprepared for the fact that her act of selflessly waiting with me in a crowded bookstore into the wee hours of the morning had backfired. I could see the wheels turning in her head — she had been hoping to deter tears, not cause more of them.

“Lauren, honey, it's ... just a book ... it's not real.”

All I could do was cry harder. She didn’t understand, and at the time, I didn’t either. I knew her words to be true, but I also knew my little 12-year-old heart felt broken.

Sirius Black was not real. He was a figment of Rowling's imagination that then became a figment of mine. But my childhood had become fragmented, devoid of lasting relationships. Those figments had become people to me — real influential forces that held truths and comfort when I needed them. Harry grappled with what he would do without Sirius, and so did I.

In the end, the greatest trick Rowling pulled out of her hat was not creating characters so meaningful their fictional deaths sent readers into mourning. It was what came after that. She taught Harry — and through Harry, us — how to deal with such grief. In the face of loss and change, Harry and I were fearful and angry. We lashed out. She forced us to move on. What choice did we have? Life moves on no matter what we do.

But Harry could not just move forward. He had to move forward with strength and maturity. And perhaps the only thing that could have helped me through another move more than Sirius’ presence was Sirius’ death.

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All gimmicks. They just had the tunes to back it up.

So learning that Shiffman and company were releasing a new three-song EP every three months for a year concluding with a full-length album, there was some reason to be skeptical. The idea is to write the album as you go, sell the album as you go and then resell it all together. Kind of like a serially-published novel.

Somebody should have told them nobody buys albums, let alone EP’s anymore but luckily Shiffman and the Land of No have the tunes to make it worth the attempt.

The New York based group released the second EP in the series, “Nemegt Uul,” named for a mountain range in Mongolia with little context as to the reason. Name issues aside, the EP packs a punch. It follows the first EP release “Death & Love,” a solid effort that’s worth checking out. That record earned the group some buzz outside of Brooklyn, and this latest release continues the band’s earnest and endearing vein of rock.

The press kit states the band sounds somewhat in the vein of Big Star or the Velvet Underground. They do have a familiar and grounded style of music but the more obvious influence however is Pavement.

Rooted in a kind of classic indie rock songwriting — the kind often thought of as too conventional by many of today’s indie groups — Shiffman and company deliver riffs, hooks and a sound that is both modern in its lyrical sensibilities and straight out of 1995 in its lo-fi guitar driven vibe.

Critics will call them derivative, but really they’re making a certain sound new again. And the indie genre could use a new Pavement.

The opener on “Nemegt Uul,” “All Part of His Plan” is a bizarre sort of love song. While the singer warns a girl about a manipulative suitor, the lyrics betray a concern that just barely breaches affection. Lyrical ambiguity notwithstanding, the chorus’ guitar riff will stay in your head for days. And the guitar solo rocks pretty hard.

“Never Know What to Say” is a classic three-chord piece of rock and roll. Once you grant Shiffman the conceit of a girl who’s on the mark writing.

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It's Harbaugh time

Cue the lights and the dramatic Monday Night Football music. Cue the football at Candlestick Park in January. Cue the red and gold in the playoffs. Playoffs? Yep, I want to talk about playoffs, and it's been almost a decade since the San Francisco 49ers reached them. The franchise's last postseason victory ranks as one of the greatest playoff comebacks of all time, a 24-point come-from-behind win over the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2002 NFC Wildcard game.

Since then, the once-great franchise has been mired in mediocrity and disappointment. Joe Montana and Steve Young were succeeded by Tim Rattay, who led the team to mediocrity and disappointment. Joe Montana and Steve Young were succeeded by Tim Rattay. The 49ers played in front of a sea of infested villages, we're finally going back to where we belong - the Coliseum.

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Former Patriffs defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth watches defensive end Andre Carter celebrate a sack against the Cowboys on Oct. 16.

