Senior interns at Sundance see AMNESTY retreat begins at 3:30 p.m. to students since Oct. 30. The Andrew Bell and 18 other check off the ‘bucket list.’”

Seniors reflect during retreat

By AMANDA GRAY

With seven semesters behind them and one to go, more than 150 seniors will spend time reflecting on their Notre Dame experiences at the Senior Retreat this weekend, according to head organizer and senior Erin Connors.

“It’s going to be a great weekend,” she said. “We’re focusing on how to cherish the last four months of our senior year beyond the last things to check off the ‘bucket list.’”

Connors has been planning the retreat with senior Andrew Bell and 18 other students since Oct. 26. The retreat begins at 3:30 p.m. to

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Non-profit benefits

Honduras

By MARIELLE HAMPE

A Notre Dame alumnus is working with the non-profit organization Union MicroFinanza (UMF) to make the connection between students and programs that help impoverished communities.

Jeremy Miller, a 1996 graduate, said as the U.S. Coffee Program Director, he works with UMF to improve impoverished communities in Honduras through the sale of coffee, one of the nation’s main exports.

“If you don’t know where your coffee is coming from, chances are it’s grown by people without infrastructure who are living in poverty. To me, there is no reason for that.”

Miller said “Work where we move to Honduras with his wife and two children to become UMF’s Head of Honduran Operations. There, he will be in charge of microfinance systems, coffee purchases, infrastructure projects and job training. After the coffee harvest, Miller said UMF helps farmers produce high-quality coffee and sell to wider markets through microfinance systems, coffee purchases, infrastructure projects and job training. After the coffee harvest, Miller will move to Honduras with his wife and two children to become UMF’s Head of Honduran Operations. There, he will be in charge of service, microfinance and coffee training programs.

Miller said he credits Notre

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ND explains lack of medical amnesty

University cites disciplinary process, Christian community; SMC supports policy

By MARIA L. RAMIREZ

ND explained lack of medical amnesty

Community rings in Chinese New Year

By BRIDGET FEENEY

Chinese New Year is celebrated with the prevalent Chinese culture on both campuses Monday. In honor of the Year of the Dragon, Saint Mary’s College and the Center of Women’s Inter-cultural Leadership (CWIL) will host its annual China Night at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday in O’Laughlin Auditorium.

Alice Su Ing Yang, assistant director for Global Education at CWIL, said China Night is a valued tradition on campus.

“China Night is actually new on Saint Mary’s campus,” she said. “It was held by both Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame Chinese students first in 1967. I am glad that we are able to host it again after 50 years.”

Yang said China Night is designed to teach students and community members about other cultures, as well as entertain.

“It offers a platform for students and community people to learn more about Chinese culture,” Yang said.
**Question of the Day:** If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?

- **Annie Struemph**
  - Junior McGlinn
  - “A princess.”

- **Kelsey Christoffel**
  - Senior Lyons
  - “A professional speaker.”

- **Michael Rossii**
  - Sophomore off campus
  - “General manager for the New York Jets.”

- **Emily Cook**
  - Senior Lyons
  - “A beer taster.”

- **Anthony Meena**
  - Sophomore Alumni
  - “Trophy husband.”

- **Michael Ferguson**
  - Senior Morrissey
  - “A model for The Observer.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com

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**Offbeat**

Lamb with six legs born in Eastern European village

**GEORGIA** — A six-legged lamb was born recently in a small village in the eastern European nation Georgia. The lamb was also reportedly born with both male and female sexual organs.

Shepherd Albert Abadzhian tells the newspaper Trend that in his 25 years of shepherding he’s never seen such a case.

“I have been asking the other shepherds, but none of them remember such (a) case. There were three-legged lambs, one-eyed, but not (a) six legged, bisexual one. The lamb eats well, but moves with difficulty.” Abadzhianov said.

The lamb was born with four front legs and two back legs. It appears to have at least partial control of all six limbs, according to the Daily Mail. Veterinarian Otto Zaridashvili tells Trend that the six-legged baby lamb is an anomaly. “Most probably there were twins, but then the embryos were united, and we’ve got a strange lamb,” Zaridashvili said.

Study finds that fried food is not a cause of heart disease

**BRITAIN** — A new study has found that there is no direct correlation between the amount of fried food people eat and their risk of heart disease. Instead, the research found that long-term heart disease was more related to the healthiest habits of 40,000 people in Spain for nearly 15 years. The Mediterranean diet favored by most individuals in the study leans heavily on olive and sunflower oils for the frying.

**Tickets are for students.**

The film is the story of an unorthodox policeman and a straitlaced FBI agent who join forces to take down an international drug smuggling gang. Tickets are $3 for students.

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**In Brief**

The Center for Social Concerns will host a discussion in the Soup and Substance series in the Goddess Hall Coffee House from 12 to 1 p.m. today. The discussion topic is race and two monologues will be read. Free soup will be provided.

The Notre Dame Gong Fu Club will host an informational meeting in Room 109 of Rockne Memorial from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. today. ND/SMC/HCC students, faculty and staff of all ages are invited to attend. No martial arts experience is required.

The Delbartolo Performing Arts Center will host a showing of the 2011 film “The Guard” tonight at 6:30 and again at 9:30 p.m. The film is the story of an unorthodox policeman and a straitlaced FBI agent who join forces to take down an international drug smuggling gang. Tickets are $3 for students.

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Student interns at this year’s Sundance festival

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

Senior Audrey Mitchell, left, works on a project with a fellow intern at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. She received the position through a contact at a previous job.

Mitchell will return to campus next week to complete her final semester at Notre Dame and graduate with the senior class in May.

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South Bend bishop speaks on faith and reason at SMC

By CHRIStin KlosKi
News Writer

Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend spoke about how students can incorporate faith and reason into their daily lives at a lecture at Saint Mary’s on Thursday.

In his lecture, “Symposium on St. Thomas Aquinas, Contemplation by Faith and Reason,” Rhoades discussed the importance of the essence of truth in modern skepticism through the writings of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI.

He said these ideas could be incorporated in students’ lives through dialogue on faith and reason.

“A college is called to be a house where one seeks the truth proper to the human person and this search involves rising under the two wings of faith and reason,” he said.

He said a Catholic is only able to overcome doubts, resist skepticism and build faith by understanding beliefs built on reason.

“Both trace back to one source of all truth,” Rhoades said. “Divine logos, active in both contexts, is that of creation and that of redemption.”

