Same-sex couples to receive benefits

ND, SMC will extend benefits to married same-sex couples in compliance with state law

By KAYLA MULLEN News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s will extend benefits to all legally married spouses, including same-sex spouses, to all legally married spouses, including same-sex spouses, according to the event website.

Saint Mary’s also sent out an e-mail to its faculty and staff Oct. 9, announcing that it will make changes.

“Saint Mary’s College’s interpretation is that, as an employer in Indiana, the College must abide by the law and enroll legally married, same-sex spouses of faculty and staff in its insurance benefits if requested by a College employee,” Richard Nugent, director of human resources and college counsel at Saint Mary’s, said.

The cost of providing health insurance to employees at both institutions will increase, but the number of new persons that will be covered by the benefits remains to be seen, Nugent said.

Paul J. Browne, vice president of public affairs and communications for Notre Dame, said prior to the extension of benefits last week, approximately 2,700 spouses of Notre Dame employees were covered.

“It’s unknown right now how many will be added as a result of the extension of benefits,” Browne said. “It will become clearer as newly covered individuals sign up for insurance.”

SMC students stand up to cancer

By RONI DARLING News Writer

Last week, the Saint Mary’s Stand Up To Cancer Club sold T-shirts as a fundraiser for the national organization “Stand Up To Cancer” as the first of many events the club will host throughout the year to reach their fundraising goal.

Senior and club president Christine Hutch said the club’s mission is to host events that will raise awareness and funds for cancer research. “This organization is unique because it gives 100 percent of donations to the best and brightest scientists in order to accelerate the pace of groundbreaking research that can save lives,” Hutch said. “This is an important issue now more than ever since government funding for cancer research is diminished, and yet cancer takes one person’s life every minute.”

Hutch said the club brings students of Saint Mary’s, a catholic university and art of the number of new persons to cancer.

Grad student wins award

By SELENA PONIO News Writer

Abigail Weaver, a chemistry graduate student at Notre Dame, received the 2014 Baxter Young Investigator Award for her work aimed at analyzing and identifying counterfeit drugs. Her winning research project was titled, “New Analytical Tools for Qualitative Pharmaceutical Analysis in Field Settings.”

Weaver completed her undergraduate education at Anderson University and earned her master’s degree at Purdue University. She is currently in her fifth year as a graduate student at Notre Dame.

ND Club of Tallahassee prepares for game

By BIANCA ALMADA News Writer

With the promise of fall break, College GameDay and a much-hyped football game to look forward to, it is safe to say many Notre Dame students are excited about the upcoming weekend.

The Notre Dame Club of Tallahassee, in collaboration with other organizations, is busy working to make the weekend a success for visiting students, alumni and fans alike.

“Downtown Tallahassee is a great area, and we’re excited to share it with the ND crowd,” Joe Hurd, a member of the class of 1982 and chairperson for the Notre Dame Club of Tallahassee, said. “We’re collaborating with the Notre Dame clubs in Miami and Jacksonville, as well as the local St. Thomas More Catholic Church to make the weekend a great experience for everyone.”

The club will begin its celebration Friday evening with a social gathering and pep rally near Tallahassee’s Adams Street Commons. Early online registration is encouraged to secure tickets.

The Commons also will be the site of Tallahassee’s Downtown Get Down, featuring a performance from a local band, food vendors and a block party atmosphere, according to the event website. “There will be students and visitors not just from all over Florida, but from all over the country,” Hurd said. “There will be plenty of opportunities for networking and fun.”

The College GameDay broadcast will begin Saturday at 9 a.m. on the Langford Green, located in the center of downtown Tallahassee.

To uncover the truth and report it accurately.
QUESTION OF THE DAY: Who do you think has the best facial hair in TV or film history?

Courtney Davis
sophomore
Walsh Hall
"Ron Swanson."

Josh Dempsey
junior
Duncan Hall
"Tom Selleck as Richard from ‘Friends.’"

Dan Lopes
sophomore
O’Neil Hall
"Jon Hamm."

Anthony Murphy
junior
off-campus
"Jake Gyllenhaal, nicely trimmed."

Elizabeth Tafesse
sophomore
McGillan Hall
"Johnny Depp’s signature ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’ beard."

Amber Watson
sophomore
Ryan Hall
"Brad Pitt."

Walsh Hall residents decorate their dorm room doors for trick-or-treaters from the Boys & Girls Club. Residents pay for materials, and all proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club.

THE NEXT FIVE DAYS:

Thursday
Valerie Mejer
Reading
Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Reading and reflection on poems

Friday
Volleyball
Purcell Pavilion
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Clemson.

Saturday
STEM Run
Hesburgh Library
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Includes Pi K and Mole K Runs.

Sunday
Mass at the Basilica
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Music by the Notre Dame Folk Choir.

Monday
Fall Mid-Term Break
Campus-wide No classes in session.

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Poet Valerie Mejé to visit campus for poetry reading

By ANDREA VALE
News Writer

Mexican-born poet and painter Valerie Mejé will make an appearance on campus Friday to read from her works.

The Notre Dame creative writing program and Department of English will sponsor the event.

Mejé’s works “explore containment and fragility, layering loss and possibility over a once-familiar landscape,” according to the creative writing program’s website.


Mejé said she chooses her topics of poetry or art “the same way you choose what is going to happen the next hour or day. A mix between intuition and destiny. A lot comes from the past, voices, pains. Like Charles Wright said, ‘All forms of landscape are autobiographical.’”

Joyce McSweeney, director of the creative writing program and associate professor of English, said Mejé’s work is contemporary, graceful, forceful and memorable.

“AS a Mexican poet and painter, she carries the traditions of both the Latin American surrealism associated with Frida Kahlo and the intimate, personal lyric of American poetry,” McSweeney said. “Her ‘poetry is for every member of the Notre Dame and South Bend community.’”

McSweeney also said she believes Mejé’s dual roles of painter and poet complement each other.

“Her ‘painter’s eye’ shows her poetry in, that her poems are full of images at once dreamlike and forceful,” McSweeney said. “At the same time, her poetry is breathtakingly fresh, each image gives way to the next. A poem elapses in time, while a painting is fixed in time.”

Mejé’s visit comes in the wake of the publication of her first English-language translation of “Rain of the Future.” The work, published by independent press Action Books, which is run by McSweeney and fellow associate professor of English Johannes Göransson.

“The translation is a tribute to Mejé’s brilliance, but it is also the product of many hands working together,” including American poets CD Wright, Forrest Gander, Sarah Denaei and Alexandra Zeman-Doring, McSweeney said. In addition, the collection includes a preface from Argentine poet Raúl Zurita.