“Right now, $100 million free-agent signing Albert Haynesworth, who has 30½ career sacks, emerged as one of the top tackles in the NFL during the 2009 season, seeing the Tennessee Titans. But he’s only one answer that the general managers have to their defense for Rome. Proximo: After five years of putting around in flea-infested villages, we’re finally going back to where we belong. So drink in the Harbaugh Kool-Aid, as I will be lighting the fires when the 49ers take on the Ravens in the Harbaugh Bowl on Thanksgiving. While our following is small, the Purple People Eaters in Minnesota are small, look for the 49ers faithful in our purply red and gold this winter. Who’s got it better than us? — Nobody.”

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Penn State trustees fire Paterno, university president

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State President Graham Spanier, a family sociologist and therapist who led the mammoth university system for 16 years, saw his tenure as one of the nation's longest-serving college presidents end Wednesday after a campus child sex abuse scandal.

Spanier, among the highest-paid college presidents in the country, had come under fire for his handling of allegations that a Penn State assistant football coach, Jerry Sandusky, had sexually abused at least eight boys over more than a decade. He was fired Wednesday night for failing to tell authorities about an allegation of child molestation in a campus locker room.

The sex abuse scandal also claimed long-serving head coach Joe Paterno, who had announced Wednesday that this would be his last season in Happy Valley but wasn't given the chance to continue coaching, and two other top administrators, who stepped down earlier this week after being accused of perjury in the case.

The ousters of Spanier and Paterno were announced Wednesday night by university trustees.

"It is in the best interests of the university that a change in leadership must be made," he said, "to deal with the difficult issues that we are facing." John P. Surma, vice chairman of the university's board of trustees, said at a press conference. The trustees said school Provost and Executive Vice President Rodney Erickson will be the interim president while the football team's defensive coordinator, Tom Bradley, will serve as interim coach.

Sandusky, considered Paterno's likely successor before he retired in 1999, was charged last week with molesting eight boys over a 15-year period. He has denied the charges.

A grand jury report said at least two of the assaults were witnessed on campus — and one of those was reported to Spanier. But the university president did not tell authorities about the reported attack on a young boy, which a football team graduate assistant claimed to have seen in 2002. The graduate student's accusation was passed up the chain of command to Spanier, but he said the seriousness of the encounter was not conveyed to him.

The grand jury report said Spanier described the episode as "Jerry Sandusky in the football building locker area in the shower, with a younger kid and they were horsing around in the shower."

Spanier said in a statement Wednesday night that he was "stunned and outraged to learn that any predatory act might have occurred in a university facility" and would have reported a crime if he'd suspected one had been committed.

"I am heartbroken to think that any child may have been hurt and have deep convictions about the need to protect children and youth," he said. "My heartfelt sympathies go out to all those who may have been victimized."

The investigation is continuing. State Attorney General Linda Kelly said Monday that Paterno is not a target of the inquiry into how the school handled the matter, but she refused to say the same for Spanier.

State police Commissioner Frank Noonan earlier this week criticized school officials' handling of the allegations, saying "a football coach or a university president or the guy sweeping the building" had a moral responsibility to call police if they suspected a child was being sexually abused. He also said Penn State had "a culture that did nothing to stop it or prevent it from happening to others."

Calls for Spanier's ouster by newspapers, online groups and petitions mushroomed in recent days, many supported by upset and disillusioned alumni.

The 63-year-old Spanier has led Penn State since 1995, and his contract was to run through 2015. The university system, headquartered in State College, includes 18 campuses and has an annual budget of about $4.3 billion.

Spanier earned more than $860,500 in annual base pay, deferred compensation and retirement contributions, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education. He told The Associated Press earlier this year that he considered his salary, which was set by trustees, to be "very generous" and that it "feels peculiar for someone who grew up in a poor family."

Spanier has donated more than $1 million to the university. He also has overseen $3 billion in philanthropic contributions to Penn State during his tenure, according to his biography.

