Corban, Helping to lead classes

By SARA FELESENSTEIN
Associate News Editor

Officers for next year’s junior and senior class councils were named last Thursday.

Tricia Corban will serve as senior class president and Lizzie Kiolor and Chris Champlin as junior class president. Due to a campaign violation in the Sophomore Class Council election, Judicial Council held the results until 10 a.m. today.

Corban’s ticket won 436 votes out of a total 693, or 63.7 percent of the votes, defeating the opposing ticket 138 votes.

Her council will include seniors Claire George, Daniel Kiolor and Chris Champlin. Corban said their plans for next year involve throwing large-scale events to strengthen class unity.

“After going to the Grammy’s last year, I accidentally bumped into Paul McCartney and we got to sit with nominees,” Coyne said.

She said he expects the rate of increase to continue to see increases down while maintaining Notre Dame’s tradition of academic excellence.

“We’re about educating people for the rest of their lives, and we just have to think about how we can do that in the best way possible, and try to make it more affordable as possible, but not allow the affordability to compromise the educational experience,” Affleck-Graves said.

He said he expects the rate of tuition increase to remain about the same over the next few years.

“I think in the future we’re going to continue to see increases in tuition, hopefully the students are getting the value of that,” Affleck-Graves said. “But I don’t see us getting much below the four percent a year increase.”

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OFFBEAT
$1 million worth of gold coins discovered in ceiling
LES BELLES, France — A French Champagne producer is spreading the wealth with his workers after they discovered nearly $1 million in gold coins stashed away in the building’s rafters, according to Agence France Press (AFP).

“One of the workers (was) attacking the building’s ceiling with a crowbar when gold coins started to rain down on him, followed by sacks of gold,” Francois Lange, head of Alexandre Bonnet in Les Belles France, told AFP.

In all, 497 gold coins were unearthed, with the majority literally raining down upon the workers who were busy renovating the building. Minted between 1851 and 1928, the coins have a face value marking of $20 each. However, together they are now worth an estimated $980,000, according to AFP.

Tightrope walker attempts to cross Niagara Falls
ONTARIO, Canada — Canada agreed on Wednesday to allow a member of the Flying Wallenda family of daredevils to attempt a tightrope walk over Niagara Falls, clearing the way for the stunt some time during the summer.

Nik Wallenda, 33, secured support on the American side of the falls last September when New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a bill giving him one year to perform the feat, which Wallenda says will be the first attempt in more than a century.

On Wednesday, the board of Canada’s Niagara Parks Commission voted unanimously to allow Wallenda to go ahead, reversing its earlier decision.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF
The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning will host a workshop called “Teaching Problem Solving Strategies in Science and Engineering” today from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the LaFortune Student Center. For more information, email kaneb@nd.edu.

The Ten Years Hence Lecture Series will continue today with a lecture called “Innovations in Poverty” from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The speaker is Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA.

Today from 4 to 5 p.m., the Hesburgh Libraries Information Desk will host a library workshop called “Researching the Visual and Built Environment.” The workshop will be in room 222 of the Hesburgh Library. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Anna Tolomei at mtolomei@nd.edu or by phone at 574-631-8156.

“Taste of Brazil” will be today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The event includes Brazilian foods, samba dance lessons taught by certified instructors, a craft station for kids and activities offered by the Brazil and Portuguese language clubs. The event is free and open to the public.

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Panel looks at int’l women’s issues

By KAITLYN RABACH  News Writer

The Student Diversity Board (SDB) hosted an International Student Women’s Issues Panel on Thursday evening as part of Women’s Appreciation Week at Saint Mary’s College. The discussion focused on diversity and women’s rights.

Co-women’s representative junior Jean Oseberg and three international students led the panel discussion.

“I think that we often forget about international issues and focus mainly on issues that pertain to America,” Oseberg said. “This discussion focused on a very large spectrum of women’s issues and I felt it was important to integrate the International Students so they could participate and be involved on campus.”

First year Aneth Batamuliza, who represented Tanzania and Rwanda, began her discussion by painting an image of daily life for women in her home countries.

“In Tanzania, you see more women staying home and caring for the family. In Australia, you see more women involved on campus.”

Michelle Espinal, a 16-year-old from Nicaragua studying at the Saint Mary’s Language Center, said women in her country struggle as second-class citizens.

“My country definitely sees men as superior to women,” Espinal said. “This feeling of superiority is engrained in the culture and I see it as a domino effect.”

Espinal said younger generations learn from older ones and continue these problems.

“Men abuse women and create a sense of power that is then observed by their children,” she said. “The cycle then continues on.”

In contrast to the other representatives, senior Christine Clissold of Australia said she doesn’t see many differences between women in Australia and the United States.

“Though many of the schools in Australia are separated on the basis of gender, we see females in leadership positions and we then model ourselves after these leaders,” Clissold said. “In our country, women are expected to be educated and go to universities.”

The depictions of women in these cultures differ, but the role of media portraying the ideal beauty was a common experience among women, Clissold said.

“In Australia, media portrays the perfect woman as being sporty, blonde, blue-eyed and skinny,” Clissold said.

Batamuliza said this idea of beauty is different from those in both Tanzania and Rwanda, though the media’s influence has grown in recent years.

“One thing that was interesting for me when I came to America was the idea of dieting. In my home countries we do not diet, and we are not pushed to be of a certain weight,” Batamuliza said. “But girls tend to stick to trends that they see in the movies and magazines now.”

Clissold said the experiences of young women differ with each nation, but understanding these other cultures is essential to becoming a more global-minded citizen.

“I think it is important that other women see what is happening in the world around them because women will be taking more leadership roles in the future and they must understand the issues worldwide,” she said.

Batamuliza said discussion is the first step to understanding the world around us.

“Diversity is something that is very important. We need to learn different cultures, but never really take the steps to do so,” Batamuliza said. “Attending these panels and learning of the issues of the world is the first step toward changing the global system of women’s equality.”

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Love Your Body Week connects SMC, ND

By JILLIAN BARWICK  News Writer

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Army ROTC to host annual ball

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

Fighting Irish Army ROTC cadets will look to show off their best dance moves next weekend as the battalion hosts its annual Army Ball on Friday, Feb. 24, at the Hilton Garden Inn in South Bend.

Senior cadet Trevor Waliszewski said the ball will feature a saber arch in honor of the senior cadets, an address by guest of honor Major General Richard Longo, a class dance competition and a traditional formal dance.

Waliszewski said each of the battalion’s graduating seniors will walk through the arch while a brief biography of their accomplishments is read. Many of the seniors’ parents will be in attendance, he said.

“As a senior, I’m looking forward to the saber arch. There’s a real sense of accomplishment from knowing I’ve worked hard the last few years,” Waliszewski said.

Major General Longo is the deputy-commanding general for Initial Military Training for the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command. Longo is stationed at Fort Monroe, Va. Sophomore cadet Julia Steines-Berkemeier said she is looking forward to Longo’s speech.

“It should be interesting. Everyone’s who’s been in the army for that long has a lot of good insight to share,” Steines-Berkemeier said. “They’re very experienced and knowledgeable.”

There will also be a dance competition between the different classes, Waliszewski said. Each class is working hard on the choreography, he said.

“We didn’t have a class dance competition last year, so I am excited that it is coming back this year,” Steines-Berkemeier said.

The rest of the night will feature traditional dancing with students attired in dress uniforms and gowns, Waliszewski said.

“The ball is definitely good for building camaraderie and gives you a different atmosphere for interacting with other cadets. They like to say it builds ‘esprit de corps’ (morale of a group),” she said.

Steines-Berkemeier said he enjoyed last year’s event as a fun way to spend time with other cadets outside of ROTC. They like to share,” Steines-Berkemeier said.

“Last year’s ball was really fun,” Steines-Berkemeier said. “It is a nice way to see people in a more social setting. They like to share with other cadets. They like the atmosphere for interacting and gives you a different environment in ROTC, Steines-Berkemeier said.

Waliszewski said. The event is an opportunity to build a sense of community amongst members of ROTC, Steines-Berkemeier said.

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Lizzie Helpling president-elect Junior Class Council

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said. “Our main goal is to really reduce the gap between Class Council and the class as a whole and also have a great year that we can all talk about for years to come,” she said.

For Junior Class Council, Helpling’s ticket secured 71 percent of the votes, defeating one opposing ticket. The ticket received 436 votes out of a total 673. Helpling’s council will include Neal Ravindra, Jessica Puricelli and Greg Yungtum.

“We’re so excited, we absolutely cannot wait to get started,” Helpling said. She said her council’s biggest goal is to integrate the student body more with student government.

“We want students to know more what student government’s doing and feel they have a say in student government,” she said. “We also want to reach out to student groups on campus.”

