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Haiti Program faculty, staff safe after earthquake

Emergency responders use University facilities in Léogâne to conduct relief efforts; ND raises funds



University President Fr. John Jenkins celebrates Mass Monday for the victims of last week's earthquake at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

The University's first priority after the 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti last Tuesday was safely evacuating faculty and staff, associate provost Dennis Jacobs said. Now that all faculty members have returned, the administration is determining the next steps for the Notre Dame Haiti program.

"Attention now is focused on relief efforts and we'll then focus more on rebuilding efforts," he said.

Located in Léogâne, the Notre Dame Haiti program focuses on research to eliminate lymphatic filariasis,

also known as Elephantiasis, a disease that afflicts more than 26 percent of the Haitian population.

Although Léogâne was one of the areas hit hardest by the earthquake, the program's facilities are still standing, Sarah Miller, assistant program manager, said.

"The engineering department at Notre Dame gave recommendations about building the buildings to earthquake status, so we know that our facilities are basically being used as a base of operations for people reaching out to help the people in community," Miller said.

Miller said faculty mem-

bers are currently discussing the best way to proceed with the program in light of the devastation.

"The first step is to look at what do we need to do to help the people in Léogâne and Haiti in general," she said, "We want to be able to help get relief and aid to people, and after that it will be about how to rebuild our program."

In the aftermath of the earthquake, Miller said she has hope for the nation.

"I think the country of Haiti was really making some wonderful improvements and I want people to know we see positive things of this coming out of this in

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RAs urge juniors to apply for position

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

With the beginning of spring semester comes a very important deadline — the one for resident assistant (RA) applications.

This year's RA applications consist of four short essays, three online surveys filled out by the applicant's professors or employers and an interview process that differs according to each residence hall. RA decisions will be made close to Spring Break at the beginning of March, although the exact date varies with each dorm.

There are many different reasons for applying to be an RA. Lindsey Zimmerman, a current RA in Cavanaugh, applied because her interactions with her RA freshman year made her want to take on the job.

"[She] really had an impact on me and changed my Notre Dame experience," Zimmerman said. "Your support system is totally removed when you go to college, so I think it's really important to establish a welcoming environment for everybody, but especially for

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Holy Cross priests share experiences

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

Four Holy Cross priests left their liturgical vestments behind Tuesday night to participate in an informal discussion titled "Men in Black: Holy Cross Stories" as a part of this week's celebration of the Feast of Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau. The panel included Fr. Timothy Scully, Fr. Ralph Haag and Fr. Paul Doyle. Fr. Bill Lies, who participated on last year's panel, served as the master of ceremonies.

Lies brought attention to the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross at the discussion's opening.

"At the heart of our founder's vision was that in Holy Cross, we would educate not only the mind but the heart as well," Lies said. "These three men have taken that mission to heart."

The panelists spent the night documenting their experiences and inspirations with slideshows of their families, college years, community work and baby pictures.

Scully, who majored in

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Fr. Timothy Scully encourages men to consider the priesthood at Tuesday's 'Men in Black' panel discussion.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group addresses fundraising for Haiti crisis

Council discusses Sunday's assault near Transpo 7A bus; Schmidt wants 'safe' service



TOM LA/The Observer

Student vice president Cynthia Weber, left, and president Grant Schmidt preside over a September COR meeting.

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) addressed the student efforts to raise money for relief in Haiti and Transpo safety in its first meeting of 2010 Tuesday.

"The magnitude of the crisis in Haiti is very significant," student body president Grant Schmidt said. "It merits a response from the University."

Initial fundraising efforts have included setting up dona-

tion boxes in all campus eateries and other prominent locations and creating a link on haitidisaster.nd.edu to donate money online.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said the total collected for the weekend was around \$4,500, with \$2,500 coming from the online donations.

COR members were pleased with the results but discussed other ways of raising awareness and funds for the people of

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INSIDE COLUMN

All-Star voting

The NBA All-Star Game is quickly approaching, and per usual LeBron James, Kobe Bryant and Dwight Howard all find themselves at the top of the balloting. No surprise there. But as you may or may not have heard, there's a conspiracy that threatens to destroy my favorite mid-season exhibition. And we, the fans, started it.

If voting ended today, Houston Rockets guard Tracy McGrady and Philadelphia 76ers guard Allen Iverson would find themselves starting in the 2010 All-Star Game. Does anyone else feel my pain?

I'm not sure what goes through the minds of millions of voters, but I wouldn't vote T-Mac onto my Bookstore Basketball team (yep, we're that good). Correct me if I'm wrong, but we're looking at a guy who has never even advanced past the first round of the playoffs, a guy who can't find a single team to trade for him and a guy who single-handedly ruined my fantasy team in 2008 because of "knee injuries."

And then I finally realized who to blame. China.

Now don't get me wrong, because I happen to believe that Chinese fans are among the most knowledgeable and faithful fans of the NBA. But in the words of Ricky Bobby, lay off the peyote people.

We all know your national hero Yao is out for the year and he's not coming back. That doesn't mean you have to show your support by voting for a bench bum who can't even hold his own in the NBA anymore. I bet Yao doesn't even like T-Mac. What, you think they hang out on the weekends with Luis Scola and play Yahtzee? Doubt it.


But enough talk of McGrady. How about the ageless wonder himself, Allen Iverson?

The "Answer" has been anything but for the past five years. He was the centerpiece in what will probably go down as the worst trade in the history of the NBA, leading the Detroit Pistons to a first-round exit in the 2009 playoffs.

But what am I talking about. I mean he's supposed to be the franchise player, and we in here talkin' about an exhibition. Not a game. Not a game. We talkin' about an exhibition.

There's a reason he's never been featured on the "NBA Cares" commercials.


Bottom line, don't keep great players, deserving players, like Monta Ellis and Ray Allen out of a meaningless game that we care so much about. As I always say, if you wouldn't put them on your fantasy team, don't put them on your All-Star rosters.



Chris Masoud


Sports Production Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY FAST FOOD RESTAURANT ON CAMPUS, WHAT WOULD YOU WANT?




Audrey Vitter
freshman
Badin

"Chick-Fil-A. I'd rather eat a chicken than a cow."




Brian Becker
freshman
Knott

"Skyline. Real Chili."




Brian Conway
sophomore
St. Ed's

"Panera. Not only is it healthy but it tastes so much better than Sbarro."



Maricruz Menchero
freshman
Badin

"Cosí. It's like a Panera break but better."



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Students take a break from the cold weather to order warm hot chocolate and coffee drinks from Starbucks in LaFortune on Tuesday.

IN BRIEF

Poet and English professor Henry Weinfeld will read at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore tonight from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Professor of Economics, Political Science, and Islamic Studies at Duke University Timur Kuran will deliver a lecture titled "Islam and Economic Underdevelopment: Legal Roots of Organizational Stagnation in the Middle East" on Thursday at 4:15 p.m. in room C-103 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. All are welcome.

The 21st Annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival will begin Thursday with screenings at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for faculty and \$6 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 574-631-2800.

OFFBEAT

S.D. woman pleads guilty to drunk driving with .708 BAC
STURGIS, S.D. — A South Dakota woman who prosecutors say had a blood-alcohol level almost nine times the legal driving limit has pleaded guilty to two drunken driving charges. Authorities said 45-year-old Marguerite Engle was arrested Dec. 1 when she was found passed out behind the wheel of a stolen delivery van along Interstate 90, with a blood alcohol level at 0.708. The legal limit in South Dakota is 0.08. Officials have said Engle's blood alcohol level likely is a record for the state.

She was arrested again in late December, with a blood alcohol level more than 3 1/2 times the legal limit.

Engle faces up to two years in jail when she is sentenced on Feb. 23. In exchange for her guilty pleas, prosecutors have agreed not to pursue other charges, including receiving stolen property and drug possession.

Maradona's earring sold at auction for \$36,000
ROME — The earring that was confiscated from Diego Maradona as part payment of his tax arrears in Italy has been sold to an anonymous woman at auction for 25,000 euros (\$36,000), a spokesman for the agency organizing the sale said Thursday.

The piece of jewelry was taken by police while Maradona was in Italy at a weight-loss clinic in September.

The Argentina coach owes the Italian inland revenue more than 30 million euros stemming from unpaid taxes when he played for Napoli and helped them to win the Serie A title in 1987 and 1990.




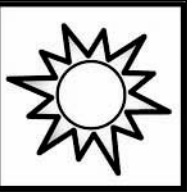


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Saint Mary's takes part in book drive

By BRITTANY VANSNEPSON
News Writer

The days of "invented spelling" in Indiana are over, as Sen. Richard Lugar implemented a book drive to benefit local elementary schools.

The second annual book drive is part of a statewide outreach program to increase literacy in local schools through the donation of gently used children's books, for readers ranging from infants to third graders.

Saint Mary's College is one of the locations accepting book donations. Donation boxes are located in the lobby of the Student Center and in LeMans Hall's Reignbeaux Lounge.

"The drive gives my kids and I the incentive to go through the books on our shelves and make a pile of the ones that they have outgrown and can bear to let go," Saint Mary's director of media relations Gwen O'Brien said.

The initiative of the book drive is to help children become

more successful academically by gaining a greater proficiency as a young reader.

"Books should be enjoyed again and again," O'Brien said. Coquillard, Warren and Lincoln Primary Centers are the main beneficiaries of the book drive.

Janet Martin, who originally bought several books for her grandchildren, decided to put her purchases to a better use by donating them to the book drive.

"I decided my grandkids had enough books," Martin said.

Students who benefit from the drive might develop an earlier understanding of words, better pronunciation or a general expression of interest in reading.

"There is nothing compared to the first page of a book and to know you are about to embark on a journey that costs you nothing but time," Martin said.

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SMC Information Technologies offers computer security awareness lecture

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

With a variety of spyware, viruses and Trojans plaguing students' computers, Saint Mary's College Information Technology office decided to host a lecture to help students keep their computers safe.

Kathy Hausmann, the College's coordinator of student computing, spoke about the different types of viruses, how to get them and how to prevent them. She also discussed the dangers of file sharing and phishing scams.

"It's a jungle out there," Hausmann said. "The Internet is full of quicksand and you really don't want to be trapped in it."

According to Hausmann, malware is the word used to describe any type of computer virus including basic viruses, Trojans and worms. Hausmann said a typical virus is simply a program that is spread from one computer to another.

Trojans are a type of computer virus that is installed because it appears to something else and, when clicked, downloads harmful files to a computer.

"Trojans are just as they sound, the Trojan horse. You think that you're getting one thing usually a free picture, movie, game, screensaver, and that's not really what you're downloading," she said.

Hausmann also explained that worms are viruses that can be installed on a computer just by connecting to the Internet.

"We had a large problem with these a couple years ago. When students came back to campus in August they weren't doing the software updates on their computers to keep them patched," she said. "They all brought unpatched computers to campus in August and it was a miserable experience because the network was so infected that it literally took 60 seconds from the computer was connected and the computer was infected on the network if your computer wasn't patched."

The best way to protect a computer from becoming infected by viruses is to install the newest version of antivirus software. Hausmann also suggested updating computers regularly. For Saint Mary's students, McAfee antivirus software is available free of charge from the Saint Mary's Web site.

Another topic covered in the lecture was how to determine if an e-mail is legitimate or if it is a phishing scam. Hausmann said one way to tell is to double check who the e-mail is from. She also said to pay attention to whether or not the e-mail is personalized. If the e-mail does not have your name in the greeting, it is most likely a phishing scam.

"Phishing is the attempt to acquire your personal informa-

tion fraudulently. They'll pretend to be Saint Mary's or a bank or a store or a the IRS or some other legitimate institution so that they can receive your personal information," Hausmann said. "Phishers are identity thieves. Personally I think that phishing is one of the biggest threats to Saint Mary's students. I say that because I have seen the number of students ... and faculty and staff who have responded to phishing scams on campus."

According to Hausmann, 65 students, faculty and staff responded to phishing scams. The best way to avoid phishing scams is to refrain from responding and to delete the e-mail that was attempting to phish your personal information.

Hausmann also encouraged students to avoid using peer-to-peer (P2P) software sharing agents because these programs often share information without consent of the computer owner.

"Simply by having peer-to-peer software on your computer could also be sharing files from your computer without your knowledge," Hausmann said.

The lecture was offered at three different times Tuesday and will be held again Wednesday at noon and 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center.

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economics at Notre Dame, gave a familiar account of his memories as a student in the 1980s.

"Like any Notre Dame student, I had a ball. I fell in love with this place," Scully said.

But Scully found something else at Notre Dame, which changed his plans to follow in his father's footsteps and attend law school.

"I fell in love with Notre Dame because I fell in love with the priests of Holy Cross," Scully said.

Scully requested to attend

law school after seminary, but his Superior sent him to Chile instead.

"My entire imagination of what my priesthood would be about came crashing down," he said.

But Chile was a new revelation, Scully said.

"I fell in love with Chile, with its people, geography, song and culture," Scully said. "God has such a funny way of pointing our feet in the way of God's plan."

But not all of Scully's reflections were fit for a homily. In one account, he remembered being marched to Church every morning by the nuns of his childhood parish school Sacred Heart in Winnetka, Ill. Rather than

follow the double file line to Mass, Scully said he and his friends always attempted to sneak down an alley that led to a bakery.

"As much as we loved the Eucharist, we loved the bakery more at that hour," Scully said.

Haag's initial uncertainties about priesthood echoed Scully's reflections. It wasn't until his junior year of college that Haag,

whose hobbies include "making beer, bass fishing and playing Halo," according to Lies, gave serious consideration to the vocation.

Haag said he already had an internship lined up for after graduation, and had no plans for the seminary.

"The funny thing is, everything was going right and even the future was falling in place," he said.

But something was wrong, Haag said.

"There wasn't joy in the things and achievements that

"I fell in love with Notre Dame because I fell in love with the priests of Holy Cross."

Fr. Timothy Scully
professor
political science

I had," Haag said. "It was time to finally consider what had been in my thoughts for some time, thoughts that I had wanted to avoid and had avoided for so long. But they could no longer be avoided."

Choosing priesthood was just the beginning of Haag's vocational search. When it came to choosing an order, Haag couldn't find anything that felt right, he said.

"Every time I went out, I couldn't wait to get home. I couldn't wait to leave. I began to think that this just wasn't me and I thought the same thing was going to happen when I came to Holy Cross," where he said something was different.

"I caught myself saying I wish I didn't have to go home," Haag said. "My eyes were open to see where I was supposed to be and that was at Holy Cross."

This exciting discovery was not the end, but a new beginning, Haag said.

After spending most of his early years in the priesthood at St. Gregory Parish in Phoenix, Ariz., Haag moved on to a new assignment as rector of St. Edward's Hall, which he has found to be "never a dull moment."

"There's always something going on at St. Ed's," Haag said. "To be able to be present in this life from the most mundane to the most profound, I have discovered is a rare gift and a rare opportunity. The residents have become your own in a certain way and in time, you find that they have been changing your own heart and mind."

Haag said he had no resentments about the distance between himself in South Bend and his family in Omaha.

"What I've learned through this all is that I really haven't given up family or home. It's like the Gospel says, I've gained so much more," Haag said.

For Doyle, the issue of leaving his family behind was also of concern when choosing a religious order. Flipping through old family photos, Doyle expressed his past worries about not being able to provide for his parents in their elderly life.

"But the Lord has provided," Doyle said. "If we just step out in faith, the answers come."

Doyle's answers came from what he called "surprising encounters" from the Spirit throughout his childhood and early adult life.

"God comes to us in all sorts of disguises," Doyle said. "Incarnate. He takes on flesh."

With his discussion of family, Doyle emotionally recalled his last conversation with his father.

"He said to me, 'God bless you, son.' I think, through my parents, God has touched me richly," Doyle said.

