Roll Call honors fallen heroes
Notre Dame holds Veteran's Day memorial to remember lost servicemen and women

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Notre Dame joined more than 170 colleges and universities nationwide on Friday to simultaneously take part in the National Roll Call, honoring servicemen and women who died in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept.11, 2001.

Capt. Clarence Earl Carter, professor of naval sciences, said he was honored to take part in the memorial.

“The flag that we have and the country we have exist because of the service of those who were in uniform before us dating back to the American Revolution,” Carter said. “God willing, we will continue to have young men and women make the commitment to stand watch on our great country. I’m grateful to have my own chance to stand the watch.”

Notre Dame’s Veteran’s Day memorial started at 4 p.m. Thursday when Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) cadets and midshipmen began standing watch over the Clarke Memorial Fountain, better known as “Stonehenge,” for 24 hours, honoring those who served before them.

Members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities gathered around the fountain at 8:30 a.m. Friday to honor those who lost their lives in the armed forces.

The names of about 6,300 American servicemen and women killed were read by 62 members of the Notre Dame community, 31 of whom were members of the University’s Navy, Army and Air Force ROTC units. The list would take nearly eight hours to read.

At 2 p.m. Friday, a nationwide Roll Call, which honored those who died in U.S. wars since Sept. 11, 2002, on Friday.

Students cheer Irish on to victory at FedEx Field

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

While the Irish “home” game in Maryland this weekend was not technically at home, many fans said it still felt that way.

Junior Sam Mitchell said the high number of Irish fans present at Notre Dame’s 45-21 win against the University of Maryland on Saturday made the atmosphere at FedEx Field electric.

“You’re taking a metro and stuff there, and it was all Notre Dame people,” he said. “There was a huge contingency of people around the stadium, a lot of energy, a lot of alumni there, too. You almost felt like it was a home game. Obviously, it was [technically] a home game, and it showed.”

Junior Joe Beglane said there were many more Irish fans at the game than Terrapins fans and he said the jumbotron in the stadium showed highlights from Notre Dame games earlier in the season.

“It was surprisingly pro-Notre Dame over there,” Beglane said.

Junior Matt Gilbert said he enjoyed that there was so much support.

Tournament, rally promote peace in South Sudan

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Playing for Peace continued its efforts to promote peace in South Sudan at the second annual basketball tournament and Peace & Pep Rally held before the men’s basketball season opener against Mississippi Valley State on Saturday.

The rally, which emphasized the continued need for assistance in Sudan, took place following two basketball tournaments—a three-on-three student tournament and a youth tournament for South Bend community members.

Last year’s rally and tournament were the opening events of the Playing for Peace initiative. Social concerns chair, junior Ellen Carroll, said this year’s rally shows Notre Dame’s continued support of the people of Sudan.

“Last year our Playing for Peace tournament and our Stand with Sudan rally was the largest advocacy event for a peaceful referendum in Sudan of any school in America,” she said. “This year we gather together again to show we’re staying with the people of Sudan.”

The rally occurred at a critical time for the country of South Sudan, Carroll said. United States senators will debate cutting the international aid budget Monday and Tuesday, a move that could greatly affect South Sudan.

Many students signed a petition to President Obama, asking him to continue to support the Sudanese people as they rebuild their nation.

Although they could not be present due to the game that followed the rally, men’s basketball players Tim Abromaitis and Joey Brooks opened the rally with a prayer.

NDSP investigates purse theft

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating a purse snatching that occurred Thursday night in the D6 parking lot. The suspect approached the victim from behind and grabbed her purse, ran to a waiting vehicle and fled the area.

NDSP asked anyone with information about the incident to call NDSP at 574-631-5555. To report a crime in progress, see CRIME/page 5.

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Due to a reporting error, the article, “Fareley Hall hosts Taste of ND event,” in the Nov. 10 edition of The Observer misidentified the winner of the best dorm pizza. The judge’s pick for the best pizza was Keenan Hall’s Zaland Pizza, not Zahm Hall’s pizza. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ACTOR OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER WOULD BEST PORTRAY YOU?

John Stable—sophomore
Keenan “Gretchen Weiners.”

Matt Dooley—sophomore
“Cynthia from Rags. She’s a really cool dancer.”

Elizabeth Limonanetano—sophomore
Lewis “Denzel Washington... Mmmmm.”

Alex Westby—freshman
Pasquerilla East
“Michael Cera, because he is a goober!”

Daniela Tomas—sophomore
Pasquerilla West
“James Franco.”

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“Mila Kunis.”

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OFFBEAT
Cat perches on Arizona cactus for three days
SAGUARO LAKE, Ariz. — A lot of cats get stuck in trees, but an Arizona kitty was perched atop a giant saguaro cactus for at least three days before finally coming down on its own.

Residents living in a desert area northeast of Phoenix noticed the black cat with white patches at the very top of the 30- to 40-foot cactus.

At times, the feline would stand up and survey the area, possibly trying to figure out how to get down — or how it got up.

Helicopter video from ABC15.com shows the cat eventually climbing down the cactus Friday. It started making its way down head-first before turning around and scooting backward. It finally took a big leap and landed on its feet before wandering into the desert.

NY governor’s quote made into a ringtone
ALBANY, N.Y. — A recent soundbite from New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo that’s become a hit on Twitter is getting extra mileage as a ringtone.

In a radio interview Wednesday, the Democratic governor said, “I am the government.” His comment quickly made the rounds on Twitter, a ringtone was set up, and Thursday’s New York Daily News pictured Cuomo in a wig as France’s Louis XIV, who famously said, “I am the state.”

Cuomo didn’t appear to be boasting, however, in his comment on WGDJ-AM in Albany. He was explaining how his poll numbers reflected New Yorkers’ renewed faith and confidence in government.

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IN BRIEF
Fair trade retailer Ten Thousand Villages will host a sale of international handicrafts today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Atrium. The sale will continue from Nov. 14 through Nov. 18. International Student Services and Activities collaborated with Ten Thousand Villages on this event. This event is open to the public.

Richard Craster, Professor of Applied Mathematics at the Imperial College London will give a colloquium titled, “Bridging the Scales at High Frequencies: Connecting the Microstructure to the Macroscale,” at 4 p.m. today in 137 Hayes-Healy Center.

Robert Peck will give a lecture titled “Architectural and Democratic Values” at 4:30 p.m. today in 104 Bond Hall. Peck is the 2011 Henry Hope Reed Award Laureate and is currently serving as the General Service Administration’s Commissioner of Public Buildings.

An information session for 2012 Summer Service and Learning Programs (SSLPs) is today from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Goddard Hall B034. SSLP is an eight-week long-service-learning course participated in by around 225 students each year.

Men’s basketball plays De-troit today at 9 p.m. in the Joyce Center’s Purcell Pavil-ions. Tickets are priced $15 - $40 and can be bought at the ticket office, by calling 574-631-7356 or online.

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

The Notre Dame marching band plays in front of the Capitol Building on Saturday. Other weekend events included a pep rally on the National Mall.