The Judicial Council found the Kevin Walsh, Martin Walsh, Jeannette Kim and Shannon Hogan ticket in the Sophomore Class Council election in violation of the Constitution because a member of the ticket posted a link to the polling site on the Notre Dame Class of 2015 Facebook group. The Constitution states that only Judicial Council may post a link to the polling site.

As an appropriate sanction, the Election Committee decided the ticket’s Facebook page must be removed by 11:59 p.m. Thursday night and no new web page may be created for the ticket. The Election Committee also required that a member of the ticket post an apology to the Class of 2015’s Facebook page.

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NJ Assembly passes gay marriage bill

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — The New Jersey Assembly passed a bill legalizing same-sex marriages despite opposition from Gov. Chris Christie.

The New Jersey Assembly passed a bill on Thursday legalizing same-sex marriages despite opposition from Gov. Chris Christie.

The 42-33 vote sends the bill to Christie, who won’t take immediate action. The Republican governor who opposes gay marriage set up a separate and inherently unequal classification for gays — something social conservatives require to send the bill to his desk until the close of business Friday.

The Senate approved the bill Monday.

“Without question this is a historic day in the state of New Jersey,” Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver said after the vote. She said she had never been more proud of the Democratic caucus for doing “what citizens sent us here to do: to deliberate, to use the legislative process to represent the interests of all New Jerseyans.”

Christie and most state Republican lawmakers want gay marriage put to a popular vote. Democrats say gay marriage is a civil right protected by the Constitution and not subject to referendum.

Six states and Washington, D.C., recognize gay marriages. Washington State’s new gay marriage law is scheduled to take effect in June.

The affirmative vote in the Assembly after more than two hours of debate ended weeks of speculation over whether Democrats who control the chamber would muster the 41 votes needed for the measure to pass. Four of the Assembly’s 47 Democrats voted no, and a fifth was out of town and didn’t vote. No Republicans voted in favor of the bill.

Instead, they plan to bide their time in hopes that support for gay marriage will continue to grow.

“We do have two years,” said Reed Gusciora, a Trenton Democrat who sponsored the bill in the Assembly and one of two openly gay state lawmakers. “We changed a lot of views in the last couple of weeks. Give us two years and we’re going to change a heck of a lot more.”

In case same-sex couples can’t win gay marriage through legislation, they have engaged in a parallel fight in the courts. Seven gay couples and several of their children have sued, claiming that the state’s civil union law doesn’t work as intended.

Civil unions were designed to provide the benefits of marriage to gay couples without the title. They were adopted after the Supreme Court instructed the Legislature to provide marriage equality to same-sex couples.

The state’s own review commission has since found problems with the law, however, and many same-sex couples have lacked that up with testimony before the Legislature. Gay rights advocates say civil unions have not provided true equality. They complain that they set up a separate and inherently unequal classification for gays — something social conservatives dispute.

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and limit spending in response to the ongoing economic uncertainty that affects many of our Notre Dame families,” he wrote. “These financial challenges are not likely to ease soon, nor will our efforts to increase the efficiencies of our operations and the quality of our student experience.”

Affleck-Graves said the University’s largest source of revenue is tuition and the second largest is payment out of its endowment. The University’s endowment has not been as large as past years, he said.

“The endowment has done reasonably well given the economic conditions, but it’s still below the level it was in 2008 and 2009, so there’s some pressure for us on that source of revenue,” he said.

Affleck-Graves said the University’s other major sources of revenue include auxiliary operations like the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and Food Services. These have also experienced significant pressure in recent years, he said.

“I think generally like the rest of the economy, the University is seeing pressure on all revenue sources and I think that’s why we have to increase tuition [but] we try to keep it as moderate as we can,” he said.

He said more than 50 percent of the University’s expenses tie to salaries and benefits. But Notre Dame is not willing to trade exceptional faculty for a lower cost of tuition, Affleck-Graves said.

“There are enough financial aid (funds) here to make sure that they’re made available to students who otherwise might not be able to afford the University,” he said.

Notre Dame is working to reduce costs on the administrative and operational sides of the University. Affleck-Graves said He said reducing energy use is one way to drive down utilities costs.

“It’s responsible on both the cost side and the environment side if we’re all careful about the amount of electricity and utilities we consume,” Affleck-Graves said. “And the student body’s been reasonably good … in helping us … you know, switching off computers at night [and] turning off lights.”

As a need-blind University, Affleck-Graves said Notre Dame has offered more financial aid since the 2008 economic downturn.

About 48 percent of Notre Dame students are currently on some form of financial aid.

Affleck-Graves said the issue of college affordability in the United States is more complex than the media portrays it. Some families have voiced anxieties about the rising cost of a Notre Dame education.

“We understand especially in this economy it’s very hard for some parents, that’s why we do the financial aid … but there are parents who don’t get the financial aid who also need help,” he said.

He said a Notre Dame education comes with both academic and personal benefits, and the University will not compromise those benefits simply to reduce cost.

“The problem is, [parents] send us the children because they think we can give a high quality education, we can give a good residence life experience, so if we don’t do that just because we want to save some money, in the end I think we’re shortchanging the students,” Affleck-Graves said. “And that’s the last thing we want to do.”

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tribution to the industry. Brennecke said fellow engineering professor Dr. Ahsan Kareem is the only other NAE member inducted while at Notre Dame.

“When people look at schools and ranking universities, they’ll look at the National Academy to determine if it’s a top place,” Brennecke said. “So, for the university, it’s really important.”

Brennecke said her research specializes in the use of ionic liquids and supercritical fluids for environmentally benign chemical processing. Brennecke has three postdoctoral, 11 graduate and seven undergraduate students working in her Ionic Liquids Lab.

In my 23 years here, we have seen huge growth in external research funding the number of Ph.D. students,” Brennecke said. “That has been important to me because I’ve been able to do research that I’m interested in.”

The focus on undergraduate teaching is also a very important facet of Notre Dame, she said.

“Notre Dame has created an environment that’s very conducive to doing great research,” she said.

Brennecke said her election is advantageous for both her work and the university.

“Everybody tells me it’s great for me, the department and Notre Dame,” Brennecke said. “It’s great that we’re being recognized here.”

Parents
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are together,” Stepien said. “Not only do you get to spend time with your parents, but also with the people you chose to sit with and their parents.”

Stepien said the weekend concludes with a brunch Sunday morning in the Joyce Center.

Stepien said she expects this year’s JPW will be extremely successful. The rise in ticket sales for weekend events demonstrated an unexpected rise in student enthusiasm, she said.

“In preemptive ticket sales we have surpassed the total people expected from the past 10 years,” Stepien said. “However, we’re still hoping that even more parents and students will show up.”

Despite the time-intensive effort required to plan and coordinate JPW, the job was not stressful due to the devotion and hard work of her co-workers, who ultimately made the planning experience a positive one, Stepien said.

“I’m really just happy that I get to be a part of it all,” Stepien said.

Stepien said parents will not only see what their sons and daughters are studying academically, but also how they relax outside of the confines of the classroom. This makes JPW a very special weekend, she said.

“At Notre Dame, there’s such a balance between work and play that students really want to show their parents what they do in the classroom, but also what they do to unwind,” Stepien said.

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He said the event was even more enjoyable because he was able to experience it with his family.

“It’s always fun to share experiences with others and having my children attending the parties and all the hoopla surrounding the Grammys was great,” he said. “I wanted to start filling up their memory bank.”

Coyne said the most memorable part of the weekend was seeing her dad receive his award.

“My dad booked it up to stage. I knew that’s being biased, but seriously, I saw him work so hard. I know that’s being biased, but seriously, I saw him work so hard. I couldn’t be more proud of him.”

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Photo courtesy of Briana Coyne
Senior Briana Coyne and brother Dillon attend the Grammy’s in support of their father’s work on Adele’s winning album, “21.”

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Greek debt crisis raises concern for EU

Mounting confusion over whether Greece will get vital bailout cash is rekindling fears that Europe’s debt crisis will spread.

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The debate over what Greece must do to get more rescue loans has sparked a war of words with other eurozone countries, with top politicians trading barbs over Greece’s trustworthiness as a borrower.

In recent days, politicians from Germany and the Netherlands lashed out at policymakers in Athens, questioning their promises to implement far-reaching cuts and reforms in return for a second, €130 billion ($169 billion) bailout. The comments illustrated increasing distrust and uncertainty over the bailout, unnerving markets as investors worried Greece may not get the expected bailout and could default next month.

Jose Manuel Barroso, the president of the European Commission, struck a conciliatory tone on Thursday in a bid to mend fences. “I would like to salute the courage of the Greek government and the Greek people in these very challenging times and I would hope that the members of the European Union will accept the commitments given by Greece.”