Rhoades said humans demonstrate an endless determination to know the truth throughout history. From Greek philosophers to contemporary theologians, the search for something more than reality has been unceasing, he said.

“Deep within every one of us, every human being, there is a natural desire, an innate desire to know the truth,” Rhoades said.

He said Catholics discover the meaning of truth is hopeless without God through this process.

Guidance from professors and mentors is extremely important in furthering the religious education of college students, Rhoades said. Many students develop their understanding of truth through observations on moral, religious and social issues during their college years, he said.

Saint Mary’s President Carol Ann Mooney said faith and reason are incorporated into student life at Saint Mary’s through classes and social interactions on campus.

“Saint Mary’s is open to the truth and it can be included naturally within the college itself,” Mooney said.

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Audrey Mitchell
Senior

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Mitchell spent most of her time with a group of 12 fellow “film nerds.”

“We text each other when we see anything important, if we hear about any free tickets, or if we see anyone important,” Mitchell said.

After graduation, Mitchell said she plans to enter the industry through film production or festival coordination.

“I’m looking at a couple internship options with LA-based production companies, but right now it’s all about making connections,” she said.

The experience has been intense at times but extremely rewarding and enjoyable, she said.

“When I’m working with film it doesn’t feel like work. It just feels like I’m here and I’m excited,” she said. “I haven’t slept in four days — that’s awesome.”

By CHRISTIN KLOSKI
News Writer

Far from the cold of South Bend winter, senior Audrey Mitchell is spending her winter as an intern at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

The Film, Television and Theater (FTT) and English major said the internship opportunity was offered to her by a contact she made working at the Cannes Film Festival last May.

“There are people that go from festival to festival,” Mitchell said. “If you make those contacts then you’ll have a better chance at getting to go to the next festival.”

Now, Mitchell is spending the beginning of her last semester at Notre Dame working at a screening venue reserved for Sundance press and industry viewings, where she has immersed herself in the festival while selling tickets and ushering shows.

“Just being in this environment, in this experience, is amazing. Everyone here loves film and wants to work in film,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell said though the long hours can be tiring, she attends events after work to build her contact base in the hopes of securing a position in the industry after graduation.

“I have been in the press office all day,” Mitchell said. “And then I have to go to my ushering job until 10 tonight. Then after work there are a lot of cool films and events where you can go and network.”

Mitchell said that she was excited to attend a performance by Joseph Gordon-Levitt and his production company hitRECord.org Thursday night.

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Dame's study abroad program in Fremanco, Australia for giving him the confidence to explore dif-
ferent cultures. He later traveled to Southeast Asia with two classmates after graduation and then went on an 11-month trip around the world, he said.

“They helped solidify those ear-
ly experiences I had and made me really get to know and experience what the world was like,” he said.

Miller said he is proud to be a part of an organization that works directly with Hondurans’ people. Since beginning in November 2009, UMF has built a staff where six of eight employees live in Honduras full-time and two are Honduran na-
tionals. “We are a small group of individuals who are trying to inter-
vene in the way that coffee is grown to improve lives,” Miller said. “The people of La Unión have desire and work ethic and knowledge, but they need the network of connections that we possess.” He said UMF uses microloans instead of char-
ity, based on the organization’s be-
ief in people’s capacity to improve. UMF gave microloans in the form of goods, not cash, and began in small loans of $70 with no collateral.

“One of the things the UMF firmely believes is that people have a great capacity, whether to learn, to work, to do good — to do things for themselves and others in life,” Miller said.

UMF gave 125 people more than $10,000 in microloans in the first year of the program, he said. Each farmer received an equivalent of $75, primarily in fertilizer. Borrowers are eligible to double their loan each subsequent year if they repay their loan and at-
tend repayment meetings, Miller
said.

Miller said 99.7 percent of the $10,000 in microloans given in the first year was repaid. In its second year, UMF gave $30,000 in micro-
loans to 191 clients at a repayment rate of 96.3 percent, he said.

In addition to microloans, Miller said UMF gives farmers training and facilitates infrastructure proj-
ects aimed at improving the com-
munity. UMF also partners with or-
ganizations, such as the Honduran Institute for Coffee and the National Institute of Professional Formation, to teach farmers about coffee cul-
tivation techniques and business practices.

Miller said although the ultimate goal of the organization is to help Honduras become more self-suffi-
cient, he hopes organizations like Notre Dame can become involved with UMF’s operations in the fu-
ture. “UMF wants to be a mentor to the Hondurans,” he said. “The world’s poor need someone to walk with them.”

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plan the event, said China
Night seeks to educate attend-
ees.

“Our purpose (is to promote) the Chinese culture, share in-
ternational exchange experi-
ences and bring people a festi-
vial atmosphere,” she said.

Siqin Yang said CWIL planned several activities throughout the evening and transformed O’Laughlin Au-
ditorium into a festival fit to celebrate the Year of the Drag-
on. She said the evening will
include lantern riddle games, discussions on students’ study abroad experiences in China and performances from mus-
icians and dancers at Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame, con-
cluding with a special present for attendees.

“All children and students will receive a red envelope, which is the traditional Chi-
nese new year gift,” she said.

Following the performances, games and discussions, there will be a reception.

Wang said though China Night has a long history at the two schools, there were a few
difficulties in planning the event.

“The biggest challenge (we had to deal with) was con-
tacting lots of performers and finding some special decora-
tions,” said Wang.

Siqin Yang said she agreed with Wang, but event planning proved successful in the end.

“Our preparation time is tight, but we have been work-

ing hard on the event and are confident that attendees will enjoy the show,” she said.

The event is free and open to the public.

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day and concludes Saturday

“*This is an opportunity
to reflect on the last three
and a half years,” Bell said.

“The year is telling you to go, go — to hurry,” Bell said. “It’s a moment to pause and reflect on changes.”

While this year’s retreat follows a general pattern set by the past six retreats, the content is new because the planning team is differ-
ent, said Fr. Joe Carey, the interim director of Cam-
pus Ministry. Carey led the Senior Retreat for the last six sessions, though Senior Retreats have occurred on campus since the 1970s.

“It makes me proud to be at Notre Dame,” he said. “It’s different every year because of the team. It’s a new re-
treat in that it’s (the plan-
ning committee’s) experi-
ences — they really capture all of the things Notre Dame students face.”