LOCAL WEATHER
By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Stars, confetti and navy blue curtains brought back an old-school style to “Dancing in the Moonlight,” the first co-sponsored formal held by Ballroom Dance Club and Swing Club.

The dance took place Friday night in the Stepan Center.

Junior Allison Kincaid, co-president of Swing Club, said the night was a success for both clubs.

“We not only had over 100 people but everyone was dancing and enjoying the night up until the very end. The food was delicious, the DJ was fun, and everyone looked fabulous dressed up in formal wear,” she said. “I’m definitely glad that we were able to do the confetti drop at 11:11:11. It was definitely a starry night under the moon.”

Kincaid said the night allowed club members and non-members to meet new people.

“What is awesome about these kind of events is that it encourag-es people to branch out, at least that’s the nature of Swing,” she said. “I definitely met some new and fun people and had a great time dancing with them!”

Junior Joshua Gaston, Swing Club treasurer, said the event also allowed dancers to improve their style, though there was no formal lesson.

“That was one of the purposes of this dance: to expand people’s views of dance and invite them to explore further,” he said. “Plus, people just straight up improved. The best example was when I led a samba line for a whole song without knowing how to Samba.”

Gaston said the groundwork for “Dancing in the Moonlight” was laid last year with the debut of their first swing formal.

“The event last year was such a success that it wasn’t a question that another formal would happen this year,” he said. “Moreover, the Swing and Ballroom clubs at the end of last year decided to make a more conscious effort to co-exist as two clubs that catered to the same audience.”

Gaston said that after Activities Night, the two clubs met with the Student Activities Office, gath-ered decorations and found a DJ.

“There were calls to S/AO, long chats between club officers, last minute panicking, etc, etc,” he said.

Junior Emily Palid and Mike Marszowski, co-presidents of Ballroom Dance Club, said the officers from both clubs made a huge effort to make the night a success.

“I’d say Gaston deserves special thanks for coordinating between the two clubs and heading up the event,” he said. “We’d also love the thank our set up crew, especially Jen Martynowicz, Emily Palid and Paul Minutolo.”

Gaston said the Swing Club also wanted to recognize senior Andy Fotsch for his contributions, as well as the clean up crew.

“Confetti was awesome, but time consuming to clean up,” he said.

Palid, Marszowski and Gaston said they agreed the wide variety of styles in swing, classical ballroom and Latin dance meant there was something for everyone.

“The styles of ballroom and swing allow people to do so much more than just sway back and forth,” Gaston said. “Whether it’s a beautiful waltz, a dramatic tango, or a jazzy drop lining dance, allow people to expand their dancing to more music than ever thought possible.”

The club officers said there were many opportunities for students interested in learning more about the two styles of dance.

Both clubs’ representatives said they held weekly lessons, and sponsor other events as well.

“In the past we’ve had the Swing-a-thon in order to raise money for charity. At Legends there’s also ‘Swing Night’ at least once, sometimes twice, a semester,” Kincaid said. “Furthermore, we offer trips outside the South Bend area. It gives our club members a chance to see what the Swing Scene is like in other places, learn new styles and meet people from around the area.”

Kincaid said the two clubs offered students social interaction and the opportunity to learn ba-sic dancing skills.

“Mixing good dance moves, music and people together always creates something unique,” she said. “We provide a fun, fun atmosphere for people to take a break from studies and learn how to move their feet.”

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Students ‘dance in the moonlight’ at club formal

Notre Dame’s Handbell Choir performs wide range of music

By MARISA IATT
News Writer

Thursday evenings on the third floor of the Coleman-Morse Con-cen-ter, members of the Notre Dame Handbell Choir can be found meticulously perfection ing their craft in preparation for their nine performances this semester.

The choir plays at various lit-urgies at the Basilica of the Sa-red Heart and also performs in concert, Director Karen Schnei-der Kerner said. The ensemble is part of Campus Ministry and was founded in 1988.

“Primarily, we assist with music at the Basilica, so we want to help raise people’s hearts to God by our music,” she said. “It’s like making a wonderful worship experience for people who come to liturgies.”

Kerner said. The Handbell Choir performed classical and sacred music as well as pop pieces Saturday at Wash-ington Hall.

“It’s kind of a culmination of both the classical and sacred repertory we’ve worked on since the beginning of the semester, but it [included] some pieces from our new CD,” Kerner said.

She said the choir released its fourth CD, “O Holy Night,” earlier this month.

“There are five pieces that in-clude the Celebration Choir, which I also direct,” she said. “It’s music for both Advent and Christmas. So it’s something you can put on and play for your family on Christmas Eve or while eating Christmas dinner.”

Approximately 16 students play five octaves of bells, Kerner said.

“Each ringer is responsible for two diatonic notes, so, for example, a C and a D, and any sharps and flats that correspond to those notes,” she said. “The music looks very much like piano music. (The ringers) mostly focus on (the lines of music corresponding to their notes) as the music goes on, and you have to count like crazy.”

Kerner said the team is re-quired to prepare for every piece.

“One thing that is kind of amaz-ing is to get so many people to-gether to play one piece and give it coherence,” she said. “It would be like having 16 people playing a single piece and having 16 people try to play it and make it seem like one piece of mu-sic.”

Handbell Choir president, soph-o-more Michael Vella, agreed the level of teamwork necessary to play bells is unique.

“Everyone works together as a team to make the music... every single member of the choir needs to master their part to succeed,” he said. “Playing bells is easy in a way. All you really need to be able to do is to read music. But at the same time, it takes years to master how to make the tone of the bell sound exactly how it should.”

Fifth year senior and choir member Chris Cato learned the visual aspect of a handbell per-formance greatly enhances the experience.

“You get to see us ringing and switching the bells,” he said. “Not only do you get to hear the song, you get to see it, too. People arealways amazed by the different sounds that handbell techniques can create. Seeing and hearing people’s surprise … is one of the most rewarding parts of our per-formances.”

Suphomore Angelica Martinez said she was inspired to continue learning how to play the handbells when she came to Notre Dame.

“I started playing handbells my junior year of high school, but it was only for a year because there was not enough interest at my high school, so when I found out that Notre Dame had a handbell choir, I was really excited,” she said. “I remember in middle school watching my sister’s handbell choir perform... it sounded so magical, words cannot describe.”
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minute of silence was observed. University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh spoke at a memorial service Friday evening and said he considers the ROTC cadets and midshipmen at Notre Dame the "best of the best."

"No group here at Notre Dame fills me with greater pride than the group that stands here before me," Hesburgh said. "There is no way on earth that I can thank you for your dedication to God and Country."

One of his proudest accomplishments as president of the University, Hesburgh said, was overseeing the building of the War Memorial.

Hesburgh said he is proud of what these cadets and midshipmen are doing for the United States.

"All I can say is you come from a great tradition," he said. "I am so proud of all of you and what you are doing with your lives that I have a hard time keeping the tears back."

John Hargrove, a Notre Dame alumnus and Vietnam War veteran, was visiting the area and came to campus to remember his friends.

"I lost a few friends and classmates in Vietnam and I wanted to come today to pay my respects," he said.