“The creative writing program hopes students and faculty in many disciplines — creative writing, literature, visual arts, students of Spanish-language literature and culture, students of global affairs — will benefit from the chance to interact with this exquisitely talented poet and painter,” McSweeney said.

McSweeney said she hopes Mejé’s work will show Notre Dame students the importance of the arts in international exchange.

“The event is open to the public and will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Hammes Bookstore. A question-and-answer session will follow Mejé’s reading.”

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Saint Mary’s Prepares Second Status of Girls Report

By EMILIE KEFALAS
News Writer

Their voices were absent from the first Status of Girls (SGI) in Indiana report, but girls living in Indiana will tell their stories in the next report, according to a Saint Mary’s press release.

The report, compiled by six members of the Saint Mary’s faculty and students, provided a detailed summary of what girls’ lives in Indiana were like and served as a resource for scholars, non-profit leaders and policymakers.

At the time, Saint Mary’s was the fifth all-women’s college in the nation to release such a report, per a press release.

Notices absent from the report, however, were the voices of young girls. Terri L. Russ, associate professor of communication studies, and Marnee Austin, assistant professor of communication studies, have since designed the current phase of the ongoing project to fill this void.

“We are looking for girls from all demographic backgrounds,” Russ said. “In other words, it doesn’t matter what your race, ethnicity, religion, income or sexual orientation is.”

The procedures and methods for this project have been reviewed by the Saint Mary’s Institutional Review Board to ensure that all phases of the project adhere to standard academic ethical guidelines. These guidelines dictate that project participants will not be harmed during the research process and that confidentiality of all participants will be maintained, according to a press release.

Russ and Austin hope their research contributes to the building a greater understanding of girls’ lives in Indiana, Russ said.

“The only requirement is that you be between the ages of 18 and 19 and live in Indiana,” Russ said. “Participation will only take about an hour of your time, but the results will be long-lasting and significantly important.”

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and community members together, united behind a single and very important cause with hopes to find a cure.

“Our events, fundraisers and projects each year ... have been very successful so far,” she said. “All of the money we raise is sent directly to Stand Up to Cancer at the end of each year.”

The club volunteers at Memorial Hospital in South Bend and holds an annual dinner-dance specifically for cancer patients and survivors in the community, she said.

Hutch said last year the club dedicated a ribbon tree in the student center for students and guests to tie a colored ribbon in remembrance of or support for someone who has had cancer.

The club’s t-shirt sales this past week were in preparation for one of their biggest fundraisers, the third annual SMC Stands Up to Cancer Pink Party Zumbathon, she said.

“We are able to raise funds and awareness for all types of cancer through this awesome organization,” Hutch said. “Everyone knows someone who has been affected by cancer, and that is who we’ll be dancing for.

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This event unites students with community members from South Bend, Mishawaka and Granger to dance for a cure.”

Hutch said student dance groups, including the SMC Dance Team, Troop ND, P Fresh and the Irish Dance Team, as well as the student a capella group, Bellacapella, will perform.

The event will feature more than 20 local Zumba instructors who will take turns teaching, according to a press release.

Nursing major and sophomore Megan Tobin said she is going to attend the event to support people she knows who have battled cancer and her fellow Belles who have been affected by the disease.

“I have witnessed family members as well as close friends battle cancer, so I want to do anything I can to support them,” Tobin said.

“Not only are we able to be there for those battling, but we get to have fun and get a great workout out of it. I think it also gives people incentive to go. Before the event they think it’s just going to be a fun dance class, but after, they realize they were a part of something much bigger than that.”

Sophomore Katherine Kingsbury said it’s important for the Saint Mary’s community to be aware and involved in the South Bend community, especially because it’s sometimes the small things that make the biggest impact in someone’s life.

“I’m excited that I can support my community in such a fun and engaging way,” Kingsbury said.

The Zumbathon will take place Nov. 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in Angela Athletic Facility. The public is invited to take part and no prior Zumba experience is necessary. Those attending are encouraged to wear pink and dance.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time through participating Zumba instructors or at Tuscana Park in Granger. All profits will benefit Stand Up to Cancer in support of cancer research.

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"The rivalry will be fierce, and I am excited to be there to help cheer the Irish on to victory."

Maura Boston

Award

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Dame.

"The aim of the Baxter Young Investigator Award is to support and encourage the development of therapies and medical products," Weaver said.

The prestigious award is awarded to Baxter International Inc., a global healthcare company headquartered in Deerfield, Illinois. It is open to graduate and post-doctoral students in the Midwest and includes funds for scientific categories, such as life sciences, medical device engineering and pharmaceutical sciences. Weaver won the award for her company’s instrumental and analytical science division.

The introduction of Weaver’s research project states statistical information regarding the pharmaceutical supply chain’s modern complexities, such as the U.S. imports 40 percent of finished medications, as well as 80 percent of active ingredients, most likely counterfeit.

Weaver said her project was aimed at overcoming the problem imposed by the counterfeiting pharmaceutical industry. She helped develop a chromatography paper test card makes a profile and can be compared with the pattern of pharmaceutical drug swiped that tests the contents of any pharmaceutical that can be compared with the pattern of any pharmaceutical drug.

"I would also like to see organizations using this test to screen pharmaceuticals."

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Benefits

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employees sign up for benefits."

Reactions from the Notre Dame community to the extension of benefits have been mixed.

"This decision makes me feel respected and valued by the University. Especially now that the benefits of marriage have been extended to gay couples in Indiana, Notre Dame’s proactiv- ity is welcomed and appreciated," Aaron Nichols, a student service manager for Shakespeare at Notre Dame and an out staff member, said.

The decision, while having very important symbolic meaning, also has very important practical implications, Dr. Maureen Lafferty, assistant director of the University Counseling Center and an out staff member, said.

"This decision has very impor- tant practical benefits for GLBTQ faculty and staff in the way to support families," Lafferty said. "Faculty and staff may also feel safer to be ‘out’ on campus, which enables them to provide valued mentoring for diverse students."

"This decision can also com- municate to the world at large that respect for diversity is a core University value, which can be very attractive to potential faculty, staff and students," Lafferty said.

Nichols said he hopes this decision will be the final front in the University’s battle for equal treatment.

"I hope these individuals will see their LGBTQ brethren and sisters through the lens of our University’s loving and empa- thisic stance."

Other members of the Notre Dame community, however, are not pleased with the University’s extension of health insurance benefits to same-sex spouses.

"This is a very sad development for Notre Dame. The haste with which it was done, with its being announced without serious con- sideration of the legal implications is not only deeply troubling but also revelatory of the direc- tion of the current Notre Dame administration," Father Bill Miscamble, professor of history, said. "Notre Dame has made no effort to stand for the truth about marriage but has simply con- formed to a deeply flawed under- standing of the ‘crucial institution of marriage.’"