Spanier is well known in academics and athletics, both inside and outside Pennsylvania. He heads the Bowl Championship Series presidential oversight committee, hosts a sports talk show on the Big Ten's television network and previously led the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. Penn State is a state-related institution that receives some public funding but is not under direct state control.

Spanier is trained as a family sociologist, demographer and marriage and family therapist. He first served in Happy Valley from 1973 to 1982 as a member of the faculty and in three administrative positions in the College of Health and Human Development.

He later went on to serve as chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Oregon State University and vice provost for undergraduate studies at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Iowa State University, followed by a doctorate in sociology from Northwestern University.

He said Wednesday it had been his "great privilege and honor" to serve Penn State for more than 25 years, including the past 16 as president.

"I will continue to serve the university in every way possible and celebrate the greatness of Penn State," he said.

Spanier and his wife, an English professor at the university, have two children, both Penn State graduates.

Penn State student body President T.J. Bard, who said he has worked closely with Spanier over the past two years, called the president "a phenomenal leader for this university."

"That's not something that should be overlooked very quickly," he said.
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Ben Cherington was in his first year in a major league front office — as an advance scout for the Cleveland Indians — when he came across Sandy Alomar Jr.

He didn’t know who I was, in ’98 with Cleveland,” said Cherington, who is now the Red Sox general manager and leading the search for a new manager in Boston. “But I saw him in the clubhouse — I was in the clubhouse all the time — and I saw the leader he was back then, the respect he had in that club — the way he handled it.”

“I’ve been sort of following him since then.”

It was that respect that led Cherington to add Alomar to the short list of candidates interviewing to replace Terry Francona as the Red Sox manager. Whether that’s in his first year in a major league front office — most notably as the Cleveland Indians manager — when he came across Sandy Alomar Jr., he said he has been very confident to say that he’ll be a big league manager some time.

“The goal for a manager is to let your players manage themselves. In order to do that, you have to let the guys play,” he said. “I am a guy that lets the players play the game. You have some rules, but you respect the players (and) they respect you back.”

That’s the way I would handle it.”

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As Commissioner David Stern’s deadline passed, the NBA and its players continued negotiating Wednesday in an attempt to end the lockout.

The two sides met for more than seven hours to try to hash out a deal to save the season.

Stern had issued an ultimatum to players: Accept the league’s latest proposal by 5 p.m. ET Wednesday or it will be replaced with a much harsher one that would drive the sides even farther apart.

Players said Tuesday they wouldn’t accept the current one as configured and suggested another negotiation session.

The current offer calls for players to receive between 49 percent and 51 percent of basketball-related income, though union officials said it would be impossible to get above 50.2 percent.

Players were guaranteed 57 percent of BRI under the previous collective bargaining agreement.

The next proposal would call for 53.4 percent of revenue split in the owners favor, essentially a hard salary cap and salary rollbacks, which the league originally sought but had taken off the table. Both proposals were sent to union executive director Billy Hunter on Sunday.

The meeting featuring small groups from both sides was arranged Wednesday morning.

Failure to make a deal likely would increase the calls for the union to decertify so the players can file a lawsuit against the league in court, a risky and lengthy tactic that likely would doom the 2011-12 season.

Union officials have downplayed the idea, but players might have no other leverage once the more severe proposal is put into play.

Stern and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver were joined Wednesday by Spurs owner Peter Holt, the chairman of the labor relations committee, and lawyers Rick Buchanan and Dan Ruhe.

Besides the revenue split, the sides still are divided on elements of the salary cap system, mostly relating to the spending rules for teams that are over the luxury tax level. Players want those teams to remain options for free agents, whereas the league thinks talent would be more evenly distributed throughout the league if payrolls were more balanced.

Players indicated after their meeting Tuesday that they would be open to reducing their BRI take if owners made some changes on the现行 issues. Players offered to go to about 51 percent Saturday, with 1 percent going into a fund for retired player benefits.