Doyle also discussed what a special role family plays in the mission of Holy Cross, mentioning his admiration for the Congregation's care of the elderly.

"I have found that after 40 years, these people are more than friends; they are brothers," Doyle said. "I look around the chapel as we pray together and I say 'I love these guys.'"

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel arrests prominent activists

JERUSALEM — Israel is arresting a growing number of prominent opponents to its policies toward the Palestinians, say critics who are accusing the government of trying to crush legitimate dissent.

In the most high-profile case yet, Jerusalem police detained the leader of a leading Israeli human rights group during a vigil against the eviction of Palestinian families whose homes were taken by Jewish settlers.

Since the summer, dozens of Palestinian and Israeli activists have been picked up, including those organizing weekly protests against Israel's West Bank separation barrier as well as others advocating international boycotts of Israeli goods.

Some of the Palestinians were released without charge only after weeks and months of questioning.

U.K. plans to regulate binge-drinking

LONDON — Bar-going Britons may soon be bidding goodbye to their country's all-you-can-drink deals — as well as some of their more outlandish drinking games.

The government said Tuesday it was banning irresponsible promotions and boozy contests such as the "dentist's chair" — where alcohol is poured directly into customers' mouths — in an effort to tackle Britain's binge-drinking problem.

The government says the ban will limit binge-drinking, but health experts say the nation's deepening alcohol problem would best be tackled by imposing higher minimum prices on Britain's cheap booze.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mayor testifies in gay marriage trial

SAN FRANCISCO — The mayor of San Diego testified Tuesday that he regretted opposing same-sex marriage before learning his daughter was a lesbian in a committed relationship.

Mayor Jerry Sanders said his change of heart was a defining personal moment.

"I had been prejudiced," he said during a civil trial on the constitutionality of California's ban on gay marriage. "I was saying one group of people did not deserve the same respect, did not deserve the same symbolism of marriage, and I was saying their marriages were less important than those of heterosexuals."

Sanders, a Republican, took the witness stand on behalf of two same-sex couples suing to overturn Proposition 8, the state's voter-approved ban.

Va. shooting leaves several dead

APPOMATTOX, Va. — A lone shooter was responsible for multiple deaths and injuries Tuesday and more than 100 law enforcement officials had him circled in woods where they believe he is hiding, state police said.

A spokeswoman could not say how many were dead or injured in the shootings or what sparked the violence.

The gunman also fired at a sheriff's deputy and a state police helicopter, which had to land with a ruptured fuel tank after one or more rounds struck it, the spokeswoman, Corrine Geller, said. No police were injured.

"We believe we have the male suspect confined in a wooded area," Geller said.

The violence began shortly after noon when an injured man was found on a rural stretch of road. A deputy who went to investigate fled after he heard gunshots, Geller said.

LOCAL NEWS

Daniels addresses education

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels urged lawmakers during his State of the State speech Tuesday night to end the practice of schools promoting third graders to the fourth grade even if they cannot read well.

"We must address the single greatest cause of student failure, the inability of so many of our children to read proficiently," Daniels told a House chamber packed with lawmakers, judges and others.

"If a school accomplishes nothing else in a child's decisive first years, it simply must enable him or her to read and comprehend the English language," he said.

Brown wins Massachusetts seat

Upset costs Democrats the supermajority, threatens Obama's healthcare plan

Associated Press

BOSTON — Four years ago, the Massachusetts lieutenant governor passed over Scott Brown as a potential running mate in her bid to replace then-Gov. Mitt Romney because she and her staff saw him as a political lightweight.

On Tuesday, Brown pulled off a huge political upset, defeating Democrat Martha Coakley — in one of the bluest states in the country — to succeed the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

Brown not only regained control of a seat the Democrats had held for over a half-century, but gave the GOP the vote it needed to break the Democrats' Senate supermajority and block the health care overhaul nearly finished by President Barack Obama. He was the first Republican elected to the Senate from Massachusetts since 1972.

Those who know Brown are not surprised.

"He's a triathlete," said state Rep. Richard Ross, a fellow Republican from Brown's hometown of Wrentham. "He's a competitor, and a lot of people underestimated that. He out-works other people."

The 50-year-old Brown seized on Coakley's early complacency in the abbreviated campaign to define himself as a truck-driving everyman, a doting father and the candidate best suited to push back against a Democratic-dominated Senate.

While Coakley was largely out of view after she trounced three primary opponents, Brown held daily press events. He also posted the first television ad of the final election stretch, an audacious spot in which he compared himself to Kennedy's revered brother, the late President John F. Kennedy.

Reinvention is a skill Brown has used throughout his career, seizing opportunities where he found them.

As an undergraduate, he



Scott Brown speaks to reporters after voting in the special election Tuesday in Wrentham, Mass.

traded on his matinee good looks for work as a model, and while still in law school, he posed nude for Cosmopolitan magazine — in a photo spread with a strategically placed crease in the magazine.

Later he enlisted in the National Guard and launched a political career that took him from the Wrentham Board of Selectmen to the Massachusetts House and Senate.

Brown said his dedication to hard work and family grew out of a difficult childhood.

"I didn't come from a lot of money," he said during a debate. "My parents are divorced a few times. My mom was on welfare for a period of time. I really came

from nothing and worked my way up."

On the campaign trail and in debates, Brown drew bright lines between himself and his Democratic opponent — something Democrats believed hurt Coakley.

Massachusetts Democratic political consultant Mary Ann Marsh said Brown was able to capitalize on his strengths during the brief sprint to the special election, in part because Coakley and her supporters sat back after she won the Democratic primary.

"In a six-week race, he was given the advantage of having the field to himself for the first four weeks," she said. "He was able to define himself, define the race and define her, and nobody ques-

tioned him."

Brown grew up in Wakefield and attended Tufts University in nearby Medford. He now is both a lieutenant colonel and the National Guard's top defense attorney in New England. Although he's never been deployed, he has been on assignments in Paraguay and Kazakhstan.

Brown met his wife, Gail Huff, now a reporter for Boston's WCVB-TV, in 1985 and the couple married a year later. They have two daughters. Ayla, 21, made it to the top 16 performers in 2006 on TV's "American Idol." Her sister, Arianna, is 19.

Brown said his ties to his home state run deep.

"I was raised here and I'll probably die here," he said.

Haitians already in U.S. seek protection

Associated Press

MIAMI — Haitians are so eager for information about a federal designation that will let illegal immigrants work temporarily in the U.S., they bombarded a Catholic church here even though the program doesn't start until Thursday.

More than 1,000 Haitians lined up this week outside the Notre Dame d'Haiti Catholic Church in Miami's Little Haiti neighborhood to ask questions about how to apply for temporary protected status. Some were told to come back the following day. Others have showed up at immigration law offices and community centers elsewhere in Florida as well as New York and New Jersey.

Citizenship and Immigration Services

Director Alejandro Mayorkas said only those in the U.S. before the earthquake hit would be eligible, and he warned that early applications would be delayed.

"I want a driver's license," said Fritznel Monneus, 34, who left a hurricane-ravaged Haiti in November 2008. "I want TPS. I want an ID. I want to be working right now."

Randy McGrorty, head of Catholic Charities Legal Services, fielded questions at the Miami church, mostly in Creole. He told some that family members wouldn't be able come from Haiti and seek the status, and that applicants likely wouldn't qualify for college financial aid. Generally, government benefits aren't available for those with the temporary status.

Some also asked whether they could get help paying the filing fees up to \$470, including employment authorization. McGrorty said a fee waiver was available, though he discouraged it because it could delay an application.

Although the government has cautioned the protection is temporary — 18 months — some of those applying hoped it would lead to a longer reprieve. Immigrants from Central American countries have had the designation for more than a decade after a hurricane.

Applicants must prove their Haitian citizenship as well as their residence in the U.S. before the earthquake struck Jan. 12. Advocates urged people to collect rent receipts, utility bills, employment records and medical records to show they lived here.

winter career and fair internship & diversity reception

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How to Prepare for the Career Fair

1. Compose a Resume that Markets Your Background and Skills

- Visit The Career Center Monday - Friday from 1:00 to 4:45 pm for a 15-minute resume review or stop by Resumes on the Run in LaFortune
- There are many off-site resume reviews scheduled; visit <http://careercenter.nd.edu/events> to learn more

2. Prepare, Prepare, Prepare

- Attend a "Prepare for the Career Fair" workshop
- Determine your objectives for attending
- Review the list of *companies* attending the fair and *position descriptions* on Go IRISH
- Visit company websites and review mission statements, annual reports, and products or services
- Develop and refine networking skills
- Develop your "Thirty Second Message"
 - Hello, I'm...(introduce yourself, your year and major, and interest in industry/career field)
 - I'm interested because...(explain your interest in & knowledge of the company)
 - I can...(match your skills with their needs)

3. At the Fair

- Dress in business attire and bring several copies of your resume in a portfolio
- Review the map of employer booths and take a bag for "giveaways"
- Be proactive by approaching employers
- Speak with both young alums and experienced representatives
- Demonstrate *confidence* and *enthusiasm* in delivering your "Thirty Second Message"
- Ask the representative how to sign up for an interview (i.e. "After reviewing your company information and the position, I am interested in speaking with you further. How can I obtain a slot on your interview schedule at The Career Center?")
- Obtain the representative's business card

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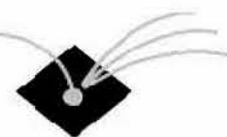
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Composite Volume:		904,876,313

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NASDAQ	2,320.40	+32.41
NYSE	7,443.68	+86.89
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IN BRIEF

Google delays phone release in China

SAN FRANCISCO — Google has delayed the debut of two mobile phones designed to connect with its Internet services in China, widening the void that might be opened if the company and Beijing can't resolve their rift over online censorship and security.

The phones, made by Motorola and Samsung, use the Android operating system, created by Google to steer people to its search engine and other services. China Unicom Ltd. was supposed to be the carrier.

The postponement Tuesday is the latest aftershock from Google's threat to shut down its services in China, which could cut off the world's most populous country from Google's services through any kind of computer or phone.

Google says it will remain in China only if the government relents on rules requiring the censorship of content the ruling party considers subversive. The ultimatum came last week after Google said it uncovered a computer attack that tried to plunder its software coding and the e-mail accounts of human rights activists protesting Chinese policies.

Market sees crude oil prices rise

Crude oil followed the stock market up on Tuesday, settling higher for the first time in five sessions.

Investors boosted health stocks, watching a Massachusetts election to fill the seat of the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. Some hoped for a Republican victory that would make it more difficult for Senate Democrats to pass a health care bill. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up nearly 100 points in afternoon trading.

Wholesale gasoline prices also moved higher after the MasterCard SpendingPulse report for the week ended Friday showed gasoline consumption rose 3.2 percent with the week before and 2.3 percent from the same week a year ago. Traders have been looking for signs that gasoline demand is starting to pick up to justify oil prices that have more than doubled in the past year.

SpendingPulse is a division of MasterCard Advisors that tracks total sales paid for by credit card, checks and cash.have been modest so far.

Citigroup reports massive losses

Despite financial problems, banking firm still plans on large executive bonuses

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Citigroup Inc. became the latest bank to take a cautious view of consumers' credit problems, reporting a \$7.77 billion fourth-quarter loss due to failed loans and the costs of repaying \$20 billion in government bailout money.

Even with the loss, Citigroup, the hardest hit of the big U.S. banks during the credit crisis and recession, plans to give big bonuses this month to its top employees.

The earnings report Tuesday, which met analysts' expectations, reflected Citigroup's struggles and changing status in the banking industry. The company was forced to set aside \$8.18 billion to cover the loans consumers can't repay, joining other big lenders who are still losing money on loans. But Citigroup, having been forced to shed its big investment banking and brokerage businesses during the banking crisis, lacked those buffers against losses that other major financial companies still have.

The company's focus, therefore is on loans, which are deeply troubled but showing some very early signs of improvement. For example, the addition to Citigroup's loan reserves was down 10 percent from the third quarter, and 36 percent from a year earlier.

And John Gerspach, Citigroup's chief financial officer, noted during a conference call with the media that the number of mortgage and credit card loans that were newly delinquent, or between one and three months past due, had started to stabilize and even drop in some of its lending portfolios.

However, "the U.S. credit story is still very much developing," Gerspach said.

Gerspach's caution was



An exterior view of Citibank is seen in Mountain View, Calif., Tuesday. Hard-hit by the recession, Citigroup reported a \$7.77 billion dollar fourth-quarter loss.

similar to that of JPMorgan Chase & Co. when it reported Friday that it earned \$3.28 billion during the fourth quarter thanks to its strong investment banking unit. JPMorgan said it set aside \$7.28 billion for failed loans during the quarter, nearly identical to the amount it reserved for bad loans during the final quarter in 2008. It also warned that it didn't know when it would be able to stop adding to its loan reserves.

Gregg Smith, a senior managing director at restructuring firm Conway MacKenzie, said Citigroup's results show the lending business is stabilizing. But he also noted it will be a long time

before banks like Citigroup are strong enough to lend at historical norms. Many economists and investors are concerned that this trend could slow the economic recovery.

"They're just crawling out of the ditch now," Smith said of banks.

2009 was a year of drastic change at Citigroup, and it may turn out to have the poorest fourth-quarter showing among the big banks because it lacks the big investment bank and trading operations that have helped other companies like JPMorgan Chase offset their losses from bad loans.

The bank's loss after accounting for payment of preferred dividends came

to almost \$7.77 billion, or 33 cents per share. That compared with a loss of \$18.16 billion, or \$3.40 a share, a year earlier. In the third quarter of 2009, it lost \$3.24 billion after paying dividends. The latest results were in line with analysts' expectations, according to Thomson Reuters.

"They're trying to keep up with firms in a much better position," Alois Pirker, a research director at consultancy Aite Group, said of Citigroup. "Because of that, (Citigroup is) in a higher risk position."

Pirker said the bank has done well in recent quarters to control costs. Now its profitability will turn on how its loan portfolios perform this year, he said.

Fed chief calls for review of AIG bailout

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke took the unusual step Tuesday of asking Congress' investigative arm to conduct a "full review" of the Fed's role in bailing out insurance giant American International Group.

The Fed chief's move is aimed at defusing criticism of the government's \$182 billion rescue. The bailout sparked public outrage and demands in Congress for more information, especially after it was revealed that millions in bonuses would go to employees in the AIG division most responsible for the company's need for a bailout.

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has a probe under way that seeks to provide a fuller

picture of the AIG bailout. Those lawmakers are especially interested in details involving billions in payments AIG made to Goldman Sachs and other Wall Street firms that did business with the insurer. Some lawmakers want to know why those firms were fully paid and why concessions weren't demanded.

"To provide a comprehensive response to questions that have been raised by members of Congress, the Federal Reserve would welcome a full review by GAO of all aspects of our involvement" in the AIG bailout," Bernanke wrote in a letter to the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

Bernanke said the Fed already has provided information to Congress on the AIG rescue, has made "a large amount"

of information available to the public and provided information to other oversight bodies such as the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

Congress passed a law last year giving the GAO authority to review Fed documents in the AIG bailout. The GAO said Bernanke's request will be weighed against other demands on the agency's staff.

Rep. Darrell Issa of California, the top Republican on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, sounded a skeptical note about Bernanke's interest in openness.

"If the Fed is as vested in oversight and transparency as they claim in this letter, they should be quick to provide us with all the support we need to complete this bipartisan investigation," Issa said.

Haiti

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the way Haitians are stepping up to help," she said.

Jacobs said the University has a unique ability to aid the relief effort.

"We are privileged in a way to have a relationship with Haiti through the Haiti program and with the Congregation of Holy Cross's presence in Haiti," he said. "Through those relationships and that network, we may have an ability to help and service better than if we had no relationships in that country. We also have people here on campus with great familiarity with Haiti and opportunities and limitations of working in Haiti."

