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Leaders present to Board of Trustees

Schmidt, Weber prioritize initiatives including acceptance of GLBT community members

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Student government is prioritizing seven initiatives for the rest of the year, student body president Grant Schmidt told the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at a meeting Thursday.

The Notre Dame Forum, the University events calendar, the Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life, pep rallies, the dissolution of the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, the acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community and the selection of the Commencement speaker are “the issues of most pressing con-

cern” for students, Schmidt said. Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said the three most important issues are the acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community, the dissolution of Economics and Policy Studies and the pro-life task force.

Acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community

Weber said the University must work to “better accept people of different sexual orientations.

“Notre Dame has made enormous progress, but there’s still a lot more progress to be made,” Weber said.

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Observer file photo

Student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber talked to the BOT about pressing student issues Thursday.

ACE to undertake academy program

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

Although the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) is best known for placing Notre Dame graduates in Catholic schools around the nation to help with academics, the program is now expanding with the induction of new ACE Academies.

In schools that are designated as ACE Academies, the ACE program will provide support in every area, including curriculum, instruction, assessment, financial management, school leadership, development, marketing and Catholic identity.

Currently, there are three ACE Academies — all of which are located in Tucson, Ariz.

“[There is an] enormous, vibrant Catholic community [in Tucson] that is so underserved and so eager for the kind of support that the ACE Program hopes to provide,” Dr. Christian Dallavis, a faculty member who works with ACE, said.

Sarah Greene, Assistant Director for the ACE Program, said the communi-

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‘Day of Man’ raises money for homeless



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

The men of Siegfried hold signs outside the dining hall while collecting donations for the South Bend Center for the Homeless Thursday.

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

The thermometer read 32 degrees, but yesterday 180 Siegfried Hall men braced the freezing South Bend weather in shorts, T-shirts and sandals to raise money for the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

The Siegfried Day of Man fundraiser is now in its fourth year — Robbie Bernardin came up with the idea for the fundraiser back in 2007.

“He came up with [the idea] when he ran back to Siegfried from Farley one

evening. He felt cold in that short run and wondered how homeless people live with [the cold],” senior Michael Dean, coordinator of this year’s fundraiser, said.

Those involved with the fundraiser began planning the event right after winter break, assigning commissioners to various duties like recruiting Siegfried residents to participate and contacting the media.

“[Sophomore] Dan McGrail’s job was to get the local media involved. He even tried to get us live on

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Saint Mary’s choir to perform in Carnegie

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Music professor Nancy Menk and members of the Saint Mary’s Women’s Choir will join other choirs in a performance at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Valentine’s Day.

The concert is entitled “Love, Lust and Light” and will begin at 2 p.m. in the Isaac Stern Auditorium.

This will be Menk’s fifth time conducting at Carnegie Hall.

The Saint Mary’s women will be joined by two local high school choirs, Laporte and Northwood, and two more high

school choirs from California. The South Bend Chamber Singers and a group of singers from the Northwest Symphony Chorus will be also be attending.

“I was asked to do another [performance] and I agreed and the New York company that produces the concerts, there are several of these production companies in New York City, they asked me to suggest other choirs I would recommend who would be well prepared and would learn the music and might enjoy the experience,” Menk said.

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Scholars study merits of Rome

Two-day colloquium to discuss the influence of the Eternal City

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Scholars across disciplines will come together tonight and tomorrow in a colloquium hosted by the School of Architecture entitled “Learning from Rome: The Influence of the Eternal City on Art, Architecture and the Humanities” in order to question the merits of studying in and about the Italian capital.

The two-day colloquium, held in celebration of the School of Architecture’s 40th year in Italy, will begin with an address from keynote speaker Professor Ingrid Rowland

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Learning From Rome: The Influence of the Eternal City on Art, Architecture, and the Humanities

Feb. 5 at 5 pm

• Keynote address from Architecture Professor Ingrid Rowland

Feb. 6 from 1 to 5 pm

• Samir Younes from the School of Architecture
• Ted Cacheg from Romance Languages and Literature
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Battery recycling program collects 71 lbs

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Battery recycling is a small way students can help the environment, Dan Woods, compliance officer and creator of the battery recycling program at Saint Mary's College, said.

On Feb. 1, students received a campus-wide e-mail detailing the number of batteries that the program had collected throughout the 2009-2010 academic year.

After years of individual students, faculty and staff members collecting and recycling batteries independently, Woods decided it was time to make a change. On Sept. 23, 2009, he started the first campus-wide recycling program for batteries.

"The College never had a program for recycling batteries formally," Woods said. "We found a need that enough people were asking about battery recycling that the College should have a program for battery recycling. It seemed to be if there was enough interest in batteries then a battery program would sort of take off."

Woods didn't stop at just collecting and recycling rechargeable batteries though. He wanted to offer the option of alkaline battery recycling as well. According to Woods, alkaline batteries are commonly not recycled due to the lack of profit for battery recycling agencies.

"We found with alkaline batteries it was perfectly legal to put them into the regular waste

stream and then they would be taken to the landfill," he said. "At Saint Mary's, we wanted to go a little bit farther and keep all the batteries out of the landfill because there's different hazardous metals, heavy metals that might get into the environment that may not be illegal to do so now but it just wasn't a good practice."