The comments are sure to strike a chord in Greece, where resentment has been mounting over what many see as the humiliation of the country and the hardship brought on by increasing demands from the country’s creditors that have left the country in the fifth year of recession. Eurozone nations want assurances that Greece will repay its bailout loans if it is extended another 130 billion rescue package.

After the Greek government faced down violent riots on Sunday and voted through a contentious austerity plan, eurozone ministers imposed further conditions, such as written commitments from politicians and even more cuts. The delay to the bailout agreement even after Athens has fulfilled these demands have frayed nerves.

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble further rankled Greeks when he urged the country to postpone its general elections, tentatively set for April, to make sure the current government has time to implement reforms.

“We are very much aware of our responsibility for Greece and the Greek people. But, as I have also said, we can help, but we can’t pour into a bottomless pit,” Schauble said Wednesday in an interview.

The comments caused outrage in Greece, where President Karolos Papoulis lashed back. “I will not accept my country to be disparaged by Mr. Schauble,” he said Wednesday during an event at the defense ministry. “Who is Mr. Schauble to disparage Greece? Who are the Dutch? Who are the Finns? We always had the pride to defend not just our country, but the freedom of Europe,” he said.

Eurozone ministers are due to meet on Monday to decide on the bailout, but the uncertainty over the bailout and tension between officials who should be cooperating to defuse Europe’s biggest financial threat caused markets to drop.

Other officials in Athens also voiced indignation over the blunt approach taken by Germany and other European nations.

“What is happening today with Greece is unprecedented,” said Greek Citizens’ Protection Minister Christos Papoutsis, who is a former European Commissioner. “The sacrifices of the Greek people are unbearable.”

“And any other new demands from our partners make a mockery of our country,” he said in a statement Thursday. “It is raw blackmail of the Greek government and of the political system in Greece. It is a direct insult of Parliament, the basic pillar of Greek democracy. It is a direct insult to the dignity and the pride of the Greek people. Some in Europe forget that behind the numerical targets there are people.”
No restrain on anti-whaling activities

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A federal judge in Seattle declined to immedi-
ately restrain the activities of a Washington state-based
anti-whaling group Thursday.

Judge Richard Jones said he
would issue a written ruling
later, but that he’s inclined to
deny a request for a prelimi-
nary injunction made by Japa-
nese whalers against the Sea
Shepherd Conservation Soci-
ey.

The whales — the Institute
for Cetacean Research — said
the Sea Shepherd group has
attacked and rammed their
ships off Antarctica during
the whaling season, and asked
the judge to order them to
stop. Some of the clashes have
been shown on the “Whale
Wars” reality TV show.

Sea Shepherd activists use
stink bombs and other nonle-
thal means to interfere with
the whalers. The group argues
that its activities are support-
ed by international law, that
the court doesn’t have juris-
diction in the Southern Ocean,
and that it’s the whalers who
have rammed its vessels.

“It is a victory for the Sea
Shepard, for environmen-
talists. It’s a victory for the
Shepherd president Paul
Watson said in documents
filed in the state of Washing-
ton.”

Japan’s whaling fleet kills
up to 1,000 whales a year, an
allowed exception under a
ruling by the International
Whaling Commission. Ja-
pan is permitted to hunt the
animals as long as they are
captured for research and not
commercial purposes. Whale
meat not used for study is sold
to domestic markets in Japan,
which critics say is the real reason for the
hunts.

Activists launched or threw
cannons and prop foulers.

Activists on an inflatable boat attempt to distract a Japanese
whaling vessel during an encounter in the Arctic Sea.

Bankrupt airline strands
thousands of passengers

 Associated Press

SYDNEY — Thousands
of travelers from Hawaii to
Thailand were stranded Fri-
day after budget airline Air
Australia ran out of money
and went into voluntary ad-
ministration, immediately
grounding its five-jet fleet.

The Brisbane-based inter-
national and domestic air-
line, formerly known as Stra-
tegic Airlines, said all flights
had been canceled and the
airline would not be accept-
ing new bookings because it
could no longer pay its bills.

Voluntary administration in
Australia is similar to bank-
ruptcy protection in the U.S.,
and can buy a company time
to trade out of its financial
problems.

“It currently appears that
there are no funds available
to meet operational expenses
so flights will be suspended
immediately,” the airline
said in a statement. Passen-
gers who bought tickets with
credit cards or had travel
insurance may be given a re-
fund.

“We tried to laugh about it,
but it wasn’t funny,” she said
while her family called ho-
Tel

“The directors appointed
Korda said in a statement
that Air Australia’s admin-
istration, immediately
stranded in Honolulu, Priya
Sinh was forced to postpone
her 18th birthday party on
Saturday.

Air Australia’s fleet con-
ists of five Airbus A330-
and A320-200 aircraft, and
regularly flies to Bali,
Phuket, Honolulu and cities
within Australia.

Korda said in a statement
that Air Australia’s admin-
istrators were calling for
immediate expressions of in-
terest in the sale of the busi-
ness.
Relocating Notre Dame

It is kind of a thing here at the University this time of year to say you have seasonal affective disorder, commonly known as SAD. In fact, I'd venture to say that you wouldn't truly be a Notre Dame student if you didn't wear a North Face, like squirrels and have SAD. But I don't have SAD because of the winter weather, rather the winter weather just makes me plain sad. Some people whine and complain about the weather for the sake of doing it. I truly hate the cold. I always say the day of graduation I am going to have a diploma in one hand and a plane ticket to somewhere warm in another. However, I would like to save the future generations of Notre Dame students the pain and suffering of the winter lake effect. Therefore, I have taken the time out of my busy schedule to find potential sites for the University to relocate to.

Miami, Florida:
Why not pull a LeBron James and take our talents to South Beach? Miami is warm, it has beaches and it has nightlife. What is not to like? We could even replace the campus squirrels with campus dolphins. It is a win-win. In fact, I like this idea so much, I'm going to throw an extra win in for good measure — it's a win-win-win. We even get to encroach on the convicts' home turf.

San Francisco, California:
Admittedly, this is not the warmest of cities or even the city with the best possible weather. However, not only is San Francisco a beautiful city, but it would provide the perfect liberal juxtaposition for our ultra-conservative Catholic university. San Francisco has hippies, druggies and gays and lesbians, and we have priests, nuns and parietals. Instead of ResLife, we'd have Alcatraz. It's a match made in heaven!

Plus, instead of Jimmie Johns, we get In-N-Out. Someone call the movin' vans. Now.

Yakutsk, Russia:
Moving the University here would be the only possible way to get people like me from complaining constantly about South Bend's weather. Yakutsk is officially the coldest city in the world, with an average yearly high of 25 degrees Fahrenheit. The average January high is a balmy 33 degrees.

All I can say is that makes Notre Dame seem tropic in comparison. Maybe if Fr. Jenkins threatened to move the University here, the whole SAD craze would go away.

Well, it's your move, Fr. J. Hopefully the dolphins or the promise of Alcatraz will help you make the right decision.

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Parents, welcome to the fold

As the cars roll up and the parents get dropped off with suitcases and eager smiles in tow, a moment of panic grips you. A weekend awaits, full of galas and Mass and brunch and bonding. Will it be awkward? Will it be fun? Will it be worth the drive?

Is Junior Parents Weekend as great as it's made out to be? It is if you embrace it for all its worth.

For one special weekend in the midst of your college career, Notre Dame plays host to hundreds of middle-aged and elderly adults (no offense, parents), a much different crowd than the 20-somethings that usually rule the scene. Parietals persist, parties move off campus and students get to focus on developing relationships with the ones who have loved them since before they were born — their parents.

At first, Junior Parents Weekend might feel a little forced as you introduce your folks to your friends under the guise of a fancy gala. You walk around the Purcell Pavilion, not sure if you need to hold Mom and Dad's hands like it's their first day of kindergarten. Can they mingle by themselves? Do they know what to do and where to go? Will they play nice with others in the sandbox?

Maybe your parents are the kind who love college and all it implies, ready to go out and be the lives of the party. Maybe they're more reserved, shy and a little nervous when thrown into unknown situations. Maybe they could't make it, and instead you're on your own to entertain the massive influx of adults swimming campus.

Whatever the situation may be, sit back, relax and enjoy what's ahead. It's a rare moment when adults and children get to experience a beautiful thing called college together. For this one special weekend, the stars align and maybe, just maybe, the sun comes out.

Open your doors and hearts to your parents and let them know how much you appreciate their love and support. The pride that fills their eyes when they see the great company you keep and the curriculum you conquer will ease any and all tensions. This weekend is about so much more than checking events off the list. As sappy as it sounds, it's about letting your home and Notre Dame family become one.

Parents, this is your chance to catch a glimpse of the adults your kids are becoming. They're letting you into a world that has allowed them to grow in a multitude of ways. Take advantage of the opportunity to see their lives both academically and socially. It's a rare time, a period of formation both you and their peers play a large part in.