Associated Press

NBA Commissioner David Stern speaks to reporters after leaving talks with the NBA players union in New York City on Oct. 10.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Talks continue as deadline passes

The NBA and the players’ union said Wednesday they were making progress in negotiations to end the labor lockout.

The NBA released a statement saying the two sides had a discussion that lasted half the day.

The NBA said in a statement that the parties “have a mutual desire to do everything possible to reach a deal in time for the 2011-12 season,” but did not provide details on the status of the negotiations.

The NBA and the players’ union have been at odds over issues such as the salary cap, benefits and player compensation.

The NBA has proposed a salary cap of $49.4 million per team, with a luxury tax of $61.6 million. The players’ union has been fighting against a cap and have proposed a $54.4 million cap.

The NBA said in the statement that the players union will present its latest proposal to the NBA on Thursday.

The NBA and the players’ union have been meeting daily since the lockout began in July. The league set a deadline of Oct. 5 for the two sides to reach an agreement.

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many novices holding their own in their first trip to the ring.
In the ring, experience level did not always trump pure skill level and energy, as several less-experienced fighters knocked off older fighters. Junior Kailyn Cole earned perhaps the most improbable victory, beating three-time veteran and senior captain Kat Rodriguez in a split decision.
Monday night, however, was not just marked by success in the boxing ring; it succeeded in drawing many students and generating substantial fundraising for the Holy Cross Missions in Uganda, who receive all profits from the bouts.
“We made a lot in ticket and merchandise sales,” Byrne said. “We had a pretty good turnout, and there was always plenty of activity for the fans to watch, since we had two rings this year.”
With the first round complete, the victorious fighters move on to face an even greater challenge. A daunting opponent awaits them, but the boxers also have to fight the enemy of fatigue, as several less-experienced fighters knocked off older ones in their first trip to the ring.
“I think that the skill level is definitely in shape to fight multiple times in a week.”
The 19 bouts taking place Thursday night will serve as the conclusion to the Baraka Bouts tournament, but don’t serve the purpose of ultimately conferring a championship to an overall winner. This year the tournament was organized into 20 pods of four fighters, with the two winners in each pod moving on to fight each other. These pods serve an organizational function by working to group fighters by skill level, rather than grouping them by weight class as Bengal Bouts does.
With the tournament organized in that manner, it is no surprise to see Cole mention the expectations to see more competitive, high-intensity fights in the finals.
“I expect to see a lot more close calls and split decisions
Thursday night,” Coe said. “I think that there will be tons of overall intensity, energy and excitement in the ring.”
Byrne echoed similar sentiments, emphasizing the experience of a first fight earlier in the week would ratchet up the skill level of many of the boxers.
“I think that the skill level will be a lot better because all the nerves from getting in the ring were left out on Monday, so now girls can be a little bit more focused and more technical,” Byrne said. “It should be an exciting round, since there will be several captain showdowns as well as many novices and veterans participating in the round.”
The final round of Baraka Bouts starts at 6 p.m. Thursday at the JACC.
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Rowing
Irish to race against tough Big Ten crews
The Irish will challenge three daunting Big Ten crews Saturday when they race Ohio State, Michigan State and Indiana in the Scioto Scrimmage in Columbus, Ohio. “I would expect very competitive [races],” Irish coach Martin Stone said. “Ohio State and Michigan State were both at the NCAA’s last year, and Indiana had a good crew last year, and I think they’re stronger, so I think it’ll be very competitive.”
Notre Dame has not raced since Oct. 23 when the Irish four boat took fifth place in the Head of the Charles Regatta, the second best finish among collegiate crews. The team was supposed to travel to Indianapolis for a scrimmage against Ohio State, Michigan and we strive to get better all the time, so that’s what we’d like, particularly in race situations.”
None of the four teams have participated in many events this fall. “We haven’t raced very much,” Stone said. “We’ve had two races and we strive to get better all the time, so that’s what we’d like, particularly in race situations.”

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and obviously we have west coast cities.