Woods distributed five-gallon buckets in a variety of buildings around campus to act as drop-off sites for the used batteries. The program collects alkaline, rechargeable, button and nine-volt batteries and sends them to Batteries Plus, a local store, which sells new batteries and also collects used ones for recycling.

Woods said he started working on the logistics of the program in 2008 but was unable to find a company willing to accept alkaline batteries for a low enough cost. In September 2008, Woods contacted the corporate office of Batteries Plus and inquired about alkaline recycling.

"There was very few options as far as alkaline batteries for recycling," Woods said. "I found several different vendors who could take my batteries. But then I thought, well, wouldn't it be neat if Batteries Plus had a recycling program for alkaline batteries?"

After the company began accepting alkalines, Woods set the program in motion by placing drop-off sites in nine buildings on campus. Woods said each month he collects and counts the amount of batteries that were dropped off.



ALICIA SMITH/The Observer
Dan Woods takes several batteries out of the drop-off bucket while collecting them from Holy Cross Hall Thursday. The battery recycling program collects alkaline, rechargeable, button and 9-volt batteries.

According to Woods, the first shipment of batteries that were sent to Batteries Plus contained 71 pounds, or 902 single use, rechargeable or button batteries.

Woods said he hopes that the program will eventually be taken over by students. "One of my goals is for the students to take over the program because I think it's a manageable recycling model that they can do while they're here and they can see an immediate result of their

efforts," Woods said.

He also extended an invitation for off-campus students to take part in the program. Woods said it was important to get involved and recycle to help the environment.

"Any thing you can do is better than doing nothing," he said.

Drop-off sites can be found in LeMans Hall lobby, Holy Cross Hall lobby, Regina Hall lobby, McCandless Hall lobby, the Student Center Information Desk,

the IT Helpdesk, the Science Building, the Maintenance Building and in the Building Services Building.

Woods said the program is currently working on a Web site to track the progress of the program. With the Web site, students would be able to see first hand how their batteries would make a difference, he said.

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Marketing club hosts ND alumni

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Notre Dame alumni Kaylea Hoelscher and Todd Woodward will return to campus on Feb. 8 top share their experiences in the advertising profession at an event hosted by the Marketing Club.

The Marketing Club hopes the event, titled the Advertising Career Forum, will "provide attendees an idea of what it takes to get into advertising by hearing the experiences of the speakers," junior Lauren Elliott, vice president and head of promotions for the club, said.

The "experiences" of the alumni are considerable. Hoelscher works for Leo Burnett, a major advertising company, and handles marketing for Kellogg's adult cereals.

Woodward, now the Associate Vice President in the Office of Public Affairs and Communications at Notre Dame, has more than 20 years of experience in the industry

which includes marketing for Harley-Davidson and contributing to the extremely successful "Got Milk?" campaign.

The Forum will include presentations by the speakers concentrating on getting into and excelling in the marketing industry followed by an opportunity for students to ask questions and network, Elliott said.

The Marketing Club has been at Notre Dame for many years. In the past it was one of the larger student clubs, but membership has declined in recent years. The club caters not only to declared marketing majors, but all students with an interest in the industry or contemplating pursuing the major.

"We're hoping to make it one of those bigger clubs on campus again," Elliott said. "We want to reach first-year students especially," since they are often uncertain if marketing is the career path best suited for them, she said.

The club's mission is to "give members a better understanding of what marketing is as well as a chance to meet experts in the field ... from there to build a better resume and progress in the field if you choose to pursue it," Elliott said.

Events on the horizon for the Marketing Club include the "Spread the Love for Haiti" charity event, running Feb. 8-11, a club bowling trip on Feb. 11 and a seminar on new forms of media on Feb. 24.

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Welsh Fam hosts DanceFest

By COURTENAY DEVLIN
News Writer

This Friday and Saturday night, Washington Hall will be brimming with different styles of dance—from hip-hop to Irish Stepping — as Welsh Family Hall presents its annual signature event, DanceFest 2010.

This year's event is titled "Bad Romance," which is a reference to the hit Lady Gaga song.

The show, co-directed by Kaitlyn Mahoney and Sarah Grothaus, is bound to be unique and diverse with eight different dance groups performing — The Notre Dame Dance Company, Pom Squad, Ballet Folklorico, Troop ND, Irish Dance Team, Ballroom Dance Club, The Swing Club and The First Class Steppers.

Along with these performances, there will also be seven DanceFest Dances created specifically for the show. Prospective dancers—with different focus from ballet and tap, to jazz and hip-hop, attended tryouts in Sept., and

have practiced weekly throughout the year.

"It's a great opportunity for people who otherwise wouldn't be able to dance because of their schedules, but who grew up dancing, and still want to express themselves in that way here at Notre Dame," Grothaus said.

Claire Stephens, who is performing in the "Give It To Me" dance, is really excited to be on stage again.

"I'm thrilled to be dancing again — being a freshman and still figuring things out, it was great to get a chance to do what I love and make new friends," Stephens said. "The hip-hop dance is definitely going to be awesome, and I can't wait to be performing on stage with the bright lights, makeup and audience."

