Residence hall patrols are there to help

Initiative makes security officers familiar faces in the community

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY


The hall monitor system dated back to the 1960s, Holdeman notes, and was an extension of the “Bachelor Dons” program that utilized single male faculty and staff persons living in residence halls.

As that program was phased out and the Dons moved off campus, retired gentlemen were hired to be the eyes and ears of the University, with their main responsibility being fire watch. Called “hall monitors,” they checked the building throughout the night for fire and other hazards while rectors and priests tended to other duties, including Mass, dances and pizza nights. “We take on an almost parental authority with them,” he adds. “They get to know us. We cite them, send them to Res Life, and they still get hugs from them. Used to be, they’d only see us for a lockout, a jump start or to take someone to the hospital.”

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Daffodil Days Orders Due March 3

Each spring, the American Cancer Society’s Daffodil Days raises money for cancer awareness and research. This year, the form for ordering daffodils can be found online at the Office of Human Resources website, hr.nd.edu, under the “Events” section. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, March 3.

A bunch of daffodils is $10, and daffodils with a vase are $15. Vases are also sold separately for $5. Pick-up is on Thursday, March 25—a pick-up location when you place your order. Contact Jeanne Drink, 631-9701, if you have questions.

New policies ensure safe handling and storage

By Lenette Votava, OIT

Many Notre Dame faculty and staff members work with sensitive data from student grades and employee social security numbers, to financial, business, academic or research information. It could be data you’ve stored this past year, or files you have accumulated over many years. If you have access to this type of information, it is essential that you know how to transfer or store it in a safe, secure manner using external, NFS or AF/S network storage; a print-out; the telephone; or any other means of communication.

There are a number of easily accessible resources available online or in your department. The University data stewards developed a handling standards policy to ensure safe handling and storage of this kind of information. This information is on the secure.nd.edu website.

Here are some guidelines, links to University policies and information on best practices to keep sensitive information safe:

- Review the Highly Sensitive Information Handling Standards policy (oit.nd.edu/policies/itstandards/infohandling.shtml) and make sure you understand how it applies to your job.
- Scan your local and network file storage using Sensitive Number Folders (SENF) for Mac and Linux users or Identity Finder for Windows users.
- If you have a specific question about handling sensitive data, contact your IT supervision, departmental IT staff member or departmental security contact (secure.nd.edu/resources/securitycontacts.shtml).
- Properly dispose of computer, media and paper files containing sensitive data.

There is a short video that everyone who handles sensitive data should view on the ND Secure website titled “Handling Requirements for Highly Sensitive University Information” (secure.nd.edu/training/index.shtml). It has valuable information on proper handling tips. By following these guidelines and policies when handling sensitive data, you are helping to maintain the safety and security of confidential information.

 Handle with care: Managing sensitive data

By Bill Schmitt, NDWorks

A new mobile website, m.nd.edu, is poised to usher the whole Notre Dame family into a different, fast-growing communications arena. In the “mobile culture,” already embraced by students and many others on campus, iPhones, smartphones and additional mobile devices are linked to the wireless Internet network. On campus, one gains access to a cell phone service provider or the University’s free-to-share Wi-Fi.

Don’t think of this mobile experience as a downsized visit to the university site, and that you’re settling for lesser capabilities on a smaller screen, says Chan Gruney, director of interactive marketing at the Office of Public Affairs and Communications (OPAC).

“One common site is where the University tells its story,” he says, and it’s designed to make use of a computer’s big screen and robust memory. In contrac- t, the new mobile culture emphasizes real-time answers to your most pressing questions. It empowers you right now because you know what you are and what you are doing.

“Mobile is a different experi- ence,” he says, “and it gives you information that you require normals- ly have.” Grundy says. The key to m.nd.edu was designing a site that takes advantage of mobile technology’s inherent strengths to satisfy the inherent needs of a mobile user to the point in the information economy.

Visitors will see that Notre Dame’s mobile website allows you to look up contact infor- mation about people as you’re walking across campus. Other access points that you might need—to or simply touch on your touchpad—will provide these capabilities: The Office of Informa- tion Technologies (OIT) status of local communications services, emergen- cy information of all sorts, the latest news being issued by OICP, and gateway to Notre Dame’s und.com athletics site, its online videos, and the online prayer community.