The University launched the site haitidisaster.nd.edu shortly after the earthquake. The Web site details information about donating to the Notre Dame Haiti Program and other relief services helping in the country.

Donations will be collected at Basilica Masses over the next two weeks, and the University held a Mass Monday to pray for the victims.

"This disaster has also directly impacted the Notre Dame community. Alumni, students, faculty and staff with family and friends in Haiti are seeking information about colleagues and loved ones," University President Fr. John Jenkins said in a message online. "There has been an outpouring of concern and interest because these individual relationships and other institutional initiatives have enhanced the University's connection with Haiti over the years."

Student government and student clubs have also rallied to collect money for the relief effort. Student body president Grant Schmidt said that more than \$4,800 has been raised by Tuesday night.

Student government will continue to collect donations through Friday, and they are still communicating about how best to donate the money.

American Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services, fundraising efforts of Friends of the Orphans, Congregation of Holy Cross and the Notre Dame Haiti Program will each receive at least 10 percent of the funds.

Friends of the Orphans, an on-campus group that supports nine orphanages in Latin America and the Caribbean, is holding a benefit concert next Wednesday to raise money as well.

"For this interest in supporting the relief effort, what we want to do is collect money and give it to a set of agencies that could put it to good use right away," Jacobs, who helped advise Schmidt on establishing a plan to help, said. "I think the University naturally wants to reach out and help in any case when people are hurting and a natural disaster such as this is a this causes this amount of devastation."

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RA

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the freshmen."

Christina Karam, an RA in McGlinn, applied for similar reasons.

"I first thought about being an RA freshman year because I loved my RA," Karam said. "I'm a people person and I love giving advice, so I thought that one day I would love to help freshmen adjust to life at Notre Dame."

The RA job has many benefits, among them paid room and board and free laundry service.

The position also has many drawbacks, according to Keith Ruehlmann, an RA in Dillon. Finding the balance between enforcing rules and forming relationships with the students in his section is difficult, he said.

"Sometimes [students'] efforts at having fun go beyond what's expected and responsible," Ruehlmann said. "It becomes difficult crossing over from being their friend to being the enforcer of rules and the guy who ruins their fun."

Zimmerman said understanding the full extent of the enormous time commitment that being an RA entails is also difficult. RAs are typically on duty at least once a week and every other weekend.

"[The most difficult part of being an RA is] realizing what a big time commitment it is," Zimmerman said. "You have these chunks of time that you have to set out every day for it."

Despite these drawbacks, the RA job also has many emotional and psychological benefits. Karam said the job has really enhanced her senior year.

"It makes it more about others, rather than yourself," Karam said. "You get to share your experiences as an underclassman with your residents, and watch them relive the same moments you had in previous years. It's a very rewarding experience."

Michael Sayles, an RA in Sorin, said RAs mature into

better people after taking the job because it touches so many aspects of their lives.

"Aside from giving back to the dorm, there is a lot of personal growth that you will experience as an RA," Sayles said. "You develop better time management, organization, communication, and people skills. You learn a lot about leadership and how to be a leader not only in terms of a group, but in the way that you live your life."

Zimmerman said meeting new people is another one of advantages of being an RA.

"I love just really getting to know all the people in the dorm," Zimmerman said. "With all the hall staff I've made six new best friends, and I've gotten to know a lot of people I wouldn't have met otherwise."

Although being an RA is extremely demanding, Ruehlmann encouraged underclassmen to apply for the job.

"Know that it's more work than you might expect, but don't let that deter you from becoming an RA," Ruehlmann said. "It's easily one of the most rewarding things I've done here at [Notre Dame] and I've loved almost every minute of it."

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"Aside from giving back to the dorm, there is a lot of personal growth that you will experience as an RA."

Michael Sayles
resident assistant
Sorin Hall

"[The most difficult part of being an RA is] realizing what a big time commitment it is."

Lindsey Zimmerman
resident assistant
Cavanaugh Hall

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Haiti.

"People have been very quick to donate and are in a giving mood," Weber said. "We need to look at ways to harness their energy and give them more ways in which to donate."

COR members suggested passing around the donation boxes at high-attendance campus events such as AcoustiCafé and the upcoming men's and women's basketball games.

Another suggestion included designing a T-shirt for the student body to purchase with profits going directly to the Haiti cause.

Schmidt and Weber said the money that has been collected is going into its own account. Fifty percent of the funds will be distributed to five charities dedicated specifically to Haiti, including the Holy Cross Mission in Haiti, the Red Cross, the Catholic Relief Fund, the Notre Dame Haiti Program and Friends of the Orphans.

The remaining 50 percent of the donations will be sent to organizations and relief efforts that student leaders decide on at the end of the week.

Schmidt also addressed the incident that resulted in the assault of three Notre Dame students by a Transpo bus stop early Sunday morning.

Schmidt said he had been in contact with Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and Transpo and wanted to make

sure that the assault became an isolated incident.

"We want to make sure this service we are providing is safe," he said. "We don't want events like this to be happening."

COR members acknowledged that this was the only violent incident to occur in the four weekends that the 7A Transpo route has been running and agreed that the service is safe, but said that students need to be more aware of the bus's exact route.

Schmidt said there would be small cards printed that would have the exact route, stops and times of the Transpo bus, complete with phone numbers for NDSP the South Bend Police Department.

The cards will then distributed to the student body.

"We're printing the cards because we need to emphasize as leaders that students still need to be cautious," Schmidt said.

In other COR news:

u Schmidt brought up "The Mobile Party" comic that ran in The Observer Jan. 13 and the response that it has created.

"Obviously, student government does not approve and we are going propose in the Senate that a task force be created that can address the homophobic nature on campus," Schmidt said.

COR members noted that sexual orientation was not part of the non-discrimination clause on campus and Schmidt said Student Government was looking into the legality of adding sexual orientation to the clause.

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Campus Ministry will continue to accept and forward donations all this week at 319 Coleman-Morse Center.

The Haiti Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which is composed of 75 Haitian priests and 22 professed seminarians, works with the poor through schools, parishes and social service ministries.



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THE OBSERVER

VIEWPOINT

All eyes on us

Last week's Viewpoint section was a flurry of activity. As most students are aware, an offensive comic ran, went viral, then national, and resulted in an atypical backlash against both the comics, the editors of The Observer and the University at large. Let me begin by saying this is not a column about Jay, Lauren, Colin or Kara, all of whom have been and continue to be my friends. Rather, this is an attempt to move onto the larger issue here, homosexuality at Notre Dame, and some of the issues endemic to this place.



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

Any conversation on this topic must begin with dorm life. For many students and alumni alike, the dorm system is the crown jewel of the Notre Dame experience. The single-sex dorms, seemingly bogus to students at other schools, create a sense of fraternity and lasting friendship. However, they are also fetid breeding grounds for rampant homosexual words, phrases and jokes. I can personally attest to the late night use of the "F" word thrown in all directions, whether at opposing sports teams, kids down the hall or even online video game opponents. It is a culture that is accepting for those oblivious to its shortcomings, and, I can only imagine, somewhat terrifying for those whom it targets.

How then, can this issue be fixed? After all, the dorm system is organic, based on random assortments of students from all over the world. The answer itself lies in this random, diverse group of students thrown together. Because of our university's strides towards diversity, ethnic and socioeconomic groups from everywhere are assigned as roommates, section friends and dorm members. For this reason, students are much more sensitive to racial issues, and as a result

those types of slurs are catapulted across hallways and dorm rooms rarely, and not without consequence. It appears, then, that the University must become friendlier towards LGBT applicants, and make better efforts to encourage them to apply here so that students do not only experience racial diversity, but diversity across all walks of American life.

To this end, the University not only does not commit itself actively towards finding students from this group, it subversively discourages them from applying in the first place. This comes in two flavors. The first is the University's annual rejection of any Gay Straight Alliance's application for official recognition. While other clubs on campus, notably the Progressive Student Alliance, work within official status for change, this is not sufficient in demonstrating to prospective students the University's commitment towards LGBT issues. As a prospective student, I remember scanning the list of clubs and picking out which ones sounded fun or relevant to my interests. To imagine that prospective LGBT students are not doing the same thing and feeling discouraged to apply would be lunacy. In a way the Black Student Association or the Asian American association can provide for the needs of its members with official backing, why can a GSA not provide for LGBT students?

The second flavor of discouragement comes from repeated refusals by the administration to amend the non-discrimination policy, which governs both employment and attendance at this school, to include sexual orientation as a protected group. Thirteen years ago, the University prepared the "Spirit of Inclusion," a statement which made special efforts to welcome the gay community to Notre Dame. While this action is certainly appreciated, it lacks any real meat that would hold the University to its actions. The non-discrimination clause would put some conviction behind the words written in the statement.

In its rejection of both a GSA and an amendment to the non-discrimination policy, the University has cited Church doctrine, teaching, etc. Other critics have also been concerned with legal loopholes that would be opened by amending the non-discrimination policy. I am not a trained theologian by any stretch of the imagination, nor am I a legal scholar (despite taking Business Law). However, I have looked into the policies of a number of other major universities. It turns out that almost every university which I looked into, including our entire football schedule for next year, Georgetown, Loyola and even small Misericordia University in Dallas, Penn. is on board. This indicates to me that the legal and theological implications of changes at our university have been considered carefully at many other schools, and found to be quite appropriate and worth the price of change. To not make these changes will only cast a serious shadow over our university's attempts to be open and accepting in both word and action.

As this goes to press, the Progressive Student Alliance (a group to which I have no official relation) is circulating its petition to amend the discrimination policy. Last year, they were able to collect signatures of nearly 20 percent of the students, faculty and staff and were still denied. Please contact them to find out how you can get on the petition, as it appears this will have to go big if it is going to happen. Second, for any information regarding Church teaching and homosexuality, please hop over to the Notre Dame Core Council for Gay and Lesbian students Web page. In my four years, I have never felt an opportunity as strong as the one now to have a true dialogue at Notre Dame, and there is strong reason to believe that all eyes are on us.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Art is the desire of a man to express himself, to record the reactions of his personality to the world he lives in."

Amy Lowell
American poet

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong them."

Ian Fleming
British author

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clarification

The creative group responsible for the offensive comic strip that appeared in last Wednesday's Observer would like to issue a clarification regarding the persons involved. The Mobile Party is the work of a large creative group, but three people are credited in the byline. Often some of these people do not contribute to individual comic strips, as is the case with last week's issue. The graphics were prepared by Colin Hofman and the content was co-developed by two individuals from the creative group who have elected to not come forward at this time. The Jan. 13 comic strip was not written or approved by Jay Wade or Lauren Rosemeyer and we would like to apologize to them.

Colin Hofman, Jay Wade and Lauren Rosemeyer
seniors
Jan. 18

Advice to Viewpoint contributors

On April 5, 2004, I came out of the closet publicly in a Viewpoint letter. It was not long afterwards that an editor asked me to be a regular contributor and I became, to my knowledge, the newspaper's first openly gay opinion columnist.

On Jan. 13, 2010, The Observer published the infamous Viewpoint comic that — to put it politely — created a media Scheissesturm and which arguably stands in direct opposition to my message as a columnist.

The assistant managing editor has since resigned and the comic itself has been canceled. Both of these are appropriate, because people must take responsibility for the consequences of their actions. But it takes more than anger to heal communities and I write in the hope that a deeper correction can now begin.

I think being a young Viewpoint contributor — comic or otherwise — is an exercise in controlled hubris. You imagine yourself riding the wave of public opinion, controlling the conversation, and influencing important people. Whether you admit it or not, you crave attention, you crave controversy and you crave admiration. Most of the time you don't get any reaction from anyone, and nothing frustrates you more.

All of these compromise you. Caught between your own vanity and a tight deadline you make mistakes. I once crushed a treasured friendship doing just that. Full of self-importance all your beautiful words are just emptiness in harmony, and you don't even notice.

Only a few times have I been given the grace to see what simple words written without guile and with utter honesty can do. Those rare columns, I can honestly say, had a real influence for good that was beyond anything I imagined and beyond anything I was trying to achieve. It makes me shiver even now. I realize now that these were, without exception, the columns that I wrote for the sake of love.

This is what we — you, me, this paper, the entire University — are supposed to be. This is what The Observer can be again, if it and all the people who care for it strive to understand fundamentally why this happened and how they must be different to prevent it from happening again. For the sake of the good we can do.

Lance David Gallop
alum
Class of 2005
Jan. 18

Family life at Notre Dame

This past summer my 1-year old son and I traveled to Le Mans, France, to visit the mother church of the Holy Cross family and the resting place of Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau. Above the marble tomb of Fr. Moreau — around which my son toddled happily for half an hour — is fixed a stone relief of the Holy Family at work: Mary threads, Joseph works wood and Jesus helps. This is an artful meditation on the heart of the Holy Cross charism. Its saintly founder envisioned his sisters, brothers and priests to be like the Holy Family, working together in a familial love for God, each other and those they serve.

At Notre Dame today, there exists a vibrant culture around family life that is striking and attractive. Undergraduate students fall in love and marry; faculty and staff enjoy a strong emphasis on raising family in the University community, and as a graduate student the difference between here and other universities regarding the welcoming of a child is great. Much of this culture is undoubtedly a gift from the Holy Cross religious community.

While the culture of family life at Notre Dame is in some dimensions exemplary, the University's supports for graduate student families in other ways are failing. Notre Dame's stipends are much lower than those of its peer institutions, as noted by an independent review of the Graduate School by the Council of Graduate Schools in 2008. Notre Dame also does not regularly increase stipends to meet inflation or even the level offered to incoming classes, with the result that newly admitted students have larger stipends than their longer-term peers, who typically support larger families. Female graduate students must withdraw from the University if they wish to remain more than six weeks with their child after childbirth; in some cases they may be required to make up work missed during this period, which is time that counts against their funded years at the Graduate School. Only very few graduate students can afford to insure their spouses on the University's health plan. Some spouses go uninsured for years, and incur large medical and financial risks while at Notre Dame. Wives fortunate to gain state insurance after a period of six uninsured months lose comprehensive insurance upon pregnancy. In its poor quality of construction Notre Dame's married student and family housing is inferior to other University residences. Though Notre Dame provides an admirable service to all in the community with its Early Childhood Development Centers, these are available to a limited number of children and after age two or later. Finally, in our current economic crisis, an increasing number of graduate

student families are turning to food stamps, WIC and other government-provided aids in order to barely meet domestic needs in the present, while anticipating a severely constricted job market and substantial student loan burdens in the future.

Much of this stands in contrast to leading public and private universities that took a critical look at their own family supports. Noting particularly the lagging recruitment and promotion of women through the academic ranks, universities like the University of California system, Princeton, Ohio State, Yale, Cornell, Duke, Stanford and others have formulated innovative policies to support graduate student families specifically and especially encourage women to pursue academic careers. These include full semesters or several months off their clock with funding following childbirth for male and female students, limited part-time student options with at least partial funding, targeted grants at childbirth and afterwards for family expenses and childcare, children's centers for a wide range of ages, dedicated nursing or family rooms in academic buildings and comprehensive plans to improve residence and health conditions for graduate families. Some of these universities have already noted significant reductions in doctoral student attrition and a substantial increase in satisfaction among graduate families and women particularly.

While it would be well to consider the leaders of its peer group in this regard, Notre Dame has a rich tradition of its own to consider. The image of the Holy Family that adorns Blessed Fr. Moreau's tomb is not only his vision for the Holy Cross religious but a profound reflection on the Gospel. The Mother of God and her just spouse Joseph welcomed Jesus into the world with the example of their work, which provided for his basic needs in a manner that accorded with his own holy life. For graduate student families at Notre Dame, the work of study, teaching and research unfortunately means great risk to basic dimensions of the family: health, financial integrity, and the ability to welcome children. By reflecting on the tradition of the Congregation of the Holy Cross regarding respect for life and support for the family as the foundation of society, Notre Dame could provide its graduate students and the academy with a clearer perspective: the well-being of families and women in particular are essential for the health and future of every university.