Welsh Family's own Caitlin Cunningham, a freshman, is debuting on the sound board, and many

other residents of the hall are supporting the event by being ushers and collecting fees at the door. The event, which will take place at 7 p.m., will cost \$5 a person, with all proceeds going to the Robinson Community Learning Center's Shakespeare Company.

Grothaus, who has just returned from a semester

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Sarah Grothaus
"Bad Romance" director

abroad in London where she personally performed in the Globe Theatre, and who spent last summer working with local kids in the program said she is happy to be able to support the Shakespeare Company.

"It's incredible to watch these kids grow and express themselves through theatre," Sarah said. "I learned so much from the kids that I really wanted to support the program."

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The men of Siegfried Hall dressed in only shorts and T-shirts yesterday to encourage people outside of South Dining Hall to donate to the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Siegfried

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Regis and Kelly. That didn't work out," sophomore Peter Elliott said.

Siegfried men split up the shifts throughout the day, and were stationed outside DeBartolo Hall, North and South Dining Halls and the LaFortune Student Center, Elliott said.

"We have assigned commissioners to various spots on campus to organize who will be there," Dean said. "Also, anybody that is willing to stand outside is more than welcome to collect money."

The first official shift was at 9:30 a.m., and then throughout the day participants in the fundraiser made announcements in class to ask for donations. The shifts went up to around dinnertime, Elliott said.

Most Siegfried residents agreed that bracing the cold is well worth helping out those less fortunate.

"I tell myself it's not as cold as it actually is. I can deal with the cold for a good cause," sophomore Nick Valenti said.

"It's definitely worth it. A lot of my money has been raised by professors this year ... It's really not as bad as you think. Last year was much worse," sophomore

Matthew Hentz said.

Elliott said after participating in the Day of Man, he has a new appreciation for what those who don't own appropriate winter clothing must suffer through.

"We only do this for one day but some people don't even have that choice," he said. "It's really the thought that people can't choose to live every day like this ... [that] definitely makes real what cause we're fighting for."

Dean said Siegfried hopes to reach \$6,500 in donations. Donations will continue to be accepted today in the Siegfried Hall Lobby.

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Choir

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Only a few members of the Saint Mary's choir will be attending because it wasn't required and not all of them could fit it into their schedules, Menk said.

The choirs will first perform "Lux Aeterna" by composer Morteu Lauridsen, and will be accompanied by an orchestra.

During their time in New York, the members of the choir will have some time to explore the city.

"Some of [Saint Mary's] girls' parents are coming so they are going out with their parents," Menk said.

"There is a big reception, a dinner reception after the concert for everybody."

Menk has rehearsed with the high school choirs and said she was pleased with how well prepared they were since time is limited to rehearse when they are in New York.

"We have nine hours of rehearsal in New York to sort of polish it, put it with the orchestra and everything," she said.

Menk said she always enjoys performances in Carnegie Hall.

"It's a beautiful place with great acoustics," she said. "Music sounds wonderful in there. And there is just a lot of history and tradition that make it really memorable."

She is also looking for-

ward to the age diversity of the choir. Since there are multiple choirs coming together, it will be a challenge to have one voice.

"It's kind of nice that it is a multi-generational choir with high school students, college students and adults. It's a nice mix of people," Menk said.

In the end, it is the history of the stage and feel she gets walking out onto it that Menk said she enjoys.

"When you walk on the stage you feel the tradition of it all," Menk said. "You know it's going to sound great and the concerts usually sell out so you always have a nice audience."

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ACE

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ty in Tucson provided the perfect setting for the inception of the first ACE Academies.

"It's an incredible place, a loving and caring environment for the ACE teachers, and a great way for them to serve the school which is predominantly Latino," Greene said.

Kaitlyn O'Leary, a Notre Dame graduate who works at one of the ACE Academies in Tucson in Santa Cruz, said

she coaches basketball, volleyball and track and field in addition to teaching language arts.

"I have fallen in love with the community at Santa Cruz," she said. "The school maintains a strong Catholic and Mexican identity. The community here has truly

embraced me. I am constantly invited to birthday parties, family parties, etc."

O'Leary said Tucson provided the perfect site for ACE to try out the new program.

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Kaitlyn O'Leary
ACE teacher

thing I have ever experienced. Everyone is excited about the ACE Academies initiative, as we think it will promote further excellence at our school and provide us with some resources that we are lacking," she said.

Dallavis said the ACE Academy idea originated from the extra help the program gave St. Adalbert's, a Magnificat school in South Bend that serves a primarily Latino population.

"The Notre Dame ACE Academy is an evolution of that academic help we gave to St. Adalbert's, but the new model will also focus on things like budget, fundraising, and hiring the school leaders," Dallavis said.

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Notre Dame Mag receives awards

Special to The Observer

Praise is comely for the upright, as the Psalmist and anyone on the staff of Notre Dame Magazine will tell you.

The University of Notre Dame's quarterly magazine received a surfeit of praise from a variety of quarters during the last year, and in expressing his satisfaction, its congenitally unassuming editor, Kerry Temple, came as near as he is capable to a boast.