Former Indiana Governor and 1968 Notre Dame graduate Joe Kernan said he was honored to speak on campus on Veteran's Day. Kernan is a veteran of the Vietnam War and spent 11 months as a prisoner of war after his plane was shot down over North Vietnam.

"This is a day of remembering and reflecting," he said. "I think all of us in this time reflect upon members of our family."

Kernan said his father, grandfather and uncles all served in the armed forces and that is he does not reflect on his own service on Veteran's Day, but rather the service of family members.

"I don't think about it as it pertains to me, I think about how it pertains to my friends and family who served," he said. "I think about my friends and colleagues who didn't come home. It's like Memorial Day, time to think about them."

Kernan told the story of three different servicemen: John Herringer Jr., Robin Yackley and Mike McCormick, who were all killed in service and missing in action.

Their remains were eventually recovered by the United States Armed Forces. Kernan said. Herringer was killed during World War II and both Yackley and McCormick lost their lives in Vietnam, he said.

"The reason that they came home is because our government cares," Kernan said. "Our military cares, and not only cares, but is willing to make the commitment to do whatever is necessary to make sure our men and women come back home. To not leave anyone on the field, to not let them be forgotten."

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South Bend community members compete in the Playing for Peace tournament on Saturday to promote peace in South Sudan.

"Join our voices with their voices and our hearts with their hearts in a plea for peace," Abromatis and Brooks said in unison.

During the rally, Carroll played a video update from Catholic Relief Services on the situation in Sudan. In the video, Bishop Eduardo Hilboro Kassala of the Diocese of Tom-bura-Yambio in South Sudan described the precarious state of the country.

"We do not want a return to war," Kassala said. "We are at a fragile first stage. We need your prayers, we need your voice, not only before God but before your government officials."

Ring Agwick, a University employee who emigrated from South Sudan to South Bend, also spoke to students and thanked them for their continued support.

Agwick said the Sudanese people would be touched to witness a crowd speaking out on their behalf.

"If not for you guys and your country, there wouldn't be no country called South Sudan today," he said. "We're really fortunate for what you have been doing."

Kevin Dugan, manager of youth and community programs for the athletic department, said the tournament and rally were intended as a follow-up to last year's Playing for Peace events.

Dugan said the purpose of the day was to update the students on current Playing for Peace events, such as Dugan's summer trip to Sudan, and also to call attention to the current situation in the country.

"South Sudan is now a free and independent country but there's a tremendous amount of violence taking place along the borders," he said. "We want to make everyone aware that we need to stay with Sudan."

The men's lacrosse team, who helped spearhead the initial Playing for Peace tournament and rally, has continued to be involved with this year's events. Freshman lacrosse player John Scioscia said the initiative is a great way for the entire campus, as well as the South Bend community, to develop connections.

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Carroll said Playing for Peace has already begun planning events for the spring, including a lacrosse tournament and a basketball tournament for community members that will take place at the Martin Luther King Center in South Bend.

The tagline this year is ‘From South Bend to South Sudan’ so that’s the goal, to keep holding events that help both Sudan and our community,” she said.

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support for Notre Dame.

“There was a big Irish presence, and it was really good to have such a contingent there from Notre Dame,” he said.

Junior Mike Dobrovic said Saturday’s game was comparable to last year’s game against Army at Yankee Stadium because both games were played in neutral territory.

“Both games had great energy, and the team wearing the green jerseys pumps people up a lot,” he said. “It probably wasn’t as special as Yankee Stadium, though, because that was sort of a special event, it being in a baseball stadium.”

Mitchell said he was pleased with the final score.

“We killed them,” he said. “We just dominated the entire time. It was really great to see Notre Dame beating the teams that we should be beating and doing it with some swagger.”

Beglane said he was also happy with how the Irish played Saturday.

“The football was great,” he said. “I’m always kind of worried with us, but it was definitely a strong showing. It’s kind of nice to have a game where you’re not freaking out the whole time.”

Gilbert agreed.

“It was good to see them come out with such a convincing win, and they definitely had the support of the fans,” he said.

Gilbert said the festivities surrounding the game extended outside of Landover, Md., where FedEx Field is located. There were many tailgates outside of FedEx Field, and the Band of the Fighting Irish performed on the steps of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.

“We were up in Baltimore over the weekend, and there were Irish fans there as well.” Gilbert said.

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Leprechaun Mike George pumps up the crowd at FedEx Field on Saturday. Notre Dame students were part of a large Irish presence at FedEx Field in Landover, Md.
U.S. supports plan to form Pacific free trade bloc

Associated Press

KAPOLEI, Hawaii — A U.S.-backed plan to forge a Pacific free trade bloc got a big boost Sunday when seven nations of Canada and Mexico joined Japan in expressing support for a deal that has received a cool reception from China, the region's rising power.

The news was a coup for President Barack Obama, who made promoting the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, one of his top priorities for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit being held in his home state of Hawaii. It comes after Japan, the world's third-largest economy, said Friday that it wants to join the nine nations already involved in talks on what has been dubbed the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

The halyard weather for the annual APEC gathering at a resort on the west side of the Hawaiian island of Oahu contrasted with deepening pessimism over the economic outlook as the leaders sat down for a day of talks on how to spur growth and create new markets. The region is on the brink of recession, Asia's vital role as a driver of global growth has gained even greater urgency.

President Barack Obama said he has a hunch that the agreement would be on course to overcome the U.S. as the world's biggest economy, which has appeared reluctant to endorse the Pacific trade pact, likely wary of being drawn into what has become a U.S.-led initiative that is pushing the traditional sphere of influence in Asia. China also has commitments to revise free trade agreements in East and Southeast Asia.

The TPP, which now includes only four smaller, relatively affluent economies — Chile, New Zealand, Singapore and Brunei — but the U.S., Australia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Peru are negotiating to join.

The TPP is seen as a way to break through bottlenecks and open new business opportunities. Many in APEC see the emerging deal as a building block for a free trade area that eventually encompassed the entire Pacific — covering half of the world's commerce and two-fifths of its trade.

Northwest region adapts from Cold War economy

JAKIMA, Washington — In a remote corner of the Pacific Northwest, World War II weapons production and storage at a Washington military site that continued through the Cold War. The region flourished even as efforts shifted toward clean up and disposal of chemical agents and radioactive waste.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Thanks and giving**

It finally happened ... the first South Bend snow of the season, and with the snow came the Christmas music, holiday cards and happy giving!

Driving down Grape Road and having lunch with friends, I met with my “Happy Holidays” and “Season’s Greetings” fiend. He makes me smile, but also makes me question, “Aren’t we forgetting something?”

Oh right, Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving, the better-known, uniquely American holiday (heck, let’s face it, Hal-loween seemed to be left out in the cold this year).

Yet in my book, Thanksgiving is a holiday that simply cannot be overlooked. It is the ultimate great-gift-giving event to the Christmas season. It offers strength training and teaches endurance. Just imagine how much of a piece we train ourselves to eat before we get sick. How many times in one dinner do we take a bite of pie with whipped cream so the pie virtually disappears on the plate (yes). Or, how much turkey can we eat before the Tryphonian gods to us and we pass out for the annual Thanksgiving nap? (I’m right for four slices.)