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Dissolution of Economics and Policy Studies

In The Observer article "Branch of econ dept. to be dissolved," Jan. 19 on the impending dissolution of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies I read that [Dean] "McGreevy said the proposed changes would help faculty members currently in Economics and Policy Studies participate in economic conversations."

That prospect is not credible in light of the performance of Dean McGreevy and Dean Roche before him in presiding over the quite remarkable situation in which members of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies (ECOP) have been unable to simply get information on public seminars and internal workshops offered by the Department of Economics and Econometrics (ECOE).

I will be retiring at the end of this semester and am not affected by the impending changes; but for the last few years of my career I have engaged in futile efforts to maintain contacts with colleagues in ECOE. I would have very much liked to take advantage of the many speakers they have brought in; but despite appeals to a coordinator of their speakers series, to Dean Roche and Dean McGreevy and to ECOE chairperson Richard Jensen, I have been unable to access sufficient information on their seminars and workshops.

Before he left office in June of 2008 Dean Roche replied to one of my protestations in an e-mail: "Apparently ECOE lists their seminars on their Web site (I am told

that the first two for the fall are listed there) and does not use a listserv; but I have asked that the listserv for the internal brown bag workshops include interested persons from ECOE."

It seems remarkable that a dean of a college would have to make such a request of one of his departments; but it is even more remarkable that apparently such a request would simply be denied.

Certainly there has been no listserv; and I invite interested readers to visit ECOE's Web site to see the extent of information displayed there.

I have pursued the issue repeatedly with Dean McGreevy, once heatedly in a reaction to a boast in The Observer last fall that "we are trying to create the best economic conversation we can have at Notre Dame." Although he has not been forthcoming in explaining what is going on, he has apparently taken the stand that he cannot or will not do anything about it — other than dissolve ECOP. That members of ECOP, several of whom have taught economics in the College of Arts and Letters for over 40 years, cannot get information on upcoming seminars and workshops — in economics, in the College of Arts and Letters — strikes me as an egregious repudiation of academic civility and does not bode well for my colleagues who carry on.

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Beautifully crafted, fashion designer-turned-movie director Tom Ford's "A Single Man," based on the novel of the same name by Christopher Isherwood and starring Colin Firth, is a stunning story and a tribute to Ford's eye as a director. The film features Firth as George, an English professor living in 1962 Los Angeles, going through one single day, Nov. 30. George has recently suffered the loss of his partner of 16 years, Jim ("Leap Year's" Matthew Goode), in a car accident and plans to kill himself on this day. What follows is a haunting story of one man, searching for meaning and purpose through a few chance encounters, faced with the ultimate decision: whether to live or die.

The plot itself seems a little one-note, with George remembering his past with Jim in everything he sees, but Firth delivers the performance of a lifetime. His every expression, particularly his eyes, which Ford so stunningly captures, are saturated with the deepest levels of emotion, truly capturing one man's utter despair. His performance is subtle and nuanced, leaving the film more heartbreaking than if it had been left in the hands of a less capable actor. His almost guaranteed Oscar nomination is well deserved, to say the least.

A compelling cast of characters stand behind George to provide real emotional depth to the film. Although only ever seen in flashbacks, Goode is charming and beguiling as Jim, really capturing the profundity of his

relationship with George. As the audience is given more and more glimpses into the life they once had together, his death becomes all the more heartbreaking. Julianne Moore gives a staggering performance as Charley, George's aged-socialite best friend, dealing with loneliness after yet another divorce. She is depressing and pitiable, but never loathsome, and proves to be a wake-up call of sorts for the confused George. Nicholas Hoult, that little kid from "About a Boy," puts on a convincing American accent to play one of George's young students. He takes on his shoulders the weight of, perhaps, the most important of George's emotional encounters, and while their relationship is somewhat predictable, it somehow moves beyond mere superficiality. The cast, rounded out by some quick cameos from the likes of Ginnifer Goodwin ("Big Love") and Lee Pace ("Pushing Daisies"), creates an overall impressive ensemble.

This ensemble, and Firth in particular, is really what holds the film together. The plot, while certainly enticing, seems slow and repetitive at times. Although each moment pushes George in one direction or another, the quietness of the story seems to make the movie trudge along a little too slowly.

Even if the overall plot of the film is flawed, though, Ford's distinctive vision is captivating. Each shot is masterfully crafted, from the cinematography to the costumes, and the overall ambience of the film is really one of its greatest accomplishments. Ford proves to be as stylish with his films as he is with his clothes. He hones in on the tiniest details of a shot with the cam-

era, creating a more intimate type of film. And, not surprisingly, his costuming can be both expressive and shocking, even simultaneously. Accompanied by a

A Single Man

Directed By: Tom Ford
Starring: Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, Matthew Goode, Nicholas Hoult



beautiful score from composer Abel Korzeniowski, "A Single Man" is, at the least, truly stunning.

In the end, though, it is Firth's superb performance that holds "A Single Man" together, and he is deserving of all the good buzz he has gotten. It's about time this talented actor was recognized.

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I could gush over the special effects and write all starry-eyed about the mesmerizing world that is James Cameron's stunningly rendered, decade-in-the-making brainchild, "Avatar." I could do that and almost coincidentally forget all about the film's overly clichéd plot, rather overlong runtime and amateurishly blatant attempt at social commentary. But I won't.

Because while Cameron's latest epic is groundbreaking in an aesthetic sense, it falls short of the lofty bar it sets for itself in nearly every other way. I'm not going to rain on the "Avatar" parade, which has

seemingly gone on without an end in sight for many a month now, by trashing the film, because frankly, I have a nice spot reserved for it in this year's top 10 list. That being said, and I don't think that this should shock or even so much as surprise anyone, "Avatar" is no "Titanic." Yes, "Avatar" is "epic" in scale and in a purely visual sense, but at the same time, the word "epic" and all of the connotations it carries is something I'm unwilling to attach to this film.

Light years away from Earth, the film is set on Pandora, a life-harboring planet where an all-powerful corporation is mining an extremely valuable mineral that is being used as the solution to Earth's energy crisis. For numerous reasons, the company has created the Avatar program, where genetically engineered copies of the natives are used as surrogates for human scientists and military men alike. Jake Sully, a once dedicated marine bound to a wheelchair for life, is sent with a team of scientists and secretly tasked with the all-important mission of infiltrating the native Na'vi and gaining their trust so that the company can move in and exploit the land for the abundance of minerals located right on the native's land. Able to not only gain their trust but also become one of the Na'vi, Jake collaborates with the evil,

shoot-first-ask-questions-later military, only to later grow an affection and close attachment to the Na'vi and the land. Faced with the decision of protecting the interests of his employer and the only thing he has ever known, the military, and siding with the helpless Na'vi and his new-found love, Neytiri, the princess of the Na'vi, Jake follows his heart and decides to fight against the tyranny of the company and side with the Na'vi.

That's the basic summary, so sitting in the theater, 3-D glasses on, and popcorn at hand, I couldn't for the life of me shrug off the feeling that I had seen "Avatar" before — or at least that I had seen "Avatar's" plotline before. That's because "Avatar" is, and I know that some will cringe and feel umbrage when reading this, a generic film if there ever was one. It's a clichéd love story, as are about 90 percent of love stories, and the only reason why that stands out here is because it's Cameron at the helm of this project, and as the director of "Titanic," he is and rightfully should be held up to a higher standard than most directors. It's a shame too, because the single greatest flaw holding back "Avatar" from being a truly amazing film is the unavoidable fact that anyone with 10 brain cells can map out the film's story from beginning to end 30 seconds into the previews.

Cameron's name being inescapably attached to the film as though it's a part of the title, one can't help to compare "Avatar," his latest film, to "Titanic," his greatest film. Both being love stories with enormous budgets that have achieved not only commercial but critical success, the two films are inherently similar but inevitably different. That difference being that for all of "Avatar's" flash and special effects, "Titanic" and all of its passionately shot, and unforgettable still images

such as the hitting of the iceberg and most famously, the image of Rose at the head of the ship, arms wide open, is what makes "Titanic" superior to "Avatar" even in an aesthetic sense.

And then there's the failure that is "Avatar's" pitiful attempt at saying, "Hey everybody, we exploit not only other cultures but the environment for our own betterment, and that's bad." Actually, add an exclamation point or maybe five after that quote, and then repeat it about 10 times, wait a few minutes, and then start the process all over again and you'll have "Avatar" minus the special effects and the cast. Only — and really try to do this — try to make it subtle as best you can, but at the same time, subconsciously be as obvious and repetitive about it as possible. Then you'll truly be "Avatar" as a social commentary.

So for every one of the film's successes that inspires ogling and jaw-dropping, there are about five failures that have the exact opposite effect. Usually, that makes for a terrible film, but in the rare case that is "Avatar," what's left is still an attractive experience at the movies that is what very few films are: memorable.

Avatar

Directed By: James Cameron
Starring: Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver



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Top 50 Films of the decade Part 3

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Over the five-day week, The Observer will count down all of the movies that made us laugh, cry, reflect and sit on the edge of our seats — all of the best films of the decade. These 50 films all share an essence of filmmaking genius that were exceptional amongst the thousands of films released in the last 10 years, and some of them will one day be viewed as “classics” in film history. So here they are, the best films of the decade.

30. Y Tu Mamá También (2001)

The sometimes overrated but undeniably talented Alfonso Cuarón sends two perverted, naïve, rich teenage boys and a soon-to-be-married woman they lust after on a life-changing trip in this homage to self-discovery. It's passionate — a glistening tribute to life that showcases just that, life in all of its emotional prowess, the ups and the downs, and the things we learn about ourselves along the way.

29. Million Dollar Baby (2004)

Clint Eastwood has extended an already exceptional acting career with a stint as a director, and he has become one of Hollywood's finest at that. “Million Dollar Baby” was a simple yet affecting underdog tale that deserved every bit of the accolades that it received. It's no masterpiece, but a small gem headlined by three incredible actors turning in incredibly measured roles, with Hilary Swank being the real

“Mecushla” in Eastwood's knockout of a boxing flick.

28. City of God (2002)

Pulse-pounding and styled like none other, Brazil's answer to “The Godfather” is uneven but packs enough visceral power and tension-filled suspense to make it very close to exceptional. The acting is raw and believable, and the action is shot with heart-stopping pacing, but the real gem here is no individual character, but rather the slums of Rio de Janeiro itself. Such a lawless land where money and drugs rule all and the only hand of redemption involves a bullet in the head, and such a portrayal at that. Stunning — flawed in ways, yes — but stunning.

27. Wall-E (2008)

Very little dialogue, and a robot with feelings as the main character? No problem. This searing love poem straight from the masterminds at Pixar studios is so heartfelt that its title character has probably become Pixar's most beloved character, which is saying a lot. This is one of those rare films that even the coldest of hearts can't keep from cheering for.

26. Garden State (2004)

What actor/writer/director Zach Braff created with 2004's “Garden State” was an honest, endearing, hilarious romantic comedy that plays like a love story, but is actually just as much about being in that state of life where you don't know who you are, what you want to do with yourself, and life just feels so numb.

25. The Death of Mr. Lazarescu (2005)

We know the ending as the beginning credits roll, but Cristi Puiu's arresting docudrama of an everyman with a simple medical problem who dies because of a healthcare system wrought with inefficiency and downright stupidity is one of the most affecting films of the decade. A truly “real” film in every sense of the word, “The Death of Mr. Lazarescu,” coupled with “4 Months, 3 Weeks, 2 Days,” has signaled a Renaissance in Romanian filmmaking.

24. Brick (2005)

Writer/director Rian Johnson's neo-noir set in a high school follows all the rules of a classic detective thriller ... other than the fact that the cast is made up of lunch-period-having, grade-lusting, extra-curricular-participating high schoolers. This is truly original and inventive stuff, and it plays just as well as, if not better than, anything of its kind made in the hay-day of detective thrillers. That's because at the end credits, what “Brick” is an incredibly stylized, supremely acted and brilliantly toned thriller that is unveiled with a keen detective's eye.

23. Amores Perros (2000)

The duo of director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu and writer Guillermo Arriaga deliver an incredibly stylized web of three stories in a free-falling tale of vengeance, greed, passion and broken dreams. The characters are actually intriguing human beings who are distinct from

most any typical Hollywood character, and added to that is a flair for trauma and drama that seems to tie together all of the themes mined in this film. Beyond anything directly in the film, though, lies the most significant result of “Amores Perros,” which is the launching of several successful careers, and a sort of revolution in Mexican filmmaking, which has come quite a ways since 2000.

22. The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (2007)

The western genre experienced a small rebirth in 2007, and “The Assassination of Jesse James” represented the best the genre had to offer since 1992's “Unforgiven.” Casey Affleck is nothing short of astounding as the insignificant gunslinger who killed the immortal outlaw that was Jesse James. And Brad Pitt, in a contemplative, intricate portrayal of Jesse James, shines in this winding but deliberately paced tragedy waiting to unfold. The tale is not his, though, as Robert Ford (Affleck) is the real intrigue, and it's only after he kills Jesse that we truly see a man who history has altogether forgotten — a man just wanting his 15 minutes, who took them, until they destroyed him. It's in those last 20 minutes of the film where he unfolds, and it's in that window of time when some of the most poetic, most mesmerizing filmmaking I've ever seen occurs.

21. Requiem for a Dream (2000)

You probably don't know who Darren Aronofsky is, and what a shame, because this talent deserves to be up there with the best of them, even as his career is only about 10 years old. “Requiem” represents his way of saying “I've got some flashy tricks and I'm about to give you a heaping taste of them.” What results is an audacious, horrifying, experimental and entirely amazing drug of a film about drugs and dreams of a better life, and the deadly combination of mixing the two. Using his camera in ways never dreamt of before he makes us feel the free-fall that is taking hard drugs, becoming an addict, and then resting one's entire self on a hope that is hopeless.

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Due to the recent troubles in the economy, many people turn to movies as a form of escape from their problems. Travels to far-off lands, action-packed sequences and passionate romances fill the screen, taking the audience on a journey out of their lives.

“Up in the Air” does not have any of those things, but it's all the better for that. Lately, few films have attempted to capture the feeling of life in America today. Writer and director Jason Reitman (“Juno,” “Thank You for Smoking”) successfully presents a timely portrait of America that connects with every member of its audience.

Ryan Bingham (George Clooney) makes a living by firing people. His company employs corporate downsizing experts, who are then hired by other companies who are incapable of performing their own large lay-offs. Ryan spends most of his year flying across the United States with barely any personal relationships. He is not close to his family, seems to have no friends and is disinterested in settling down with a significant other. The odd thing is, he loves his lifestyle. Ryan even gives motivational talks while on the road about getting rid of personal baggage like relationships and possessions.

Ryan's lifestyle is forced to change when a young upstart, Natalie (Anna Kendrick), joins his company and presents a plan to cut costs by taking all representatives

off the road permanently. She shadows Ryan for a few months to gain experience, and both learn important lessons from each other. Along the way, Ryan starts a casual relationship with a fellow frequent-flyer (Vera Farmiga), who is basically a female version of himself.

With what sounds like a depressing topic, Reitman seamlessly makes “Up in the Air” equal parts comedy, drama and romance. There are many comedic moments, especially when Ryan tries to adapt to Natalie's presence on the road. Natalie and Ryan have many clashing viewpoints and are at different stages in their life, which leads to some very interesting and funny interactions.

Along with the comedy, there are poignant moments. Most of the people fired in the film are actual people who were recently laid off. Reitman made a smart decision, as this brings true emotion and gravitas to the film that could not have been portrayed nearly as well by actors. Everyone knows how hard it is to be let go, either through personal experience or through friends and family members. Nothing feels overdone or phony in the film, but perfectly real and representative of the experience of many Americans at this time.