Ultimately, making the mobile website is only step one, Grundy points out. Many more capabilities can be envisioned, such as a personalized campus map to the directory’s contact information so that visitors know where to go when they learn that a faculty member is in Haggar Hall or Howard Hall or Hudley Hall.

Moreover, staff and faculty mem- bers will be invited to offer feedback at m.nd.edu, which is a joint project of OIT and OPAC. As all units at the University assess their current operations and plan for future offer- ings, they can consider “how mobile culture fits into the things they’re doing,” suggests Grundy.

Todd Woodward, OPAC associate vice president, marketing communications, says, “Our mobile platform is just another example of collaboration between OIT and OPAC. The world of communications and technol- ogy is intrinsically linked, and our partnership is the key to delivering new tools to campus to help our Notre Dame family stay educated, entertained and informed.”

Sleep, stress and memory

Psychologist’s research focuses on the ways memories are formed

By Gene Stowe, for NDWorks

Awake or asleep, the contents of our minds consolidate—and fashion—the memories of our experience into coherent narratives that influence our understanding of the world around us.

Jessica Payne, a cognitive neuroscientist who came this year to Notre Dame as a postdoct- oral research fellow in psychology, is investigating the effects of stress and sleep on those memories, using behavioral, pharmacological and cognitive neuroscience tools for her investigation.

While evolution has equipped us with appropriate tools for dealing with stressful events, such as increased production of the hormone cortisol, modern life has created environments that lead to unnatural reactions possibly related to problems such as depression.

“This is a highly adaptive response, but we were never designed to sustain the response over time. You need to be stressed out to get out of the way of a bear that is attacking you, but you don’t want to be constantly stressed about school, work, family or finances,” Payne says, adding that some depressed people have consistently high levels of cortisol. “They tend to remember the negative things that happen in life, at the expense of the neutral.”

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Hit the Light! Win the Fight

Energy challenge achieves significant savings

Main Building and College of Science reduce electricity usage

BY RACHEL NOVICK, OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

The yearlong Energy Challenge between the College of Science and the Main Building has ended with victory for the Main Building and significant savings for both competitors. The Main Building used 11.9 percent less electricity than in previous years, resulting in an avoided cost of $4,698. The much larger College of Science used 4.3 percent less electricity than in previous years, resulting in an avoided cost of $39,747.

Both the College of Science and the Main Building undertook considerable efforts to encourage energy conservation during the course of the challenge. In the Main Building, a committee of Challenge Leaders—representing the various departments in the building—encouraged their office-mates to turn off unnecessary lights and to shut down computers and other office equipment at the end of the day. “We reduced expenses, reduced non-recyclable waste, reduced energy usage, and learned a lot of ‘green’ facts and figures during announcements at monthly staff meetings,” says Anne Veldhi, challenge leader for the Office of the Graduate School. “We will gladly continue our new office practices even after conquering our competition!”

“Being able to use the weight of a team challenge as leverage really helped get everyone on board with this worldwide project: The small things DO count!” adds Susan Shields, challenge leader for the Office of University Relations. “The College of Science efforts focused primarily on laboratory efficiency. ‘We created and posted signs to encourage everyone to turn off lights and close fume hoods, and conducted building energy audits and fume hood audits,’ says Bill O’Hayer, business manager of the College of Science. ‘We concentrated our efforts on the high impact areas such as fume hoods, which drove significant savings in Jordan Hall, enabling us to keep costs down, even during a time when overall use of the building increased.’

Dean Gregory Crawford met with College of Science night-shift custodial staff to ask for their assistance in reducing lighting usage overnight. The custodians also supported the competition by conducting energy audits of laboratories and offices and developing an Energy Challenge website to track performance and provide energy-saving tips and strategies. "The addition of the Energy Challenge will undoubtedly continue to yield benefits,” said John Affleck-Graves, executive vice president. “Actions like reducing travel expenses by 20 percent and minimizing the use of paper helped make a difference for all of us.”