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As a Catholic university, it is the mission of the University, however, is one of inclusion and love, and this decision furthers Notre Dame toward better carry- ing out that goal, University presi- dent Fr. John Jenkins said.

Department of Cunningham and intellectual necessity’ and mer- cury, we recognize an urgent call to welcome and support gay and lesbian brothers and sisters, who have been too often marginalized and even ostracized, and many of whom bear the scars of such treatment," Jenkins said. "At Notre Dame, we have undertaken initiatives to provide support and welcome gay and lesbian mem- bers of our community. These ef- forts must not and will not end."

Our abiding goal, rather, is to learn better how to love one an- other and together build a less im- perfect world. This is the mission of Notre Dame, and we will continue to commit to it."

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graduate student

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were working with the Haiti program to find a low-tech but effective quantifying medica- tion in salt for lymphatic fil- ariasis. That work was taken down to Haiti and was imple- mented in the field."

Despite her extensive re- search and accomplishments, Weaver said she is not finished yet. She continues to work to- wards promoting scientific technologies that aim to im- prove the standard of living in developing countries.

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I need my two servings of ‘froot’

Jill Ryan
Junior in McGlinn

All this happened, more or less. The parts about the cereal, anyway, are pretty much true. North Dining Hall really did stop serving the only cereal that contains real “froot.” It really did seriously traumatize me when I became conscious of the injustice that had transpired. And so on.

It’s 9:20 a.m. on a Monday. Somehow, I had managed to stay awake for the duration of my 8:20 a.m. class in DeBartolo and am now stumbling my way along the familiar path to North Dining Hall. Haphazardly dumping my backpack near the first empty table I spot, I deftly weave my way into the central food room. I take a quick inventory of the produce options, eager to fulfill my recommended daily fruit intake. Bananas. Oranges. Bananas. Some cantaloupe. Bananas. Rotten athletes taking all of the blasted strawberries in northeast Indiana.

Disheartened and looking for any alternative to bananas, I navigate to the lone area of the dining hall that I know will not let me down. The oasis in the desert. The hammer in Nintendo 64 Super Smash Bros. The Charizard in my Pokémon collection, if you will. The cereal bar.

But then I remember, as a rule of thumb, there will be bowls available only at the farthest point in north dining hall from which I am currently standing. It takes me several minutes to unearth a bowl and reach the promising line of dispensers that I have learned to rely on. I feverishly scan labels, prepared to cram my bowl with heaps of Fruity Pebbles that I know will provide me with all (…most?) of the essential nutrients contained in my daily serving of fruit. One lap proves futile. Surely I must have missed it. Two laps, still nothing. They’re probably just out of Fruity Pebbles today. That’s all right. I can go for some Froot Loops instead. A few laps later, and I am left staring at the bottom of my empty bowl — the unadulterated, sky-blue plastic mocking me as if I have done something to deserve this assault on all that is good and respectable in this world.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends two whole cups of fruit daily for men and women ages 19 to 30. And that’s assuming that you participate in less than 30 minutes per day of “moderate physical activity.” Hell, it takes me 30 minutes just to walk from McGlinn to North Dining Hall when I want access to chocolate chips from the ice cream bar for my waffle toppings. Add in my hike to the far end of North for Grab n’ Go, and I’ve practically burned off my entire recommended daily calorie intake! How can I be expected to meet such a lofty standard of fruit consumption with no Fruity cereal options?

So, please, North Dining Hall, resurrect Fruity Pebbles and Fruit Loops, and we promise that we won’t fault you for ditching the Grape Nuts.

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Friendship: the foundation of reason

Christopher Damien
Ideas of a University

“I will always consider the possibility that I might be wrong.” So states the commitment to humility in the Center for Social Concerns’ “Virtues of Discourse” pledge. As one of the seven “virtues” in the pledge, humility means, “When I realize that I have been wrong, I will readily acknowledge it.”

This might bring to mind the humble Socrates, who was confronted when the oracle at Delphi announced that none was wiser than he. Conscious that he was “not at all wise,” Socrates thereafter began a search to find a man of greater wisdom. In his search, he discovered that “those with the best reputations seemed . . . nearly the most deficient . . . while others with more paltry reputations seemed to be . . . more fit in regard to being wise.”

In his devotion to the god, the founder of the Western philosophic tradition found himself “in ten-thousandfold poverty” after giving up everything in pursuit of wisdom. Reading about Socrates can be awkward at a nationally ranked university with a $9.8 billion endowment.

Socrates could find no man of true wisdom, and he concluded that perhaps the oracle wished to teach that the wisest man was the man who knew he did not know. Today, the Socratic pursuit endures, scattered throughout DeBartolo, the Basilica and occasionally even the dorms. While the politicians, the poets and the artisans were . . . blindy followed in Socrates’ time, today students blindly follow the published professor, the laboratory results and the Princeton Review. Yet Socrates does not condemn the practice of obedient following. When he first heard the words of the oracle, he wondered: “Surely he is not saying something false, at least; for that is not sanctioned for him.” Trusting in the oracle, he sought to understand.

Thus, the philosopher’s search is not the search of facts, but the act of faith seeking understanding. The key is not the right proof, but the right teacher. The core of man’s desire to know is not the desire to know all the workings of heaven and earth, but to find a master who properly will guide our wanderings. The fool will seek the property rights of the Fount of Truth, but the philosopher will go to the Fount and drink.

We follow so that we can know. Trust is the requisite for knowledge. Faith is the foundation for reason. As students, we come to Notre Dame because we believe she will have teachers and guides who will be reliable in the pursuit of our future selves. We listen to the mathematics professor because we trust he will teach truthfully. We may not understand every word, but we take his words as true, write them down and do our best to internalize them.

Mary is well versed in this practice. Christianity under- stands her as the greatest philosopher and theologian. In the life of Jesus, she exemplifies the philosophic disposition. She “treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” She teaches: “Do whatever he tells you.” She is called the Seat of Wisdom. She is the second-highest point on Notre Dame’s campus after the Basilica.

Through Christianity, the philosopher moves his trust from the oracle to Christ, who taught: “I am the way and the truth and the life.” This teacher thus becomes our guide and the trust foundation of reason. And he transforms our relationship to our guide, saying, “No longer call you slaves because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.” Socrates calls the truth his master, but the Christian calls the Truth his friend.

So the foundation of reason is no longer simple obedience, but friendship. James Schall has emphasized the importance of friendship, saying, “Friendship stands at the core of human and, yes, divine reality. No subject stands closer to the heart of a 20-year-old student than that of the proper meaning and practice of friendship, of how it is gained and of how it is lost. If we get that issue wrong, we will get life itself wrong.”