Adding to this is the flawless acting by the main characters. Clooney shares many characteristics with Bingham, from his charisma to his bachelor lifestyle. And face it, if you had to be fired, you would want George Clooney to do it. Farmiga does an excellent job as the sultry woman Ryan starts to fall for, even though it is against his philosophy. But the most exciting presence in “Up in the Air” is Kendrick, a newcomer whose other major work is in the

“Twilight” series. Kendrick plays Natalie as uptight, a bit annoying, but in the end charming, altogether forming a totally believable character. All three deserve the Oscar nominations they will probably get.

“Up in the Air” presents a lasting message of the importance of human connection. It is a classic film that encompasses all the joy, sadness, thoughts, feelings, ups and downs of living in America at this time. Years from now, this film will still hold up and will give viewers an accurate impression of life as we know it today.

Up in the Air

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Starring: George Clooney, Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick



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NHL

Senators top Blackhawks in fourth straight win

Two goals by Kovalchuk help Thrashers beat Maple Leafs 4-3; Crosby, Malkin lead Penguins over Islanders 6-4

Associated Press

OTTAWA — Peter Regin had a goal and an assist and Brian Elliott made 29 saves to lead the Ottawa Senators to their fourth straight win, a 4-1 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday night.

Regin restored Ottawa's two-goal lead late in the second when he beat Chicago's Cristobal Huet on a wraparound after Zack Smith and Ryan Shannon scored in the first to put the Senators up 2-0.

Mike Fisher scored a power-play goal 16:45 into the third to seal the win and extend Ottawa's streak.

Marian Hossa scored his third short-handed goal of the season earlier in the second for the Blackhawks, who ended a three-game winning streak.

Chicago, which held a 30-18 advantage in shots, entered tied with San Jose for No. 1 overall in the NHL with 72 points after beginning a season-high eight-game trip with wins in Columbus and Detroit over the weekend.

Huet stopped 14 shots. Hossa, who spent his first seven seasons with Ottawa, drove in on a breakaway and sent a slap shot past Elliott for his 13th goal 6:05 into the second while

Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews was in the penalty box.

Chicago, which entered tied with the Sharks for the league lead in short-handed goals, became the first team to reach eight this season.

Regin, who assisted on Shannon's goal 12:31 in, restored Ottawa's two-goal margin when he drove the right side and went around the back of the net to put a backhand into an open left side with 1:55 left in the second.

Elliott came up with a big stop on Patrick Kane's shot off a rebound with just over 4 minutes remaining in the third. Elliott survived a close call earlier in the third when he recovered to make a sprawling stick save on Hossa just over 6 minutes into the third after he misplayed a puck behind his net.

Hossa had a wide open net staring at him when Elliott inadvertently directed a dump-in toward his vacated crease. The Senators' goalie lunged and stuck out his stick to deny Hossa's shot.

Smith scored his second goal in three games at 6:51 of the first.

Shannon made it 2-0 at 12:31 when he redirected Regin's centering pass from the left side beyond Huet for his fifth goal.

Thrashers 4, Maple Leafs 3

Ilya Kovalchuk scored two goals, giving him 30 for the season, and the Atlanta Thrashers beat Toronto on Tuesday night to extend the Maple Leafs' road woes.

The Thrashers scored four straight goals after Alexei Ponikarovsky's two first-period goals in a span of 32 seconds.

Rich Peverley's power-play goal at 1:58 of the third period broke a 2-2 tie. Kovalchuk's second goal gave Atlanta a 4-2 lead 4:20 into the third period.

Toronto's Niklas Hagman scored 1:23 later, but Ondrej Pavelec, who stopped 37 shots, held on for his third win in his past four starts.

Vesa Toskala stopped 28 shots in his first regulation loss in nine career games against Atlanta.

Kovalchuk and Evander Kane had second-period goals for Atlanta.

Toronto has allowed 13 goals in the first three games of its five-game road trip. It leads the league with 177 goals allowed.

The Maple Leafs have won only two of their last 12 road games, including their 4-3 win at Nashville on Monday night.

Ponikarovsky continued his history of strong play against the Thrashers. He had two goals and an assist in Toronto's 5-2 home win over the Thrashers on Dec. 7. He has 15 goals — more than against any other team — in 21 career games against Atlanta.

Kovalchuk, who had a streak of goals in three straight games end with Monday night's 1-0 loss at Florida, fired a shot from beyond the left circle past Toskala for the Thrashers' first goal 2:43 into the second period. His third-period goal was deflected into the net off Toskala's pads.

Garnet Exelby, who played for Atlanta from 2002-09, made his return to Philips Arena with the Maple Leafs.

Penguins 6, Islanders 4

Evgeni Malkin broke out of a slump with three goals and Sidney Crosby scored twice while figuring in every Pittsburgh goal as the Penguins recovered after blowing a three-goal lead to beat the Islanders on Tuesday, ending New York's four-game winning streak.



Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin attempts to steal the puck during the first period of the Penguins' win over the Islanders Tuesday.

Trent Hunter and Richard Park scored in the third period as the Islanders came back from deficits of 3-0 and 4-1 to tie it, but Kyle Okposo drew a tripping penalty midway through the period that led to Malkin's power-play goal that made it 5-4. Earlier, Okposo failed on a penalty shot and couldn't score twice on breakaways, all in a span of 1:34 in the second period.

Malkin's go-ahead goal was the third in five attempts by Pittsburgh on a power play that began the night as the NHL's second worst. Malkin also scored into an empty net with 29.6 seconds remaining, resulting in a brief delay as hundreds of hats and giveaway bags that were handed out to the crowd littered the ice.

It was the first time in their careers that Crosby, the 2007 NHL scoring champion, and Malkin, last season's champion, each scored multiple goals in the same game. Malkin has four goals in two games after going 11 consecutive games without a goal following his last previous three-goal game Dec. 23, during an 8-2 victory over Ottawa.

Crosby's six points matched his career high and topped his previous season high of five points Nov. 28 against the Rangers. He has nine multiple goal games this season — three in seven games — and, with 32 goals,

he has only one fewer than the 33 he scored last season.

Crosby beat Dwayne Roloson to score even-strength goals that made it 1-0 late in the first and 4-1 in third and he also set up Malkin's two power-goals and empty-net goal and Bill Guerin's power-play goal.

Penguins forward Pascal Dupuis left the ice with a towel held to his face after being rammed into the boards by Andy Sutton with 2:55 remaining. Sutton drew a game misconduct. Dupuis was on the ice for several minutes after striking the rear boards face-first before getting up and walking to the Penguins' dressing room.

Penguins backup goaltender Brent Johnson, out for five games with an undisclosed injury that forced the Penguins to use an amateur goaltender during their 6-2 loss Saturday at Vancouver, made 31 saves during a sometimes shaky performance.

The Islanders, playing their second game in as many days after beating the Devils 4-0 with Rick DiPietro in goal on Monday, looked sluggish and a step slow as the Penguins twice opened three-goal leads in the second period. But the Isles' fatigue apparently wore off after Freddy Meyer's first goal of the season started their comeback.



Maple Leafs' Alexei Ponikarovsky rejoices after scoring his second goal of the night against the Thrashers Tuesday.

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The regular crowd shuffles in
There's an old man sitting next to
me
Makin' love to his tonic and gin
He says, "Son, can you play me a
memory
I'm not really sure how it goes
But it's sad and it's sweet and I
knew it complete
When I wore a younger man's
clothes."

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La la, di di da da dum

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7	Duke	8
8	Tennessee	9
9	Pittsburgh	16
10	Kansas State	13
11	West Virginia	10
12	Georgetown	11
13	Purdue	6
14	BYU	18
15	Gonzaga	17
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18	Wisconsin	13
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9	Texas A&M	8
10	Baylor	9
11	Xavier	14
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14	North Carolina	10
15	Florida State	16
16	West Virginia	18
17	Green Bay	17
18	LSU	12
19	Georgetown	24
20	Texas	19
21	Vanderbilt	NR
22	Georgia Tech	21
23	TCU	22
24	Vermont	NR
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NCAA Men's Hockey Division I USCHO Top 10

	team	points
1	Denver	989
2	Miami (Ohio)	957
3	Wisconsin	843
4	Minnesota-Duluth	795
5	North Dakota	654
6	Yale	651
7	Colorado College	641
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NBA



Former Cleveland Brown running back and Hall of Famer Jim Brown said he wants LeBron James to stay in Cleveland. James, the 2009 NBA Most Valuable Player, will be an unrestricted free agent after the 2010 season.

Jim Brown wants LeBron to stay put

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The most famous football player in Cleveland history hopes the city's most celebrated basketball star stays put.

Brown's Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown said Tuesday night that he hopes LeBron James remains with the Cavaliers.

James, the NBA's reigning MVP, can leave Cleveland as a free agent after this season. He has never indicated he will sign elsewhere, but speculation has centered on him signing in a new, long-term contract in a larger market.

Brown, who played his

entire NFL career in Cleveland, would like to see James do the same.

"Looking at the fact that it is a business, I put that first," Brown said. "But having said that, I would love to see him be here. I think it's a terrific marriage. He does so much for this city and I think he has an owner (Dan Gilbert) that tries to do everything he can. When you have an owner who is trying to do the best he can do and a player, it's a terrific set of circumstances. But the business is the business."

James and Brown met with the media before Tuesday night's game against the Toronto Raptors. They were

brought together as part of the Cavaliers' celebration of black heritage month. Brown was honored during halftime ceremonies along with former Ohio State football star Cris Carter, Buckeyes basketball great Jim Jackson and former Cleveland Indians pitcher Jim "Mudcat" Grant.

James seemed genuinely awed to be in Brown's company.

"Anytime you can be mentioned with a great and be able to continue the legacy he built here in Cleveland, is humbling for me," James said. "We both know how much the fans love sports and I have had to learn to keep the

momentum going after he passed the torch."

Brown praised James for helping give opportunities to others and for making the most of the chances he has received.

"What Dr. King worked for was to give young men like him an opportunity and when you get an opportunity you can't squander that," Brown said. "You see that so much in the league now, young men that have great opportunities to make a lot of money and they squander it. But this young man hasn't done that."

"Although he's a young man, he's way beyond his age."

IN BRIEF

Indians and LHP Rafael Perez avoid arbitration

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians kept their arbitration streak intact by coming to terms with reliever Rafael Perez on a \$795,000 deal.

The club was scheduled to exchange salary figures Tuesday with Perez, the only player on Cleveland's roster eligible for arbitration. The Indians have not gone to arbitration since 1991.

Perez, who can earn another \$25,000 with an All-Star appearance, was a major disappointment last season. The left-hander went 4-3 with a 7.31 ERA in 48 innings with Cleveland and was twice sent down to the minor leagues.

The Indians are counting on him to regain the form that made him one of the AL's premier setup men. In 2008, he was Cleveland's most reliable reliever and in 2007 he had a 1.78 ERA in 44 appearances.

Royals reach deals with Gordon and Tejeda

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Third baseman Alex Gordon and right-hander Robinson Tejeda bypassed arbitration, agreeing Tuesday to one-year contracts with the Kansas City Royals.

Gordon gets \$1.15 million after making \$457,000 last season.

He was the second pick in the 2005 amateur draft and was once thought of as the cornerstone of the team's future. But his career has been slow to develop and he missed 79 games last year after undergoing hip surgery. He wound up batting .232 with six home runs and 22 RBIs in 49 games.

Tejeda got a raise from \$437,000 to \$950,000. He can earn another \$50,000 in performance bonuses: \$25,000 each for reaching 23 and starts.

Pitching out of the bullpen most of the year, Tejeda was 4-2 with a 3.54 ERA in 35 games last season.

Jones says Phillips will be back next year

ARLINGTON, Texas. — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is giving every indication that he is picking up coach Wade Phillips' contract option for the 2010 season, and likely keeping him longer.

"We don't have any funny business here guys. There's nothing funny going on here, at all," Jones said Tuesday. "We just want to do this when we both can do it and both get it stated the way we want to state it."

Standing on the field where next season's Super Bowl will be played, after a spectacular news conference announcing a March 13 boxing match between Manny Pacquiao and Joshua Clottey at Cowboys Stadium, Jones said that he had a "good visit" with Phillips on Monday.

As for Phillips' coming back for his fourth season, and maybe more after that, Jones said he would answer all those questions at a season wrapup news conference later in the week with "both him and me there."

MLB

Bengie Molina returns to San Francisco Giants

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In an unexpected twist, Bengie Molina is coming back to the San Francisco Giants. The free-agent catcher reached a preliminary agreement with the Giants on a one-year contract, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement was pending a physical and had not been completed.

It's a surprising move for both sides, because Molina had been negotiating a deal with the New York Mets only days ago. The Mets offered one year with a vesting option, but Molina wanted two years guaranteed. He had hoped to land a three-year contract this offseason, and Giants general manager Brian Sabean had said the veteran catcher wouldn't return.

"That ship has sailed," Sabean said at the winter meetings last month.

KPIX TV in San Francisco first reported Molina's deal.

The Giants also agreed Tuesday to a \$2.1 million contract with left-hander Jonathan Sanchez, avoiding arbitration. Sanchez threw a no-hitter on July 10.

San Francisco has two players in salary arbitration: ace Tim Lincecum and closer Brian Wilson. Lincecum asked for a record \$13

million after winning the past two NL Cy Young awards, while the Giants countered with an \$8 million offer. Wilson asked for \$4.875 million, while the Giants countered with a \$4 million offer.

While Molina appeared set to join the Mets, the Giants came back into the picture only recently.

Molina said late in the 2009 season that he would like to stay in San Francisco if shown he was wanted. Right away, Sabean ruled out giving Molina more than a one-year deal with Buster Posey set to be the club's catcher of the future.

The 35-year-old Molina batted .265 with a career-high 20 home runs to go with 80 RBIs last season as the cleanup hitter in his third year with the Giants and 12th in the big leagues.

Molina's previous \$16 million, three-year contract ended after last season and he became a free agent. He also said he would like to retire as a Giant.

San Francisco was never prepared to make such a commitment considering Molina's age and health concerns. The Giants were ready to move forward with Posey, the fifth overall pick in the 2008 draft, if no other opportunity emerged. Yet Sabean had said this winter he didn't think Posey was ready to be a full-time major league catcher and would prefer he start the season with Triple-A Fresno to gain more experience.

NFL

Gailey takes over Buffalo

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Chan Gailey's second chance to prove himself as an NFL head coach comes with plenty of challenges.

The Buffalo Bills team he's taking over hasn't made the playoffs in a decade and its fans have been clamoring for Bill Cowher during a coaching search that seemed to take forever.

Instead of landing one of the big-name coaches with loaded resumes such as Cowher or Mike Shanahan, Gailey — who coached the Dallas Cowboys for two less-than-inspiring seasons — was introduced Tuesday as the 15th head coach in Bills history — and fifth in 10 years.

"I can't say anything to change anybody's mind. All I can do is go try to help us win football games," Gailey said. "We win football games, everybody's minds will be changed, right?"

Gailey was hired by first-time general manager Buddy Nix, ending a two-month search to replace Dick Jauron, who was fired in November. He takes over a Bills team coming off its fifth straight losing season following a 6-10 finish, and in the midst of a 10-year playoff drought that is tied with Detroit as the longest active

streak in the NFL.

"I've been around enough winning programs ... that when I walk on the field I expect to win. I don't just hope to win," Gailey said. "But the bottom line is we've got to do it on the field."

Gailey has spent 15 of his 35 years of coaching in the NFL. In his two years coaching the Dallas Cowboys, he went 18-14 and led the team to consecutive playoff appearances — both losses. He was dismissed after the 1999 season, and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has acknowledged his mistake in firing Gailey.

For Nix, it was Gailey's extensive experience that impressed him and met most of the criteria the GM set out when he took over the search two weeks ago.

Nix was eager to find someone with previous head-coaching experience and who had an offensive background.