As University leaders considered the impact of an uncertain economy, they asked budget managers to think creatively about reallocating resources to our most important priorities. That exercise identified about $9.4 million, explained Linda Kroll and Trent Grocott, director and associate director of budget and planning. The approved budget document delivered two pieces of good news. First, we are cautiously optimistic that we will end the fiscal year in a position that will allow both growth in core areas and modest merit-based salary increases. More importantly, the University did not have to initiate personnel cuts or a hiring freeze, or scale back support to undergraduates and graduate students in a time of increased need.

The 2011 budget, at about $1.09 billion, maintains growth in areas that support the University’s core programs, but will also require continued vigilance over expenses, as Father Jenkins’ letter recommends. This vigilance, combined with modest increases in revenue, will allow Notre Dame to continue to support its goal of market-competitive compensation with modest merit raises. We will also be able to fill open positions in key areas. Tuition for fiscal 2011 will increase by 3.8 percent, which is the lowest increase in 50 years. This tuition increase is sensitive to the impact that the economic downturn has had on students’ families, while still provid- ing resources for critical University needs. In addition, the University’s commitment to need-based financial aid, which has made Notre Dame affordable to all deserving students, remains in place.

While the fiscal 2011 outlook is cautiously optimistic, the University leadership has contingency plans in place should the economy again turn sharply downward. As John Sepdlnaj, vice president for finance, noted, “While the hope is that these plans will not be needed, the University community should be assured that leadership has green careful thought and planning to steps we could take to protect Notre Dame.”

“Because of the efforts made by our faculty and staff combined with our historically conservative fiscal policies, Notre Dame is in a position where we do not have to eliminate jobs, stop construction projects that are vital to the local economy, or slow progress toward our strategic objectives,” said Father Jenkins. “Thanks to our faculty and staff, I am comfortable that Notre Dame’s financial position is solid and will allow us to serve generations to come.”
From a band of brothers, a symbol of family spirit

Serving the Holy Cross community for more than 60 years

Eighty-seven-year-old Brother Frank Gorch, C.S.C.—after whom the pool hall in the LaFortune Student Center is named—entered this new year eagerly anticipating his return to activities with the Congregation of Holy Cross community. He has been recuperating at the Holy Cross House care facility after breaking his arm.

“I’m anxious to do something,” Brother Gorch says. Prior to breaking his arm, he had made hundreds of rosaries for Holy Cross missions in Africa and Bangladesh, and he was helping with upkeep of the Holy Cross Annex, a quiet outpost for the artistic projects of brothers and prints on the west side of campus.

That’s just the latest chapter in the story of this man who dedicated his life to God 61 years ago—not as an ordained priest who can administer the sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church, but as a brother.

These brothers, who have been part of Notre Dame’s history since its founding, are fully-vowed members of the Holy Cross religious family, committed to serving that family and the Church in a wide variety of ways. Holy Cross brothers operate Notre Dame’s neighbor, Holy Cross College, but Brother Gorch says he asked particularly “to do ordinary things” at Our Lady’s University.

One of his first jobs was caretaker of the community, which included gravely-giving. He also did shopping and groundkeeping for live members of the community.

During the 1950s, he served as assistant to Brother Conlan Moran, C.S.C., in newly published “Brother Bookstore” as the manager of Notre Dame’s bookstore.

For a two-year stretch in the 1950s and later for a residency of three decades, Brother Gorch lived in the campus firehouse and joined with other brothers on the squad of Notre Dame firefighters. He was honored recently by today’s Fire Department, and the bunch outside the firehouse has a plaque commemorating his service.

During the years away from the firehouse, he worked separately in Baden, Zahl and Bremen-Phillips halls, living among students.

He was manager of the LaFortune Student Center for 26 years until 1989. In the days before video games, the building had 53 pool tables and three ping-pong tables, and Brother Gorch remembers playing pool with such students as Joe Montana ’79. Typically, he would shut the building down at 2 a.m., retire to the firehouse, and be awake in time to join the Holy Cross community for Mass at 6 a.m.

Seven of his LaFortune years also saw him caretaker of the Washington Hall facility next door. “In those days, Washington Hall was the building.” Brother Gorch recalls, noting that students assembled there for classes, major lectures and movies, as well as theatrical performances.