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Fanny Demarcation Line**

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

Thank you very much for your Letter to the Editor on Nov. 9 in response to the sickening disregard of fashion that was in Notre Dame Style Spotter on Nov. 8. As one of Fashion Magazine’s “Top 10 Most Stylish Campuses” (1992), it is the responsibility of our entire campus community to fight the good fight and reassure the nation that such disgraces as Mr. Denue’s attire are not representative of our student body as a whole.

Mr. Denue, your fashion sense is an abhorrence to the rest of us reasonable, snake-skin wearing students who do our best to make Our Lady proud. Your lack of color schematics and your insistence on wearing socks with your boat shoes (thank heavens, at least they were Sperry) is truly embarrassing. Take a bigger picture approach to this: think about the male psyche. Think about thinking about the male and female psyches. What would Ryan Seacrest think about the way in which your brightly hued waist-pouch, regardless of its incredible convenience and practicality, threatens to undo the very fabric of our University? Can you stop for a moment and just think about what a campus-wide fanny pack epidemic would look like? Mr. Fitzgerald, I wholeheartedly agree with you. Though short shorts may be making reappearances, and though people wear socks with their Adidas and Nike sandals all of the time, we must not allow this FDL (Fanny Demarcation Line) to be crossed.

But, let’s end on a positive note. At least his mustard was in tip-top shape. It would be a shame if he dressed in such a fashion without a good lip-lan ket.

Partners in Fashion,

Thom Keeney
sophomore
off campus
Nov. 10

Nick Walsh
senior
off campus
Nov. 10

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

*“To be a book-collector is to combine the worst characteristics of a dope fiend with those of a miser.”*

— Robertson Davies

Canadian novelist and critic

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**WEEKLY POLL**

Would you wear a Fanny pack?

Of course.
Of course not.
Only if it’s the latest trend.
This shouldn’t be a question.

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

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**Dee Tian**

Confessions of a Christian Party Girl

It seems now-a-days, everywhere we turn we see or hear of suffering and evil. I am filled with disgust and anger as I read the grand jury’s report of the Penn State scandal. I am confused and hurt. I want to feel the love and friendship and family hardships that seem unfair. How could an all-loving God allow these things to happen?

I don’t pretend to have an answer for Mackie’s Problem of Evil, nor do I know how to reconcile humans being’s free will and God’s omniscience (after all, philosophers and theologians much smarter than I have debated these for decades, to no avail).

However, in the risk of sounding cliché, I am a firm believer that everything happens for a reason. Our God is not one of randomness and indifference, he has a plan for each of us, and the purpose we serve is one greater than we can wrap our minds around.

As a high school senior, I had a 3.9 GPA, was VP of many important extracurricular clubs and volunteered in community service regularly. As any truly only a high schooler, I rarely failed at anything. I applied to only Ivy League colleges and “reach schools” (my academic counselor was not pleased).

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What are you worth?

First and foremost, are you relatively symmetrical?

Do you have looks, then at least tell me have you wit.

What about an education from a reputable institution?

What about money?

Did you check anything off, I’m afraid you’re not worth much to society.

Congratulations, however, to those who are still on the right track: Having one or more of these qualities will certainly help you in your life-long quest for social mobility. Let us further assess your market price.

If you looked good today, you probably held your head high and walked with purpose. If you looked like you just rolled out of bed, or you missed being well put to yourself in the spotlight, if you donned something expensive, you might have felt more self-confident.

Did you say something astute in class today that warranted an approving nod from several students or the professor? What about in passing conversation? Did you uphold your end on small talk and display your wit?

Hopefully you did, because otherwise you would appear stupid, uninteresting or even worse, socially gauche.

If you are experiencing inner turmoil because you are struggling to choose between what really want to major in and what society will take seriously, then you are not alone. It’s only natural to want the rest of the world to take your degree seriously — especially high-paying employers. You will be poor and illegitimate if you do not meet these expectations.

Quite obviously, meeting the status quo of appearance, knowledge, profession and wealth is critical if you want to amount to anything in this world.

These are the factors that sum up our self-worth and make up our value system. Within a society that revalues the beautiful, the rich, the professional and the powerful, those who violate the protocol required for respect are stripped of not only credibility, but also prestige.

It is this value system that, in part, serves to explain why so many — including undergraduate students — don’t see the workers that complete all the tasks that they would never do. This is why these janitors feel less worthy than professionals.” This is why certain groups experience explicit or subliminal discrimination. This is why those who cannot afford to dress expensively feel less confident than those who can, and why those who do not follow the same eroded path toward the standard definition of success are considered social failures.

Evidently, we don’t define how we perceive ourselves — everyone else does. It is the rest of the world’s perception of us that holds weight. Who we are in other people’s eyes determines our self-worth. We define our place, then, according to this perception.

The higher up the hierarchy one is in terms of appearance, wealth, profession, or any other factor society uses as a tool for discrimination, the greater the amount of “dignity,” “honor” and “value” granted to the individual holding that position. The higher up one is, the more one can look down on the inferior below. Conversely, the lower down one is, the less one feels deserving of the dignity and respect accorded to those above. We jump through hoops built by others in a nonsensical frenzy to meet protocols, in hopes of earning respect from the rest of the world.

What can we take away from this? If we ever catch ourselves trying to prove that we are better than someone else, justifying why someone is better than us, or judging if someone is worth our attention, we need to take a step back and reassess.

By looking at ourselves through the eyes of others or judging others based on this value system, we undermine dignity, value and diversity. This compels the indigenous dignity in every person and his or her contribution to the world.

This devalues what is truly essential to being a good person and living a fulfilling life. This perpetuates a system in which “diversity” is only skin-deep and acts simply as a marketing tactic. Real diversity is individuality.

The phrase “you are your own worst critic” is not always true since every one else is the worse critic whom we perpetually seek to please. In the end, personal attributes, dreams and hopes are worth more than fulfilling others’ expectations. By actively defining ourselves and our worth, we can begin to embrace differences both within ourselves and within others.

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In defense of Fanny packs

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

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Kelly James
Senior
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Nov. 14

A cautionary tale

Tonight my most meaningful class, a discernment seminar, ended, so I feel I should write something about my chosen path so far. This is not simply a self-indulgent piece about the beautiful journey (or marathon/box of chocolates/insert cliché here) of life. This is a cautionary tale.

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Letters to the Editor

Christie isn’t helping
taxes, but that is another issue.) However, he has cut aid unevenly, slashing court-mandated aid to poorer urban districts, while allowing smaller cuts to wealthy suburban enclaves. Lashing out at the state’s Superior Court, the governor has ousted certain members of the court, which could lessen its willingness to challenge him. The administration bungled its Race to the Top application, foregoing a chance for $400 million. Typically, Christie passed the buck to his Education Commissioner, then angrily asserting that he did nothing wrong.

Larry Lyons, senior
Lyons Hall
Nov. 10

I didn’t see much of a difference in the Brick Towers and the library. However, I did see more people walking around and the place being less quiet.