In the past, the retreat has been career-focused, with alumni speaking on life af-
ter college, Carey said. The aim for the last few years has been for a more spiritual exploration.

“This year we have added a talk that two people are giving on gratitude. We want attendees to see who to be thankful for,” he said. “The retreat is starting a pro-
cess of reflection through this weekend, the next four months and beyond.”

Carey assembled the plan-
ning committee over the summer, purposefully pick-

ing leaders he felt could bring together a successful retreat.

“It’s seniors leading se-
niors,” he said. “We were gathering a team of student leaders, and we came up with a team from various facets of Notre Dame that will enable attendees to grow.”

In addition to this week-
end’s retreat, three more Notre Dame Encounters and two Freshman Retreats will happen before the school year ends, Carey said.

“They have a different feeling than this retreat — and anyone can participate in the Notre Dame Encoun-
ters,” he said. “They are also smaller, with the limit set at 50 people.”

More information on the retreats is available at cam-
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How are we to go and do likewise?

Imagine yourself at a dorm party this weekend.
You've been there for a couple hours, and you've noticed a girl let's call her Amy — who seems to be a few drinks too deep.
You have also been imbibing, and you happen to be under the legal drinking age of 21.
As the night goes on, you talk with Amy and find out she is a student at Saint Mary's. You also notice Amy begin to slur her words, her eyes look out of focus and, by the end of the party, you accompanying her to her couch.
What do you do? What goes through your mind? What are your priorities?
Your buddy comes over and you point Amy to him. Knowing the possible consequences of an underage drinking ticket, he suggests you leave Amy alone and continue enjoying the party. Another friend comes over, motions to Amy, and laughs.
But you know something must be done. Her life is in danger and you are the only one with seemingly enough sense to get her help. Then again, you're not 21. And you're drunk.
This situation addressed by the medical amnesty policies in existence at more than 90 schools across the country.
Notre Dame is not one of them.
Participants include Duke, Harvard, Yale, Princeton and MIT — all schools Notre Dame proudly calls peers. The list also includes John's, Columbia, St. Lawrence and Benedictine — all universities sharing Notre Dame's commitment to Christian ideals of neighborly love and assistance.
More interestingly, our sister school across the street — founded by the same Catholic order which founded Notre Dame — maintains a medical amnesty policy, which protects the student who is sick or injured from getting in trouble, and a Good Samaritan protection policy, which protects the student who seeks help for the student in need. Saint Mary's adopted the policy to ensure student safety is the first priority.
Amy is a Notre Dame student.
It’s officially the Chinese Lunar New Year of the Water Dragon, ancient symbol representing strength, energy and grace. It’s considered to be an extremely auspicious sign of things to come. But the Magnuson-Moss Act, which ends this year with the end-of-time second-coming rapture in the end times series — of course, only following the Christian Zionist salvation scenario. This is the last chapter in Christianity. Therefore, now is the final time in the whole of history that anyone can honor a prior year’s most egregious knockhead newly categorized under Notre Dame, Country and God.

Snark aside, this writer was shocked last November that oFs with New England’s Coach Joe Pater- no. Paterno’s passing this week is truly sad. The first “Knucklehead-of-the-Year” award goes to my home state’s knockhead-in-chief, Governor Tom Corbett, who as attorney general did not pursue child abuse charges during his tenure, but as a leading voice of the PSLF movement, they have been released from fire — rather than suspend — Pa- terrno. Corbett has set his own standard now for any of his appointees should they show any moral lacking. Novel for a state’s knuckleheads — sorry, Coach Kelly, because I other- wise fully support you — authorized that epic garment fail by adding CYO- looking mismatched green colored shamrocks on the Notre Dame football uniforms that the school compared to the classy bowl jersey- seys that featured the players’ names. The turf was performing as the names and emblazoned a Fighting Irish Leprechaun above the heart or add a stripe under the armpit if you must become flashy for recruiting. Better yet, color our boring drab white-striped end zones with leprechauns or logos. And please remember that our school colors are blue and gold, NOT solid green. Dan Devine wore out the green mystique 35 years ago.

Stupid sports knucklehead awards go to NFL, NCAA and school players who epitomize dumbass behavior. The most obvious award goes to Isaiah Lewis, the Michigan State football player whose “running into the grinder” penalty gave Wisconsin its first down, the game and a trip to the Rose Bowl. In the NFL, Buffalo’s Stevion Johnson was “just having fun” when, after a punt return, he faked New York Jets Plaxico Burress’ shot in the thigh. Johnson’s knockhead celebrity fun outing with the NFL fanbase moved him into the end zone for what looked like his school’s first ever game-winning Super Bowl title. But Owens drew a taunting penalty by someone scor- ing a touchdown” penalty at the 20-yard line when he raised his arm and pointed his finger toward the sky. With West Virginia back logo being placed on the field, Florida State’s official said to the heavens to simply speak without gesturing.

Our country’s criminal knockhead also abound. John Robin Whittle never served his time in Viewpoint purgatory, but he almost, he thought. President Obama’s chance to serve his time in Viewpoint purgatory and was a legislative and public affairs director in President Clinton’s administration. His column appears every other Friday. He can be contacted at GaryCaruso@alumni.nd.edu.
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Stephen Zerfas Sophomore Carroll Hall

Mike Brey for president

I’m often tempted to write to The Observer, but I always wait to see if what seems rational is actually a quick emotional response to something that doesn’t matter. In this case, though, I’ve decided to write to you in a spirit of generosity and I need to get this out.

Mike Brey needs some love. In our diverse and complicated basketball program he has consis- tently over-achieved, winning with some of the worst groups of players we have ever had, but his truest test has been the toughest basketball program he has coached in the country. He’s recruited solid talent to a football school in the middle of Indiana, which is not one of the toughest states pos- sible, and he’s made himself one of the best members of this University. Every time I get an email from him, I instantly think of him, and every time I watch his teams I get excited and I couldn’t be more proud of that difference is bad? Difference? What makes life exciting, whether it is the exploration of a new academic subject or in meeting of a new person. It is in diversity, race and multiculturalism that we see the infinite number of ways in which one can be beautiful, intelli- gent, funny, fun, genuine or passionate. It is diversity, race and multiculturalism that make it possible for there to be more than one way to be human. If there is any way to reach the best, it would per- amently affect feelings of excitement, wonder and admiration to, is it not so?