A number of jobs, before and after the days that earned him pool-hall immortality, also reaffirmed that Brother Gorch is willing and able to do a wide range of tasks—always with an eye to obeying the Congregation’s leadership and simply being of service where needed.

“That part of community life,” he explains. “The work may seem behind-the-scenes, but his enthusiastic, generous spirit was recognized by students as well as by his Holy Cross confreres. Among the many notes of gratitude that came in from the school, there was one that he received when he celebrated 60 years as a Holy Cross brother, he remembers students thankful for his encouragement, with messages like this: ‘If it hadn’t been for you, I wouldn’t have graduated.’

Brother Gorch is planning a visit to the Notre Dame Fire Department this month, where he’ll be reminded that the “ordinary things” he is willing to undertake can deeply affect the lives of individuals—and of a community.

Evolving roles for longtime brother

Staying active, always learning

BY JUDY BRADFORD, FOR NDWORKS

If you’ve visited the University of Notre Dame website, you’ve touched base with Brother Louis Hurcik. The Holy Cross brother is its webmaster, updating everything from how to request a course in CPR to where to go for an HIV vaccination.

Hurcik came to the job with experience in both physical education and publishing. Up until about two years ago, he was director of the Rockne Memorial Building. For the years, he also worked first as afoot-patrol officer and later as an investigator, met nurses and doctors working for health services.

“One thing sort of rolled into another, and it just evolved,” he said of his journey into his health services job. It also helped that he had taken some computer courses along the way.

When he first came to the South Bend area in 1952, shortly after joining the Holy Cross community, he worked on various Holy Cross publications. Those were the days of laying out stories, headlines, photos and captions by hand.

“Working a Web site is not that much different,” he says, but he is proud of the various links the Web site offers to state and federal agencies, particularly on the H1N1 virus. Brother Hurcik has never been without an opportunity to learn something new. The brothers have always been supportive, providing ways to acquire new skills and take on new challenges, he says.

One day not long after moving here from Chicago, the order’s superior told him that the University was proposing a boy’s summer camp, which would include a lot of swimming.

“I said, ‘I don’t even know how to swim.’ The superior said, ‘Go see Bill Hurcik.’ He was the one who taught the freshmen how to swim at the Rockne, so I figured I'd do this in that class. When I got there, I realized it was so close to my first lessons that I knew what it felt like to learn.’”

In 1978, the pool director retired and Brother Hurcik was asked to take over his job.

In addition to being a pool rat, Brother Hurcik has also been a ski bum for many years. He learned how to ski when the ski patrol of the Valley, a ski resort in Jones, Mich., needed someone to teach them first aid.

“That was 55 years ago. I told them I’d make a trade. If they taught me how to ski, I’d teach them first aid.’”

So, in the winter on Tuesday nights, this week, our friend, you can find this 76-year-old patrol- ing the hills of Swiss Valley as a member of the ski patrol. “It’s been great because it gives me a whole group of winter friends,” he says. Four years ago, it also gave him a broken leg. While on a ski vacation with those friends in the mountains near Salt Lake City, Brother Hurcik was hit from behind by a speeding snowboarder.

“I was stuck in Utah because the doctor would not release me to fly back on a plane. But the priests and brothers and other people from Notre Dame kept in touch by phone. The brothers are also closely associated with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, which is located in Salt Lake City, and they supported me a lot too.”

Brother Hurcik lives in Corby Hall, “the center of the Holy Cross Community,” and loves its morning and evening prayer times and community meals.

“I like the whole spirit of the group, and especially the way it works with people from all over the world. The idea is to serve the Church, and even if you’re doing something small, you’re contributing.”

Upcoming in this series are “Visiting Those in Prison” on April 9, hosted by Dimma House in South Bend, and “Clothing the Naked” on April 30, hosted by Fenix del Nino, an orphanage and school in Honduras. The series will continue into the fall semester.

Geddes Hall finds many ways to welcome the stranger

Lunch, prayer and conversation with the community

BY BILL SCHMITT, NDWORKS

With a Feb. 5 prayer service in Our Lady of Mercy chapel in Geddes Hall—plus the lunch and conversation that followed in the new building’s conference center—one of the corporal works of mercy, “Welcoming the Stranger,” came alive for dozens of faculty, staff and students and the hosts of St. Margaret’s House.