Embrace your friends and their friends' parents, people who have influenced and shaped your child's life in more ways than you can count.

Next year, when you meet again amidst tailgates and football games, hand over that first encounter, the one that started it all. Know that your children are well taken care of by the University, their peers and those who have raised the class of 2013.

Hold onto this weekend. Like your college career, it goes by fast. Do your best to make it last.

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Quote of the day
The characters who define our society

Consider for a moment the characters of Pride and Prejudice. Elizabeth, Jane, Darcy and Mr. Collins are all larger-than-life, and the rest. They are about as different as they could be—all else is carica-
tures.

Nonetheless, Bound Variables they are charac-
ters who repre-
sent their time and place. They all are, despite their diversity, committed to Brit-
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chical agrarian order. The climax of the novel comes when Lydia nearly destroys her family by absconding to London; she enters into a romantic relationship with Wickham with neither the permission of her father nor the consecration of a cler-
yrical order. The climax of the novel enters into a romantic relationship with

Darcy’s commitment to the moral order of the agrarian society is, I think, that he is willing to reestablish order at any cost, to the point of thereby becoming a hero to the lovely Elizabeth. The point is worth repeating: Darcy, is, in a sense, the ultimate loner, a moral exemplar precisely because he has the will to defend the institution of marriage and the money to pull it off. Gentle-
men, take note.

It may be you are not a fan of “Pride and Prejudice.” If so, then you should read these books by MacIntyre, they are idealized versions of the men and women whom he sees every day. Consider as examples Mitt Romney, Doctor Phil, Paris Hilton and Glenn Beck, respectively. Some of these char-
acters inhabit the political right while others are rather further left. Some are respected public figures while others are media darlings known largely for their nuttiness. Despite their great diversity, however, they are manifestations of the same spirit, a refusal to accept right and wrong, about the point of life, the point of moral morality.

It’s obvious different societies understand themselves in relation to different characters, especially as Cer- vantes created his Don Quixote. The knight, a character defined by his perfect fusion of courage and piety, is as noble in one age as he is absurd in the next. Moreover, ours is no longer a moral order by its commitment to honorable mar-
riage in the context of a hierarchical agrarian order.

Who, then, are the characters who define society—one that talks about the meaning of the world, in which talk about right and wrong is thought to be central?

According to Alasdair MacIntyre, who, in his “After Virtue,” calls characters “the masks worn by moral philosophers.” The Manager, the Therapist, the Aest-
ethete and the Conservative Moralist are prominent among them. Such characters are, of course, inventions of MacIntyre, they are idealized versions of the men and women whom he sees every day. Consider as examples Mitt Romney, Doctor Phil, Paris Hilton and Glenn Beck, respectively. Some of these char-
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We should do with all of the extra money, of course, but there is a central limit to how much we will accept. It is time to begin to look at the question of the meaning of the world, about how liberals, minorities or those who reveal the moral orders which

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This fashionista first fell in love with all things Brazilian upon discovering a little restaurant-club in the 10th arrondissement of Paris, Favela Chic. Memories made with best friends to the rhythm of “Magalenha” amplified the already strong impact the Brazilian mystique exerts on us all. The brevity natural backstory of the Brazilian fashion aesthetic captures our style senses. Thankfully, several native Tatiana Spragins let us in on the secret.

FlyF: So, Tat, tell us about the fashion aesthetic in Brazil.

TS: Well, first of all Brazil is a large country with many different regions, and therefore, different styles. Sao Paulo, for example, is like New York, many more suits and businesswear. I’ll speak to the aesthetic of Rio where I grew up. Carioca (a person from Rio) I’ll speak to the aesthetic of Rio where many more suits and businesswear. Paolo, for example, is like New York, more business and less casual. Like New York, Brazil has the rhythm of “Magalenha” amplifying the already strong impact the Brazilian mystique exerts on us all. The brevity natural backstory of the Brazilian fashion aesthetic captures our style senses. Thankfully, several native Tatiana Spragins let us in on the secret.

FlyF: Growing up and then coming to Notre Dame, how was your fashion aesthetic formed and then changed?

TS: Well, at about 16 or 17 I really fell into the Carioca style with my friends. Going to the beach so much, you wear something that can translate easily from there to a restaurant to the mall. I don’t think Brazilian fashion is so different from fashion at ND in that it’s casual, and you don’t really try to stick out or be flashy. But I distinctly remember getting a Lewis Hall t-shirt as a freshman, and cutting it up immediately, making the neckline lower, cropping it at the waist, to make it fit better, not knowing we were going to wear these shirts for the whole week. I looked different. Also, I find there’s less of an impetus here to dress for class. There’s a fashion divide — either you try too hard or not at all. In Brazil, everyone makes an effort. I’ve adapted to ND naturally by buying most of my winter clothes in the States, UGos and fleece for instance. There are some conditions, like the weather, whose affect [on your style] you can’t control. But when summer comes, out come my Carioca dresses. My Brazilian style has become stronger. I miss what I can’t find here in the States. And of course, when I’m in New York, wherever they really express personal style. I take my true [Brazilian] fashion aesthetic out of the closet. And on that note, darlings, let the Carioca style summit begin!

Carico Style: Shop 126

Photo courtesy of shop126.com

FELICIA CAPONIGRI

Scene Writer

The things about fashion in Brazil, too, is that the middle class is a new phenomenon, and to retain a sense of status, people don’t mix high and low fashion, like you see in the States. Services in Brazil are cheap, products are expensive, so the cost of clothes is also much higher, naturally.

FlyF: What do you think of the Brazilian fashion mystique?

TS: Actually it’s quite funny, this obsession with Brazilian beauty. I think it’s natural — that a beauty that is different has a wow factor. It does deserve attention, but to us it’s not that exotic. I’ve always been aware of the reality of the stereotype. The thing about fashion in Brazil, too, is that the middle class is a new phenomenon, and to retain a sense of status, people don’t mix high and low fashion, like you see in the States. Services in Brazil are cheap, products are expensive, so the cost of clothes is also much higher, naturally.

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TS: Well, at about 16 or 17 I really fell into the Carioca style with my friends. Going to the beach so much, you wear something that can translate easily from there to a restaurant to the mall. I don’t think Brazilian fashion is so different from fashion at ND in that it’s casual, and you don’t really try to stick out or be flashy. But I distinctly remember getting a Lewis Hall t-shirt as a freshman, and cutting it up immediately, making the neckline lower, cropping it at the waist, to make it fit better, not knowing we were going to wear these shirts for the whole week. I looked different. Also, I find there’s less of an impetus here to dress for class. There’s a fashion divide — either you try too hard or not at all. In Brazil, everyone makes an effort. I’ve adapted to ND naturally by buying most of my winter clothes in the States, UGos and fleece for instance. There are some conditions, like the weather, whose affect [on your style] you can’t control. But when summer comes, out come my Carioca dresses. My Brazilian style has become stronger. I miss what I can’t find here in the States. And of course, when I’m in New York, wherever they really express personal style. I take my true [Brazilian] fashion aesthetic out of the closet. And on that note, darlings, let the Carioca style summit begin!

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One day he was just a dog, the next he was the bane of Mitt Romney’s existence. Seamus, the precious Irish Setter pup of the Romney family, has taken the world by storm. Word recently got out of Seamus’ misadventure in the presidential hopeful’s past. This pooch is having the worst week ever.

As the old tale goes, little Seamus was a pup who loved the rush of wind in his ears. He enjoyed it so much, the Romneys would stick man’s best friend in a crate strapped atop their car, drive 12 hours from Boston to Canada. Word recently got out on Politicker, a political website, one of the Romney sons let it slip off-the-record Seamus skedaddled once the family parked their final destination. Previously, Romney’s wife, Anne, had claimed Seamus went on its live to a “ripe old age,” according to The Toronto Star. Something smells doggy.

Many parties have cried foul at the Romneys’ care of their pup, claiming this is surely an indicator the presidential elect is unsympathetic toward the underdog. Though the event took place in 1983, the story has gained recent traction thanks to two forces: the Westminster Dog Show and New York Times columnist Gail Collins.

The Seamus-inspired movement, “Dogs Against Romney” made a special appearance at the Westminster Dog Show this week. About a dozen angry people held up signs reading “Mitt is Mean” and “I Ride Inside.”

The campaign has its own website and claims 30,000 members. Seamus, wherever you are, there’s an abundance of treats guaranteed in your name.

Collins apparently also has a vendetta against the presidential-hopeful. She’s mentioned the Romney incident numerous times since his campaign began and tosses references to Seamus’ story around in her column regularly.

In a Feb. 1 piece, she questioned whether Romney would ever plan ways to fix the safety net to benefit the poor.

“Be real. This is the guy who drove to Canada with the family dog strapped on the roof,” she wrote. Woof.