When the Virtues of Discourse ask me to “always consider the possibility that I might be wrong,” I am asked to consider two possibilities. Either I have misunderstood my guide and friend, or I am mistaken as to whom I should trust. The friend of Christ, however, need only consider the former. As St. Jerome teaches, “A friendship that can end was never true.”

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It’s not about where we graduate

Dear Class of 2015,

I agree it’s pretty frustrating that we won’t be able to have our graduation in Notre Dame Stadium for the sake of “progress.” I was at graduation last year, and there’s something majestic and awe-inspiring about the stadium. It would be unbelievable to be able to celebrate the greatest accomplishment of our lives there, but we need to face the facts. It’s not going to happen. No matter how much we complain or protest or petition, Campus Crossroads is happening.

To tell the truth, I don’t think it really matters where we have our graduation. Sure, not all of my loved ones will be able to be at the ceremony, but they’re still all going be here supporting me as they have for the past four years. Yeah, the Joyce Center doesn’t have the same history or emotional charge around it as the stadium, but you know what does? The Grotto. The residence hall you’ve called home for the last four years. The Golden Dome. Those are the places I’m going to remember the most from my time here; not the physical building I graduated in.

Ultimately though, I think we’re sort of missing the point of graduation. It’s not about where we graduate. It’s about where we are graduating from. It’s about celebrating all of our accomplishments over the last four years. It’s about being surrounded by the ones we love and thanking them for all the support they’ve given us over this journey. It’s about laughing and crying with our best friends one last time as undergraduates and for the first time as graduates.

So, instead of wasting our time and energy on something that isn’t going to change, let’s focus on something we can change, such as making the most of what time we have left here or getting an awesome commencement speaker.

#StephenColbertForCommencement

Chris Clarke
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Oct. 12

We should know about off-campus incidents

You may have heard that a student of Holy Cross College was a victim of a recent shooting on Notre Dame Ave. You may have heard through news or social media or your friends. But you most certainly did not hear from the University or from the Notre Dame Security Police.

This lack of action betrays administrative incompetence, apathy or both. Off-campus students should know whether or not they can safely return home.

People visiting friends or going to parties on the weekends should know what areas to avoid. Even if there is no continued threat, we have a right to know when one of our own is a victim so that we might support one another. This is the same disregard for student safety that left us unalerted to an attempted stabbing in a residence hall a few years ago. I suspect we’ll hear from the University soon; although student safety doesn’t seem to motivate the administration, controversy certainly does.

In the meantime, I think we should ask ourselves: are we a University with an administration, or an Administration with a university?

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Oct. 14

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Fall break is coming. There is a frenzy in the air as we dart around, taking tests, writing essays and wondering how — or if — we, never mind our GPAs, are going to make it through this week alive. As students, we look forward to the game on Saturday and then to a week of relaxation, where we can — hopefully — sleep and forget about whatever craziness has been consuming us.

Scottish indie-rock band We Were Promised Jetpacks embodies this upcoming feeling of relief on its new album, “Unravelling.” The album is slower than the band’s previous work. Occasionally, it seems as though the album is about to build up to the hyste- ria evident on the band’s previous LPs, but We Were Promised Jetpacks always bring it back down to a slower, even pace.

“Unravelling” is the third album from We Were Promised Jetpacks. After its sophomore album, “In the Pit of the Stomach,” the group added a new member — guitarist, keyboardist and pianist Stuart Mcgachan. His presence is evident — at times, his playing takes the latter half of the track. The calmness of the new work fits the title of the LP. Some of the tension evident in the band’s early works almost builds into tracks “Safety in Numbers” and “Peaks and Troughs” — coming to a high in “Night Terrors.” But by the 11th track, “Ricochet,” these remnants are gone as the band turns instead to a slower, sleepier, hypnotic sound driven by McGachan’s presence.

It’s not necessarily a bad change. The guitar riffs on the intro of “A Part of It” prove fantastic and the entire instrumental “Peace of Mind” is an interesting, U2-esque addition to the discography.

After listening to the entirety of “Unravelling,” I felt the need to go back to the band’s first offering. “These Four Walls,” to remind myself of its original sound. I wasn’t sure I was listening to the same band.

Older songs like “Quiet Little Voices” and “It’s Thunder and It’s Lightning” lift you up to the band’s energy level — you want to move; you want to sing, and you want to be right in that moment. “Unravelling” is more reflective — allowing you to take a step back and rest for moment.

That’s not to say the dance-vibes aren’t present on this new album. “I Keep It Composed” is particularly strong in this way, relying on the backbeats of earlier work over the sounds McGachan’s talent adds to the band. But that’s not what the album is about. It’s not what We Were Promised Jetpacks is building to, and it’s certainly not where the band leaves you — my biggest criticism of the album.

There were points when I was happy and impressed. The beginning of the album was especially strong, dealing with conflicted emotions through both lyrics and sound, but by the end, the sound lost all remnants of this conflict and settled on a slow-moving pace. It was a bit of a bummer to end on.

A lot of what changed in the new album can be attributed to the addition of the band’s new, undoubt- edly talented member — and it’s an adjustment I can make. It showcases a change in the We Were Promised Jetpacks sound, but I hope it’s a little like fall break — just a bit of rest before we dive back into the frenzy, even if it is of a different sort.

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“Unravelling”
We Were Promised Jet Packs
Label: Fat Cat Records
Tracks: “Peaks and Troughs,” “Night Terror”
If you like: Frightened Rabbit, We Are Scientists

**“Hungry Ghosts”**
OK Go listen to

By Caelin Miliko
Scene Writer

Fall break is coming. There is a frenzy in the air as we dart around, taking tests, writing essays and wondering how — or if — we, never mind our GPAs, are going to make it through this week alive. As students, we look forward to the game on Saturday and then to a week of relaxation, where we can — hopefully — sleep and forget about whatever craziness has been consuming us.

Scottish indie-rock band We Were Promised Jetpacks embodies this upcoming feeling of relief on its new album, “Unravelling.” The album is slower than the band’s previous work. Occasionally, it seems as though the album is about to build up to the hyste- ria evident on the band’s previous LPs, but We Were Promised Jetpacks always bring it back down to a slower, even pace.

“Unravelling” is the third album from We Were Promised Jetpacks. After its sophomore album, “In the Pit of the Stomach,” the group added a new member — guitarist, keyboardist and pianist Stuart Mcgachan. His presence is evident — at times, his playing takes the latter half of the track. The calmness of the new work fits the title of the LP. Some of the tension evident in the band’s early works almost builds into tracks “Safety in Numbers” and “Peaks and Troughs” — coming to a high in “Night Terrors.” But by the 11th track, “Ricochet,” these remnants are gone as the band turns instead to a slower, sleepier, hypnotic sound driven by McGachan’s presence.