These off-campus neighbors, both givers and receivers of hospitality at St. Margaret’s day center for women in South Bend, embodied the idea behind a new series of hospitality lunch and prayer gatherings sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns.

The gatherings will have multiple dimensions, says Andrea Smith Hurcik. an assistant director of the center who is organizing the series. “Expanding the idea of the hospitality lunches that the center hosted with community partners in the past, we have added the opening reflection in the chapel to join the University community with the South Bend community in prayer.”

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Notre Dame Conference Center open after extensive renovations

A fresh, new look for a familiar space

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY, NDWORKS

Save the date! An open house 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, March 22, marks the grand re-opening of the Notre Dame Conference Center in McKenna Hall.

The 44-year-old building has undergone an extensive facelift over the past year, including new wall coverings, paint (oyster beige and cavalry blue) and furnishings. The dark wood paneling—which was severely warped—has been removed. The heavy, hinged exterior doors have been replaced with easy-access, sliding doors. The tile mosaic wall has been restored.

More importantly, the conference center's rooms have been fitted with energy-saving, motion-sensitive lighting; all conference rooms have built-in AV capability, and any room with a capacity greater than 50 has a built-in sound system. It's all part of the process of creating a new identity for the merged Morris Inn and McKenna Hall, a plan developed in 2007, says Bill Beirne, director of the combined facility.

“Our goal is to increase utilization,” says Beirne. By combining the hotel and conference center, he says, “we've created a Notre Dame conference facility, with meeting rooms, sleeping rooms and dining. We're making the effort to bring more conferences to campus.”

“We're excited about where we're going with this,” says Dawn Boulac, senior marketing and communication specialist. “It makes the space look fresh and inviting, and the spaces are very user-friendly.”

Artist quit his Saint Mary's teaching job over nudes

The ceramic mural wall in McKenna Hall, recently restored as part of the renovation of the building, was created by potter and sculptor John J. Dunn when the building was constructed in 1966.

Dunn was a native of Liverpool, England, who came to the area in 1961 to teach ceramics at Saint Mary's. The artist quit his job in a dispute with Sister Maria Renata, C.S.C., Saint Mary's president, after his nude sketches were banned from an exhibit at the college. He had ordered the drawings removed after receiving a complaint from an administrative assistant who found the works “vulgar and suggestive.”

Dunn removed the rest of the exhibition in protest and quit his job, later moving to Colorado and on to California.
Tight budgets? No problem

Student affairs staffs look in-house for professional development

BY SUSAN LYKE, FOR NDWORKS

You might say the seeds for the Division of Student Affairs' new professional development approach were sown after an event in the stadium press box a year ago.

That's when Chris Haug, assistant director for residence life and housing, first approached Jenny Monahan, executive assistant to the vice president for student affairs, to find out how he might be involved with planning annual professional development events such as the one they'd just attended. His enthusiastic interest led Monahan to talk with her boss, Rev. Mark Poorman, C.S.C., vice president for student affairs, about creating a broad process for developing professional development opportunities. The result has been the formation of the Student Affairs Resources for Networking and Development, or STAR-ND.

With the blessing and backing of senior staff throughout student affairs, particularly Father Poorman, Monahan contacted a group of leaders from within different arms of student affairs last spring.

This tight-member planning group met monthly to plan a series of professional development workshops. The success of the initial workshops led the group to include networking events, additional workshops and "Student Affairs Coffeehouse" presentations. The STAR-ND planning committee members not only organize but often present at the workshops themselves. The events tap into the expertise within the division, says Corry Colonna, director for residence life and housing, who will present a talk on "A Day in the Life of a Rectory" later this spring.

The coffeehouse presentations are the exception to keeping things internal. Speakers for these events have been faculty from other regional universities who have an expertise of potential interest to student affairs staff. A recent speaker was Roger Wessel of Ball State University, whose topic was "Do They Ever Grow Up? College Student Development 101." More informal "webinars" are now advertised, so that several groups may take advantage through a joint viewing. A recent webinar focused on using local data and research to plan effective alcohol, drug and violence prevention initiatives.