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Fate, and constantly pestering my parents, I would end up in the middle of a European tour when the seventh and final “Harry Potter” book was released. I guess there was a bit of a pause when I realized those two dates coincided. Not that I had any intention of missing out, to say, cancel my trip to Europe, but enough to develop an uncomfortable feeling in the pit of my stomach.

It wasn’t just the last time a Harry Potter book would come out. It was the last time I would go to get the book with my brothers, the last time I would be reading new material for the first time, the last time my middle brother would try to ruin things for me by telling me to stop reading new material for the first time with reminders of the things I learned (and those truths will always be my eighth book).

I wondered vaguely if in a few years I would look back on that day that I read Harry Potter instead of taking in Europe and remember it as a waste and disappointment. At the time, I think maybe as much of it as I finished the book in less than seven hours.

Five years later, I don’t regret it. If there was something I regretted about that summer it was missing the last book release with my brothers, although I did like Europe very much. Some might say it’s crazy, but it’s hard to experience all the experiences against one another — they were both important for vastly different reasons.

I do remember feeling that I closed the book because I felt it again recently. I reread the entire series this summer in fast succession. I hadn’t really read the final book, I didn’t know what to do with myself exactly. There had always been another book to look forward to, another day to anticipate and count down to.

I still felt the emptiness because I realized that this was the end of my unconventional childhood. I didn’t like that I would be eagerly looking to toward the next adventure and realize it wasn’t coming. Without deciding to, I shelved Harry and focused on the real friends I had created by 16.

When I started reading this summer, it was more of a homage to my childhood as the movies wrapped up a real desire to revisit the powerful feelings I had struggled through in my original readings of the books. Regardless of my intentions, I discovered many of the same truths again, including what it felt like to turn the final page. That feeling was just as hard for me this time around. I had the same strong wish for an eighth book (I don’t know about this Pottermore thing coming out).

There was something different this time around though. Maybe it was maturity that made me see the door on Harry Potter the wrong way. But I had thought if I didn’t revisit Harry, I wouldn’t miss him.

The thing is, I took real truths from the books when I needed them as a kid, and this summer, I found that I had forgotten some of those very lessons. The books, while not new, were there to be rediscovered by me. The change still existed. A reread can always take me to the place I once needed and send me away with an upgraded list for the things I learned for myself there — and those truths will always be my eighth book.

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The first question is DVD or Blu-Ray. In no real surprise, the image and quality of the Blu-Ray version of the film is much better — but it’s the wrong question, this year. You may have the Blu-Ray, a DVD copy, a downloadable version and all of the special features except for for “When Harry Left Hogwarts.”

If you love the special features, though, spring for the Blu-Ray. You can get the three-disc combo pack with just the deleted scenes or you can step up for the three-disc combo pack with the Blu-Ray, a DVD copy, a downloadable version and all of the special features. This version is available almost everywhere.

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In everything it does, Notre Dame loves being a campus of “firsts.” This week the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre (FTT) will present the first workshop production of Anne García-Romero’s newest play “Provenance,” giving the Notre Dame community a chance to be its first audience.

“Provenance” is about two sisters who receive a stolen painting that was made by their Mexican great-grandfather and the challenge they face in deciding whether or not to keep it.

The script was inspired by the life and art of Mexican artist Martín Ramírez. García-Romero came across an exhibition of his work in New México-Romero said that often do not receive much exposure at Notre Dame. Caitlin Finn, who plays Cindy Jacobs, said she has enjoyed being involved in the play. “Provenance” is an especially intimate piece and deals with race and culture in ways I haven’t seen done before in my time here,” she said.

Each cast and crew member brings personal experiences to this performance, enriching the show’s first workshop with their own touches. “Provenance” has brought together faculty, undergraduates, international students and graduate members of the Notre Dame community—a mix that you would be hard-pressed to find in another show on campus.

The production process for this show has also been unique, with script changes occurring until the beginning of this month. “There has definitely been a lot more research involved in this show than any other one I’ve done before,” Nunez said.

The actors have clearly enjoyed engaging with a new work and developing it with the guidance of its writer. “I love [García-Romero’s] ability to temper genuine human experience with just the right amount of magical alchemy,” said “Provenance” star Charlie O’Leary, the production’s dramaturg. Charlie said his favorite part of the process has been the novelty of the play. “I think it’s really exciting that we are the first group of people to see this brand new piece of theatre,” he said. “The process of working on a new play is especially interesting because the script is a semi-malleable document that everyone involved has a hand in shaping.”

Nunez said all of the hard work has been rewarding. “Knowing that I am the first person to play this character is also really exciting and has really made me think about who I want this character to be,” she said. “Working with García-Romero makes me feel confident that the play is being produced the way that the playwright intended, which is something I’ve never had the chance to know.”

Sophomore Natalie Cuevas, who plays Ramon Martinez, said the characters are very relatable. “There are so many different things that the characters go through that I think everyone can relate to in some way,” she said. “It’s very personal and because of that, one of the most touching and intimate shows I’ve ever done.”

In addition to this week’s performances of “Provenance,” the Department is presenting a free conference Thursday. The “Latina Theatre Today: New Voices Conference” will feature two panels of leading scholars, performers and writers discussing contemporary development of Latina theater and 21st century Latina playwrights. Students who attend the conference will receive a complimentary ticket to Thursday night’s performance.

“Provenance,” written by Anne García-Romero and directed by Kevin Dreyer, runs Nov. 16-20 in the Philbin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are $5 and general admission is $10. Tickets can be purchased at performingarts.nd.edu or at the DPAC box office. The “Latina Theatre Today: New Voices Conference” will be held on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in McKenna Hall, Room 210. More information can be found at ftt.nd.edu.

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to keep shooting. With Tim being out, I felt like I had to step up and score a little more than I would usually.”

“The Irish started off hot, putting together a 10-2 run in the first four minutes of the game. At the 16-minute mark, Atkins severely crossed over his defender before splitting two defenders and finishing with a nifty finger roll at the basket, drawing a large outburst from the crowd.

“This group is still trying to find itself and I thought we had a bunch of different guys who stepped up for us,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “I thought Eric was a man and he sensed what he needed to do. Overall, I thought we were searching for that offensive rhythm at times and he found that he had to do some things sometimes and he did. Just his overall demeanor was key for us and maybe that is the benefit of having [Abromaitis] out is that he has to do that even more so this week to speed up the leadership, [process] for him.”

Despite a quick comeback from the Delta Devils that gave them a 16-15 advantage, the Irish took the lead for good with just under 10 minutes left in the first half. Sophomore guard Jerian Grant sparked the Irish late in the first half, scoring eight of his 11 total points while fifth-year forward Scott Martin struggled from the field despite scoring a quiet 15 points. Junior guard Joey Brook also provided an unexpected offensive boost for the Irish with eight points in the second half.

“From the first exhibition, it’s amazing the improvement [Grant made] and that is what excites me about our team,” Brey said. “At times he carried us and he had a few big-time plays for us. And Joey was fabulous. He made big defensive plays and he took his shots at the right time. His overall game was flowing.”