It’s not necessarily a bad change. The guitar riffs on the intro of “A Part of It” prove fantastic and the entire instrumental “Peace of Mind” is an interesting, U2-esque addition to the discography.

After listening to the entirety of “Unravelling,” I felt the need to go back to the band’s first offering. “These Four Walls,” to remind myself of its original sound. I wasn’t sure I was listening to the same band.

Older songs like “Quiet Little Voices” and “It’s Thunder and It’s Lightning” lift you up to the band’s energy level — you want to move; you want to sing, and you want to be right in that moment. “Unravelling” is more reflective — allowing you to take a step back and rest for moment.

That’s not to say the dance-vibes aren’t present on this new album. “I Keep It Composed” is particularly strong in this way, relying on the backbeats of earlier work over the sounds McGachan’s talent adds to the band. But that’s not what the album is about. It’s not what We Were Promised Jetpacks is building to, and it’s certainly not where the band leaves you — my biggest criticism of the album.

There were points when I was happy and impressed. The beginning of the album was especially strong, dealing with conflicted emotions through both lyrics and sound, but by the end, the sound lost all remnants of this conflict and settled on a slow-moving pace. It was a bit of a bummer to end on.

A lot of what changed in the new album can be attributed to the addition of the band’s new, undoubt- edly talented member — and it’s an adjustment I can make. It showcases a change in the We Were Promised Jetpacks sound, but I hope it’s a little like fall break — just a bit of rest before we dive back into the frenzy, even if it is of a different sort.

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“Unravelling”
We Were Promised Jet Packs
Label: Fat Cat Records
Tracks: “Peaks and Troughs,” “Night Terror”
If you like: Frightened Rabbit, We Are Scientists

**“Hungry Ghosts”**
OK Go listen to

By Jimmy Kemper
Scene Writer

In a career about 12 years long, OK Go has released a surprisingly small number of albums. It has been four years since 2010’s “Of the Blue Colour of the Sky.” OK Go has held fans over with a spattering of singles and EPs, including this year’s “Upside Out.” “Upside Out” was a varied effort with little holding it together of singles and EPs, including this year’s “Upside Out.”

Of Weezer, Cake, Kaiser Chiefs
If you like:

Tracks:
- “Peaks and Troughs,” “Night Terror”

“Hungry Ghosts”
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Label: Paracadute
Tracks: “Upside Down & Inside Out,” “The One Moment”
If you like: Weezer, Cake, Kaiser Chiefs

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I had the pleasure of hearing an early version of South Bend musician and Notre Dame alumnus Peter Hochstedler’s newest album, “Necrobisect,” this spring during a performance at The Pool. It wasn’t the first time I had seen or heard Peter — he has performed in and around South Bend for many years, released an impressive seven solo records and produced albums for many local musicians, including the debut record of current Notre Dame student Jon Schommer and his band, The Cute Townies.

But the artist I’ve followed for years brought something new to the live performance of Hochstedler’s “Necrobisect.” He began the show by handing out pamphlets to the entire audience, a packet of printed lyrics and images of, as Peter put it, “dead Michiganders” to supplement the performance. We listened to and read along with Hochstedler’s newest album in its entirety. Porng over the words and pictures during Hochstedler’s solid solo performance, the anticipation for the release of “Necrobisect” began. Now, the wait is over.

“Necrobisect,” which Hochstedler says is about “death, separation and the American wet dream,” is not only a record, but also an experiment in sound, style and medium. Titled after a word he created, “Necrobisect” explores themes of “cheif, disparity, hiddenness and ilusion.” The album originally was recorded reel-to-reel on tape for its vinyl version. Performed as I heard it in the roaring Twenties exuberance and Depression era extravagance of “Third Thursday” series, spend an afternoon at the Snite Museum of Art and Depression Era Extravangance and ND Alumni: Sculptors and Professors exhibitions. No previous experience is required and all materials will be provided.

Paralleling the theme of “bisection,” Hochstedler has released a separate, digital version of “Necrobisect,” which mixes in instrumentalists and incorporates digital samples of what Hochstedler describes as “found sounds” to create a layered and textured take on the original tape recording.

The result is a compelling blend of genres, sounds and themes distinct from anything Hochstedler has made before. His singer-songwriter, anti-folk sound meets blues and electronica on the digital version to produce a musically rich album that pairs Hochstedler’s unique and booming voice with everything from wailing trumpet to pulsing synthesizers. “Necrobisect” is just as rich and complex lyrically as it is sonically, exploring themes of death, dissonance, spirituality and sexuality. Hochstedler’s lyrics are, at times, confrontational, despondent, violent and disturbing, but also cheeky, clever and captivating. As a result, “Necrobisect” is corporeal, political and profound.

The album opens with “Party Line,” the track most emblematic of the record as a whole. Hochstedler combines themes of war and capitalism with language of the body and soul, delivering them in entendres that somehow seem to do more than double duty (in fact, I think of Hochstedler like I think of artists like Joanna Newsom or The Decemberists — writing atop a stack of dictionaries and encyclopedias. Listening to him makes you want to read). There is no doubt that Hochstedler is just as much a philosopher and writer as he is a musician.

Another standout track is “Devil Got His Eye On Me,” a song I enjoyed when I heard it live because of its brash vocals and folk-blues guitar. But it is one of the most successful tracks at occupying both its analog and digital forms. The digital version of the song boasts crashing symbols and throbbing electronic samples that create, somehow, both musical depth and dissonance. And while some tracks stand out more in one form of “Necrobisect” than the other, the disparity between the two versions speaks to its content in interesting ways.

Hochstedler will be debuting “Necrobisect” on Saturday at the Birdsell Mansion. The event is both an album launch for Hochstedler as well as a celebration for a Notre Dame alumna, Sade Murphy, whose book of poetry, “Dream Machine,” will be released later this year.

The Birdsell Mansion in downtown South Bend has been underutilized, but is now in the process of featuring site-specific art installations for local artists. The mansion will host the album launch show and book release celebration in the third floor ballroom, a unique space for two talented artists.

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As part of The Snite Museum’s “Third Thursday” series, spend some time sketching in the galleries. Delve deeper into the 3D works of art in the Roaring Twenties Extravangance and Depression Era Extravagance and ND Alumni: Sculptors and Professors exhibitions. No previous experience is required and all materials will be provided.
Secretariat’s invincible time

Zach Klonsinski
Sports Writer

There are many records that, in the minds of sports people everywhere, appear and may in fact be unbreakable. For example, Aaron Sant-Miller gave us a record Monday that statistically can never be broken in the 109-yard touchdown.

Yet as is so often the case today, we put too much emphasis on statistics as the only way to define a record.