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So you’re not Barney Stinson or have that innate desire to wear a suit everyday. I get it. You generally hate dressing up, but it has to be done sometimes. However, the Winter Career and Internship Fair is fast approaching. You want to present your best self, but you don’t really understand what makes some guys look so good in a suit. Here are some areas to look at when dressing for that key interview (in order of importance).

No. 1: The Shoulders
Since the downfall of menswear in the late 1960s (when was the last time you saw a well-dressed hippie?), men and their suits have lost their way. Men have been choosing to wear suits and their suits have lost their way. Since the downfall of menswear in the late 1960s (when was the last time you saw a well-dressed hippie?), men

No. 2: Armholes
Back in 2010, Banana Republic came out with their Suiting 101 Guide. Note Banana Republic: it was TERMINAL with their Suiting 101 Guide. Note it does.

No. 3: Jacket Waist
Repeat after me — I am not wearing a box. I am wearing a suit. The fabric from your torso to your armpits should not make a straight, vertical line down. It should drape. Even if you think your suit fits well, go to your tailor and have him/her pin you up. This will cost about $20.

No. 4: Pant Break
The break is where the pant meets the shoe and creates that “crease.” There should be only ONE crease, not 5. This is known as a medium break. Although there has been a recent trend in the menswear industry to have pants with no break, it is hard to pull off. Hemming the pants will cost about $10.

No. 5: Jacket Length
Put your arms at your side, and curl up your fingers. The jacket should be resting in your hands. Shortening the jacket length is about $30-$40.

No. 6: Jacket Sleeves
About ¼” to a ½” of the shirt cuff should be visible when your arms are hanging by your side, but it’s not the end of the world if you can’t get it done. Shortening the jacket sleeves will cost about $20.

No. 7: Lapels and Ties
Lapel sizes are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

No. 1: Suits are optional
There was a time (circa Working Girl) when we women felt the need to prove we could occupy the same playground as our male colleagues. We hid our femininity under boxy blazers and pencil skirts. No more. Wearing a dress or even walking shorts with a blazer communicates your ability to think outside the box. When your employer needs a new spin on that marketing plan, they’ll know who to turn to. If you do feel more comfortable in a suit, pick a flattering cut. For pants, make them skinny, don’t drown in boot cut. Make sure the blazer emphasizes your waist, not your shoulders.

No. 2: Color is Your Friend
Imagine how many people will be standing in line in front of you. Twenty, thirty? How do you expect to make an impression on an interviewer if you’re just one of many in black? Sure, you can talk up your experience, but give them visual cues to match you to your résumé. A red dress, a bright electric blue blazer, even a patterned blouse will give you the attention and remembrance you deserve.

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No. 4: Streamline shoes
Heels are a must, but don’t go out and buy the token, clunky interview pair. Wear heels you’ve worn before, that you feel comfortable in, to which you’ve attached good memories. And they don’t need to be black! It will make standing on your own two feet, literally and figuratively, much easier in a stressful situation. And with that, you are woman, go roar.

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By ROSS FINNEY

Scene Writer

In the December issue of Rolling Stone, Black Keys drummer Patrick Carney gave his outlook on the state of rock music at the present. His opinion was pretty bleak. He took to task Nickelback, complaining that the band with the most mediocre music was somehow the biggest-selling rock band in the country.

More shockingly however, he indicted the folks in the indie music scene, his band’s primary champions for the last ten years, complaining that their standards of authenticity as inversely related to popular success were way out of line, and holding back rock music.

In some ways this was just a musician letting off steam. After ten years of hard work, he has the critical legitimacy and popular appeal to speak off the cuff.

In another greater sense, Carney was positioning his band as the champions of rock and roll in the modern era—popular enough to get on the charts, authentic enough to please music geeks.

The positioning of the Black Keys as the saviors of commercial rock music is a bold move, and one that comes as a bit of a surprise to those of us for whom the group was a backburner band, good but under the radar for the better part of a decade.

Surprising as it may be, given the state of rock music, where the Keys’ only real competitors are the Kings of Leon, on whom the critical community did a 180 after their grab for the mainstream, Carney may just be on to something.

Of course this new role for Carney and singer-guitarist Dan Auerbach is predicated entirely on the success of their newest album, and proving that the 2010’s hit Brothers, was no fluke. Luckily, El Camino’s a fantastic rock and roll album.

Produced by Danger Mouse, El Camino manages to rein the Keys’ bluesy jams into tight and effective pop songs, without losing the hard rock edge that fans love.

The album is not only eleven songs long, and it plays very quickly. It’s one of the rare rock and roll records where any number of songs could be potential singles, and it has a great sense of balance as an album that often gets overlooked now that we buy single songs more often than full records.

The lead single “Lonely Boy” is a super catchy tune, that’s fuzzy, exciting, a little glam and already showing up in advertisements.

The second single, “Run Right Back” lacks “Lonely Boy”‘s energetic drive, but melodically is probably the sweetest and catchiest song on the entire album.

The band, who have always been rooted in older music, manage to make something new while still giving deserved nods to their influences.

The blues is obvious but on this album, the Keys have incorporated a broader range of influences, especially on tracks like “Stop Stop”, which could well be Rolling Stones song, and “Hell of a Season”, that has a very distinct Cramps vibe in the opening minutes.

For those less interested in pop stylings and more in the Keys’ rocking side, the album also offers plenty to love. “Gold on the Ceiling” is an excellent up tempo number with grungy guitar and a rocking chorus that more than warrants some enthusiastic air guitar.

“Little Black Submarines” starts as a soft acoustic ditty that, in true old-school Black Keys fashion, slow-burns into heavy electric blues mayhem. It’s awesome.

With El Camino the Black Keys have managed to put out a good rock and roll record that has mainstream appeal, a rarity in today’s market. Early indications are that the album is selling well, and as Patrick Carney astutely pointed out, the Keys, given their continued ability to put out music of this quality, are poised to change the commercial face of rock and roll.

Paula Deen the Queen of Lean?

In her dreams. The Southern butter belle has taken a beating in the kitchen this week as her love of cream and sugar melded into fodder for a mass media picnic. Poor Paula Deen, always trying to spread love in a time of calories, is having the worst week ever.

The posy bountiful announced to the world last week that she was suffering from Type 2 Diabetes, a form of the blood sugar disease often attributed to obesity. Deen’s announcement also brought with it news that she actually received the diagnosis three years ago. Is that that trouble I smell brewing in the kitchen?