Notre Dame sealed the game with a 22-7 run late in the second half after the Delta Devils came within two points with 10:36 left in the game. Sparks flew with 6:12 left in the game when Mississippi Valley State coach Sean Woods was ejected after arguing a blocking call and throwing his jacket into the second row behind the Delta Devils’ bench. Atkins proceeded to sink four-straight free throws, contributing to the 24 free throws made by the Irish throughout the course of the game.

The Irish, meanwhile, will have a quick turnaround with three games in five days, starting with a veteran Detroit team Monday night led by upstart sophomore guard Ray McCallum Jr.

“This is a Big East game [on Monday], I tell our guys,” Brey said. “I thought [on Saturday] our fans were great and our students were great. But I really hope on Monday night, as much as we delivered, it looks more like the last time we played here on a Monday night against Villanova. We really need the place to be electric and we need the help of our sixth man to beat Detroit. They are old, they have played together and they are physical. This is their year to get the [NCAA] bid.”

Notre Dame will take on the Titans (1-0) at 9 p.m. tonight at the Purcell Pavilion in a game that will be televised on ESPNU.
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national championship game. Notre Dame struggled in the game's first half, as sloppy play and missed shots resulted in the Irish falling behind early.

“I think we were a little overzealous at times and were running,” senior guard Skyler Diggins said. “We were so excited, and knew this was our first game after losing our last game. I think we were trying to win, but we didn’t finish on the course. It’s a learning experience.”

The Irish recovered quickly and embarked on a 21-4 run with 11:39 remaining. Diggins, who overall notched eight assists on the night and poured in 21 points. Even when Notre Dame did not. Notre Dame scored 29 steals, the second most in team history, and forced the Zips (0-1) into 46 turnovers. The defensive charge was led by senior guard Frederica Miller, who snagged a career-high seven steals.

“You can try to simulate Notre Dame’s pressure and their height and length in practice, but you can’t even come close to doing that,” Zips coach Jodi Kest said.

However, the Irish turned the ball over 27 times themselves, making it hard to convert steals into points. Irish coach Muffett McGraw said.

“T h a t ’ s what we talked about at halftime. We’re forcing the turnovers, but we weren’t capitalizing on their mistakes. I thought we could have done it a little better job … We just seemed out of sync.”

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Hold scoreless in the first half, the Irish were then tasked with keeping Illinois off the board in the second half. That strategy failed just five minutes after the break.

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Down a goal, with the wind in their face and potentially 40 minutes away from the end of their season, the Irish cranked up their level of play to try and get an equalizer. Waldrum pulled out a defender and went into an aggressive 3-4-3 formation, which created some chances for the offense, but also forced Fox to make a number of diving saves to keep Notre Dame alive.

“We just needed the goal,” Waldrum said. “Once they scored, it didn’t matter if we lost 5-0, we needed to get the goal. That’s why we went to three backs. We tried to push another player forward and hope we could create something. When we went to that, we knew we were going to be exposed, and Maddie kept us in it. She did her part, the rest of us just don’t do our part. She was outstanding today.”

In the end though, the Illini were able to hold on to the final buzzer, with the one breakthrough just enough to send them to Oklahoma City for the Round of 32. For the Irish, it was another instance of coming so close and having periods of brilliance end in disappointment.

“It’s kind of been the tale of our season this year,” Waldrum said. “We’ve been very up-and-down and again it was a day like that. I don’t think we created enough offensively all day. To be honest, whether we had the wind or we didn’t. It’s sad to have to play an important game like this in the field conditions that it was, but it’s not an excuse for us losing because both teams had to play with it and against it. We just weren’t good enough on the day.”

With the season ending loss, the team now can both look back to one of the best four-year runs in school history, and begin to look forward to another very talented and experienced squad returning next year.

“You always hate to lose a senior class, and like I told them, I’m really proud of what they’ve accomplished.”

Randy Waldrum
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Irish fall in dual meet to Louisville

Observer Staff Report

The Irish opened the season 3-1, with their only loss coming at the hands of nationally ranked Auburn. Since then, Notre Dame has dropped two dual meets to conference opponents to bring its record to 5-0.

On Saturday, Louisville topped the Irish 188-112, winning 10 of the 16 events. For the first time this season, Notre Dame (3-3) failed to claim victory in either the one-meter or three-meter diving. Junior Jenny Chiang took second in both events. Freshman Emma Beaney led the Irish effort, taking first in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley, while swimming on the first-place 400-yard freestyle relay team.

Senior Amy Prestinario won the 100-yard freestyle in 50.80, while sophomore Kelly Ryan clocked in at 1:51.05 to win the 200-yard freestyle, rounding out Notre Dame’s first-place finishes.

Louisville (3-1), like Notre Dame, benefited from the play of its freshmen. The Cardinals’ rookie swimmers accounted for four victories at the meet.

The Irish will take a break from competition for the remainder of November before heading to the Ohio State Invitational in Columbus, Ohio. The three-day meet begins Dec. 2.
Underclassmen gain experience in final fall matches

By VICKY JACOBSEN
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The Irish concluded their fall season with a partial squad at the 2011 Dick Vitale Intercollegiate Clay Court Classic in Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

“I think it was a great way to finish up the season because it was a fun, relaxed tournament, but still had a competitive edge,” sophomore Johanna Manningham said.

Sophomore Brinley Sanders, the No. 4-seed, had the best showing of the weekend for the Irish. After a first-round bye, she defeated Yana Mavrina, a sophomore from Temple, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3). In the quarterfinals she fell, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4, to Memphis senior Mariya Slupska, who went on to defeat her own teammate, junior Courtney Collins, for the singles title.

Freshman Katherine White also had a first-round bye, but despite winning the first set she lost the match, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5, to Sarah Toti, a freshman from Tennessee. She dropped her consolation match to Mississippi State freshman Petra Feranovcova, 6-2, 3-6, 10-6.

Manningham beat Temple senior Paola Calderon by a score of 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 in the first round, but was defeated by fresclman M e g h a n Blevins of Oklahoma State 6-3, 6-2 in her next round.

The competition was very fun and it was a great experience to have an outdoors tournament,” Manningham said. "NCAAs in the spring is outdoors, but unfortunately we spend most of our season indoors, so it was good to get some more experience.

Sophomore Julie Sabaciniski faced Memphis sophomore Stefanie Mikes in the first round, losing 6-2, 6-1. She won the first set of her consolation match 6-3 and moved on to the next round when her opponent, Mississippi State sophomore Rose Line Dion, retired. Sabacinski forced a third set but lost her next match to Marvina, 7-6, 3-6, 10-4.

“It was a good tournament,” Sabacinski said. “I would have liked to have had a better tournament (performance-wise), but it was a nice tournament to end the fall with and it was fun and nice weather.

The Irish also had to adjust to playing on clay after competing on hard courts all fall. “It was a good experience, I think it was a great way to finish up the season, but I think once we started playing we were fine.”

The Irish have completed the fall half of their schedule, which is usually used to tune up for the more team-oriented spring season. “We got to play a lot of matches which is really what we all needed in the end,” Sabacinski said. “I think it was best for all of us.”

The Irish won’t head into competition again until next semester, when they face Cincinnati at home Jan. 21.