This week, while pristine puppies were prized for the best in show prize, the memory of Seamus lived on in protests and on poster boards. Nothing maintains the memory of someone like writing, so Seamus will also forever be immortalized in Colin’s columns.

Though Romney might publicly be taking the heat, it’s you who felt it in the first place. We know you love your master, even if he might have taken the phrase “catch some fresh air” a little too literally.

Here’s to you, Seamus the Irish Setter, and to hoping your dog days aren’t over just yet.

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Today, the festivities of Junior Parents Weekend (JPW) begin. JPW is a University tradition in which junior class parents come to Notre Dame “to get a glimpse of their sons and daughters’ lives at their home away from home,” said Caitlin Connelly, co-chair of the JPW Presidential Dinner.

“This year is particularly special because we also celebrate the event’s 60th anniversary,” Connelly said. With a full schedule of activities planned from Friday to Sunday, Connelly said this JPW promises to be “a fun and entertaining weekend for the 2013 junior class and their parents alike.”

Friday

JPW festivities begin today at 1 p.m. with Air Force ROTC and Art Department receptions. Later in the afternoon, the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC) will host Black Coffee House in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom. This signature event showcases various talented singers, dancers and poets.

The JPW Opening Gala begins at 9 p.m. in the Joyce Athletic & Convocation Center. “The Opening Gala is one of the weekend’s most important and awaited events,” Connelly said. This activity serves as a way “for students and their parents to socialize with other classmates and their parents,” she said. Cocktail attire is suggested for the Opening Gala. The event will have different entertainment stations with food, professional photographers, music and a dance floor.

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**By ALEXANDRA KILPATRICK**

Director James Watkins’ thriller is based on Susan Hill’s 1983 novel of the same name. “Woman in Black” is certainly not as light-hearted or geared to young audiences as the “Harry Potter” franchise. The Woman in Black hits theaters nationwide Feb. 3, and Radcliffe’s wacting abilities in the new movie by locating Drablow’s house on an island linked to the mainland village by only a long road covered at high tide.

Radcliffe portrays protagonist Arthur Kipps, an early 1900s British lawyer whose wife Stella (Sophie Stuckey) died during childbirth. Kipps past only makes his career more difficult.

After facing financial problems from his law firm, he is assigned the task of finalizing the estate of Alice Drablow ½ one final chance to prove his worth to his employer. Drablow’s estate rests on a marshy island in the creepy North Eastern English village, Crythin Gifford, where children keep mysteriously committing suicide.

Watkins adds an obvious, albeit appropriate, aspect of horror to the movie by locating Drablow’s house on an island linked to the mainland village by only a long road covered at high tide. Kipps must unravel the mystery of the deaths while also finalizing the legal documents of Drablow’s estate. The enigma revolves around the title “Woman in Black.” Drablow’s sister Jennet Humfrye, whose son Nathaniel drowned in the wetlands during a tragic car crash accident.

The lack of realism in “The Woman in Black” diminishes the scare factor and instead merely adds suspense to the majority of the film. Radcliffe’s token altruistic role seems out of place in a setting where most of the other characters warn against his delving too far into the frequent deaths. The villagers insist Kipps leave the town before another death occurs, but he refuses.

Kipps’ only reservations about going to Drablow’s estate, which has all the visual appearance of a haunted house, appear to stem from his desire to reunite with his four-year-old son Joseph at the end of the week. Radcliffe’s fear of lack of fear, while appropriate in a role like Harry Potter, instead seems strange and out of place in a setting where the horror of watching the thriller. Watkins’ cinematography proves more effective to incite horror in the audience than Radcliffe’s acting, as he creates a natural palette of white, black, tan and gray, but occasionally contrasts it with red blood. Additionally, a philosophical plot twist at the movie’s end redeems Radcliffe’s inability to act beyond his role.

Overall, Watkins provides a decent scary movie experience, but
Sports Authority

Why the Colts should keep Peyton Manning

Let’s talk generalizations. As the owner of an NFL team, you’re given the choice between an aging quarterback who missed the last entire season due to injury and a rookie quarterback program for 25 years, according to sources.

The older quarterback has a contract worth millions of dollars and if you keep him around, you have to pay him a $28 million bonus. No wonder the Colts are without knowing how healthy he actually is. You can pay the new guy a bit less money because of new rookie contract limitations.

Your team went 2-14, you fired your general manager and head coach and you’re just looking to rebuild.

The logical move in this situation is to get rid of the aging quarterback, avoid paying him a $28 million bonus within the next month if you keep him around, you have to pay him a $28 million bonus and see how the young gun and see how the young gun and see how the young gun and see how the young gun and see how the young gun and see how the young gun and see how the young gun and see how the young gun performs with another still under contract limitations.

John Elway, as ESPN’s Mel Kiper, Jr. has said. He may be the closest quarterback to a sure thing we’ll see in our lifetimes. But he’s not Peyton Manning.

Manning isn’t a young man anymore that can’t be disputed. Even if he’s fully healthy after his surgeries, he can’t have more than five good years left, and that’s if he plays until he’s 40. But giving up the quarterback who has built the Colts into the perennial powerhouse they are (except for last year) is unintelligent at best, professional suicide at worst.

Irshay should make the decision to keep Manning — that shouldn’t even be a question. The question should be whether or not to draft Andrew Luck and have him play as his backup. One of the greatest quarterbacks of all time. Manning’s days are numbered, and Luck would be learning from the best.

The Colts could draft Luck — they have the space under the salary cap to do so. They could give him the opportunity to learn under the tutelage of a Hall of Fame quarterback. If he’s too proud to spend a few seasons as a backup, then he’s missing out. It would be far less stressful to the Colts and Luck and hope he’s content than to draft a quarterback who is the franchise on him and lose Manning.

The Colts could also choose to draft an elite player at another position. Judging from last season, they could use the help in many areas of the team, defensive and offensive linemen have to be found to be pro far easier to judge, and so drafting a player at either position is much more logical than choosing Luck over Manning.

The Colts are faced with a rare opportunity to draft a quarterback that can lead the franchise to another Super Bowl title, who led the Colts to the playoffs in nine straight seasons and who won four MVP awards.

To sum it up, the Colts want to end the 2-14 last season, the first time since 2001 they didn’t win double-digit games. Manning might see it was because Manning wasn’t on the field. Now Irshay thinks it’s in the best interest of the franchise to play another season without him.

Andrew Luck may be the next great quarterback. He may be the player you want to be the leader of your team, but you don’t want to enter the NFL draft since he’s not ready. You do want to see him in a Colts uniform.

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NBA

LeBron James would return to Cavs

Heat forward LeBron James drives during a game Monday against the Bucks. James said Thursday he would consider a return to Cleveland.

James said he has made no attempt to patch things up with Gilbert, who criticized James in a scathing letter to Cleveland’s fans. Gilbert promtied to win a title before James quit the Cavs during the playoffs.

James said he has no bitterness toward Gilbert. They have not spoken since James met with the Cavaliers on July 3, 2010, when they were one of several teams courting him to sign with them.

“I don’t have any hard feelings. He said what he said and I’ve moved on,” said James, who is under contract with the Heat for two more seasons. “But there’s been no attempt to patch things up.”

James, however, said he can envision being friends again with Gilbert.

“I don’t hold grudges,” he said. “I hold them a little bit, but I don’t hold them that long. He said what he said out of anger and he would probably want to take that back. But I made a mistake, too, and there are some things I would want to take back as well.

“You make mistakes and move on.”

But could he play for Gilbert?

“Dan is not the coach,” he said. “I can play for any coach. We’ll see what happens.”

Attempts to reach Gilbert were unsuccessful.

It wasn’t clear if by “mistake” James meant the way he announced his departure from Cleveland or joining the Heat. He insists he’s happy in South Florida and committed to winning a title with the Heat, who are favored to win it all this season after losing to Dallas in the final last June.

James acknowledged he’s changed and enjoying hoops the way he once did.

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“Even Wade, who stayed with James at his home in Ohio, could imagine his friend reunit- ing with the Cavs — some day.

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**Belles to close regular season with home game**

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Having already clinched a berth in the MIAA tournament, Saint Mary’s will take on Kalamazoo on Saturday looking to pick up momentum heading into the postseason. This will be the last regular-season home game for the Belles (12-12, 8-7) before they compete in the newly restructured four-team MIAA tournament starting next week.

“We are looking forward to playing at home to finish out the season,” Belles senior guard Patsy Mahoney said. “We are ready to work hard and take care of business.”

With a playoff spot secured, Saint Mary’s will use its game Saturday to prepare for postseason play.

“Looking to next week for our first-round game, we are excited to play Calvin tomorrow and show them a team that is not ready for our season to end,” Mahoney said. “We are doing new things to prepare and think we have the mentality to come out and win the first round playoff game and continue on.”