"What's really pleasing about the recognition is that it comes from different venues," Temple said. "From our peers in higher education, from the world of Catholic publishing, and from those paying attention to quality writing and website development in contemporary America."

The magazine was named the top "general interest" magazine of 2009 by the Catholic Press Association (CPA). The CPA judges cited Notre Dame Magazine's "general excellence" and its "range of articles that go from nitty gritty personal news of alumni to national politics as it connects to religion and the university. The articles are well-written and well-reasoned and are contributed by people who exhibit strong knowledge of their subjects. The magazine is nicely laid out and color reproduction is bright and excellent. All in all, the magazine is classy, informative and smart while adhering to its mission."

Notre Dame Magazine also won a Silver Medal "for overall excellence" from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education

(CASE), the largest international association of educational institutions, in the 2009 CASE competition.

"The Signs of These Times," an essay by Temple in a recent issue of Notre Dame Magazine was cited among the "Notable Essays of 2008" in Houghton Mifflin's 2009 edition of "The Best American Essays."

A survey of 100 online college magazines recently was conducted by GCF, a leading online marketing communications firm. College juniors, seniors and alumni, asked to review online college and university magazines, ranked Notre Dame Magazine in the top five.

Temple seemed particularly pleased to note that more than half the magazine's production costs are met by voluntary subscriptions. "The financial support and affirmation we get from our readers means we're succeeding with them as well," he said.

Notre Dame Magazine reports on University events and activities, institutional trends and campus developments. It also reports on Notre Dame's people, history and scholarship. Each edition includes feature articles and essays on current affairs and societal trends, the arts and sciences, business, technology, family concerns and the Catholic Church. Its 150,000 subscribers include 100,000 Notre Dame alumni.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British toast shatterproof pint glass

LONDON — Soon Britons will be able to get smashed at the pub while their pint glasses won't.

The shatterproof pint glass was proudly unveiled by the government on Thursday. Officials swore the country would save billions in health care costs by coming up with a glass that doesn't double as a lethal weapon.

But noticeably, no officials were talking about reforming the British binge drinking culture at the root of the problem.

There are about 87,000 alcohol-related glass attacks each year, with many resulting in hospital visits, Home Secretary Alan Johnson said as he introduced the two prototype shatterproof pint glasses.

Mia Farrow criticizes Haiti adoptions

GENEVA — UNICEF goodwill ambassador Mia Farrow has criticized as "deplorable" attempts to take children out of Haiti illegally after last month's devastating earthquake.

The U.S. actress says groups or individuals who want to help Haiti's children should rather support orphanages or their families inside the country.

Farrow, who herself has adopted 11 children, says offering parents a better life for their children elsewhere is "completely unacceptable and immoral."

Adoption practices in Haiti are in the spotlight since a group of American missionaries was caught trying to smuggle Haitian children out of the country in the wake of the Jan. 12 quake.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hearing for Obama's aunt ends

BOSTON — An immigration hearing for President Barack Obama's African aunt ended Thursday without an immediate decision in her second bid for asylum in the United States.

Kenya native Zeituni Onyango did not comment after testifying for about 2½ hours Thursday at the closed proceedings in U.S. Immigration Court.

"The hearing went well. She was very honest. She was very to the point," her lawyer, Margaret Wong, said afterward.

Wong said Onyango is hopeful the judge will rule in her favor because "she really wants to stay in America."

Two doctors also testified in support of the case her lawyer said includes medical reasons to stay in the U.S. Wong declined afterward to discuss specifics before a judge's decision.

Pete Townshend defends himself

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The Who gave an energetic, acoustic preview of Sunday's Super Bowl halftime show Thursday— but things turned serious when Pete Townshend defended himself against some children's advocates who say he should not be performing.

"I've been really saddened by it, and concerned about it. It's an issue that's very difficult to deal with in sound bites," the legendary guitarist said at an NFL news conference dedicated to the Super Bowl's entertainers, including Carrie Underwood and Queen Latifah.

"I kind of feel like we're all on the same side, I guess that's all I can really say," he said.

LOCAL NEWS

East Chicago mayor pleads not guilty

HAMMOND, Ind. — East Chicago Mayor George Pabey (puh-BAY') has pleaded not guilty to federal charges alleging that he used city workers and resources to upgrade a home he owns.

Pabey and co-defendant Jose A. Camacho both pleaded not guilty Thursday before a U.S. magistrate in Hammond.

The grand jury indictments announced Wednesday charge Pabey and Camacho with conspiring to divert city money and resources toward improving a Gary home Pabey owns with his daughter.

The House approves new budget

U.S. government adopts financial plan that will sink it \$1.9 trillion deeper in debt

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House on Thursday voted to allow the government to go \$1.9 trillion deeper in debt — an increase of about \$6,000 more for every U.S. resident that provided a vivid election-year reminder of the nation's perilous financial condition.

The huge debt increase, approved 217-212, is only enough to keep the government afloat for about another year as it borrows more than 40 cents of every dollar it spends on programs like defense, health care, feeding the poor and protecting the environment. The budget tops \$3.7 trillion this year and the deficit's approaching \$1.6 trillion under the budget submitted by President Barack Obama this week.