Yes, as my fellow writers have pointed out already over the first three installments of this series, there are records out there that statistically could be considered unbreakable.

But there are so many statistically unbreakable records, what differentiates them among the best among them?

There is one more way for a record to be unbreakable, folks. Sure, something statistically impossible to break sounds cool. But sport is about atmosphere and raw athleticism, not just numbers, so it’s only fitting its “most unbreakable” record should reflect that.

Believe it or not, the record, the athlete who holds our unbreakable record, The Secretariat.

The 1973 Triple Crown win: it can’t be beat. Not by anyone.

Many of Secretariat’s records are, in my opinion, unbreakable.

First, to open the narrow minds of statistics-driven people, I present the empirical data of Big Red’s records. Secretariat holds, to this day, the record time at all three American track events. You could take every horse and race them in an ultimate match race between the four, and the record in question would easily fall. Why? Because the four horses would be so much faster than the horses from the past that there would be a record-setting performance that way Secretariat ran that day. His performance led to one of the greatest radio calls of all time, by Chic Anderson: “He is moving like a tremendous machine!”

And he was.

Secretariat’s performance that day would have been impossible to Wilf Chamberlain scoring 100 points in a game. He scored 100 points in a single game, but even if he had scored 200, it wouldn’t have been good enough. Secretariat was that good.

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Irish sophomore Mary Closs backhands a shot Feb. 21 against Georgia Tech at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

ND heads to regional meet

By ZACH KLONSINSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will travel to Champaign, Illinois, to participate in the annual USTA/ITA Midwest Regional qualifying tournament, which starts today and runs through Tuesday.

The Irish will send six athletes to the tournament to compete in both the singles and doubles brackets, with two others listed as alternates. The winner of each bracket earns a birth in the National Indoor Championships, which will take place Nov. 6-9 in New York City, and Irish coach Jay Louderback said he believes his team’s players have a fair chance of making it.

“It’s big for our kids to have a chance to do it,” Louderback said. “And we do have a chance. We could well in the singles and doubles. We’d love a chance to win them.

“The next big individual tournament isn’t until the NCAA [Championships in May], so it’s a big one just for a chance to qualify.”

On the doubles side, Notre Dame has three teams that will be competing, with another pair currently listed as alternates. Junior Quinn Gleason and sophomore Monica Robinson make up one duo for the Irish. Gleason and Robinson paired up earlier this year at the All-American Invitational in Pacific Palisades, California, finishing with a 1-1 record.

Sophomore Mary Closs and senior Molly O’Koniewski will also pair up for the Irish. The two played together towards the end of last season, helping Notre Dame turn around its doubles play in the later matches of the regular season and through ACC and NCAA tournament play.

“They played well at the end of the year for us,” Louderback said of the pair. “We’re hoping they keep it up.”

The third team the Irish will field in the doubles draw is that of junior Julie Vrabel and freshman Allison Miller. Vrabel saw most of her action last year playing out of the No. 6 singles position, but with half of last year’s doubles lineup graduated, the junior will be potentially be called upon to take a leading role. Miller, a freshman from Norcross, Georgia, played well for the Irish at the season-opening Notre Dame Invitational, going 2-2 in singles play and also pairing up with O’Koniewski in the doubles portion.

On the singles side, the Irish will send four singles players to play in the main draw — Gleason, Robinson, Closs and Vrabel — and two more in O’Koniewski and Miller to play in the qualifying draw.

While the opportunity to qualify for the National Indoor Championships is one important takeaway from the weekend, Louderback also said the tournament will give the team valuable experience and exposure.

“We get to see where we stack up with teams in the region,” Louderback said. “It’s mostly Big Ten teams that will be there. Northwestern and Michigan are both top-20 schools. DePaul, Ohio State and Indiana will be there too.

“We’ll get to see some players and teams that the kids are going to play in the spring too, which is really good.”

Similar to the Notre Dame Invitational, some of the girls will face competition that would normally be a little higher than them in the lineup, Louderback said.

“It’s still early and kids are just getting matches in, still getting a chance to play.” Louderback said. “This is probably the biggest one of the fall that they play under a little more pressure than most of the fall tournaments just because it is a qualifier for the National Indoor [Championships].

“It’s a little closer to what dual matches are like, so that should help, should be really good for them.”

The Irish will take to the courts today through Tuesday at the Midwest Regional Championships in Champaign, Illinois.

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Irish prepare for Midwest Regional

By MANNY DE JESUS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to compete in the Midwest Regional Championships on Thursday after a full week of rest. A staple on Notre Dame’s schedule, the regional championships offer an automatic bid to the national championships for the winners of each bracket.

Last season, Notre Dame was successful in both singles and doubles competition. Former player Greg Andrews led the Irish to an appearance in the finals of both brackets, pairing with now-junior Alex Lawson in doubles play. Notre Dame did not claim a title in either the singles or doubles finals, however, losing both to players from Ohio State.

This year’s team also has players who could advance, junior Eric Schnurrenberger said. “We play the regionals tournament every year in the fall; therefore, we are pretty familiar with it,” he said. “It is always a lot of fun because the whole team is together and gets to compete in singles and doubles. I think we have a lot of guys who could make the quarterfinals or even farther.”

At the most recent competition, the ITA All-American Championships, junior Quintin Monaghan reached the round of 32 in singles play and the No. 27 duo of senior Billy Pecor and Lawson advanced to the semifinals of the doubles draw.

Junior Kenneth Sabacinski and sophomore Josh Hagar participated in the Schooner Fall Classic on Oct. 25 – No. 21 Central Florida, No. 13 Tennessee, No. 11 Furman and No. 2 South Carolina. Notre Dame is ranked 31st.

“Talented and doubles player,” Schnurrenberger said. “The intensity of our practices has been higher the last couple days than before, so I am convinced that this will also manifest itself positively in this upcoming tournament.”

Schnurrenberger said Hagar returns a backhand against Ohio State on Oct. 22 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Notre Dame lost the match, 4-2.

Notre Dame to face stacked field over weekend

By ANDREW ROBINSON
Sports Writer

One might think the Irish would be riding high heading into the Mercedes-Benz Championship in Knoxville, Tennessee, this weekend.

They won the Mary Fossum Invitational on Sept. 14 and set the Notre Dame 54-hole score against the Schooner Fall Classic on Oct. 6. But Irish coach Susan Holt said the team knows it is no where close to peaking.

The Irish, who were ranked 31st in the Golfstat NCAA rankings released Wednesday, will play 18 holes each day over the weekend in the 18th edition of the tournament.

At the Schooner Fall Classic in Norman, Oklahoma, Notre Dame finished tied for eighth place. The six-over-par score of 846 (290-277-279) posted by the Irish was enough to set the school record for lowest total team score at a 54-hole tournament.