The group tries to balance structure with an organic process. "We don't want this to become another set of obligations for people, with decisions made by a small committee without wider input," says Haug. "We strive to be humble enough to change with whatever we're facing currently and open to wider needs and interests than those of the planning committee alone."

Monahan says participation at the events "exceeded our best hopes." So far the one-hour-long workshops have attracted from 30 to 70 participants. The networking events attract between 35 and 40 people, many of them different from those who attend the workshops.

Annie Eaton, assistant director of alcohol and drug education, says it's possible for workshop participants to find professional Continuing Education Units (CEUs) if they choose. Human resources as well as the licensing boards for social work and psychology have agreed to accept CEUs. Monahan ticked off the significance of the STAR-ND initiative. First of all, she says, the process itself answers two problems consistently cited in Notre Dame's employee satisfaction surveys—that there are not enough opportunities for input into the policies and practices of Notre Dame outside of senior administrators, and low job turnover means many employees find their movements within a division are blocked. The breadth of representation on the STAR-ND committee ensures broader input into professional development as staff get to know one another across department lines.

Other strategies used for STAR-ND include increasing teamwork across the division, building on the Catholic character of the University, promoting continuous improvement in job performance, and offering a catalytic incentive to offer professional development in a time of tight budgets. It also gives talented staff a new challenge. "Increased input, increased networking, increased fun!" Monahan says.

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Spring Learning Programs

Crucial Conversations (ND Value: Integrity)
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, Grace Hall Lower Level
Increase your ability to bring up truth, controversial and complex issues and realize them, especially when strong emotions, differing opinions or high stakes are present.

Managing Your Money in Today's Economy (ND Value: Accountability)
2:15 to 3:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 23, Mason Services Center
The current economic situation is causing stress for millions of Americans. This session is designed to give you tips and strategies for managing your finances, including coping with higher prices, adjusting your spending habits, avoiding debt and dealing with economic stress.

Bouncing Back: How to Manage Stress During Life's Challenges
7:15 to 8:15 a.m., Thursday, March 25, Mason Services Center, OR 1 to 2 p.m., Notre Dame Room, LaFornine Student Center
Experiencing some stressful events in your life? Learn how to bounce back and take control! During this session, you'll assess your personal resiliency level, learn strategies for exerting control and create an action plan.

Respect at Work—Staff (ND Value: Teamwork)
8:30 to 11 a.m., OR 1 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 25, Grace Hall Lower Level
Learn how to connect to others in a way that values all types of differences: Position level, job responsibilities, departments, personal opinions, gender, etc. You will identify ways you might unintentionally discriminate with others, and learn how to repair and improve misunderstandings to both give and receive more respect.

Counseling and Corrective Action—Non-exempt staff (ND Value: Accountability)
9:11 a.m. to 11 a.m., Monday, March 30, Grace Hall Lower Level
If you supervise non-exempt staff, learn the differences between counseling, coaching and corrective action—and which to apply in different situations. You will also learn when to move from coaching to counseling to corrective action, how to write a performance improvement plan, and the specific steps of the corrective action process.

NEW EMPLOYEES

The University welcomes the following employees who began work in January.