The huge increase — to \$14.3 trillion — in the cap on federal borrowing was designed by Democratic leaders to ensure that the rank and file won't have to vote again to run up another increase before facing voters increasingly angry over government spending and debt in the November midterm elections.

Already, the accumulated debt amounts to roughly \$40,000 per person.

"This debt is being piled on the backs of our kids and grandkids with no relief in sight," House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said.

Economists warn that the rapidly-rising debt could force interest rates higher and, if left unchecked, could have even worse consequences for the economy.

Passage of the bill sends it to Obama, who will sign it to avoid a first-ever, market-rattling default on U.S. obligations.

"I can't think of a more reckless or irresponsible act. Defaulting is not an option," said Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass. "If the United States defaults, investors will lose confidence that the U.S. will honor its debts in the future."

Thirty-seven Democrats, mostly from GOP-leaning districts, voted against the meas-



Speaker of the House Hannah Pingree, right, speaks with Rep. John Piotti, center, and Rep. Seth Berry, left, on Jan. 6 at the State House in Augusta, Maine, about the state budget.

ure. So did every Republican, even though they routinely supported prior increases in the borrowing cap when their party controlled Congress or when Republican George W. Bush was president.

Senate approval last week on a party-line tally was only possible because Massachusetts Republican Scott Brown had yet to assume office. Brown was being seated Thursday.

To help win passage, Democrats also adopted — in a 233-187 vote — budget rules designed to curb a spiraling upward annual deficit, projected by Obama to hit a record \$1.56 trillion for the budget year ending Sept. 30. The new rules — known as "paygo" — would require future spending increases or tax cuts to be paid for with

either cuts to other programs or equivalent tax increases.

If the rules are broken, the White House budget office would force automatic cuts to programs like Medicare, farm subsidies and unemployment insurance. Current rules lack such teeth and commonly have been waived over the past few years at a cost of about \$1 trillion.

Most other benefit programs — including Medicaid, Social Security and food stamps — would be exempt from such cuts, leading Republicans to charge that the new rules are just as weak.

Obama issued a statement praising passage of the statutory pay-as-you-go rules, but skipped any mention of the debt limit increase.

"It is no coincidence that

when we last had statutory paygo, during the 1990s, we turned deficits into surpluses," Obama said. "The passage of statutory paygo today will help usher out an era of irresponsibility and begin putting the country back on a fiscally sustainable path."

But Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas, said: "In place of real fiscal discipline, it offers a phony pay-as-you-go rule that is more loopholes and exceptions and does nothing to tackle our government's long-term structural deficit." Skeptics say lawmakers also will find ways around the new rules fairly easily. For example, Congress can declare some spending an "emergency" — a likely scenario for votes later this month to extend jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed.

HAITI

U.S. citizens charged with kidnapping

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Ten members of a U.S. missionary group who said they were trying to rescue 33 child victims of Haiti's devastating earthquake were charged with child kidnapping and criminal association on Thursday, their lawyer said.

Edwin Coq said after a court hearing that a judge found sufficient evidence to charge the Americans, who were arrested Friday at Haiti's border with the Dominican Republic. Coq attended Thursday's hearing and represents the entire group in Haiti.

Group leader Laura Silsby has said they were trying to take orphans and abandoned children to an orphanage in the neighboring Dominican Republic. She acknowledged they had not sought permission from Haitian officials, but said they just meant to help victims of the quake.

The children taken from the group, ranging in age from 2 to 12, were being cared for at the Austrian-run SOS Children's Village in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday.

The U.S. citizens, most of them members of an Idaho-based church group, were whisked away from the closed court hearing to jail in Port-au-Prince, the capital. Silsby waved

and smiled faintly to reporters but declined to answer questions.

Coq said that under Haiti's legal system, there won't be an open trial, but a judge will consider the evidence and could render a verdict in about three months.

Coq said a Haitian prosecutor told him the Americans were charged because they had the children in their possession. No one from the Haitian government could be reached immediately for comment.

Each kidnapping count carries a possible sentence of five to 15 years in prison. Each criminal association count has a potential sentence of three to nine years.

Rome

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tonight at 5 p.m. in Bond Hall.

"The organizing principle of the colloquium is to take an interdisciplinary look at Notre Dame's relationship to Rome," multimedia coordinator Karen Voss said.

The colloquium will assemble scholars from the School of Architecture, the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, the Department of English, the Department of Art, Art History and Design and the Department of History.

"The urbanity of Rome shows the students that all aspects of the city happen together," Professor Samir Younes said.

"The city brings people and disciplines together because the city is everything."

In her keynote address, Rowland will focus on her introduction on the value of Rome in the lives of scholars both in ancient times and today.

"Living in a city with buildings from the lives of people who lived years ago, we are able to see more philosophically how short the amount of time we live but also how long our reach is past our lives," Rowland said.

She said interdisciplinary study means being able to work more adequately as an architect.

"If you are a good architect, you are paying attention to human beings," Rowland said. "And the more you know about human beings the better you can meet their needs."

Professor Robin Rhodes described the city as a "crossroads indebted to many other cultures through commerce and conquest."

"As an archeologist, I rely on people of many different disciplines," Rhodes said. "We need not only field techniques but also the art and the architecture and the history and the languages and the literature of a given culture in order to interpret the objects being found on a dig."