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Saint Mary’s showed no signs of fatigue despite competing in two meets the previous weekend and enduring several strenuous practices. “It’s been a pretty hard week for us training wise,” Belles coach Mark Benishek said. “It was a tough week on the girls if you would ask them.”

Belles senior captains appeared to thrive under the strenuous training conditions as they accounted for eight of the 12 first-place finishes and swam in both of the winning relays.

Megan Price swept the distance freestyle events, winning the 1,000-yard free in 11:33.98 and the 500-yard free in 5:37.32.

Jane Grady won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:28.41.

Audrey Dalrymple swept the sprint freestyle events, winning the 100- and 200-yard events in 1:04.36 and 2:03.86, respectively. She also took the 100-yard butterfly, finishing in 1:04.36.

Freshman Anna Nolan and junior Genevieve Spittler accounted for the other two individual wins. Nolan finished first in the 50-yard free in 26.74 and Spittler won the 200-yard butterfly in 2:08.41.

The Belles also dominated the relays. Nolan and Dalrymple teamed up with junior Kristyn Gerbeth and sophomore Sarah Thompson to win the 200-yard medley relay in 1:59.60, while Price, Gerbeth, Nolan and senior Katie Donovan won the 200-yard freestyle in 2:05.71.

The Belles are already looking forward to future invites. “We’re still kind of building up for the two large invites we have coming up here at the beginning of Thanksgiving Break,” Benishek said.

The Belles will return to the pool for the Wahab Invitational in Crawfordsville, Ind. at 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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After concluding its conference season two weeks ago, Saint Mary’s ended the year at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional on Saturday.

The Belles beat out three conference schools on their way to a 22nd-place finish overall despite finishing just seventh out of nine MIAA teams in the final conference standings. MIAA foes Kalamazoo, Trine and Olivet finished behind Saint Mary’s at the event.

Senior captain Joanne Almond finished her stellar season with another personal best. She finished 53rd overall and cracked the 23-minute mark for the first time in her career on a six-kilometer course. Almond finished in 22:58.91 to earn 52 points for the Belles.

Juniors Julia Kenney and Emma Barker crossed the line within seconds of each other, finishing 110th and 111th respectively. Kenney clocked in at 23:40.40, while Barker finished in 23:43.61, good enough for 98th.

Junior Angel Nebosny and junior captain Sarah Copi rounded out the top five for the Belles. Nebosny’s time of 24:31.33 marked a new personal record. Copi finished seconds behind her own personal best, clocking in at 25:12.56.

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Irish struggle against powerhouse Louisville, fall on the road

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The inexperienced Irish struggled on the road against Louisville and fell to the defending Big East champions 191-109 Saturday. Notre Dame, which lost to the Cardinals at Ralph Wright Natatorium marks its worst loss of the season and third loss overall.

Irish swimmer and co-captain Marshall Sherman said he could sense a lack of energy among his teammates early on in the meet.

"Obviously, we have a lot of work to do. We had a few people step up throughout the meet, but we need everybody to step up and swim to the best of their abilities whenever they can," he said. "I don’t want to say people started off sluggish, but they didn’t start off very well and took the energy out of us. It’s something to consider for the future, to not really let it determine the outcome of the whole meet."

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Louisville sophomore Cameron Miller and Chris Johnson, can try and out hustle them toward the end of the season — that’d be a huge boost for us."

Prior to Saturday’s meet, Irish coach Tim Welsh said he was not looking for career-bests against the defending Big East champions, but he wanted to see progress from each swimmer.

Despite the loss, Sherman said he saw an improved Irish squad against Louisville.

"There were season-best times not career-bests. We had a few great swims out of people. Some people who won events for us were great. Some people were just swimming for themselves and the team, which is great to see heading into our Iowa meet."

Irish sophomore freestyle swimmer Frank Dyer picked up gold medals in the 50 and 500-yard freestyle races, and freshman diver Michael Kraft added two first-place finishes in the one and three-meter dive events.

The 400-yard Notre Dame freestyle relay team of Dyer, freshman Zach Stephens, and juniors Kevin Overholt and John McGinley finished second, just over two seconds behind the Cardinals (3:1).

However, a less than satisfying overall showing against the team’s biggest out-of-state rival left the Irish with a bitter taste in their mouths.

"There is no question that Louisville is a power house, and with the talent they have and continue to bring in each year, they will be for a long time," Dyer said. "That being said, there is no reason that we can’t give them a run for their money when February rolls around if we continue to focus throughout the rest of the season and train to win."

Notre Dame will have another opportunity to face the Cardinals, when the two schools meet at the Big East Championships in February in Pittsburgh.

"We are very optimistic," Dyer said. "A lot of guys have not reached their in-season potential yet and are possibly waiting for that breakout swim to get them going, but I think everyone is still very focused. We will be able to rebound from this loss and have a chip on our shoulder the next time we race Louisville."

The Irish will return to action on Dec. 2 at the Iowa Invitational.
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kneeling given at the 12:11 mark of the third period. Though the VanDooks did not score on that power play, Johns was happy to produce the game-winning goal after putting his team in a difficult situation.

“Taking a five-minute major is obviously something I don’t want to do,” Johns said. “But that’s what this team’s about. One guy makes a mistake and 26 guys have my back.”

Though the goal from Johns was the only one in the third period, the Irish responded strongly, finishing the period with 16 saves. Alaska and Notre Dame combined for seven goals in that period — including a hat trick by Alaska sophomore center Cody Kuhn, which frustrated Irish coach Jeff Jackson.

“I thought we played a much better game [on Saturday]. We really did a great job with the puck,” said Jackson.

Sophomore goaltender Steven Summerhays replaced junior starting goaltender Mike Voran in the third period. During the intermission because of a rough outing for Voran and the need for a defensive spark, Jackson said Summerhays responded well. “Taking a five-minute major is something I don’t want to do. But that’s what this team’s about. One guy makes a mistake and 26 guys have my back.”

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Sophomore defensemen Stephen Johns looks for the puck during the Irish’s 5-2 over RPI on Oct. 21. Johns scored the game-winning goal against Alaska on Saturday.

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Rowing

Irish end fall season with scrimmage

By CORY BERNARD
Sport Writer

After having their scrimmage against Indiana cancelled last weekend, the Irish finally got back to action Sunday afternoon in their final competition of the fall season.

Notre Dame raced in a scrimmage against Big Ten schools Ohio State and Indiana on the Griggs Reservoir in Columbus, Ohio. Rowing is one of the informal setting, no official results were published, however, the Buckeyes, who finished last season No. 8 in the country, took first in the 5K with a time of 15 minutes and 10 seconds. Ohio State placed second and Indiana came in third. Despite being robbed of one of its opportunities to race, Notre Dame will enter the offseason with knowledge on how to improve. Stone said. He said each individual must work on specific aspects of their fitness in order to continue improving into the second half of the season.

“Each student-athlete needs something different,” Stone said. “Some need to be more aerobically fit, some need more power and raw strength. Each will have their own plan between now and when we get back to the water. We’ll be conducting some assessments this week to see how much everyone has improved since we began in August. Everyone will get feedback on what each person should do to improve.”