The game will also serve as Senior Day for the Belles, as it is their last regular-season home game.

“This last home game is full of mixed emotions,” Mahoney said. “I am sad that it is my last home game at Saint Mary’s, but I also know that it doesn’t mean my season is over since we have at least one more game the following Thursday for the first round of the MIAA tournament.”

Saint Mary’s features a core group of seniors who will be honored Saturday. These players include seniors Mahoney, forward Kelley Murphy, forward Jessica Centa, guard Maggie Ronan and guard Katie Sullivan.

Mahoney said their time together has brought the seniors close on and off the field.

“Playing on this team has definitely made me a better person as well as a better player,” Mahoney said. “The friends I have made on this team over the years is lifelong and I know I will always be able to count on them for anything I need.”

Patsy Mahoney
Belles senior guard

**Irish hold on to second place**

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

The Irish could not muster enough points in four events Thursday to keep up with first-place Louisville in the Big East Swimming and Diving championships.

However, the team kept its hold on second place and also saw impressive performances from freshman swimmer Emma Reaney and the 200-yard freestyle relay team.

While the defending champion Cardinals appeared headed toward a second straight Big East title, the Irish still remain 12 points ahead of West Virginia for second place.

The most impressive Irish swim of the day came from Reaney in the 200-yard individual medley. Reaney dominated the field in the event finals, winning in 1:56.42, more than three seconds clear of second place.

The time was Reaney’s personal best on the season for that event and fell just less than a quarter of a second shy of the automatic qualifying NCAA A-cut time.

Meanwhile, the closest women’s finish on the day occurred between Louisville and Notre Dame in the 200-yard free relay. The team of senior Amy Prestinario, junior Lauren Scott, sophomore Kelly Ryan and freshman Hannah Bowen finished just 22 seconds behind first-place Louisville in an exciting finish.

The Irish suffered in the team points category as none of their swimmers placed in the top eight of the 50-yard and 500-yard freestyle events. However, Bowen and Prestinario finished ninth and 10th respectively in the 50-yard freestyle, which were the top two places in the consolation bracket.

The events on Thursday marked the second of four days for the swimming portion of the Big East Swimming and Diving championships. The Irish will face their busiest day of the Big East championships today, with five individual events and one relay race at Trees Pool in Pittsburgh. Preliminary races begin at 10 a.m. with the finals occurring at 6 p.m.

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**Belles stand in sixth in MIAA meet**

By BY MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

After the first full day of competition, Saint Mary’s stands in sixth in the MIAA championships with 124 points. At the top of the leaderboard, Hope leads Calvin by 1.5 points with 255 points total.

In the morning session Thursday, the Belles qualified swimmers for each of the five events they competed in. The Belles competed well in their two relay races. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, consisting of freshman Ann Nolan, sophomore Sarah Thompson, senior Katie Donovan and freshman Julianne Divine, the Belles took third in qualifying with a time of 1:43.65. Also taking third, with a time of 4:13.34, was the 400-yard individual medley relay of freshman Anna Nolan, junior Kristyn Gerbeth, senior Audrey Dalrymple and senior Megan Price.

Saint Mary’s competed just as well in the individual events during the preliminary round. With an eighth-place finish and time of 5:21.05, senior Megan Price qualified for the 500-yard freestyle finals. Audrey Dalrymple qualified in fifth place (2:13.90) and Katie Donovan in 15th place (2:22.06) in the 200-yard individual medley. Both qualified rounds were Nolan, who finished 10th in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.13.

The Belles improved their times for the final round Thursday evening, but for the most part finished in the same places. In the relays, the 200-yard freestyle relay finished in sixth (1:43.02) and the 400-yard individual medley relay moved up, finishing 13th (4:09.91).

On the individual level, Price again finished eighth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:19.38). For the 200-yard individual medley, Dalrymple finished fifth (2:12.45) and Donovan moved up, finishing 13th (2:19.90). After many races, Nolan’s 50-yard freestyle time slowed slightly to 25.30, but she retained her 10th place position.

The Belles continue in the MIAA championships today and Saturday in Holland, Michigan.

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**Invites Nominations for the Sheedy Award**

Each year, the Sheedy Award, named for a former dean of the College of Arts and Letters, honors one member of the Arts and Letters teaching and research faculty for outstanding teaching.

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one she describes as "learn fast, think fast, play fast." As the name indicates, the style focuses on a high-tempo pace of play designed to maximize shots on goal. Halfpenny said the team has been remarkably quick in picking up the new offensive style.

"We have a number of very talented and skilled athletes here who are also very smart, so they have been quick on the uptake," Halfpenny said. "Our four-week preseason could not have been more effective, and the players are certainly seeing some success in the system."

This year's Irish will feature several new faces on the field, as the team looks to fill the void left by the departure of all-Americans Shaylyn Blaney and Jackie Doherty, along with three other starters from last year's team. Halfpenny said the team's talented underclassmen will take on an increased role and become valuable contributors.

"I'm excited to see some of the young kids step up because, losing several players to graduation, we'll need to rely on youthful faces starting this weekend," Halfpenny said. "I'm hoping to see a number of contributors on the field, and I'm excited to see what combinations we can come up with."

Despite the losses to graduation, the Irish do return 16 monogram winners. Key returnees for Notre Dame include senior attack Maggie Tamasitis and sophomore midfielder Kaitlyn Broco, who were both named to the all-Big East preseason team. The Irish also feature a strong and experienced defensive front that includes seniors Jordy Shoemaker, Megan Sullivan and Kate Newall.

Although the Irish received strong preseason preparation against teams like Johns Hopkins, the team will face its toughest test in Stanford (0-2). In a preseason coaches' poll, the Cardinal were picked to win the MPSF (Mountain Pacific Sports Federation), but have dropped their first two games, losing to No. 1 Northwestern and No. 18 Ohio State last weekend. Stanford graduated its top four goal-scorers and starting goalkeeper from last season but features a strong core of seniors in Anna Bieri, Emilie Bieri and Catherine Swanson. Swanson was named the MPSF's Player of the Week for her efforts in the team's first two games.

Halfpenny said beginning the season against a top-ranked opponent provides a good measuring stick for her young team.

"I think it's great that we get an early test with an opponent that has been to the NCAA tournament in each of the last two seasons, as it will give us a good measure of where we are at this point," Halfpenny said. "Athletically, I think we match up very nicely with them, and we're very excited for this game."

The Irish will open their season against Stanford on Sunday at 12:00 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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Men’s Swimming

Dyer’s record-setting times give ND lead in Big East

Sophomore Frank Dyer swims in the 500-yard freestyle Jan. 27 in the Shamrock Invitational at Notre Dame. Dyer set a new Big East record in the event Thursday with a time of 4:18.50.

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

The Irish entered the second day of the Big East championships on Thursday with a solid lead over Pittsburgh and Louisville. Dyer and his relay team set a new standard across the Big East, earning Notre Dame a 406-330.5 win over the Cardinals.

Just a day after leading an Irish relay team to a school record, Dyer set a new Big East record with a time of 4:18.50 in the 500-yard freestyle. Notre Dame freshman Brennan Jacobsen earned second place in the race at 4:24.28. Irish head coach Tim Welsh said Dyer stands out among others, even against the best opposition in the conference.

“He beat his own meet record from last year, and he broke the pool record from 1993. His time is one of the very, very fastest times in the country. Frank’s just having a terrific meet,” Welsh said. “The thing about Frank is he earns it. He does everything the right way, which does not mean it’s easy, but he earns his success. He trusts what he does. He’s a great competitor.”

Irish junior Bill Bass earned the gold medal in the 200-yard individual medley. The Irish trio of freshmen Cameron Miller and Zachary Stephens and sophomore Colin Babcock also finished in the top six.

Defending champion Louisville controlled the top four spots in the 50-yard freestyle, and West Virginia rounded out the top six.

“[Louisville is] loaded with talent. They are loaded with talent. That’s a tribute to them,” Welsh said. “It’s been a great competitive race; a great matchup between the two of us. It’s been, ‘You punch me in the nose, I’ll punch you in the nose.’”

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Dyer and juniors Bill Bass, John McGinley and Kevin Overholt finished in second place behind Louisville, with a time of 1:18.79.

The results of the 200-yard freestyle relay were not officially released due to controversy regarding one of Connecticut’s exchanges in the race. The Huskies will most likely be disqualified in the race.

Irish freshman Nick Nemetz had won the Big East title earlier this week on both the 1-meter and 3-meter boards, giving Notre Dame and early lead.

Welsh said the Irish swimmers have rallied behind Nemetz’s success.

“We haven’t lost the lead that our divers gave us, and we love our divers,” Welsh said. “Louisville was heavily, heavily favored to win, that’s why we have the meet. What we’ve been trying to focus on is taking care of business between the Ts.”

Today’s competition features several 100-yard races, including backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.