The combination of all the arts and humanities present in Rome as "everybody's

business" is what truly creates an experience of well-rounded education, Younes said.

Professors Joseph Buttigieg of the Department of English and Ted Cachey of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures plan to use their presentation, titled "All Roads Lead To Rome," to focus on an emerging project called Interdisciplinary Italian Studies.

"The idea of the project is to bring together scholars whose work in some way or another is concerned with Italy," Buttigieg said. "And we have found that the range of interest spans a broad range of departments."

This program is also designed to contribute to the internationalization of Notre Dame, he said. Annual seminars in Rome for scholars will be sponsored by the University beginning next summer, and the project will invite post-doctorate and visiting scholars to spend time on Notre Dame's campus.

The eventual hope for the project is the establishment of a humanities center in Rome, Buttigieg said. While no actual plans for this forum have been made, one goal of the colloquium is to determine the dynamic of interdisciplinary study in the Eternal City.

"Another key part of this project is the initiative with the support of different faculty members and of the University to improve the resources regarding Rome in the library," Buttigieg said.

The product of Interdisciplinary Italian Studies would be "a model for collaborative research" based on a city that is an important source for education in general, he said.

Buttigieg described the city as "layered," a compilation of wide-ranging eras of history and a place for interesting study of contemporary issues such as immigration as well as antiquity.

"Rome is our history," Buttigieg said. "The legacy of this city is still what shapes our humanities."

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"The city brings people and disciplines together because the city is everything."

Samir Younes
Professor
School of Architecture

BOT

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She cited the 1997 creation of the Core Council as an example of the University's attempt to be more accepting of gay and lesbian students.

The Core Council "serves pastoral and resource needs" for gay and lesbian members of the community, but student government hopes to address "policy issues," Weber said.

Student Senate recently passed a two-part resolution to address these policy issues.

The resolution proposed establishing a task force under the leadership of the Office of Student Affairs composed of members of the Core Council, the Gender Relations Center, student government, faculty and other campus organizations.

It also encouraged the administration to add sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. Weber said student government researched non-discrimination clauses at other Catholic universities and found that they remained loyal to Church teaching while providing protection for gay and lesbian members of the community.

"It is the unanimous opinion" of the Student Senate that both changing the University's non-discrimination policy and creating a task force are necessary to make progress on accepting gay and lesbian students, faculty, and staff, Weber said.

Dissolution of Economics and Policy Studies

Students are concerned by College of Arts and Letters Dean John McGreevy's lack of transparency as he moves to dissolve the Department of Economics and Policy Studies, student government chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin said.

"The decisions were made without student input and the process was not revealed to the student body," Brellenthin said.

"It was almost as if they were hoping students weren't paying attention," he said.

Students are concerned that closing the department will narrow the economics education at Notre Dame, Brellenthin said. They are also concerned that this decision sets a precedent that students will be excluded from future academic decisions.

"Very little attention has been focused on the 400 students who are economics majors," Brellenthin said. "No efforts have been made to engage student opinion on the topic."

Schmidt said he is an economics major, but he first heard about the plans to dissolve the department from The Observer. "We weren't told about it," Schmidt said.

The dissolution of Economics and Policy Studies will be voted on at the next meeting of the Academic Council, Brellenthin, who is one of the four students who serve on the academic council, said. "We can make statements against the dissolution, and we certainly will, but it has been on the agenda to dissolve before we could put it on the agenda to discuss," he said.

Brellenthin said faculty members are also concerned about the dissolution of the department.

"They are asking what will happen if professors who teach something that isn't the mainstream theory are pushed out," he said.

"The fear is that the academic council is just going to be a rubber stamp" on McGreevy's decision to dissolve the department,



Observer File Photo

Student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber presented to the Board of Trustees Thursday.

Schmidt said.

One trustee expressed her surprise after Weber ranked the dissolution of the department as the second most critical issue for students, but the issue is about students' wanting to be respected, according to Brellenthin.

Brellenthin cited reports that McGreevy described the dissolution of the department as "too sensitive an issue for debate."

"We respect the administration and the professors as top-tier educators, but we want to be respected as top-tier students," Brellenthin said.

Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life

After the debate about the choice of President Barack Obama as the 2009 Commencement speaker because of his pro-choice stance, "student government tried to take leadership," Weber said.

Weber commended University President Fr. John Jenkins' creation of the Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life last year, but said more students should be members of the task force.

"There is only one student on the task force," she said.

The student on the task force is not officially responsible to any "University-recognized student leadership organizations" or to "existing and traditional student groups" that support pro-life causes, Weber said.

Weber commended the University for prioritizing the issue, but said it should become a larger priority.

"It's a human rights issue that should become a part of all aspects of University culture," Weber said.

Other issues addressed with BOT

Students are concerned the Notre Dame Forum was not held during the 2009-2010 academic year, Schmidt said.

"It has become an annual event, and there are a multitude of issues that students want to talk about in a formal way," he

said.

Student government is hopeful that the agenda.nd.edu calendar is redesigned by the beginning of the Fall 2010 semester, Brellenthin said. The initial date for redesigning the calendar was set for Jan. 29, but the calendar is still under construction.