But, just don’t look how we will
be preparing to compete for a BCS national championship without being in a conference. What is the best con-
ference for us? If I’m looking out
right now, I’ve got to say the ACC.

freshman Allison Casaretto and
junior Jenny Chiang have placed
first and second, respectively,
in the 1-met-
ter and 3-meter diving events in Irish
meets so far this season.

Both squads have a common
purity against the Panthers.
However, Louisville dropped a
meet to Tennessee and placed
fourth out of eight squads in the
difficult SMU Classic, which in-
cluded three of the top 10 ranked
swimming squads in the country.
The Irish hit the pool against
the Cardinals on Saturday at 1
p.m. Following the meet, Notre
Dame will not swim in competi-
tion again until Dec. 2 when it
meets so far this year.

both the power play
and shorthanded units.

According to Gaul, though,
his biggest contributions to the team
don’t often show up in the box
score.

“You’d say my ability to read plays and anticipate certain things is
my biggest strength,” he said.

Some guys hate blocking shots, some guys hate penalty killing.
It’s my favorite part of the game. Just from the coaches I’ve
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and overcame the deficit to give
the Irish a 3-2 lead. Gaul’s second period goal iced the game.

Phelps said the ACC could
be a north division and a south
division and rotate the basket-
ball conference tournament
between Greensboro, N.C. and
Madison Square Garden in New
York. He added that key rivalry
matches in football and basketball
should be played in ACC venues
in the middle of things.

However, Notre Dame’s
diving team has proven strong in
dual meets so far this season.

“I would still say we should
look to have a home contract,”
he said. “We can negotiate that.
Then place nine games in the
ACC in football. I’d give them
strong strokes. Dyer has won a
tournament at every meet this year, and
his times in the 200-freestyle
have been among the top finishes in
the country.”

Phelps said the ACC could
have also placed at numerous events in long fields.

The College Swimming Coaches
Association of America released
the first rankings of the year
Wednesday, and although the Irish
received votes, they did not crack
the top 25. Two past Irish oppo-
onents, Purdue and Michigan,
appeared at the No. 17 and
No. 1 positions, respectively.

“As we mature, I think that we’ll
deserve a ranking,” Phelps said.
“Right now, we’re not ready.”

Gaul has indeed been making
good on his second chance so
far. After registering just three
touchdowns in his first three Irish
seasons, Gaul has four points al-
ready this season. He’s played in
every game so far, and has been
featuring on both the power play
and shorthanded units.

That resilience allowed Gaul
to make the biggest contributions
towards a fresh start this year.

“By the time I got into the zone,
[freshman winger Peter] Schnei-
der had already attacked the net,
came back around and hit me
with a pass, and I just caught it,
shot it and it went in,” Gaul said.
“I was just happy, because there’s
a lot of times where it might not
show up on the scoreboard, so it
was nice to have something like,
‘Hey, Gaul got the game-winner.’
It was a good feeling.”

And while Gaul has never giv-
en up on his goal of getting back
in the lineup again, playing in just
one game so far, and has been
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According to Gaul, though,
the biggest contributions to the team
don’t often show up in the box
score.

“You’d say my ability to read plays and anticipate certain things is
my biggest strength,” he said.

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1  Go off course
2  Did you do this?
4  Natural
6  Enjoy a pleasant situation
10  Foreman fighter
15  Symbol of Middle America
16  Fighting
17  Start of a silly underwater joke
20  Wine region of Italy
21  Extinct kin of the sloth
22  "The Scarlet Letter" heroine
23  June, part 2
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27  Leftovers
31  Popular bit of candy
34  Suffice with symptoms
35  End, say

Down
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3a  B.C. or D. at a shoe store
4  Wet, not dry
5a  Mad face?
6a  All
7  Geometric figures
8  Aunt, in Acapulco
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11  Scoon
12  Render open-mouthed
13  Flier with a ground connection?
15  Farm measure
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Horoscope

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ick, 44; Brunch Roll, 62.