Sophomore Frank Dyer swims in the 500-yard freestyle Jan. 27 in the Shamrock Invitational at Notre Dame. Dyer set a new Big East record in the event Thursday with a time of 4:18.50.

The Irish have notably had a few inconsistent starts — it’s challenging. “I think that’s tough. We’ve had ups-and-downs like we’ve had this year and we just have to play smart hockey with the puck, not taking unnecessary penalties.”

Despite the stretch of poor play recently, Irish senior captain and defense- man Sean Lorenz believes his team still has time to turn things around.

“We’re excited. It’s crunch time and as bad as we’ve been playing in the past 30 games, honestly, there’s so much more time in the season,” Lorenz said. “There’s four games and those four games could boost us up into the top four in the conference and top 10 nationally. So the last four are really important and going to Miami is always a challenge and always fun in my opinion, just because of the atmosphere, and we’re looking forward to it.”

Jackson has echoed those sentiments to his club, referring frequently to the 2008 Irish team that made the national championship game after hobbling into the NCAA tournament.

You have to take solace in the fact that if you maintain the right attitude, regardless of how bad things look at the time, it’s possible,” Jackson said. “Anything’s possible until your heart’s not beating anymore.”

The Irish will face the Redhawks in a critical series at Miami tonight at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

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**Irish host first meet since big Vanderbilt upset**

By **VICKY JACOBSEN**
Sports Writer

The Irish will face two talented rivals from different conferences this weekend — No. 13 North Carolina (6-4, 0-0 Atlantic Coast) and Illinois (5-1, 0-0 Big Ten) — at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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**SMC TENNIS**

**Underclassmen look to step up for young Belles**

By **ISAAC LORTON**
Sports Writer

The Fighting Illini come into the match with momentum from a Feb. 3 home win over Southern Methodist. The Illini have only dropped one singles match at home so far this season — to SMU. No. 1 singles player Edyta Cieplucha — but have not been as dominant on the road.

“Right now, we are not looking to put pressure on ourselves. We'll have a good match,” Campbell said.

For leadership, the Belles will look to the only player who held a top-six spot last season who was not a senior — sophomore Mary Catherine Fuller.

“She was the No. 3 seed last season and this year she’s going to be our No. 1,” Campbell said. “She really has raised her level and she’ll be one to look out for this season.”

The Belles first match will be at home against Case Western Reserve on Friday at 6 p.m.

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Irish travel to Salt Lake City for national spots

By MIKE MONACO
Sports Writer

With the regular season in the books, the Irish will take a break from collegiate action to participate in the United States Fencing Association’s National Junior Olympics this weekend in Salt Lake City. The event provides fencers under the age of 20 with the opportunity to qualify for the Olympic team.

“We are sending just four [freshmen] fencers at this moment,” Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. “We qualify by age so we don’t typically send any juniors. It’s an event for the freshmen and sophomores.”

With fencers from all over the country competing for prestigious national team spots, the Irish are prepared for fierce competition. Bednarski said he is excited to see how the four perform against top talent.

“This is a qualifying event for the world so it’s a very tough tournament,” Bednarski said.

“We will observe the progress of our freshmen and see how well they do.”

The quartet of Irish fencers consists of foilist Gabriel Acuna and epeeists Michael Rossi, Nicole Ameli and Ashley Severson. Acuna saw action in the final two meets of the season and compiled an 18-6 record, including a 13-4 performance at the Notre Dame Duals on Jan. 29.

Rossi competed in all five meets and posted winning records in four as part of his 36-21 record for the regular season. Ameli, who posted 39 wins on the season, was one of the top performers on the women’s epee squad.

Rounding out the group is Severson, who finished right behind Ameli in the win column with a 37-7 mark for the campaign. Bednarski said he expects a strong performance from Severson in Utah.

“We’re competing in [the Squad Championships] next week,” Bednarski said. “We can try to use the [National Junior Olympics] as a promotional event for next week. We will see how [the freshmen] will compete in two weeks.”

The National Junior Olympics are over, the team will return to action as a group Feb. 26 for the Squad Championships in New York. The four freshmen will use the National Junior Olympics as a building block for the rest of the season, Bednarski said.

“We’ve already played in many top competitions against top fencers in the nation. I think she can maybe medal or maybe even reach the final [this weekend]. She probably will qualify for the national team. That’s our goal [for her], to fence in [the World Cadet and Junior Fencing Championships] in Moscow in March and April.”

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The National Junior Olympics begin today at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City.

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who leads the team in rebounding, is third in scoring and has recorded five double-doubles during the seven-game streak, has spurred the Irish charge.

Cooley said he hopes opponent’s attention turns to him, because that will allow his teammates to take over.

“The more focus that’s on me is the less that’s on the rest of my teammates,” Cooley said.

“Every one for himself gets that (sophomores) Jerian Grant and (Eric Atkins), they’re knockdown nippers. The reason I’ve been scoring so much is probably that they’ve been focusing on us so much. So if they put the focus on me, that’s fine, those guys will go for 26 each. It’s going to work out well for our team.”

The two young guards have led the Irish with their ball-handling. Notre Dame ranks second in the Big East in assist-to-turnover ratio, compliments to the young team.

“I think it’s fun playing with these guards,” he said.

“These guys, as you’ve seen in the last month, they really have become one of the best backcourts in this league. And they believe it, and their teammates know to kind of play off of them and get out of their way.”

Villanova (11-14, 4-9) comes into the contest in a tie for 11th in the Big East and has struggled defensively. The Wildcats are ahead of only DePaul in the conference.

“Our team ball-handling is excellent,” Brey said. “That group has a lot of fun playing together. They all can pass, they know where each other is supposed to be. It’s certainly an any predictable movement — it’s a group kind of moving and reading the defense.”

Mike Brey

Irish softball

Young Irish travel to Calif. to begin season

By WALKER CAREY

Sports Writer

After losing eight seniors to graduation, the inexperienced Irish begin their season with a tough weekend as they compete in the Campbell Cartier Classic in San Diego.

The slate of games begins today with a doubleheader against San Diego State, followed by a game against San Diego. The Irish will face Oregon State and UC Santa Barbara in softball’s opening-rounding out the tournament on Sunday against Boise State.

Junior catcher Amy Bunin said she is eager to see what this year’s team is capable of.

“Compared to last year, this team has the ability to play with speed and quickness,” Bunin said. “We have put in a lot of preparation and scrimmaging ourselves in Loftus, so it will be nice to compete outside against some tough competition.”

Bunin said she sees Oregon State as Notre Dame’s toughest competition this weekend, but senior outfielder Alex Williams disagrees.

“We are going out there and focusing on us (4-3) will put the Irish eyes, the competition doesn’t matter. As long as we play Notre Dame softball, we can beat whoever we face.”

As one of four seniors, Maldonado said her personal goal for the season is to be a strong doubles player.

“I want to help this team get to the next level,” Maldonado said. “Not only by my playing ability but as a leader.”

One of the talented newcomers to the roster, freshman catcher Cassidy Whidden is looking forward to the start of her first collegiate season.

She said that her team is ready to face competition outside of practice.

“For the past five weeks we have been working really hard to make ourselves better,” Whidden said. “I just can’t wait to see what this team will do this season.”

Maldonado said most of the team’s work has taken place on indoor practice facilities, which adds a learning curve to the experience.

“The most difficult part of this weekend will be getting used to playing outside on the dirt and grass,” Maldonado said. “It’s going to be different, but we are so excited to just get out there and play in beautiful weather.”

Maldonado said the team has one goal in mind.

“We are a great group of girls all working toward the same goal — to be the 2012 College World Series champions,” she said.

The Irish will begin play in the Campbell Cartier Classic with a game against San Diego State today at 5 p.m.
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**TRACK AND FIELD**

**Irish travel to NY for Big East Indoors**

By JOSEPH MONARDO

As the indoor portion of the 2012 schedule nears its conclusion, the Irish will head to New York for the Big East Indoor Championships.

One of the most anticipat-
ed meets on Notre Dame’s schedule, coming in on the heels of the conference indoor championships has been the goal for Irish athletes during the season’s first two months. The importance of qualifying for and performing well at the meet cannot be overstated, Irish coach Joe Piane said.

“How important is breathing? Does that sum it up quickly?” Everybody goes into the Big East wanting to win and we are no different, no different at all,” Pi-

ane said. “The two biggest meets on our schedule, both indoor and outdoor, are the Big East meet and the NCAA.”

The field, which will include the top athletes in the Big East, promises to provide strong competition across the board:

“The Big East historically has been outstanding in the middle distance area, but that’s not to say that the sprints are bad and the jumps and field events are bad,” Piane said. “It’s a very, very, very competitive conference.”