"We are hopeful that that date stays on track," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said students want to be a part of the Commencement speaker selection process.

"Given the recent controversy, it's a simple and realistic request to ask that there be a student representative in this decision," he said.

He suggested the student body president and the senior class president as students who should be a part of the Commencement speaker selection process.

Pep rallies should be more student-friendly, Schmidt said. This year, "students did not go to pep rallies," he said. "Students will not go to Irish Green."

He suggested moving pep rallies to Purcell Pavillion and increasing the involvement of Hall Presidents Council in planning the rallies.

The Irish Green pep rallies were "very commercialized," Schmidt said. Students are looking for an environment that is "loud, where people are bouncing up and down," he said.

Schmidt urged the members of the Board to consider student government's positions during their meeting this week.

"We encouraged you to advocate for us if these are issues you are passionate about," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Judges rule on MySpace suspensions

PHILADELPHIA — Federal appellate judges wrestling with whether schools can discipline students for Internet speech posted offsite reached different rulings Thursday in two Pennsylvania cases.

One 3rd U.S. Circuit Court panel upheld the suspension of a Schuylkill County eighth-grader who posted sexually explicit material along with her principal's photograph on a fake MySpace page.

However, a different three-judge panel said that school officials in Mercer County cannot reach into a family's home and police the Internet. That case also involves a MySpace parody of a principal created by a student at home.

And, in dissent, a judge in the first case said his colleagues were broadening the school's authority and improperly censoring students.

"This holding vests school officials with dangerously overbroad censorship discretion," Judge Michael Chagares wrote in refusing to uphold the March 2007 suspension of a Blue Mountain Middle School student. "Neither the Supreme Court nor this Court has ever allowed schools to punish students for off-campus speech that is not school sponsored and that caused no substantial disruption at school."

Ford fixes brake problem in hybrids

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. plans to fix 17,600 Mercury Milan and Ford Fusion gas-electric hybrids because of a software problem that can give drivers the impression that the brakes have failed.

The automaker says the problem occurs in transition between two braking systems and at no time are drivers without brakes.

The decision to fix the 2010 model cars came after a test driver for Consumer Reports magazine experienced the problem as he was driving a Fusion Hybrid.

Ford spokesman Said Deep says braking power seems to drop away as the car makes a transition from regenerative brakes to the conventional system. The Ford hybrids have regenerative brakes, which capture energy from braking to help recharge the battery, in addition to a conventional system that stops the car using hydraulic pressure.

Cleaning products come clean

Environmental group Earth Justice pushes to discover ingredients of household products

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's the mystery under the kitchen sink.

Exactly what's in floor cleaner? What's stain remover made of? And what effects, if any, might they have on human health or the environment?

Environmental advocates want to know, and they asked a court Thursday to use a 1971 New York state law to force such manufacturers as Procter & Gamble and Colgate-Palmolive to reveal just what makes up such household staples as Ajax, Ivory soap and Tide.

The cleanser industry — which recently ramped up voluntary efforts to unveil product ingredients — says that the legal case is unwarranted, and that fears about health risks are misinformed.

But groups including the American Lung Association and the Sierra Club want the public to know more.

Members "want access to the information so they can determine the kind of chemicals that they are introducing into their homes and whether there are any risks associated with them," Keri Powell, an attorney for the environmental firm Earthjustice, told a state judge at a hearing Thursday.

A victory in the New York case would require companies to report their contents only to the state. But the advocates hope it will fuel nationwide reform of regulations on chemicals in cleaners and other products.

The case comes amid growing concerns about potential toxins lurking in consumer goods, from the heavy metal cadmium in jewelry to the chemical bisphenol A in baby bottles. While lawyers argued the cleaning-products case in New York, a Senate subcommittee in Washington held a hearing to examine current science on the public's exposure to toxic chemicals.

Some studies have linked



AP

The environmental group Earth Justice, who is suing top cleaning brands to come clean about their products, arranges cleaning products Woolite, Tide, and Ajax on Feb. 4 in New York.

cleaning product components to asthma, antibiotic resistance, hormone changes and other health problems. The industry's major trade group, the Soap and Detergent Association, assails the research as flawed, says the products are safe if used correctly and notes that cleaning can itself help stop the spread of disease.

Federal environmental laws don't require most household cleaning products to list their ingredients, though there are congressional proposals to change that. The Consumer Product Safety Commission requires hazard warning labels on some cleansers, and the National Institutes of Health offer some health and safety

information for hundreds of cleaning products, drawn from data gathered for industrial use.

Cleanser industry groups unveiled their own ingredient-listing initiative last month, offering information on participating manufacturers' Web sites. New York-based Colgate-Palmolive Co., Cincinnati-based Procter & Gamble Co. and several other industry heavyweights are participating.

"We think we've done it in a meaningful way that provides more information than ever before," Soap and Detergent Association spokesman Brian Sansoni said.

Environmental advocates welcome the disclosures but say they are too selective

and vague — some components can be listed simply as "fragrance" or "dye," for instance.

"We must be careful about exposures for all household chemicals," said Joseph A. Gardella Jr., a Sierra Club member from Buffalo.

The activists say only regulation can insure full disclosure, and they hope the New York law can serve as a model.