Critics raged that Deen misled audiences, drowning helpless fruits and veggies in legions of lard as she pumped insulin backstage.

With a blinding white smile and blushing blue eyes, Deenie-baby acted like the overindulgence was anything but dangerous. After fans learned her deviant secret, the layers of warm Southern love for their grandmother from-another-mother began to melt away.

The love even fell short in Deen’s very own family. Her son Bobby started his own show “Not My Mama’s Meals” which aired Jan. 4 on The Cooking Channel, a Food Network spinoff. The broadcast boasts of dishes like “Bobby’s Lighter Fresh Fruit Bread Pudding” and “Bobby’s Lighter Frozen Chocolate Mousse Pin”. He’s like a walking ad for jazzercise devotees.

News outlets suspect Deen’s announcement serves as a sort of promo for her progeny’s show, sort of a “Look what I did wrong, now watch my son make it better” spiel. All I can say is at least there’s some love bouncing around in this whole ordeal, because we know Deen’s not feeling it from the media.

Deen recently became a spokes-woman for a diabetes drug maker’s health initiative, and critics again cried foul. They say Deen only came out with her diabetes announcement to promote her upcoming commercial role. In fact, Deen’s publicist, Nancy Assuncao, quit this week because of her former boss’s plans to plug the drug, according to “The New York Post.” Assuncao has kept pretty mum about the ordeal, but the timing can’t be for nothing.

The food wars rage on as everything Deen does is now under a microscopic light. ABC News ran an article on their website Thursday titled, “Paula Deen Caught Eating a Cheesburger.”

Really? Note: On the American Diabetes Association website, there is a photo of a hamburger in the side bar with the caption “Bring Back the Classics! 135 diabetes-friendly recipes.” Who’s to say the Queen Deen wasn’t indulging the diabetic way? This girl can’t catch a break.

Actually, she can. She conveniently escaped on a Caribbean Cruise and is probably basking in sunshine and happiness (and heaven forbid, a burger) as I write this article. So maybe her week really wasn’t all that bad and maybe she’ll once again ascend to the top of the chef’s throne.

One thing’s for sure though, viewers are going to look a little more closely at each dollop of Daisy Deen drops.

Paula Deen, haters will hate. All I can say is I’d love to have you in my kitchen any day. Maybe not every day, because I’d like to live a long time. But a casual Sunday here and there — I’m all yours.

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MLB

Tigers introduce their Prince

Associated Press

DETOUR — Prince Fielder stood with a smile and recalled his earliest memories of old Tiger Stadium, when he would hang out at the ballpark where his father hit so many massive home runs.

“For me, it was always Sparky saying I was going to hit 50 or 60 home runs — and really I believed him,” Fielder said, referring to former manager Sparky Anderson. “I’m just glad I get to come back.”

The Tigers introduced Fielder on Thursday after finalizing a $143 million, nine-year contract with the free agent first baseman, who is expected to hit more home runs than his dad.

Fielder was born in 1984, the last time Detroit won the World Series. After fuming him back to Michigan with the fourth-largest deal in baseball history, the Tigers are hoping Fielder will help usher in a new championship era for the Motor City.

“This is awesome,” Fielder said. “It’s kind of a dream come true, I’m excited.”

Detroit had been seriously pursing Fielder after designated hitting coach Martinez threatened to leave in his left knee during offseason conditioning. Now the Tigers have three of baseball’s biggest stars — Fielder, Miguel Cabrera and Justin Verlander — all in their primes.

Detroit won the AL Central last year and was swept in four games by the Texas Rangers in the AL championship series.

“If you’re going to win right now,” general manager Dave Dombrowski said, “we tried to win last year. We found out we think we’re capable of doing it, and we felt that way. When you look at the core of our group of players, there’s a lot of things going in the right direction.”

He will earn $23 million in each of his first two years with Detroit, then will make $24 million annually in the final seven seasons of his contract, according to terms obtained by The Associated Press.

That contrasts with Albert Pujols’ backloaded $240 million, 10-year contract with the Los Angeles Angels, agreed to last month.

Pujols gets $12 million this year and $16 million in 2013, with the salary increasing to $23 million in 2014 and rising to $31 million annually.

The move carries plenty of risk for the Tigers. Fielder is 27 and has been extremely durable during his career, but Detroit is committing to him for almost a decade.

“I go by my instinct, like everybody else does,” said owner Mike Ilitch, who signed off on the massive deal after what had been a quiet offseason for the Tigers.

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Coming off an impressive performance in the Notre Dame Invitational, the Irish travel to Bloomington, Ind., for the Indiana Relays this weekend.

Now several weeks into its schedule, Notre Dame hopes to continue to add momentum leading up to the first Big East championships of the season. Notre Dame coach Joe Piane said the Indiana Relays represent a great opportunity for the Irish to participate in a competitive environment as the meet will include talented representatives from a number of different schools.

“It’s a good quality field all the way around which is really important,” Piane said. “You’ve got to have good competition and this appears to be really good competition.”

In the meet, Piane will also have the chance to see some of his athletes compete in new and unfamiliar events.

“We’ll find out where some people are in different events,” he said. “Everybody has raced, but we are going to put some people in different events. [Sophomore sprinter] Patrick Feeney and [freshman sprinter] Chris Giesting are going to be running the 200-meter dash, which they haven’t done as much this year, and Chris certainly hasn’t.”

Giesting provided the highlight in last weekend’s home event for the Irish by breaking a 29-year-old school record in the 500-meter run his first time competing in the event. The talented freshman is among the group of top performers Piane expects to lead the way for the Irish in their upcoming meet.

“We have some very good individuals in the field events and we have three very good 400-meter men in Brendan Dougherty, Chris Giesteng and Pat Feeney,” he said. “On the women’s side we have some pretty good middle distance and distance and we have some very good sprinters. [Freshman sprinter and hurdler] Kaila Barber is running well, and [senior] Maddie Buttinger is one of the better multi-event athletes, certainly in the Big East. So we have some pretty good kids everywhere. We’ve got a good club all the way around, both genders.”

Competing for the Irish for the first time this weekend will be a trio of football players. Freshman running back George Atkinson III, freshman cornerback Josh Atkinson and sophomore cornerback Bennett Jackson joined Piane’s team for practice this week and will be running sprints for Notre Dame this weekend.