Junior Talia Campbell was the best individual performer, finishing in 13th place with a one-under-par 209 (74-66-69), the second-best individual score in program history.

“I think every player was able to improve certain areas since the last tournament,” Schnurrenberger said. “The intensity of our practices has been higher the last couple days than before, so I am convinced that this will also manifest itself positively in this upcoming tournament.”

Schnurrenberger said Campbell wants the Irish to continue improving their individual fundamentals before they start their ACC schedule at the beginning of next year.

“Coach told us that this is another tournament in our process of becoming the best players we can possibly be, and we should take this tournament as an opportunity to get better and to show the results of our hard practice on the court,” Schnurrenberger said. “All of our coaches emphasize high energy and enthusiasm in practice those last couple of days and weeks, and this kind of positive energy is also what they expect us to bring at regionals.”

Schnurrenberger will enter the tournament trying to improve on last year’s performance when he advanced to the main draw of singles play but lost in the first round.

Monaghan enters the tournament on a hot streak, having best three ranked opponents in the fall season. At the All-American championships, he finished with a 4-1 record. Last season, he advanced to the quarterfinals of the national championships.

Notre Dame aims to continue refining its play at the Midwest Regional Championships. The tournament begins Thursday and runs through Oct. 20.

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Irish senior defenseman Robbie Russo handles the puck while moving up ice Oct. 10 against Rensselaer at Compton Family Ice Arena.

Hockey

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been focused on the things we want to improve on. It’s not like they’re not working hard, but they’re not working smart. They’ve got to combine the two. They’ve got to cover for each other and just get used to each other so they develop some chemistry.”

Jackson said one major area of emphasis for the Irish is on the power play. Notre Dame struggled tremendously at the Ice Breaker tournament, failing to score on 11 tries with an extra man. The Irish failed to threaten even on the advantage, unleashing only six shots on power plays for the entire weekend.

“The power play unit certainly needs to do a better job,” Jackson said. “We’ve been spending more time on it, and the personnel is probably right for the most part. I’ve got to see if some chemistry can develop with certain guys. ... It’s more a matter of execution.”

Meanwhile, Lake Superior State (0-4, 0-2 WCHA) is off to its own rough start. The Lakers opened the year with consecutive conference losses to Michigan Tech before Robert Morris handed the Lakers two more defeats last weekend. The team have been outscored 16-5 on the season. Its matchup with Notre Dame is its last series before 10 consecutive conference contests.

Despite the Lakers’ defensive struggles, Jackson said the Irish have to be patient on offense and not feel pressured to produce.

“The guys that expect to score, when it doesn’t happen and they don’t get points, it weighs on them,” Jackson said. “Sometimes the way they respond is not good in the fact that they start cheating defensively or taking shortcuts. Offense comes from defense for the most part. So we’ve just got to get back and be patient.”

Jackson said goalie duties again would be split between sophomore Chad Katunar and freshman Cal Petersen. Each made 26 saves and surrendered three goals in last weekend’s action.

The Irish and Lakers open their series Friday at 7:35 p.m. Saturday action gets underway at 6:05 p.m. Both games will be at Compton Family Ice Arena and, like all Notre Dame home games, will air on NBC Sports Network.

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featuring his football team-
mates defensive lineman Justin Tuck. They carried off the field their 2-0
record and a win over a team that had just defeated Notre Dame. "I think we got a lot of
confidence from tonight’s game," Tuck said. "We’re learning as we go, and we need to
continue to improve each week."

For Notre Dame, the debut of Irish freshman quarterback Tommy Rees was a
positive sign. "It’s always exciting to see a new quarterback take the field," said head
coach Brian Kelly. "Tommy has the potential to be a great leader for our offense."

The game was marked by intense
fan support on both sides. Notre Dame fans filled the stands, cheering on their team
as they scored their first touchdown of the season. The Tigers’ fans, meanwhile,
showed their spirit with a loud, enthusiastic crowd.

Despite the close score, Notre Dame
appeared to be the stronger team in the end. The Irish defense held strong, allowing
only one touchdown in the second half. On offense, the Irish looked sharp, with
quarterback Rees throwing for 240 yards and two touchdowns.

After the game, Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly praised his team’s
performance. "We knew this was going to be a tough game against a talented team," he
said. "But our guys gave it their all and came out on top. I’m proud of them."

As the Irish team geared up for their next game, they knew there was still
much work to be done. "We have a lot of room for improvement," said tight end
Tyler Eifert. "But we’re a team that believes in each other, and I think we can take
this positive energy into our next game."

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traveled to Tallahassee, Florida, in
Oct. 2002 to face the No. 11 Seminoles. Everything came “full circle,” Watson said.

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to-five job. One day, he ran into some high school friends who recently had become firefighter-
s. They explained to Watson — who had never considered the profession — how the training
process worked and the requirements of the job.

“They sold me on it,” Watson said.

Watson’s father then put him in touch with the Sarasota fire
chief, a family friend. Becoming a firefighter appealed to Watson as an opportunity to
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really need to fine-tune the basics of the game. Serving and
passing have to be consistent as well as strong,” Brown said. “We need to be
able to put pressure on them [the Tigers] with our serving. Conversely, we need to be able
to pass well to keep ourselves in system offensively.”

To compete against a strong opponent like the Tigers, the Irish need a tough mentality and focus on every second of
every play, Brown said. “Everything we do is a competition, and we need to continue
to strive for success in every drill we do or match we play.”

Last season, Notre Dame lost to Clemson on the road in three
straight sets. Clemson sophomore outside hitter Leah Perri totaled 14 kills as the Tigers dispatched the
Irish, 27-25, 25-22 and 25-21. Perri is second in kills this sea-son for the Tigers and will be a significant challenge for Notre Dame’s blockers, led by senior
Jesi Houser and freshmen Sam Fry. Houser and Fry are top-three in both kills and hitting percentage for the Irish.

Notre Dame and Clemson will take the court Friday night at 7 p.m. in Purcell Pavilion.

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Irish freshman libero Natalie Johnson digs the ball against Duke on Oct. 5 at Purcell Pavilion. Notre Dame won one set in the match.