The men’s side enters the meet having placed in the top two in four consecutive Big East Indoor championships, including a first-place finish in 2010. This year, the Notre Dame men and women both hope to revisit the top spot on the podium.

“To win is great, it really is,” Piane said. “That’s why you have a team, to go out and win. We have a very good, solid team. It doesn’t matter if it’s the men or the women, we are pretty solid.

On the men’s side, several athletes will attempt to defend Big East titles in their respective events. Senior pole-vaulter Kevin Schip-

per hopes to earn the gold for the third straight year, and junior middle-distance runner Chris Giesting, among others, looks to defend his title in the mile and lead the 4x800-

meter relay to victory for the second straight year. Sophomore sprinter Pat-

rick Feeney, who won the 400-meter race last year in his first conference meet, will have to defend the title from Irish freshman sprinter

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For the women, junior middle-distance runner Rebecca Tracy enters the meet having won last year’s mile run. The Irish expect contributions from a variety of other sources as well. Piane said.

“We have [senior pentath-

lete] Maddie Buttinger, who is one of the best multi-

eventers not only in the conference but in the coun-

try, she is very good,” Pi-

ane said. “We have some very good sprinters — [fresh-

man sprinter] Kaila Barber has done a great job, [soph-

omore sprinter] Michelle Brown is a terrific 400-me-

ter lady and we have some very good very good very good very good very good distance ladies.”

Although Notre Dame’s primary focus is winning the conference meet, athletes are also competing for the opportunity to compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships in March. With only one meet between the Big East and NCAA Indoor Championships, the end of the indoor season is right around the corner.

“The Irish begin their fi-

nal indoor Big East comp-

etion Saturday, with action concluding Sunday. Contact Joseph Monardo at
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Sophomore pitcher Donnie Hissa throws a pitch in practice on Jan. 27. This weekend the Irish head to Florida. Copyright © 2012 Notre Dame

**Corrigan**

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Tewaaraton Award, given to the top player in collegiate lacrosse. According to Corrigan, keeping these middiehe in check and slowing them down is a top prior-

ity.

“The biggest challenge for us is that the athleticism they have in the middle of the field and the way they play that’s an aggressive full-field style of game,” Corrigan said. “The challenge for us is to control tempo and make sure the game is in our favor. If we can’t let them get out and get easy goals in transition.”

“Tallow the Blue Devils, the Irish will need to use a different strategy than in prior years. In 2011, the Irish featured a host of uppersclassmen, including five since-graduated all-Americans. The beginning of this year will be a different story, as a total team effort will be called upon to battle top teams like Duke, Corrigan said.

“We lose five all-American-

ers from last year but at the same time I’m confident in the guys we have,” Corrigan said. “We’re not looking at any one guy to carry the weight as a group these guys have worked really hard and I’m really confident in the guys we have.”

“Middlefield Max Pfeifer, defen-

sman Kevin Randall and at-

tack Nicholas Beattie will lead the 2012 team as senior co-

captains after averaging double digit starts last season. Others who will be counted on heavily include sophomore attack Wes-

ley Hopkins, senior attack Sean Rogers and junior goalie John Kemp. Hopkins and Rogers tied

for the team lead in goals last season with 18 apiece, while Kemp started all 14 games and was also recently named to the Tewaaraton watch list.

Just as Corrigan is not wor-

ried about the loss of last year’s all-Americans, so too is he not worried about expectations for the Irish, both for the season and in the season opener.

“We don’t burden ourselves with expectations,” Corrigan said. “We’ve been working hard and we’re excited to get started.”

“There are guys who are very hard and well as they can … If we play smart and hard I know we’ll make enough plays and we should be fine.”

“[T]he past couple of days we’ve started to get the edge in its growing rivalry with Duke at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ar-

tium Stadium.

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Senior Kevin Randall, right, defends against Robert Morris in an exhibition match Feb. 5 in Loftus Sports Arena. This weekend the Irish play host to Duke.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a serious look at your personal and financial situation, and you will come up with a great way to improve both. Love is highlighted, and making a commitment will help you set your financial goals. You will find it helpful to look at your expenses. Ideal for a home, and a higher income. 

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Size-down, take care of pending problems, and get your personal situation straight. Now’s the time to settle old accounts and put your life in order. Your numbers are 5, 6, 7, 25, 42.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You’ll be torn between what you want to do and what you should do. Don’t let your emotions take over; you will talk yourself out of your best option. Your numbers are 1, 5, 6, 7, 25.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Concentrate on your responsibilities and you will be successful. You’ll almost assume you are trying to improve. A change in an important relationship will enable you to get further ahead and build a solid base for future collaboration.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):ether people with similar goal together, and you will be able to get things on track. The impact you have on others will result in more responsibility. Make sure you are up for the challenge before you accept. Love is highlighted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don’t count on anyone for anything. Do your own thing and refuse to let anyone interfere in your business. Problems at home will escalate, and appearances are likely to persuade your plans. Interpretation is apparent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t rely on others when you are better equipped to take care of your own affairs. A change is a relationship will emerge as you take control. Your numbers are 2, 7, 11, 13, 22.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make alterations to your home that will ease stress or help reduce your overhead. Creative aspects will result in a better understanding between you and someone you want to spend more time with. Collaboration and you will advance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your emotions will escalate. Avoiding the inevitable will lead to problems. Speak plainly and get on with your life. A change at home or within your current relationship will lead to a new understanding. Your numbers are 3, 9, 17, 23, 30.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid making impractical or unprofitable changes. You need to keep your line of reasoning as stable as possible if you want to keep someone taking you for granted. Don’t let love or offer negotiations, at least.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look back your past work record and you will quickly realize that mistakes are made by your choices. Share your progress with the people during which you’ve been interested and collaborate in order to get the best for you.

PIECES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be reasonable. Not everyone you talk to will give you honest answers. It is easy for you to get involved and act before you have the whole picture. Someone from your past will be a real harmonizer regarding how you should proceed. 

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Men's Basketball

Second-place stride
Brey proud of team's double-digit wins

By ERIC PRISTER
Senior Sports Writer

No. 23 Notre Dame returns to the road riding a seven-game win streak to face Villanova on Saturday. The Irish (18-3, 10-3 Big East) have vaulted themselves into a tie for second place in the Big East and have the tie-breaker advantage over four of the five teams immediately behind them. Irish coach Mike Brey said his team's double-digit conference win total is quite an accomplishment.

"Anytime we get to double-digit wins, that's great consistency in this league," he said. "That's maybe one of the things I'm most proud of with the program, is that we get into double-digit league wins, because once we get into that, the other stuff kind of takes care of itself, with double-byes and Selection Sunday."

Junior forward Jack Cooley, who has been a starter in 20 starts this season, has been a key component to the Irish's successful season. Cooley leads Notre Dame in rebounding with 5.3 rebounds per game and is second on the team in scoring with 11.3 points per game.

"I think we match up fine with them," Corrigan said. "It's a matter of our athleticism. We need to get back [on defense]." Notre Dame now sits at 2-5 in Big East play, including losses to Syracuse, Seton Hall, and Villanova.

"It's our decision-making. We will be able to handle them. It comes down to being smart and being selective in the opportunities we want to take in the full field game. We need to make sure we get back [on defense] and do not give them easy transition goals," Brey said.

Irish hope to break losing streak

Irish hope to break losing streak

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

One week ago, the No. 13 Irish faced a two-game series against now-No. 1 Ferris State with the opportunity to make a run at a CCHA championship. After being swept by the Bulldogs, Notre Dame will travel to No. 19 Miami this weekend, with both a bye in the CCHA tournament and an NCAA tournament berth in serious jeopardy.

The Irish (16-13-3, 11-10-3-0 CCHA) limp into this weekend's showdown against the RedHawks (17-13-2, 11-11-2-1) with a three-game losing streak and just a 3-7 record in their last 10 games. After a season that started promising, Notre Dame now sits tied for seventh in the conference and 18th in the crucial PairWise rankings.

"I fully expect [the starting rotation] to have a different approach during the next seven, keying a season-long slide the Irish struggled to turn around. Irish coach Mike Aoki, now in his second year with Notre Dame, said he expects the team to have a different approach entering the new season. "You don't want to overstate anything and make it more seem more important than it really is," Aoki said. "I want to see them play well. I'm anxious to see how some of these guys who are turned from role players into full-time players react to the opportunity they have."

According to Aoki, the biggest challenge for the Irish this season will be replacing last year's senior-laden starting rotation. Departed right-handers Cole Johnson, Brian Duper and Todd Miller each logged over 80 innings in 2011 and provided a consistent force to aid a struggling Irish offense. Aoki said he is confident in his new rotation of senior Will Hudgins, sophomore Sean Fitzgerald and junior Adam Norton — all of whom built ERA's under four from the bullpen and occasional spot starts last season.

"I fully expect [the starting rotation] to bring a new Irish style"