“The meet at Indiana will give Notre Dame’s stars a chance to shine, but will also provide other Irish athletes with an opportunity to earn a spot in the Big East championships, scheduled for Feb. 18 and 19 in New York City.”

“Our goals, always, are to do well at the Big East meets and get to the NCAAs,” Piane said. “We have a lot of kids [who have] qualified for the Big East meet already, and you can’t get to the Big East meet unless you qualify. Then, we hope to get some kids to the NCAA Nationals.”

With his team’s long-term goals in mind, Piane expects to see successful results from his athletes this weekend.

“I think we will do well, I think we will do very well,” he said.

The Indiana Relays begin at 3 p.m. Friday and continue all day Saturday at Indiana University.
Belles

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former players back and here we go. It’s going to be a really good atmosphere.

With the added crowd support, the Belles will look to average a 7-4-6 loss to the Flying Dutch earlier this season. To do so, the Belles will have to make sure the Hope team that is second overall in the MIAA in both scoring offense and defense, something the Belles have struggled against this season. Hope is a tough opponent, Henley said. "I don’t think any one is any more important than another at this point. We are going to prepare like we normally do for the game."

The Belles outrebounded Trine by 20 in Wednesday’s win. Henley identified dominating the boards as one key to the game against Hope Saturday. "It’s really more about us continuing to box out, controlling the boards at both ends, creating second shots for ourselves and playing great team defense." A victory Saturday would bring Saint Mary’s back to an overall .500 record and solidify their core group of seniors to advance to the MIAA playoffs, Henley said the Belles need to continue to be so as we go down the stretch here. "These five seniors have been doing great things since they arrived on campus their freshman year," Henley said. "They are a very talented group. We go as they go. They are certainly our leaders and need to continue to be so as we go down the stretch here."

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McGraw

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win for us, and now we’ve moved on and we are looking forward to Saint John’s. It’s the most important game on our schedule right now.

The Red Storm (13-7, 5-1) come into the game having won six out of their last seven contests, a stretch that has made them candidates for a national ranking. "I think [the MIAA conference teams] are all big opponents," Henley said. "I don’t think one is any more important than another at this point. We are going to prepare like we normally do for the game."

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By Matt Unger

Sports Writer

After dominating Michigan State at home last weekend, the Irish will compete at Rolfs Aquatic Center for just the second time this season when they host the annual Shamrock Invitational this weekend.

Big Ten foes Ohio State and Iowa will travel to Notre Dame for the three-team meet.

The Irish ended a four-match losing streak with a three-team win against the Spartans Jan. 21, highlighted by the performance of sophomore swimmer Kelly Ryan. For her efforts in winning four events—including three individual ones—Ryan garnered the Big East Swimmer of the Week honor, marking the fourth time in eight weeks an Irish swimmer has won the award.

No. 14 Ohio State will pose a formidable challenge to the Notre Dame swimmers. The Buckeyes hosted the Irish at the beginning of December in the Buckeye Invitational and finished first in the five-team meet. Notre Dame finished fourth in the event. Iowa, unranked like Notre Dame, recently defeated Illinois and Harvard in dual meets.

The Shamrock Invitational will also match two top-ranked freshmen swimmers in both the Big Ten and Big East.

The Hawkeyes’ Becky Stoughton earned weekly all-conference honors this past week, the third time she received a conference award this season. Stoughton earned three first-place finishes in the team’s dual-dual meet with Northwestern and Harvard. In addition, Collegeswimming.com named her Division I Swimmer of the Week in early December.

Meanwhile, Irish freshman Emma Reaney achieved similar success in breaststroke and individual medley events. She has been named Big East Swimmer of the Week three times this season.

Following the Shamrock Invitational, the Irish will travel to Muncie, Ind., to face Ball State on Feb. 4 in their final meet prior to the Big East championships.

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Both scoring and three-point field goal percentage (.364). McPherson has scored in double figures in 15 straight games and was selected to the conference weekly honor on Monday for the third time in the 2011-2012 season.

Still, the Irish come into the game with confidence on their side. Notre Dame has won each of its previous five games by at least 20 points, led in part by junior guard Skylar Diggins. Diggins is contributing 16.6 points and 5.8 assists per game for the season and is a key part of Notre Dame’s transition offense, a facet of the game that has powered the Irish offensively.

"I think we have a lot of confidence," McGraw said. "We are playing well ... we feel like transition is our game. We can really go. And that’s something we have been working on all year long, that is where we are at our best - when we have the ball in our hands and we are running the floor."

The Irish will put their win-loss record on the line when they travel to Saint John’s Saturday for a 12 p.m. tip-off.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Notre Dame looks to clinch tourney berth

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Irish head to Michi- gan this weekend in hopes of earning a ticket to the Na- tional Team Indoor Champion- ships.

No. 21 Notre Dame will face No. 35 Yale in the first round of the qualifying tournament, which will fol- low a dual-match format.

The winner of Saturday’s matchup will play the winner of No. 10 Michigan and No. 40 Maryland the next day for a spot in the national tournament, which will take place in Charlottesville, Va. in February.

Irish coach Jay Louder- back said the Irish should not be surprised by their first round opponent, who they defeated 7-0 early last season.

“We played Yale last year, so we know a lot of their kids and they’re very deep. Their entire team’s back and they have a couple freshmen in,” Louderback said. “We had close, tight matches with them last year. We’re looking forward to a really good match. They have all three doubles teams in the rankings. But I think their big thing is their depth. I think they’re very deep, it is very, very, very good.”

The Bulldogs’ three ranked doubles teams will be a challenge for the Irish doubles pairings, one of Notre Dame’s greatest strengths.

“I think one of the things that’s going to be really good for us this year are our doubles,” Louderback said. “We’ve always had good doubles teams but this year we have the chance to have one of the best doubles line- ups we’ve had.”

If the Irish beat Yale, they are likely to face the best Wolverines in the final.

“We lost to them last year; they’re ranked No. 10 right now in the preseason,” Louderback said. “They’ve got a young team — they have three freshmen, either two or three that’ll play in their line-up. One of them is playing No. 1 for them; she won our regionals and is very, very good. Even though they lost three seniors and brought in the three fresh- men, they are as good if not better this year, I think.”

Notre Dame last qualified for the National Team In- doors three years ago, but Louderback said that the qualifying tournament will serve a useful purpose even if the Irish don’t win.