George A. Ambrose, dean's office, Faculty Senate of Trustees
Selenka K. Anders, dean's office, School of Architecture
Enrique Anrubia Aparici, Kellogg Institute for International Studies
Thomas B. Apker, financial aid
Yury P. Avvakumov, theology
Cynthia Bailey-Hunter, Kellogg Institute for International Studies
Clara Baumgart-Ochse, Kellogg Institute for International Studies
Kevin J. Dugan, fire protection
Michael F. Denbrough, football
Robert A. Diaco, football
Kevin J. Degnan, men's lacrosse
Scott P. Egan, advanced diagnostics and therapies
Keith Embrey, student development and welfare
Margot Fusso, theology
Harinbda J. Fernando, civil engineering and geological sciences
Jacobi Flint, varsity strength development
Lorenzo J. Guess, varsity strength and conditioning
Carlos E. Guerra-Mann, Kellogg Institute for International Studies
Deshara Gupta, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
Adriana H. Herzog, physics
Tim S. Hinton, football
Amy L. Jennings, registrar
Maddhav R. Joshi, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
Benjamin Klinger-Schwartz, Kellogg Institute for International Studies
Robin K. Karchewick, University Press
Carindra Knuefly, Office of Residential Life and Housing
Banehkhah Lakhnimiyoussaryan, Hesburgh libraries
Christa L. Levan, Alumni Association
Paul T. Longo, varsity strength and conditioning
Usama H. Mahf, biological sciences
Charles T. Martin, football
Emily R. Mezan, biological sciences
Charles Molnar, football
Meredith H. Nelson, Center for Social Concerns
Dick M. Oschmann, German and Russian languages and literatures
Michael J. Painter, football
Mauro Pala, Romance languages and literatures
Stella A. Papadopoulos, dean's office, School of Architecture
Richard T. Peterson, utilities
Vladimir Protasenko, electrical engineering
Beth A. Raitz Rex, football
Amy Reynolds, Kellogg Insti- tute for International Studies
Thomas S. Roman, chemical and biomolecular engineering
Tim C. Scalli, film, television, and theatre
Wangpeng Tan, physics
Gregory L. Temp, electrical engineering
Sergey I. Voropayev, civil engineering and biological sciences
Sarah E. Waldeck, dean's office, Law School
Edmond P. Warinner, football
Mark A. Wisnuki, Alumni Association
Demetrios S. Yocoem, Romance languages and literatures
Stanley L. Yuhas, computer science and engineering

From left, Rev. Mark Poorman, C.S.C., Mary Kate Hustlik. Chris Haug, Jenny Monahan, Corry Colonna and Annie Eaton.
YIN YU TANG: A CHINESE HOME

Caroline Chiu: Polaroïds as Chinese Ink Painting: These photographs are taken from Hong Kong artist Caroline Chiu’s larger series, titled “Dreaming: A Chinese Wunderkammer.” Wunderkammer were 17th- and 18th-century European “wonder rooms” or “cabinets of curiosity”—some of the earliest known “museums”—which contained specimens reflecting the natural world, anthropology, archaeology, relics and art. In Chiu’s case, she collects, by photography, objects representing the material culture of traditional China. From March 14 to April 25 in the Mestrovic Studio Gallery.

MUSIC
Unless otherwise noted, all performances take place in the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit performingarts.nd.edu or call 631-2800. Ticket prices are for faculty and staff, senior citizens, and students of all ages.

Notre Dame Glee Club Spring 2010 Concert
Presented by the Department of Music. 8 p.m. Friday, March 19; Leighton Concert Hall. The Glee Club presents its annual spring concert with a program including sacred and secular classical choral music as well as folk songs, spirituals and Notre Dame school songs. $6/35/$3

Deni
Visiting Artist Series: Hagner Irish Performers Series 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20; Leighton Concert Hall. Deni is one of the leading traditional Irish ensembles of today. Their standing-room-only concerts throughout Ireland are true events, featuring high-energy performances and a glorious mix of ancient Irish music and new repertoire’s virtuoso players on flute, tin whistle, fiddle, button accordian, bouzouki and vocals (Irish and English). $25/35/5/5

FILM
Unless otherwise noted, films are screened in the Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are $5 for faculty and staff, $4 for seniors and $3 for students.

The White Ribbon (2009)
6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, March 4-6. Presented by the Golden Globe for best foreign film, this brooding mystery, set in a small German village in 1913, is wrapped in an unshifting account of malice and repression.

Hamlet Goes Business (1987)
Nanovic Institute Film Series 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18. Finnish director Aki Kaurismäki found the dark humor and satirical implications of yet another Hamlet transported to the modern business world, set in a rubber-duck factory. Sponsored by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Shakespeare at Notre Dame and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Koryo Saram: The Unreliable People (2007)
Asian Film Festival 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 19. In 1937, Stalin began a campaign of massive ethnic cleansing and forcibly deported everyone of Korean origin living in the coastal provinces of eastern Russia near the border of North Korea to the unsettled steppe country of Central Asia 3,700 miles away. This story of 180,000 Koreans who became political pawns during the Great Terror is the central focus of this film. Director David Chung will introduce and discuss the film.