Saggy Birthday: Engage in activities and events that show your independence. Skills and abilities be
unique and strive to do something different. Focus on your own needs and desires.

Jupiter Birthday: You may have excesses and enjoy the spoils of life. Partying and celebration
are beneficial. Focus on the positive and avoid negative influences.

Saturn Birthday: You may experience delays and setbacks. Focus on the practical and
avoid overindulgence.

Uranus Birthday: You may experience unexpected changes and surprises. Focus on
innovation and creativity.

Neptune Birthday: You may experience a sense of freedom and spirituality. Focus on
inner peace and avoid materialistic pursuits.

Pluto Birthday: You may experience transformation and change. Focus on personal
growth and avoid negative influences.

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**Observer Exclusive**

**Digger Phelps comments on season, conference realignment**

By ANDREW OWENS

Former Irish coach Digger Phelps discussed the state of the program, Notre Dame's place in the Big East this season and where the Irish fit in among the ever-changing landscape of college athletics Tuesday in an exclusive interview with The Observer.

Phelps said much of Notre Dame's success will depend on how well the frontcourt can make up for the loss of Carleton Scott, who declared for the NBA Draft with a year of eligibility remaining. Scott went undrafted, was recently released by a team in Spain and might play in Ireland.

"To me the mystery is why Carleton Scott left," Phelps said. "If Carleton Scott came back, he could have averaged 20 [points] and 10 [rebounds] and been a late first-round pick or early second-round next year, but he made that choice to leave. We will miss him, because he would have been that presence that we needed. So we lost three quality players and it is going to be interesting to see in time how these guys mature."

Phelps also said it is time for Notre Dame to drop its independence in football and join the ACC. "I'd love to see us join the ACC," he said. "We're from the Midwest and Mississippi when it comes to fund-raising, alumni clubs, etc., and I think we would be a good fit."

And that's not going to go away, see DIGGER/page 14

**Hockey**

**Center Gaul sees more playing time during final season**

By JACK HEFFERON

Center Patrick Gaul can be an easy guy to lose track of. He stands just 5’8” when he’s on the ice, but over the last three years he has struggled just to get the chance to be on it.

"You kind of lose track of if you’re not on the team, because mostly you only see the games on the weekend, but there’s three forwards and two defensemen every weekend that don’t play,” Gaul said. “But they do everything, except play the two games. They’re still practicing just as much as the other guys.

After paying his dues and beginning to adjust to the college game during his second year, Gaul has become a regular contributor.

After fighting for playing time over his first three seasons, Gaul has become a regular contributor.

**Men’s Swimming**

**ND to face conference champions**

By CONOR KELLY

Coming off a convincing victory against Valparaiso, the Irish will travel to Kentucky on Saturday for a meet against No. 16 Louisville, the defending Big East champion.

Over the past three years, the Cardinals (2-3) and the Irish (4-2) have exchanged places atop the Big East tournament podium, with the Irish last taking the title in 2009.

This competition creates a natural, intense rivalry between the two teams, Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

"Whenever we race each other, we have either the past or future championships on our minds," Welsh said. "They’re a very fast team coming off of a great season last year. It’s a pretty natural rivalry for that reason.

Welsh compared his team’s matchup with Louisville to a midterm exam.

“We like to compare ourselves with either the past or future teams, Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

And that’s not going to go away, see WELSH/page 14

**ND Women’s Swimming**

**Irish look to rebound on the road**

By MATT UNGER

Following a tough dual meet loss to Purdue last Friday, the Irish will look to bounce back in a road meet at Louisville on Saturday at the Ralph Wright Natatorium.

The meet marks Notre Dame’s third road meet in a row and the final one of the fall season before the Ohio State Invitational in December. If the Irish can salvage a win, they would finish 2-1 on the road.

One factor working against the Irish will be a 5-hour bus ride to Louisville on Saturday morning. While the Irish dominated Pitts-