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ACROSS
1 Vulnerable one (9)
9 “That’s your offer?” (9)
15 (start of a small) sunrise (4)
16 Amput (8)
17 Racing legend who voices a character in “Cars” (4, 4, 4)
18 Take turns asking? (6)
19 Stem and Comb (7)
21 Memorable 2011 hurricane (8)
22 Makes like Chuck Berry (5)
23 Dish often served with hoisin sauce (7)
25 First name on the Supreme Court (7)
27 Exchange units (6)
31 Kickoff (4)
32 Get to work! (7)
33 Like a plane, for short (5)

DOWN
1 “I’m sure it’s a guy thing,” she replied (6)
2 What a keeper keeps (5)
3 Annual conference that began the slogan “Ideas worth spreading” (5, 5)
4 Original Dungeons & Dragons co. (5)
5 Go in circles, in a way (6)
6 Classroom writing (4)
7 #1 Charles R&B hit “You Can’t Stop Me” (3)
8 Something short bound in an air mail (5)
9 “Timid” and “Stilted” (7)
10 Strong, say (8)
11 Precisely (7)
12 Actress Paget of “Juno” (6)
13 Together (with) (8)
14 Word with house or song (5)
15 Candy bar played by Deep (5)
16 Photograph artist (5)
17 Piece of fiction (5)
18 Question of self-doubt (9)
20 Give ground—bad practice, maybe (7)
22 A pinch (4)
23 Actresses—these are not their box office successes (5)
24 On “The Tonight Show” (7)
25 “Oh brother!” (6)

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Happy Birthday! Don’t let obstacles slow you down. A fast-paced, energetic approach to how you reach your goals will pay off. Your ideas are strong. This is not the year to sit back or to let confusion and uncertainty stand between you and your goals. Make whatever changes are required to follow your heart and to achieve your dreams. Your numbers are 7, 15, 23, 31, 41, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Listen attentively to the opinions someone special offers. Making a decision to travel or change your location should be considered. As always, a positive change that will raise your standard of living and bring you great happiness. ♥♥♥♥♥

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoiding a reunion or getting together with people from your past will cause you to question where you are headed. Seek out new people while traveling. Check out the job market and set your own routine. ♥♥♥♥♥

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your intelligence and your flirtatious ways to manipulate a situation that intrigues you. A passionate encounter will help you to make an important life-altering decision. Expand your interests, awareness and your future prospects. ♥♥♥♥♥

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone will have a hidden agenda. Keep your ideas a secret. Take on a project that will help you develop some of your creative skills. An unexpected change will lead to many questions, concerns and contradictions. ♥♥♥♥♥

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will regain your self-esteem if you get involved in organized functions or humanitarian events. Your skills and generosity will be acknowledged, resulting in meeting new people and making good connections. Travel, romance and intrigue are highlighted. ♥♥♥♥♥

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Deal with matters that concern your personal finances, legal settlements or medical issues. If you get your papers in order, you will be ready to present a wealth of information that can help you resolve matters that will essentially enhance your bank account. ♥♥♥♥♥

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Check out destinations that look inviting. Whether you travel a short or long distance, you will learn something valuable. Helping a friend, relative or doing what you can to improve your community will put you in a good position that leads to greater prosperity. ♥♥♥♥♥

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your ideas are strong. Take a chance and make changes that suit you. A move will bring prosperity. ♥♥♥♥♥

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t venture too far from home. Refuse to deal with unpredictable individuals trying to take advantage of your insight, influence or your generosity. Self-improvement plans or projects you can do alone are your best bet. Don’t let a personal relationship get you down. ♥♥♥♥♥

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make a difference if you get involved in a cause or concern you feel strongly about. A contract, investment or means to bring in more cash looks promising. Children and home improvement projects will please your heart. ♥♥♥♥♥

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don’t let an emotional setback stop you from pursuing your goals. Good fortune will be yours if you follow through with your plans. Don’t let changes that others make cause resentment or regrets. Focus on you, not others, and you will do fine. ♥♥♥♥♥

Birthday Baby: You are progressive and changeable. You are flippant, charismatic and creative.

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Yesterday’s Jumbles Answer: WOODY KNOWN SKETCH MCCUP

He was in the market for a new bar, so he needed to do this — PICK ONE

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DAILY

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Toss a nameless résumé on the table, and it’s difficult—if not impossible—to know which Notre Dame student you’re dealing with. It’s not uncommon for an Irish student to play Bookstore Basketball and interhall flag football or serve on Student Senate. It’s just slightly less common for that seemingly standard Notre Dame student to be an All-American linebacker.

Courtney Watson made it clear he wanted to immerse himself fully in Notre Dame culture and student life. Zahm Hall senator? Bookstore Basketball mainstay? Interhall flag football quarterback and safety? Watson had an extensive and varied résumé.

The three-year starting middle linebacker, who earned All-American honors in 2002, was exposed to all sides of life at Notre Dame on his recruiting visit to campus.

“That actually became a huge part of the reason why I came to Notre Dame, having an opportunity to meet and be friends with and live with guys who weren’t part of the football program,” Watson said recently by phone.

As a freshman oozing with energy during a season spent red-shirting, Watson was eager to go after not doing much in practice. Someone convinced him to check out flag football, so he went out to watch a game.

“I was underwhelmed,” Watson thought. “I knew what was being played, but I expected it to be more explosive. I didn’t expect as much contact.”

With no rules prohibiting him from playing, Watson strapped the flags around his waist the next time out.

“We weren’t very good at all,” he said. But there was Watson at safety, gunning for interceptions on any passes “more than five yards.” There was Watson at quarterback, scrambling around until he found room to run or an open receiver. But other teams caught on to the All-Southeastern (Florida) selection. Soon it was just underneath routes. Soon there were no pass-rushers, just everyone dropping into coverage against Watson. So he moved to wide receiver, trying to push the team forward in his lone season on the flag football field.

“The next year I actually started participating in practice, and I was too tired to do it,” Watson said. Watson tried himself out with Bookstore Basketball as well. A former two-time All-city selection in basketball who drew some interest from a few small colleges, Watson helped his team advance to three Final Fours and won two tournament titles. Watson found basketball manageable in his first few years as a underclassman, but piggybacking spring football practices with Bookstore games proved exhausting.

“Bookstore Basketball was a blessing and a curse at the same time,” Watson said. “My last couple years there it just became increasingly hard for my body to do all of that.”

In one particular Final Four showdown, Watson’s team — on which he was the only scholar-athlete — took on a squad that came to Notre Dame, having been exposed to all sides of life at Notre Dame on his recruiting visit to campus.

“I think it’s the whole team as a group that has to respond,” Jackson said. “Regardless of whether we’re young or not, we’re trying to put the guys in position to succeed. We’re focused on just taking care of the puck a bit better, and when we do give it up, we have to have more urgency to get pucks back.”

The Irish have more two more weekend doubleheaders before their first conference series against Vermont. Jackson said the Irish have avoided panicking and are focused on improving every day in practice. He hopes many of the team’s struggles will disappear as the team gets more familiar with each other.

“We got a lot accomplished in practice, which was an improvement from last week,” Jackson said. “The guys have been good, and we’ve

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