“The winner of this goes to the Indoor, so there is a little bit more at stake right now compared to other ear- ly-season matches,” Louder- back said. “But for us, I think maybe one of the teams is looking at it as a chance to gain in two really good dual matches early. A lot of kids tend to play better once they’ve got a game to play a little longer, so playing two tough ones this early is not easy but it gives us a chance to get some good matches in.

Then also we’re hoping our kids just compete very well.”

The Irish will take on Yale in Ann Arbor, Mich. at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Team looks to get back on track

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

Following a tough 4-3 loss at No. 17 Illinois last Sun- day, the No. 28 Irish look to rebound this weekend when they travel to Columbus, Ohio, to face Indiana Sat- urday and either No. 3 Ohio State or Cornell Sunday.

In addition to a potential showdown against a top-5 opponent, the two match- ups this weekend have an opportunity to avenge mistakes made against the Illini (3-0).

“We were clearly pretty disappointed with how we played in that match, and that ended up as we lost the doubles match that ended up as we lost the first round opponent, who you don’t know it at the time — that particular match is the difference in the end of the match,” Louderback said. “We’re good enough to be in a match if anything, but unfortunately the very best teams in the country are — it’s just a matter of capitalizing when the op- portunity presents itself and that’s something we’ve lost in the past.”

The Irish (3-1) fell to Illinois, sophomore Greg Andrews defeated No. 24 Roy Kalmovitch in straight sets. Andrews has started the year with a perfect 4-0 record in singles play along with a 3-1 doubles record with senior partner Casey Watt. Andrews earned Big East Men’s Tennis Athlete of the Week honors for his performance against Illinois and William & Mary.

“Greg’s always been a hard worker, and he arrived last year, I think, as truly one of the better freshmen in the country and didn’t do any- thing to make us think otherwise and he had a strong year for us playing at No. 4,” Bayliss said. “This year, the challenge [is] he’s up near the top of the lineup, he’s playing No. 2 right now and he’s going to play much bet- ter players.”

“We had trouble the last couple of years getting wins in the top part of the lineup and it’s nice to feel that I think Casey’s playing better this year and for Greg to move up high and give us some strength up there, I think we’re much better shape in that top part of the lineup than we have been in the past.”

Andrews and the Irish will try to take down Indiana at 10 a.m. Saturday in Colum- bus before facing either Ohio State or Cornell Sunday.

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MEN’S SWIMMING

Irish finish regular season at home

By JONATHAN WARREN
Sports Writer

Having won their past three meets, the Irish ride a wave of momentum into the home Shamrock Invitational. The meet, the last of the regular season, pits the Irish against No. 14 Iowa from the Big Ten.

The Hawkeyes defeated the Irish at the Iowa Invitational earlier this season. Iowa took second place with a score of 723, while the Irish fol- lowed in third with 511 points.

Irish coach Tim Welsh said the Irish and Hawkeye schedules could not have coincided better how the matchup goes this time around.

“We met at Christmas time, and that was the last time in that both teams were training before a break,” Welsh said. “Butch coach Bobby Champi- onship is three weeks away, and then going into the BigTen Welsh said it is five. Because of when our con- ference tournaments are, we could have a very different train- ing levels.”

The Hawkeyes are coming off a win over Northwestern (178-120), who the Irish beat earlier in the season (157-143). The Hawkeyes rank in the top-10 nationally in three events: the 50-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard freestyle relay.

“Iowa is fast,” Welsh said. “They were a solid team and strong. They’ll be the strongest team we’ve seen this semester for sure.”

The Irish head into the re- match with Iowa hoping the mo- mentum of a three-match win- ning streak turns into a better performance the second time around against the Hawkeyes.

“I think we have quite a lot of momentum,” Welsh said. “We swam well the past few weeks and have been building that momentum. Because it’s our last competition in this pool, we want to salute our seniors. We want to pay tribute to them with our performance.”

This meet marks the last time the Irish seniors will swim in Rolfs Aquatic Center. The se- niors will be introduced as a team and one-by-one Saturday and will be featured in a video tribute.

“We want to pay tribute to what they’ve done here,” Welsh said. “They’ve been very loyal and spirited for Notre Dame. They’ve helped us to get to back on track.

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“Steven has made it a lot
closer for us with the way he’s

played,” Jackson said. “Mike

has played some great games

for us too, and they’re both

much in the mix going forward.”

With just a few series left be-

before the CCHA playoffs, Notre

Dame’s main focus for the

weekend will be to leave town.

Sunday with two wins and six

valuable points in the confer-

ence standings. However, as the

games grow more important
towards the end of the year, Jackson is also looking for a

more even and consistent per-

formance from his team.

“We haven’t been as consist-

tent as we’d like over the past

few games,” he said. “We’ve

been defending better, and our

goalkeeping has improved, but

now our special teams have tak-

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The Irish and Nanooks will

face off Friday and Saturday

in Alaska’s Carlson Center. The

puck will drop both nights at

11:05 p.m. Eastern Time.

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Notre Dame’s 55-42 road

victory over an upset Seton

Hall team on Wednesday was

no fluke, with the Irish

holding the Pirates (15-5,

4-4) to almost

30 points below

their sea-

son average.

The Irish gave

up only 18

points in the first

half and

held one of the

top scoring
doubles in college basketball, se-

nor forward

Heath Pope and

senior guard

Jordan Theodore,

to 16 points combined.

The ugliness of the
game was good for us because we

have won some ugly ones this

year and were able to con-

trol the tempo,” Brey said. “I

thought the defense was fab-

ulous all night, especially

on Theodore who may be

one of the best guards in the

country.

While stifling opponents

on one end of the court, the

Irish have also had their

struggles on the offensive end.

The Irish are 177th in the

NCAA in scoring with 68.2

points per game. Despite

shooting 10 percent from the

field in Saturday’s upset over

then-No. 1 Syracuse — while

holding the Orange (21-1,

8-3) to 34 percent shooting —

Notre Dame only connected

on 13 shots while going the

last 8:50 of the game without

a field goal. Given the quick

turnaround following an

emotionally draining, sea-

son-defining upset over the

No. 1 team in the country,

Brey said the win over Seton

Hall added to the maturation

towards the end of the year.

Jackson is also looking for a

more even and consistent per-

formance from his team.