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- If you build a solid base of good friends and standards, you will top the rewards you achieve. I'll be glad to see it. And you will come to some agreement with someone you want on a team. Who can help you in a dream to do something you have never done. Your standards are 1, 5, 10, 20, 45, 47.
- Getting together with friends, relatives or neighbors will lead to increasing discussions that will help you make a decision that is better for you. Love is heightened, and showing devotion will influence a relationship that back years in the past.
- You'll be able to improve your lifestyle by making a few changes that will help you see your financial future. Wealth will play a role in your personal pursuits you enjoy. An interesting way to the way you may use your living will come to play.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20):

You will be feeling very good about yourself. You will receive a number who has something you want or need from you. Trust your friends or love will lead to decisions that will allow positive changes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

No one will understand what you are trying to accomplish. Don't let influence change your course or stop on your moving forward. If you are honest about your dreams and motivations, you will get help and understanding you will.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22):

A chance to do something different is within reach. A new philosophy or view of life will help you mobilize your forces, and you will see your life others. Love is heightened, and sharing your thoughts through events special will bring good results.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22):

Keep busy, be observant and give the people love the benefits of the doubt. A change in scenery will do you good and help you put your personal situation in perspective. Good things come to those who wait. Challenge yourself physically.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22):

You will enjoy the company of others and should decide now to share your thoughts with people who are coming under a circumstance. Attaining a noble goal or an event that can provide you awareness and help you find out about a problem will be accomplished.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21):

Don't give too many things to someone else. It's better to leave you until you're surrounded. By sharing it, you can provide those to make your personal scene better and earn the confidence of someone that you can share.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21):

Don't get yourself in someone else's light. Try to find what you'll be surrounded. By sharing it, you can provide those to make your personal scene better and earn the confidence of someone that you can share.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19):

You must not be able to tell a number of information to move forward with something that is coming. Before you make plans, remove any plans you will leave with a way to let it for you. If their are ever changes to that you have it.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18):

Your anxiety will come to make a move. Love should be incorporated into your life. Friends new and old will play an important role in your life with regard to a change you may make. Use imagination.

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20):

No one will agree with you. Before you make a plan, you'll be wise to listen to others. It may be that some of the way you you will need an opinion to change your path.

Birthday Trivia: You're not original, quick visit a shameful commotion.

THE CROSSWORD


WILL SHORTZ


Answer to previous puzzle

THE WEDDING CAKE

CRISP EMAC TELLED
LECHE NAIL ERASE
LULL COPPER PAINED
CHASM CRATE
HONEYEMERGENCE
ETLITIDO
AQUITO
DINOC
PANAPRAG
OEGBE
PERAN
HIDENFITSTONE
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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER
Missed opportunities

Sophomore forward Adriana Leon looks to handle the ball during Notre Dame’s 1-0 loss to Illinois on Sunday. The loss marks the end of Notre Dame’s attempt for a second consecutive national championship.

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – The 45 mile per hour gusts of wind that blew from goal-to-goal proved to be the winds of change, as No. 16 Illinois made better use of its time playing downwind and ended Notre Dame’s campaign for a second straight national championship with a 1-0 victory over the Irish.

Things looked to be going Notre Dame’s (10-8-3, 6-3-2 CCHA) way from as early as the coin toss, as they came out for the first half with a wind that created a wildly unbalanced field at their backs. The team was able to keep the ball almost exclusively in Illinois’ (17-4-2, 8-2-1 Big Ten) half of the field, and nearly jumped out to an early lead on a couple of occasions.

In the 30th minute, sophomore midfielder Mandy Ladish blasted a shot from 30 yards out that looked destined for the top right corner, but was deflected up into the crossbar by a lunging effort from Illini junior goalkeeper Steph Panozzo. Just five minutes later, senior midfielder Jessica Schuhammer curled in a free kick from distance that just missed the far post on the left side. And while the team may have just missed on a couple of opportunities, Irish coach Randy Waldrum wished his squad had gotten more chances with the wind on their side.

“When we had the wind at our back, it was really our time to shine and it didn’t happen,” Waldrum said.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Atkins leads team to win in season opener

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Sophomore guard Eric Atkins’ staggering crossover was the perfect representation of his career-high performance in Saturday’s season opener at the Purcell Pavilion: too much to handle.

Atkins led the Irish (1-0) with 27 points and six assists in Notre Dame’s 80-67 win over Mississippi Valley State (0-1). The sophomore had a new career high in the first half alone, connecting on each of his four shots for 16 points amid the absence of suspended fifth-year forward Tim Ahromaitis due to an NCAA eligibility violation.

“I think my teammates just found me today,” Atkins said. “And coach told me to be aggressive. I think I started early being aggressive and it just kind of went from there. When the first jumper went down, I didn’t think I would miss again and I just told myself...”

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ND VOLLEYBALL
Conference opponents defeat Irish handily

Observer Staff Report

The Irish spent the weekend on the road to finish the regular season, traveling to Marquette before heading to Syracuse for a match against the Orangemen. Despite strong efforts, the Irish fell in both conference matches, losing to the Golden Eagles 3-0 (25-15, 25-21, 25-17) and to Syracuse 3-1 (25-23, 26-24, 25-26, 25-16).

The Irish (15-11, 8-5 Big East) clinched the fifth seed in the conference, Syracuse entered the match against Notre Dame needing a victory to improve its playoff chances.

With six teams within one game of each other and contending for five spots, the Orangemen were able to clinch the fourth seed in the tournament with their victory over the Irish.

Pittsburgh claimed the last spot with an even conference record at 7-7. South Florida was left on the outside looking in as the ninth place team. Seton Hall and Villanova round off the tournament bracket.

On the verge of being swept down two sets in the third...

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HOCKEY
Summerhays leads ND in sweep of Nanooks

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

The two games the Irish played against Alaska this weekend at the Compton Family Ice Arena could not have started more differently. Friday night’s first period was wide open and free-flowing, while the play in Saturday’s first 20 minutes was much more settled. Yet the end result in each game was the same, as No. 7 Notre Dame overcame a deficit in both contests to edge out a pair of one-goal victories in the final moments.

Irish sophomore defenseman Stephen Johns found the back of the net on the power play with just 47 seconds remaining in regulation as the Irish (7-2-2, 5-1-2-0 CCHA) defeated the Nanooks (2-7-2, 0-6-2-0) on Friday 5-4. Johns received a cross-ice pass from senior co-captain and right wing Billy Maday near the blue line and unleashed a slap shot that eluded Alaska senior goaltender Scott Greenham.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Notre Dame to compete in semis

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

“BIG … MAC,” the crowd chanted with nearly seven minutes left in Sunday’s game, willing the Irish to reach 88 points and secure a free sandwich for every fan in attendance.

The fans went home happy, and the offensive outpouring helped the Irish secure a 99-84 victory over Indiana State in the second round of the Preseason WNIT after recording a 81-61 win over Akron in their season opener Friday.

Sunday’s contest marked the 17th consecutive victory in a season opener for the No. 2 Irish (2-0), who took the court for the first time since March 5, when they fell to Texas A&M in the...