"Without any doubt in my mind, we got the best qualified guy, a guy that was on the list early," Nix said. "We got the right guy for us. I've got full confidence in him to answer your question."

Gailey also got a big vote of support from Jones in Dallas. The Cowboys owner on Tuesday not only congratulated Gailey upon his return to the NFL head coaching ranks, but Jones also reiter-

ated that he still regrets firing Gailey.

"I'm proud for Chan Gailey," Jones said. "I'm glad to see him have the opportunity to get back as head coach in the NFL. He did an outstanding job at Georgia Tech. He's really a top coach and will do a great job."

Gailey has been out of football since he was removed as the Chiefs' offensive coordinator in August, two weeks before the season opener. He was entering his second season with Kansas City after a six-year stretch as Georgia Tech's coach, during which he went 44-33 before being fired in 2007.

Nix is already being second-guessed for how he conducted the coaching search, during which Jets offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer turned down the Bills request for an interview last week. And it was a search that featured several prominent candidates who had raised fan expectations.

The Bills spoke to Cowher in a bid to lure the former Steelers coach out of his career in broadcasting. Fans raised \$1,125 to rent a billboard in Buffalo last week urging team owner Ralph Wilson to hire Cowher. The team also interviewed former Broncos coach Shanahan, who instead chose to coach the Washington Redskins.



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NBA

Pacers fall to Heat 118-83

Associated Press

MIAMI — Of the 119 players on the NBA's 3-point accuracy chart this season, the Indiana Pacers might be surprised to learn who ranked next-to-last.

Dwyane Wade might not stay there much longer.

Only a 27 percent shooter from long range, Wade made his first four attempts from beyond the arc — including one that counted after goaltending, of all things — and scored a game-high 32 points as the Heat easily beat the Pacers 113-83 on Tuesday night.

"I've been feeling good about my shot lately," said Wade, who topped the 11,000-point mark for his career on a second-quarter layup. "I think my first shot was a 3, which I normally try not to do. But I was in rhythm, shot it, hit it and after that the confidence was up."

Wade shot 12 of 20 for the game and scored 18 of his points in the first quarter for the Heat (21-19), who ensured they would reach the midpoint of their season Wednesday in Charlotte with a winning record. Michael Beasley scored 21 for Miami, which led 36-19 after one quarter and by 23 at one point in the opening half.

Brandon Rush scored 17 for the Pacers, who are 4-17 on the road and 0-3 against the Heat this season. The Pacers lost by 13 on their home floor Oct. 30, and now have lost in Miami by 34 and 30 points over the past month.

"They made every shot in the first half and we didn't make any," Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said. "Our best shooters aren't shooting the ball very well right now and their best shooters knocked our eyes out."

Troy Murphy had 11 points and 12 rebounds, but was just 3 of 11 from the floor. Danny Granger had only eight points on a historically bad shooting night for him, 2 for 16. According to STATS LLC, of the 217 games in his career with at least 10 shot attempts, Granger shot worse in only one — 2 for 17 at Philadelphia on April 10, 2007.

"We had open looks," Granger said. "They just didn't go down."

Jermaine O'Neal added 10 for the Heat, who rested most of their starters for the entire fourth quarter and will reach the midpoint of their season Wednesday at surging Charlotte.

This one was all Miami from the outset.

The Heat scored the game's first nine points, the biggest spurt to open a Miami game this season, and Wade quickly got rolling as well. He shot 7 for 8 in the first quarter, had 25 points by halftime, and Miami was well on its way to winning its only home game during an odd 17-day stretch that included a just-completed six-game road swing followed now by games in Charlotte and Washington.

The Charlotte game looms large for Miami. The Bobcats are 17-4 at home, and will enter Wednesday just a half-game back of Miami for the

No. 5 spot in the Eastern Conference.

"We don't want to overstate this," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We have a battle tomorrow. And we understand that. They're waiting for us and we're looking forward to this game."

Dahntay Jones scored 13 and Roy Hibbert added 12 for Indiana.

Just about everything that could go wrong for the Pacers did, including a pair of bizarre occurrences involving 3-pointers.

Wade was credited with one of his 3-pointers with 3:49 left in the opening quarter when Murphy got called for goaltending, a rarity on any shot from the outside to begin with. The try rattled around the cylinder, and Murphy grabbed the ball when it was coming off the rim.

"That's a first," Wade said.

And then the Pacers lost three points in the third quarter, 6 minutes after thinking they had them.

Rush's 3-pointer early in the quarter got Indiana to 63-46. Already down by 22, during a time-out with 5:34 left in the quarter officials reviewed the play and determined Rush's shot came after the 24-second shot clock had expired, taking points off the board.

By then, Wade had done more than enough anyway.

"Unstoppable," Beasley said. "I mean, how do you guard that? Too quick for you to play up on him. He's hot so you don't want to play off him. Scary."

MLB

Lincecum, 70 others reach new agreements

Associated Press

NEW YORK — San Francisco Giants ace Tim Lincecum asked for \$13 million in salary arbitration, a record for a player eligible for the first time, and Seattle pitcher Felix Hernandez closed in on a five-year contract with the Mariners worth about \$78 million.

On the busiest day of baseball's offseason, 71 players eligible for arbitration reached agreements on contracts, leaving just 38 still on track for hearings next month. That's a fraction of the more than 200 players eligible for arbitration in November, the 128 who filed on Friday and the 46 who swapped figures with their teams earlier Tuesday.

Boston Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon agreed to a \$9.35 million, one-year deal, the highest salary for a reliever with at least four years of major league service. The agreement surpassed Mariano Rivera's \$7.25 million contract after the 2000 season and was halfway between the \$10.25 million Papelbon asked for and the \$8.45 million the Red Sox offered.

Colorado reached a preliminary agreement on a \$22.5 million, three-year contract with closer Huston Street and a \$7.55 million, two-year deal with setup man Rafael Betancourt, two other people said separately, also on condition of anonymity because the agreements were not yet final.

Lincecum is seeking the rich-

est contract ever awarded in arbitration, surpassing the \$10 million that Alfonso Soriano (2006) and Francisco Rodriguez (2008) received in losses and Ryan Howard won at a hearing in 2008. Howard's request had been the highest ever for a player in his first year of eligibility.

San Francisco offered \$8 million to Lincecum, 40-17 with a 2.90 ERA since he was brought up early in the 2007 season. He won the NL Cy Young Award in his each of first two full seasons, becoming the first repeat winner since Randy Johnson from 1999-02. Lincecum was a bargain for the Giants last year, when he made \$650,000.

Also on Tuesday, Lincecum agreed to pay \$513 to resolve marijuana charges against him in Washington state. He originally faced two misdemeanor charges of marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession stemming from a traffic stop on Oct. 30. The charges were reduced to a civil infraction.

Hernandez asked for the second-highest figure in arbitration, \$11.5 million, and the Mariners offered \$7.2 million. The value of his agreement was confirmed by a person with knowledge of the deal, also on condition of anonymity because the contract was not yet finished.

Tampa Bay and pitcher Matt Garza both filed at \$3.35 million, an unusual occurrence. Not surprisingly, they also agreed at that figure.

NFL

Seahawks hire new GM

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Seattle Seahawks hired Green Bay Packers executive John Schneider as their new general manager to work "shoulder to shoulder" with powerful new coach Pete Carroll in a revamped team leadership.

The Seahawks confirmed the hiring of the 38-year-old Schneider, a 17-year veteran of NFL personnel work, Tuesday afternoon. ESPN first reported the deal.

The team will formally introduce Schneider on Wednesday at team headquarters.

Schneider has been the Packers' director of football operations since May 2008. He was the top personnel assistant to Green Bay's GM for six years before that. He spent 2000 as Seattle's director of player personnel in the Seahawks regime of former Packers coach Mike Holmgren and current Green Bay GM Ted Thompson. He was the vice president of player personnel for the Redskins for one year, 2001, before returning to Green Bay.

"We are happy for John and his family as he takes on a new opportunity in Seattle. He has been a great asset to the Packers," Thompson said from Green Bay. "We appreciate all that he has done, and we wish him the best."

Schneider replaces Tim Ruskell. The Seahawks forced Ruskell to resign as GM and president last month as Seattle was finishing 5-

11 and losing its last four games by a combined 123-37.

The Seahawks are 9-23 since their last playoff game in January 2008, a loss at Green Bay.

Seahawks chief executive officer Tod Leiweke said last week there will be three doors atop Seattle's remodeled football operations: "a cap/contract door" for money and number crunching, a job returning vice president for football administration John Idzik is poised to handle; a GM door that Schneider will sit behind; "and Pete will have his own, unique door."

Leiweke said his job will be to ensure collaboration between the three positions.

The lack of a single authority in football matters is something Seattle hasn't had since before Holmgren arrived as a Super Bowl champion from Green Bay to become the coach and general manager in 1999.

Leiweke said Carroll will work "shoulder to shoulder" with the new GM.

"The cool thing is, we are getting an outstanding coach as the centerpiece, and we are going to build around that," Leiweke said of Carroll, reinforcing that Schneider will not have the same kind of sweeping powers NFL GMs traditionally have enjoyed.

Schneider, a native of De Pere, Wis., interviewed with the Seahawks on Jan. 12, hours after Seattle introduced Carroll as their replacement for fired coach Jim Mora.

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TENNIS

Kuznetsova defeats Pavlyuchenkova in straight sets

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova became the first player into the third round of the Australian Open with a 6-2, 6-2 win Wednesday over fellow Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.

The third-seeded Kuznetsova was dominant after taking a 5-1 lead in the first set by breaking Pavlyuchenkova's first two service games.

She got on top of most rallies with a strong forehand and had 27 winners against only seven for Pavlyuchenkova.

Kuznetsova, who has two Grand Slam singles championships — adding the French last year to her win at the 2004 U.S. Open — has a chance to reach the No. 1 ranking for the first time if she clinches the Australian Open title.

In eight previous trips to Melbourne Park, Kuznetsova has advanced to the quarterfinals twice, including last year when she lost to eventual champion Serena Williams after being up a set and a break.

This year, the 24-year-old Russian is feeling more confident of winning.

"Yes, definitely, I know all the way how to go — I've done it twice," Kuznetsova said. "It's exciting. You always have different motivation at the Grand Slams — I love to play here."

No. 4 Caroline Wozniacki of

Denmark, who lost the U.S. Open final to Kim Clijsters in September, had a 6-4, 6-2 first-round win over Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak.

In other first-round matches carried over from the rain-interrupted opening days, No. 7 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus beat French wild card Stephanie Cohen-Aloro 6-2, 6-0, No. 9 Vera Zvonareva beat Kristina Kucova of Slovakia 6-2, 6-0 and No. 16 Li Na of China, a quarterfinalist at the U.S. Open, beat New Zealander Marina Erakovic 6-2, 6-0.

Serena Williams returned to Grand Slam play Tuesday for the first time since her tirade against the line judge who called her for a foot fault during her U.S. Open semifinal loss to Clijsters.

And while the 11-time major winner did seem less effusive than usual on court, Williams didn't hold back after her 6-2, 6-1 win over 18-year-old Urszula Radwanska about what she thought of the punishment.

"I don't know whoever got fined like that. People said worse, done worse," she said, "I think it was a bit much."

Williams was fined \$82,500 and warned she could be suspended from the U.S. Open for another "major offense" at any Grand Slam event in the next two years. Williams said she doubts whether one of the top men would have drawn such a fine.

"In tennis I think we've been able to do really well with having fought so hard to get equal prize money," said Williams, who last year became the first woman to surpass \$6 million in prize money in a season. "I think that's really good," she said. "But I think we still sort of, say, live in a man's world. Some incidents can bring you back to life and back into reality."

Williams acknowledges that "what I did wasn't right, but I turned that around. She set up a charity auction with the aim of raising \$92,000 for "ladies, women ... schools in Africa ... Haiti." Sister Venus Williams contributed a memorabilia item for the sale.

Venus, seeded sixth, opened with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Lucie Safarova. Also advancing were No. 8 Jelena Jankovic, No. 11 Marion Bartoli, No. 13 Sam Stosur and No. 19 Nadia Petrova. Melanie Oudin, the 18-year-old American who made a surprising run to last year's U.S. Open quarterfinals, lost 2-6, 7-5, 7-5 to Alla Kudryavtseva of Russia.

Roger Federer hadn't dropped a set in the opening round of a major for six years and was on track to continue that run when he was a break up against Igor Andreev, whose girlfriend Maria Kirilenko ousted 2008 champion Maria Sharapova on the opening day at Melbourne Park.



Russian tennis player Svetlana Kuznetsova celebrates her entrance into the third round of play at the Australian Open.

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

New outside linebackers coach Kerry Cooks speaks to the media last Friday. Cooks joins the Irish from Wisconsin and will recruit in Texas.

Cooks

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the same message as one voice and letting that trickle down through the program means that everyone is hearing the same things," Cooks said. "Everyone is believing the same thing and everyone is moving in one direction. That only leads to success." A former high school stand-out from Texas, Cooks will fulfill

the role of lead recruiter in the Lone Star State.

"I think it helps that I grew up there from the standpoint that I have a lot of relationships built in through high school coaches that know me as a player and as a coach," Cooks said. "There will be hurdles, but nothing I have not faced before. The good thing about Texas is that there is a large group of great athletes. Some will be the right fit for this program."

Kelly is fully confident in Cooks' capacity to find talent in one of the most highly recruited states in the country. However, he is more impressed by his ability to relate to players and develop relationships that will pay dividends in the future.

"He's an outstanding football coach and person, and gives us a great tie into the state of Texas in recruiting," Kelly said. "[Cooks] will do a terrific job in on the recruiting end, but more importantly, building strong relationships with our players."

Cooks will have his work cut out for him. 2009 featured a multitude of missed tackles and poor coverages by the linebacker core, a contributing factor in a number of Irish losses. Yet Cooks is excited to be a part of the Brian Kelly era at Notre Dame.

"This is a place to me that growing up as a kid in Texas, you watched Notre Dame or Michigan," Cooks said. "When I think about the opportunity to come to Notre Dame, this is the pinnacle of college football. Obviously, we've got to put our stamp on it and get it going in the right direction, but Notre Dame is Notre Dame."

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NCAA MEN's BASKETBALL

Hart leads Purdue to win

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — John Hart had played 33 minutes of basketball for No. 13 Purdue this season before Tuesday night's game against Illinois.

Hart wasn't even listed in the game's official score book, costing the Boilermakers a technical foul and two points at the free throw line when he did play. The Illini said they knew nothing about him.

Hart more than made up for the technical and introduced himself to Illinois with 14 points, five of them in an early second-half run that gave the Boilermakers a lead they rode to an 84-78 victory.

"Our guy obviously made a mistake and he wasn't in the score book," Purdue coach Matt Painter said. "It cost us two points. It's a pretty good trade out."

JaJuan Johnson led Purdue with 24 points.

The win ended a three-game losing streak for Purdue (15-3, 3-3) and kept the Boilermakers in the thick of a crowded Big Ten, in a fifth-place tie with Ohio State and Minnesota.

The loss dropped Illinois (12-7) to 4-2 in the conference and two games behind Big Ten leaders Michigan State.

Demetri McCamey led the Illini with a game-high 28 points, including 13 from the free throw line. But he missed six free throws, and the Illini were 17 of 29 (58.6 percent) from the line.

"Demetri played a heck of a ball game," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "It's just

the free throws."

After trailing 32-28 at the half, Purdue opened the second half with a 15-4 run.

Hart keyed the run, first with a fast break layup that tied the score at 32, then with a 3-pointer that gave the Boilermakers a 35-32 lead.

"We had no energy to start the second half," Weber said. "It's baffling."

The game started to slip away from the Illini even before halftime, though. Purdue went cold from the field midway through the first half, failing to find the basket from the field for 7:01. But Illinois didn't do much with the opportunity.