Mike Brey

Irish Coach

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CROSSWORD

Across
1. Couldn’t stop obsessing about (4, 9)
2. Bogged (6)
3. Nervous look/first name (7, 5)
4. Students (6, 6)
5. 1957 in a radio show (5)
6. Ponderous (6)
7. A type of dance (9)
8. A place to get a check cashed (6)
9. A place to go to watch hockey games (6)
10. The Observer (8, 9)
11. A book (12)
12. A type of computer (12)
13. A type of math course (4, 4)
14. A type of game (4, 4)
15. A type of drink (4, 4)
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51. National Series events (4)
52. Initiated, as an undertaking (6)

Down
1. Visitor at the beginning of the debut (6)
2. Material for the Guinness Book (6)
3. Part of a service (6)
4. “The Luck of Roaring Camp” writer (6)
5. “Trinity” novel (9)
6. Poor Clares member (6)
7. Seller of supplements (6)
8. Overhead light, perhaps (6)
9. It grows older and then croaks (6)
10. Wooly acrylic fiber (6)
11. River flowing between two Great Lakes (6)
12. Birthplace of Virgil (6)
13. Largest moon in the solar system with a retrograde orbit (6)
14. Morning weather phenomenon (6)
15. Trail (6)
16. Reeling system components (6)
17. Stop, happy, say (6)
18. Docks (6)
19. Battled (6)
20. Nobody (6)

WILL SHORTZ

HOROSCOPE

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alexa Keys, 32; Mika Kawasaki, 77; Ann Arbor, 41; Jefferson Lewis, 55.

Happy Birthday! Good fortune will come to you in mysterious ways. Don’t look for the obvious. Let your imagination lead you in unfamiliar and eye-opener directions. Love, romance and spending more time interacting with people will bring you the experience and knowledge you require to help a cause, as well as family, and friends. Your numbers are 4, 9, 12, 17, 24, 39, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep a low profile and take care of business. It’s important to clean up house and go into fewer new solutions and never forward with an open mind and a set goal. Don’t let intimate ambitions with what needs to be done. ★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Love is on the move and a little romance will do you good. Volunteer in other ways to services a company you believe in and you will meet someone interesting.纳税前的、小企业及个人税单过程将将达预期的效果。

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Vitality should be your prime concern. Whether it is in your personal life, as an organization you are involved with or a potentially ugly situation, protect your interests and retreat before it’s too late. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Love, love and more love. You have to enjoy life, not let it pass you by or just do it. Let down your guards: little and experience new people, places and interests. Take action. Make changes at home that add to your comfort. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You’ll be tempted to overdo on people around you don’t want. Prepare yourself for unexpected action. But you also get into trouble. Stick close to home and avoid two talkative sales people. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You’ll be drawn to people who are aggressive and who want to get to things done. Take part in whatever is going on around you and you will enjoy the results you get. Nothing is better to be patient to work. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Look, see and do. Is it up to you to take charge and to make things happen? Friend, jobs and enjoy the company of your peers and colleagues. Interacting with others will lead to bigger and better opportunities. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Put more effort into your home, family and domestic life. A couple or adjustments can make your home more comfortable and entertaining. Love is in the air, and those apart with the one you love will enhance your relationships and your life. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Put more emphasis on your talents and hard work can see you get around them. Go out on some time together. As the first of New Year blow, all that. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone from your past or something that you did way back when will have an impact on your life. Let love bloom, and experience what someone offering than their unique and kind of. A reminder of this can be expected. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Keep your hands and your possessions in a safe place. You’ll be tempted to turn over your assets, resulting in uncertainty regarding something you need to discuss with your financial advisor and the fact that money is saved won’t be used. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Keep a level head and eat everything you will eat and care. A potential illness will weigh on your mind and time and effort. Go do it if you have a chance to avoid.Demand your strength and courage will impress someone with. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are serious minded and you aren’t afraid to stand alone.

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HENRY ARNOLD

MIKE ARGIRION

JOE MILLER AND KELLY LYNCH

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE FOUR JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

AVREB

WIRTFL

YBSOP

LOTTE

Answer: Scramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Answer: MACAW, HOUSE, TERROR, SCOURCH

Answers tomorrow

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THE PRINCE SIGNED THE BOOK, THE SO HE COULD GET — —

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**Hockey**

**Irish take long journey to face tough Alaskan competition**

By JACK HEFFERON  
Sports Writer

No. 4 Notre Dame has cooled off recently, following up a four-game winning streak by losing three of its last four. This weekend, the team travels to take on Alaska in a pair of important conference games.

**Fencing**

**Away trips put on hold to host Dame Duals**

By MIKE MONACO  
Sports Writer

Throughout the season, the Irish have racked up their fair share of frequent flyer miles traveling from coast to coast for competitions. Not once, however, have the Irish fenced within the friendly confines of the GCC.

That changes this weekend as Notre Dame hosts 17 schools for the Notre Dame Duals, with the women on the mats Saturday, and the men in action Sunday. The Irish are excited to be staying home for a change, as they hope will lead to a strong showing. Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said, “This is a competition on our site so we expect, as we always do at home, to make good results because it’s always easier to get support for our side than for the (opponents’) side.” Bednarski said.

Bednarski hopes that such support will come from the Notre Dame student body.

“These matches can be tough for us,” Bednarski said. “I would like to have the support of our students if they can come before 4:30 on Saturday because that will be our last match against Northwestern and they are usually very strong.”

The Irish will host a number of other local teams in addition to Northwestern, including Michigan, Purdue and Wisconsin, which is a rare and exciting occurrence given Notre Dame’s independent systems as good as anyone in the nation in shutouts, and the team’s 2.58 goals-against average places its defense in the top-20. For Jackson, the key to finding the net will lie in playing smart and matching Alaska’s work rate.

“[Alaska] competes extremely hard, and they execute their systems as good as anyone in the nation,” Bednarski said.

**ND Women’s Basketball**

By JOSEPH MONARDO  
Sports Writer

Riding a 17-game winning streak and coming off a decisive defeat of Tennessee, the Irish will resume Big East play when they travel to Saint John’s on Saturday. No. 2 Notre Dame has won its past 17 games by an average margin of victory of almost 36 points, the most recent victory being a 28-point home victory over No. 9 Tennessee. Despite being in the midst of the third-longest winning streak in program history, the Irish (20-1, 7-0) Big East has honed in on their next task.

“We approach each game as a separate game,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “[Tennessee] was a great