Cape No. 7 (2008)
Asian Film Festival 9 p.m. Friday, March 19. Witter/director Wei Te-sheng’s spirited small-town epic is Taiwan’s biggest-ever box-office sensation and official entry for the 2009 Academy Awards. The story of the unlikely rise of an exceptional rock band comes bound by an older tale of unrequited love.

Chicken Poets (2002)
Asian Film Festival 8 p.m. Saturday, March 20. Undecided about his future, Yun Fei, an unknown young poet, goes to visit an old university friend in the suburbs of Beijing to seek his advice.

Taxi Driver (1976)
PJC Classic 100 Film 5 p.m. Sunday, March 21. Martin Scorsese’s intense film, a hallmark of 1970s filmmaking, graphically depicts the tragic consequences of urban alienation when a New York City taxi driver goes on a murderous rampage against the pitiable denizens inhabiting the city’s underbelly.

Tomie dePaola’s Strega Nona, The Musical
Visiting Artist Series 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Friday, March 5; Devereaux Mainstage Theatre. Based on the children’s books by Tomie dePaola, “Strega Nona” is the musical tale of a friendly witch who strives to cure the ills of her tiny Italian town of Calabria. $15/5/5/5

CAMPUS EVENTS AND EVENTS
Reading: Joan Frank
7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 3; Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. The 2009 Richard Sullivan Prize Winner in fiction, author Joan Frank, will read at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

Sponsored by the Creative Writing Program.

Lecture: “Living the Dead Sea Scrolls: Medieval Jewish Sectarianism and Qur’an”
5:15-6:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 16; Devereaux Hall. Professor Meira Polliack of Tel-Aviv University will present. Sponsored by the Henkel Lecture Series and the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts.

Prose Reading Tag Team
7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 16; Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Creative writing faculty and students will read from their prose at a Prose Tag Team Reading.

Reading: Ricardo Pau-Llosa
5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17; Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Award-winning poet, art critic and Nominated for a Golden Globe through Saturday, March 20. taxi driver goes on a murderous rampage against the pitiable denizens inhabiting the city’s underbelly.

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Ten Years Hence Speaker Series
10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m., Friday, March 19; Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business. Hazel Henderson, founder of Ethical Markets Media LLC, will speak. Series sponsored by the O’Brien-Smith Leadership Program.

Yina Ye Tang: A Chinese Home
A Friday family focus on family fitness, and are held on Sunday afternoons at the Rockne Memorial Building. The classes are designed for parents to participate with their children. A free six- session family Yoga class will meet from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, through Sunday, May 2. Register via RecRegister, recsports.nd.edu, by Friday, March 12.

RecSports offers even more opportunities for the second and fourth Fridays of every month. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 26, enjoy Family Bowling Night at Strikes and Spares Entertainment Center, 5419 Grape Road, Mishawaka. A fee of $8 per person covers bowling, go-karts and blacklight mini-golf.

From 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 12, drive in and enjoy a movie while floating on the water at the Dive-In Movie, at Rollin’s Aquatic Center! Registration necessary on RecRegister.

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TTT presents a dark comedy where technology rules
In the second annual Pink Zone challenge Feb. 14, the Irish Women’s Basketball Team won over DePaul University 90-66 and raised $70,243 for breast cancer research and awareness.

The Pink Zone initiative is an effort by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) to raise breast cancer awareness—on the court, on campus, in communities and beyond.

Of the funds raised on campus, 25 percent go to the Kay Yow WBCA Cancer Fund, honoring the late North Carolina State Women’s Basketball coach, who died of breast cancer in 2009. The remaining 75 percent of funds stay local, supporting the Foundation of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center’s Secret Sister Society, the Women’s Task Force and Young Survivor’s Group.

Last year the Irish won the inaugural Pink Zone challenge by raising $48,000 while in competition with the top 20 women’s basketball programs in the country. The 2009 campaign raised more than $1.3 million nationally. The national winner of the challenge will be announced when all games are completed in late February.