The Illini led 16-12 at the start of that stretch, with 10:52 on the clock, and 26-20 when Moore broke the ice at 3:51. In between Robbie Hummel and Johnson kept Purdue going with two free throws each. But Illinois could only blame itself. The Illini were 4 for 12 from the field over those seven minutes, including 0 for 3 from three-point range.

Purdue then closed the gap to 28-26 on a jump shot by Hart with 53 seconds left in the half.

Only an unusual technical — called when the officials noticed after Hart's first points that he didn't appear on the official roster — let Illinois widen its cushion.

McCamey hit both free throws for a 30-26 lead and Illinois led 32-28 at the half.

"I thought they outplayed us more than a four-point difference, especially on the glass," Painter said of the first half.

Illinois held a slim 23-21 rebounding edge at half time, but had 11 offensive boards — and only four second-chance points to show for them.

Weber complained about his team's missed opportunity.

"We actually played pretty good on the defensive end but not on the offensive end," he said. "We could have grabbed the game but didn't."

Purdue was effective at the free throw line, hitting 27 for 34 (79.4 percent).

And the Boilermakers, after hitting just 10 of the 30 first-half shots, finished 27 for 56 (48.2 percent). They hit 65.4 percent — 17 for 26 — of their second-half shot.

Illinois held Purdue's leading scorer, Hummel, to 11 points, but McCamey said the Illini failed to make the changes it needed to when Painter put Hart in the game.

"The game is all about adjustments, and we didn't adjust tonight," he said.

Painter credited Hart, who played 18 minutes Tuesday, with the spark he said Purdue has lacked.

"I thought John had an edge to him, just from not playing," Painter said.

NBA

LeBron leads Cavs to easy victory

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Shaquille O'Neal had one regret about moving into elite NBA scoring air. It should have happened long ago.

O'Neal became the fifth player to score 28,000 career points, and the Big Diesel made his enormous presence known at both ends of the floor as the Cleveland Cavaliers began a long stretch of home games with a 108-100 win over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

O'Neal reached the major milestone with a layup in the first minute. He was proud of the achievement, but felt it was overdue.

"I've missed like 5,000 free throws," O'Neal said. "If I had at least hit half of those, then I would be at 30,000 right now."

LeBron James scored 28 points and performed a few signature dunks that won't be seen during the All-Star slam contest and Mo Williams added 22 as the Cavs, who just returned from a long road trip, improved to 15-3 at Quicken Loans Arena. They play 10 of their next 12 at home before Feb. 19.

The Eastern Conference leaders will host the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night.

James had 11 assists and nine

rebounds, missing out on No. 10 and a triple-double when he let a rebound slip out of his hands in the final minute.

O'Neal added 16 points, assisted on two big baskets down the stretch and set the tone for Cleveland's defense in the second half by knocking down Toronto guards Demar DeRozan and Jarrett Jack with hard fouls.

"There's no layups when Shaq is covering the glass," James said. "That's what he's about. He doesn't care about putting guys on the floor."

With a layup in the opening minute, O'Neal joined Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387), Karl Malone (36,928), Michael Jordan (32,292) and Wilt Chamberlain (31,419) as the only players to reach the milestone.

"I'm happy being No. 5. There are some great names in front of me and some great names behind me," O'Neal said. "I've always been a player that only gets happy about the big picture. It's a great milestone but it's something I don't get too giddy about."

Chris Bosh scored 21 for Toronto but was limited to just five after halftime by Cleveland's defense, which allowed 60 points in the opening half. The Raptors only scored 17 in the fourth.

"They did a better job of

clamping down defensively," Bosh said. "We had a couple of mishaps down the stretch and they made us pay for it."

Williams left briefly with a left shoulder strain but came back and hit the game's biggest shot, a 3-pointer — off a feed from O'Neal — with 5:27 left that gave the Cavs a 98-94 lead. James found a cutting Anderson Varejao for a basket to put the Cavs up by six and then James took a pass from O'Neal and slammed one to make it 102-94.

"I've been known to be able to do something with the ball," O'Neal said in explaining his assists.

Cleveland's defense, nearly nonexistent for three quarters, put its talons in the Raptors in the fourth quarter.

"We put our hard hats on and did it right," James said.

Andrea Bargnani scored 19 for Toronto, which lost for just the fourth time in 14 games. Hedo Turkoglu scored three points — 10 below his average — and spent most of the game in foul trouble.

"I was afraid to walk by them (the officials), they might call a foul," Turkoglu said.

Williams added 10 assists for the Cavs, who have won 10 straight home games over the Raptors.

OLYMPICS

Cohen makes comeback try

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Sasha Cohen has quite the hold on figure skating.

It's been almost four years since she last competed, and no one has even seen her skate recently. Yet her presence hung over every event this season, and she's the only woman on anyone's mind at these U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

"Have you seen Sasha?"

"What have you heard about Sasha?"

"Do you think Sasha is going to compete?"

"Everybody thinks so many different things," Cohen said after the mere confirmation she would be at nationals generated more buzz than anything any of the current U.S. women have done. "Some people love me, some people hate me. Some people think I'm going to compete for the next 10 years, some people were ready to write me off five years ago. You can't listen to what people say."

"This is for me because I want to do it, and I want to perform again."

That Cohen remains so enchanting is hardly a surprise. Tiny (she could be a ballerina), beautiful and unbelievably flexible — coach John Nicks likes to say it's impossible for her to

get in an ugly position — she can be breathtaking to watch, the kind of skater that made fans fall in love with the sport in the first place. Funny, personable and, at times, feisty, she gives skating some personality, an edge that makes people feel they have to tune in just to see what she does next.

And she is, of course, immensely talented. The reigning Olympic silver medalist and a three-time world medalist, she has no idea what life is like outside the top five. Just the thought of her is a soothing reminder of the good old days, when the Americans were fixtures at the top of the figure skating world.

But expecting Cohen's return to be an instant fix for the recent woes of the U.S. women is a lot to put on her slim shoulders. Four years is an eternity in skating, and the sport has changed in her absence. At 25, she's six years older than Kim Yu-na and Mao Asada, the last two world champions. With the United States having only two spots at the Vancouver Olympics, there is little, if any, margin for error for her.

None of that, though, fazes Cohen.

"What I feel from that is I feel so happy that people want me back, that they're excited to see me, that they missed me, that it

means something to them to have me there," she said. "For me, I feel just pressure from myself."

Rumors of Cohen's comeback kept the skating grapevine humming for more than a year. She was only 21 when she stepped away after the 2006 worlds, and skaters are sticking around longer now, finding success at later ages. Though she was the star attraction on the "Stars on Ice" tour, her acting career hadn't advanced past the dabbling stage.

Finally, last May, Cohen announced she would, indeed, resume competitive training with the intention of making her third Olympic squad.

"I wanted to wait until I knew that's what I wanted to do," she said. "I had this overwhelming feeling that this is what I want to do, I want to embrace this challenge. I waited for the decision to pick me, I didn't force something. It was always something that was on my mind, but it's not something like, 'Oh! I'm going to the movies.' If you do this, you DO this."

But why? After devoting most of her life to training, she was just starting to explore life on her own terms. She hasn't lost her passion for acting and dreams of going to college at NYU. Her comeback put all of that on hold.

FENCING

Irish fencers impress at USFA Cup competition

By KEVIN BALDWIN

Sports Writer

As inter-collegiate play draws closer, the Irish will likely gain some ground in the preseason rankings after an outstanding performance in the USFA North American Cup this weekend.

"It is the USFA national team try outs," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said, "athletes from all over the continent competing for a place on the national team and the possibility to represent their country in the World Cup, University Games, or world championships."

The highly touted sophomore Courtney Hurley and freshman Lian Osier continued their success at the international level of competition, bringing home gold medals in the women's Under-20 epee and saber events, respectively. Hurley also finished second in the Division I women's epee.

Other top-10 finishers for the women's team include junior Sarah Borrmann who came in third in the Division I foil, as well as up and coming underclassmen freshman Abigail Nichols at seventh in

Under-20 Saber, and sophomore Radmilla Sarkisova at ninth in the Under-20 foil.

Likewise, the men's team fared exceptionally well against the world's best, junior Zach Schirtz taking third place in the Division I foil. Juniors Barron Nydam and Avery Zuck along with freshman Jason Choy dominated the Division I saber, all three finishing in the top 10. Sophomore Enzo Castellani also secured a top eight spot in the Under-20 foil.

"The beginning of our [inter-collegiate] fencing season starts next week, we will be going to New York for an event against the top national teams," Bednarski said.

The Irish hope to make a statement this coming weekend in the NYU Duals and the St. Johns Challenge against some of the top programs in the country including defending national champions Penn State.

The NYU Duals include several of the top-ranked teams in the nation, and should provide a tough test for Notre Dame.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Kammrath leads Belles to victory over Adrian

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

A balanced effort led to the Belles 10th win of the season, as six Saint Mary's players scored at least seven points in a 67-57 victory over Adrian Tuesday.

The Belles jumped out to a quick start, leading 22-13 midway through the first half, but the Bulldogs closed the deficit to 32-29 at halftime.

Adrian then took an early lead in the second half, using an 8-0 run to go up 39-36. Saint Mary's responded with a 17-1 run of their own, taking a commanding lead that would not be relinquished.

Sophomore Pasty Mahoney led the Belles with 16 points, and classmate Kelley Murphy scored 12. Senior Anna Kammrath scored eight points while pulling down nine rebounds to lead the team.

Kammrath has been a leader for the Belles over the last four years, but last week, she stepped into the Saint Mary's record books with a performance that will not soon be forgotten.

In a 91-72 loss to top-10 ranked Hope last Wednesday, Kammrath not only led all scorers with 18 points but had 23 rebounds, one short of an MIAA record and a new Saint Mary's record for a single game. Sixteen of those rebounds came in the first half, one short of her career best for a half. Due to her performance in that game and her 12-point, 14-rebound showing in a win over Olivet,

she was named MIAA Player of the Week for the first time in her career.

"It felt like a great game, but I had no idea I had pulled down so many boards," Kammrath said. "It means a lot to me as rebounding is something I work hard at."

Kammrath is a native of Union Mills, Ind. and a graduate of South Central H.S. She chose to become a Belle because of its small size and the importance placed on academics. She is a biology major and will attend public health school for a Master's degree in epidemiology after graduation from Saint Mary's in the spring.

Those leadership skills have impressed Belles coach Jennifer Henley.

"As a senior captain, she has shown great leadership," Henley said. "She is very organized and communicates very well with the rest of the team. She has been a very big part of helping to push this program towards the top part of the conference."

The coach mentioned how Kammrath's rebounding and ability to run the floor greatly complement the Belles' transition style of play. Henley is also impressed by Kammrath's work ethic and knowledge of the game.

"Anna always comes into the season very prepared," she said. "One of the best traits about Anna is that she never quits! She truly gives this team everything."

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GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Freshman Skylar Diggins dribbles around a defender in Notre Dame's win over Eastern Michigan. Diggins posted 20 points and two assists in Tuesday's win over Louisville.

McGraw

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"It was huge for us to have a bounce back game, looking to regain a little of our confidence," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We were a little sick after [the Connecticut] game and I think we looked it in the first half, but we shook the cobwebs off at halftime and played well in the second half."

The effects of Saturday's demoralizing loss were evident from the opening tip, as the struggling Cardinals (10-8, 2-3 Big East) took advantage early. Finishing with a game-high 23 points, Monique Reid paced Louisville to a 12-point lead within the first 15 minutes.

But McGraw's squad was able to get back on track late in the first, as the Irish went on a 16-4 run to tie the game at the half. Notre Dame didn't miss a beat the rest of the way, outscoring the Cardinals

41-23 to close out a much-needed victory.

"We shot the ball pretty well. [Lechlitner] really carried us in the first half, and continued with the big shots in the second. We played a lot of man-to-man in the second half, and I felt we really frustrated them with our man-to-man pressure. We just, offensively, played much, much better," McGraw said.

In addition to the solid play from senior Melissa Lechlitner, the Irish were lifted by the efforts of several top performers, not the least of which was freshman phenom Skylar Diggins. Diggins led the team with 20 points and dished out two assists as she continues to live up to her preseason billing.

McGraw believes Diggins' seamless transition from high school to collegiate basketball and her immediate impact on the team can be attributed to the support of her experienced cast of veterans.

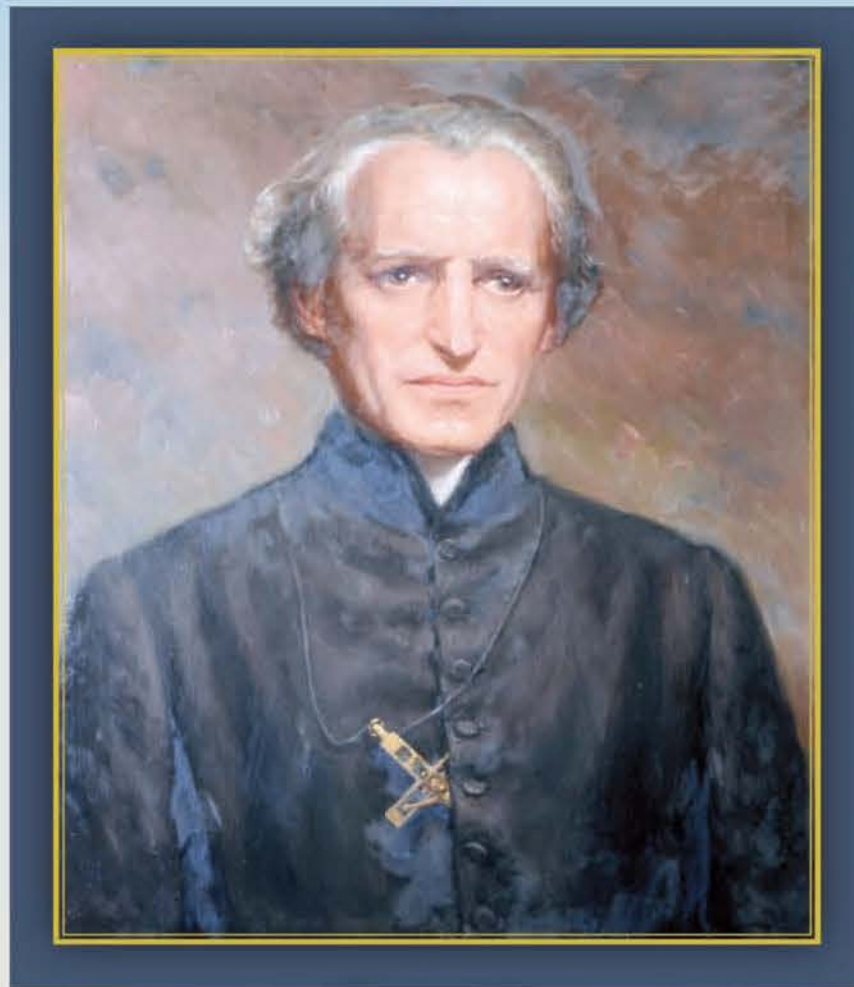
"I think that's so important because she's learning shots

from the upperclassmen," McGraw said. "They're helping her, they let her be creative and play her game, and still they communicate well with her. She just fits in so well with everything and everyone."

Although Tuesday's victory will go as just another "W" in the win column towards the conference standings, it also marks the 600th victory in McGraw's head coaching career. McGraw says the landmark was never a pre-season goal, but still appreciates its significance.

"It means I've been at Notre Dame a really long time," McGraw said. "I look back and think of all the great players I've had here, and all the assistant coaches, and how much I've enjoyed being at Notre Dame. More than that, how lucky I am to be at Notre Dame. It's been a great thing, and I'm so thankful to have had the opportunity."

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pretty neat for me as a person and for my family with all of the love and respect we have for this university and what it's all about."

After winning a Division II national title as Kelly's defensive coordinator, Martin took over the head coaching position at Grand Valley State and compiled a 74-7 record. Kelly was excited to team back up with his former assistant.

"[Martin] took a program that had won a number of championships, and, believe it or not, built on that," Kelly said. "He knows how to get the best out of his players. And the success that he has had at Grand Valley State is unparalleled across

the country."

While he coached the last decade at the Division III level, Martin was confident that his coaching abilities would be able to easily translate to a higher level at Notre Dame.

"It's still 18 to 24-year-old kids and still a process of developing those kids. They're bigger, stronger and faster but I've coached Division I, Division II and Division III and other than that they're no different," Martin said. "They have a lot more God-given talent, but other

than that the development of them is still the key."

Martin said coaching at several levels of competition had actually been a benefit in both his and Kelly's development as coaches.

"The nice thing is from my background ... is starting off from the level we started off at you have to develop kids," Martin said. "That's hopefully what I'll bring to Notre Dame and the secondary is that ability to teach and develop and get the most out of their God-given abilities because at the level I've coached at you have to or you won't be very good."

Born in Chicago, Martin said his primary recruiting regions will be his hometown as well as the state of Michigan.

"I grew up my whole life in Chicago, and the excitement to be able to [recruit there] is off the charts," Martin said. "I spent the last 12 years of my life in Michigan ... and I have a lot of great ties there too."

The Notre Dame secondary was a unit that struggled

throughout 2009, and Martin will face the challenge of replacing senior captain Kyle McCarthy and experienced defensive backs Sergio Brown and R a e s h o n McNeil.

"To go home and lose a game because they had two or thtree quick scoring drives, you can't live with that."

Chuck Martin
Irish defensive backs coach

"Every touchdown goes through the secondary, its kind of their badge of honor that we can't let the ball get in the end zone," Martin said of his philosophy coaching the unit. "The biggest thing is no big plays. If you make a team grind out 10-, 12-, 14-play drives and they're good enough to do that four or five times in a game, you have to kind of tip your hat to them and say they were the better program on that particular day."

"But to go home and lose a game because they had two or three quick scoring drives,

you can't live with that."

Martin also brings on-field experience to the defensive backs group, having played as an All-American safety at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. He has also coached on the defensive side of the ball as an assistant at Eastern Michigan and Wittenberg University.

While Martin will go to work with the defensive backs in the coming weeks, for now he's excited just to be starting a new job at his favorite place.

"I've loved this university, I've believed in this university and everything it stands for from a student-athlete perspective and from a spiritual perspective for my whole life," Martin said. "The opportunity to come to the place you not only love more than any place on the planet, but you have more respect for how things are done at the University of Notre Dame ...this is everything good about what is going on in my opinion."

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Diaco

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defense here at Notre Dame."

It's no surprise that Diaco, a Butkus Award finalist at Iowa in 1995, would know a thing or two about tackling. Diaco oozes passion for the game as he talks, expounding at length on defensive philosophies and teaching styles. He uses the words "passion" and "love" to describe the manner in which he coaches and, using St. Augustine, explains that he knows no other way.

"With love and diligence anything is possible," he quoted. "And that's present in coaching and teaching every single day."

"My development includes being treated appropriately. I loved my coaches because they treated me wonderfully. ... The language isn't even in my head not to do this."

The language that is in his head comes largely from Kelly, whom Diaco said he would follow anywhere.

"There's not a better guy in America to work for, for me, than Brian Kelly," he said.

Diaco started his coaching career at Iowa after graduation as a graduate assistant. He moved to Western Illinois, where he coached the running backs and special teams, before going to Eastern Michigan from 2001 to 2004.

In 2005 he joined Kelly at Central Michigan for a year before going to Virginia, where he learned what he called the "true" 3-4 defense under Al Groh.

But he wanted the freedom to teach that Kelly provided, so he rejoined Kelly in Cincinnati in 2009.

"To be able to work with coach Kelly and be allowed to implement and work and teach, that's what it's about," he said.

His defense had success last season, finishing in the top 10 in the nation in sacks and tackles for loss. It also had its share of challenges: in the final five games, the defense gave up an average of 39.4 points per

game, including 45 to Connecticut, 44 to Pittsburgh and 51 in a Sugar Bowl loss to Florida.

He also has to deal with Kelly's quick-strike offense, which ranked dead last in time of possession last season and put his defense on the field for a large chunk of the game.

He's fine with it.

"At the end of the game, we have one more point than them, awesome," Diaco said. "It's really how the game is put together and conducted to win the game."

Diaco said he hasn't gotten much of a chance to look at his personnel because he has

focused on locking up the recruiting class and the players are going through strength and conditioning. But once he does start working with them, his style will stay the same as it has.

"The core principles for playing great defense don't change wherever you are, wherever you're at and whatever the previous defensive circumstances were," he said.

That includes tackling, Notre Dame's Achilles' heel this season. Diaco said he and Kelly will work on tackling every day, because it needs to be worked every day. First, it takes players with the ability to make open-field tackles, he said. The up-tempo practice style, he said, helps defenders swarm to the ball and cut off angles. Finally, Kelly and Diaco have a variety of drills ranging from T-shirts and shorts to full pads.

"Coach Kelly will tee it up and we'll go live," he said.

The challenges facing Diaco and Notre Dame's defense fall right into Diaco's comfort zone, if you are to believe his body language. Whenever he speaks about football, he leans forward, his slate-blue eyes wide and excited as he explains his motivation.

"I love, love, love, always have, teaching young men, helping them become productive men through football," he said. "That's really it for me. What has me hit my two feet on the floor running every morning and go as long and hard as I possibly can is to try to help a young man become a man through football."

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Frilling

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years as a student at Notre Dame.

Despite her personal success, Frilling boasts a specific quality about the team that she feels will help them compete well in the ensuing season.

"I think our team has a lot of variety compared to other schools," Frilling said. "We also have a strong doubles lineup and really focus on that a lot.

Also, we all get along really well and our team dynamic is great."

Frilling and the members of the Irish women's tennis team made it to the semifinals of the NCAA Championship last season.

"Last year we had the best season [Notre Dame] has ever had, and I hope to do the same or better this year," Frilling said.

Currently in the middle of the season, the coming semester of play will determine if the Irish have what it takes to do better than 2009.

"The middle of season is a grind, but it helps to look forward and motivate ourselves for the ultimate goal, the Big East Championship and NCAAs," Frilling said. "Our spring season will be busy. We have a tough schedule and a good amount of traveling, but everyone is really excited for the upcoming season."

Frilling and the Irish will kick off the spring season Saturday on the road against Iowa.

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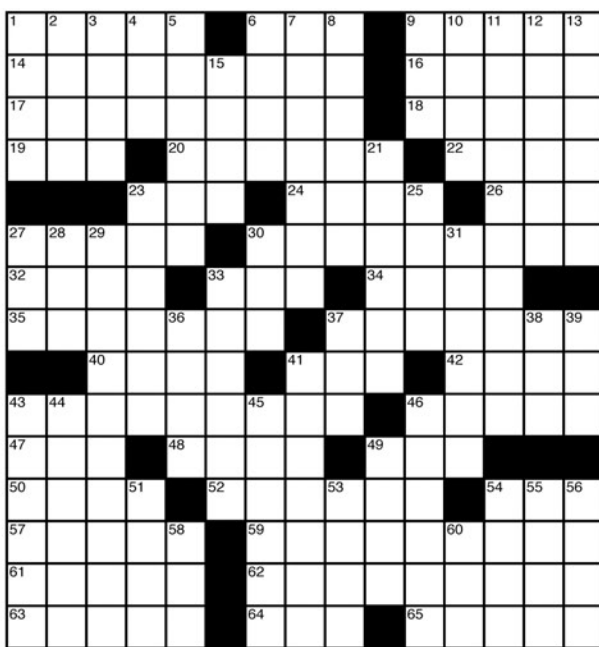
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Happy Birthday: Look outside your usual boundaries and you will find unique solutions to some of the setbacks you encounter this year. Dedication will be the key to getting ahead. A contract with someone you love will lead to a better future and greater security. Live life honestly and you will find peace and contentment. Your numbers are 9, 11, 19, 25, 29, 37, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Observation will spare your making a costly mistake. You should be able to come out ahead if you budget, are thrifty and balance your checkbook. A little romance will help you stabilize an important relationship. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take control and don't leave anything to chance. You can make great strides if you are confident and act accordingly. An emotional change will occur. Travel and communication can clear up a matter that has concerned you. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will recognize your true feelings regarding someone you have known for quite some time. Once you know where you stand, you will be able to plan for the future without questioning whether or not you are making the right move.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use your imagination and offer something unique that will set you apart from any competition you face. A relationship that has suffered problems can be dealt with now if you are firm in the way you discuss the pending issues.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Develop a better relationship with someone you work with or for and you will discover interesting new ways to approach the jobs you are assigned. You can make some extra cash outside of your normal work routine. A love relationship will venture into new territory. ★★

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need a change of pace. Too many obligations have limited what you can and cannot do. You must ease your stress by passing some of the responsibilities you've taken on to someone else. Cut ties with anyone trying to pressure you. ★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Question your feelings and motives before you make a decision or promise someone something you may not want to live up to. A past partner may spark memories you'd like to relive. Take a second look at an old situation before making a life-altering decision. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's time to update your look and gear up for new beginnings. An opportunity will arise if you do your best to help someone out. Stability will be a key factor when it comes to getting what you want. ★★

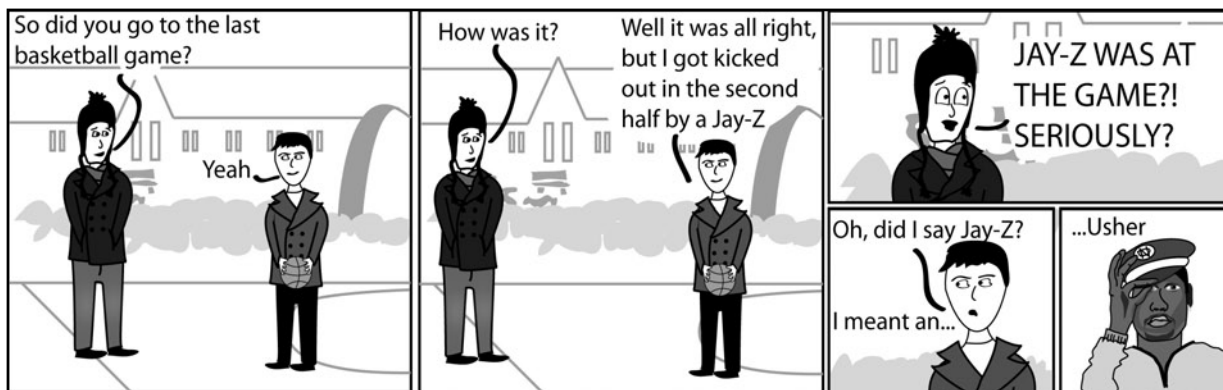
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your emotional outlook will take someone by surprise but, as long as you are happy with what you are doing, you will come out on top. It may be time to part ways with individuals who are not on the same page as you. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are determined, sensitive and proud. You are responsible, willing to take action and always looking out for others.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles,
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FOOTBALL

Reunion in South Bend

Bearcats DC Diaco rejoins Kelly at ND

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Without knowing it yet, Bob Diaco might have already endeared himself to those who follow his new football team.

When discussing the practice philosophy of addressing fundamentals, he listed those that were important.

“Blocking, tackling, block destruction,” he listed. He paused, then continued, “Tackling ...”

He’ll fit right in.

Diaco takes over the position of defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach. He coached with Irish coach Brian Kelly at Cincinnati in 2009 and at Central Michigan in 2005.

“We have along-standing relationship in this business, and I think we all know how important playing good defense is to winning football games,” Kelly said. “Couldn’t be more excited, more confident in our ability to play championship

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Left, defensive coordinator Bob Diaco speaks with the media last Friday. Right, defensive backs coach Chuck Martin discusses his move from head coach at Grand Valley State to Notre Dame.



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Former asst. Martin to lead defensive backs

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

At every stop since departing Grand Valley State, Irish coach Brian Kelly had asked longtime colleague Chuck Martin to join him. And at both schools — Central Michigan and Cincinnati — Martin declined.

Then, with Kelly now at his dream destination in South Bend, Martin accepted the offer to lead the defensive backs. And the coach with two Division II National Championships couldn’t be happier.

“I thought this was the greatest place on the planet since I don’t even know what age, but since the first time I figured out that Notre Dame existed,” Martin said.

“When they broke out the green jerseys against USC, we were out in the backyard pretending we had green jerseys putting it on USC. It’s

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Former Wisconsin coach Cooks takes over linebackers

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Making the transition from one position to another can be a challenging process for any college coach. But for outside linebackers coach Kerry Cooks, making the switch from defensive backs to linebackers will be a test that he is eagerly looking forward to.

“It’s not that you don’t know a position,” Cooks said. “Having been the secondary coach, line-

backers are critical to tie into run stopping and pass coverage, so it’s a matter of getting the fundamentals down — the stance, the footwork, the eyes. I think if you are a good coach you go out and research all that stuff.”

Recognizing the possible hazards of moving a coach from one position to another, Irish head coach Brian Kelly believes Cooks is more than capable of making the necessary adjustments to develop the outside linebackers.

“I think the risks are when you

take a coach that’s only coached that position, he becomes almost a specialist in one area,” Kelly said. “I don’t want specialists. I want great teachers and great educators that can communicate across the board. So first and foremost, what I try to do is put together a staff that have that ability to coach different positions.”

Cooks spent the last four seasons at Wisconsin, helping the Badgers attain a 38-14 record and developing ten all-Big Ten

honorees. Last season, Cooks coached a defensive backs unit that limited an explosive Miami offense to less than 200 yards passing in the Badgers’ 20-14 victory in the Champs Sports Bowl.

“In a very short period of time he took over defense and the defensive backs, in particular, and turned them into a strength in their [Badgers’] unit,” Kelly said. “I think their last bowl game was evident how well they played in the back end of their defense against a very, very skilled foot-

ball team.”

2010 marks the second time Kelly has attempted to add Cooks to his coaching staff. Kelly previously offered Cooks a position on his staff while at Central Michigan, but he declined in favor of an opportunity to coach at Minnesota. Four years later, Kelly now adds a proven leader with a similar approach to winning.

“I think coach Kelly’s philosophy of having everyone send out

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

McGraw nets 600th victory

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

After suffering the first loss of the season at the hands of Connecticut on national television, many wondered how the Irish would perform facing the possibility of its first losing streak. But following Tuesday’s 78-60 thrashing of Louisville, No. 4 Notre Dame (16-1, 3-1 Big East) effectively silenced the critics.

Despite shooting poorly in the first half, strong defense highlighted the Irish comeback. Notre Dame forced 20 turnovers and held Louisville scoreless for over eight minutes in the second half as the squad returned to its dominant form.

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GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Freshman point guard Skylar Diggins brings the ball upcourt during an 88-47 Notre Dame win over Valparaiso Dec. 12.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Frilling hopes to lift Irish to championships

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Only a few days away from the beginning of the spring season, sophomore standout Kristy Frilling is hoping to lead the Irish to the NCAA Championships in May.

“Kristy is one of the top doubles players in the country and has a chance to do really well this year in singles and doubles,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “She is left handed and has a very good serve.”

Last year during her freshman season, Frilling made an appearance in both the NCAA singles and doubles

Championships, earned NCAA All-American status and was named the Big East Freshman of the year, all which contributed to one of the best seasons in Irish women’s tennis history.

Frilling, a psychology and sociology major, began playing at the age of 5 with the prompting of lessons from her mother. Though she did not play for her high school, Frilling made appearances at the Junior U.S. Open, Junior Australian Open and Junior Wimbledon tournaments. She was lured to pursue playing for the Irish after visiting many times during her brother’s

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