The law and subsequent regulations authorized the state Department of Environmental Conservation to make manufacturers detail household cleaning products' ingredients, as well as any company-led research on the products' health and environmental effects.

Dissolvable tobacco may appeal to kids

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The Food and Drug Administration is saying in letters to two tobacco companies that flavored, dissolvable tobacco products — that the agency compares with candy and says contain a lot of nicotine — could be particularly appealing to kids and young adults.

The FDA's Center for Tobacco Products wrote to R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., maker of Camel cigarettes, and the smaller Star Scientific Inc. on Monday voicing concern over smokeless products that are consumed like breath mints but made from finely milled tobacco.

"CTP is concerned that children and adolescents may find dissolvable tobacco products particularly appealing,

given the brightly colored packaging, candy-like appearance and easily concealable size of many of these products," Dr. Lawrence Deyton, director of the Center for Tobacco Products, told the companies.

Deyton said regulators are worried the products' nicotine content and rapid dissolution could cause nicotine dependence and addiction and be especially dangerous to children and young adults.

He asked the two best known makers of dissolvable tobacco products to provide their research and marketing information on how people under age 26 perceive and use the products.

Exercising new power to regulate tobacco that the FDA was granted in June, Deyton also requested research on misuse of the products, including

potential accidental nicotine poisoning.

Regulators also want a summary of user demographics, including at what age "tobacco-naïve consumers" start using the products.

The products are available in few markets and account for a small share of the tobacco industry.

Star Scientific, based in Petersburg, Va., markets its Ariva and Stonewall tablets in wintergreen, coffee and tobacco flavors. The first versions appeared about nine years ago.

R.J. Reynolds, which is owned by Reynolds American Inc. in Winston-Salem, N.C., is test-marketing dissolvable tablets, strips and a toothpick shape under the names Camel Orbs, Camel Strips and Camel Sticks in mint and other flavors.

Robert Bresson
French film director

In memoriam: Ralph McNerny

Dr. Ralph McNerny, Notre Dame Professor of Philosophy, scholar, poet, writer, publisher, critic, family man and friend passed away this past Friday at the age of 80.

Over a 55-year career at Our Lady's University, he wrote nearly 150 books, including a New York Times best-seller and a mystery series later adapted for NBC; taught thousands of students; directed more dissertations than any academic in Notre Dame's history; developed friendships in legion and managed to inspire, offend or impress just about everyone he encountered.

He has been and will continue to be eulogized well by his closest friends and fellow academics. One should explore these pieces — the Internet is a good place to start — to learn more of this man imbued with “an angel's wit and singular learning.”

However, as he last officially taught a course at Notre Dame in the fall of 2006, his influence has thinned among the student population to whom he devoted much of his efforts.

Please permit me, then, to share a bit of my own experience with this gracious man. While my interaction with him was limited, three aspects of

his person stand out in memory: Ralph was inspiring, he was funny and he knew fully the joys and sorrows of life.

He told me a story once about the legendary Notre Dame English Professor Frank O'Malley.

“He would take some of his students over to the University Club,” Ralph explained, “and would very nearly get them (and himself) drunk. Then, standing up, he would orate forcefully on the outstanding talents of these young men, on the way in which each would go on to make a difference in the world. These boys were nothing special, of course, but they stumbled home thinking they were. And, by golly, some of them did something about it.”

This same spirit animated Ralph. By official count, he ranks among the top 10 Professors in the United States for number of Philosophy dissertations directed. He frequently taught Directed Readings courses at the request of students in addition to his regular teaching demands. Always, the emphasis lay on the ability of the student to come to knowledge through the use of his or her own intellect properly oriented towards the Truth.

As former student and now Loyola Marymount Professor Christopher Kaczor wrote recently, “He called forth the best from us by seeing it in us before we did.”

Ralph was also, to give the simile its literal force, funny as hell.

He was concerned primarily for the Catholic Church, especially that great body of inspired truth given it by St. Thomas Aquinas. The issues to which he devoted his work were thus serious matters indeed, but always, always with an air to the humorous, “the only test of gravity,” as Aristotle observed.

I asked him once — in those quaint pre-Obama days — about Fr. Jenkins' decision regarding the Monologues.

He jumped back without missing a beat: “He turned a pornography play into World War III and spent six months trying to solve a problem his mother could have figured out in five minutes.”

His life was devoted in love to his wife Connie and their seven children. The loss of his three-year-old first-born, Michael, in 1957 and of his wife, Connie, in 2002 marked the two great tragedies of his own life.

Once, after a group dinner at the Morris Inn, he asked the waitress for a box to take the rest of his meal home. “For tomorrow night,” he explained. One could tell he missed his bride.

Yet through it all he maintained that indefatigable joie de vivre. “Wherever the Catholic Sun doth shine / There's always laughter and good red wine,” from a poem by Hilaire Belloc, were

favorite lines of his. I asked him once last year about the Gospel teaching that husband and wife are not married in heaven.

He faced me with a smile and responded, “We romantics know better.”

I had the opportunity to sit down with Professor McNerny a few times over the past couple of years. Now he reclines in memory: rounded brown tortoise shell glasses over a face punctuated by a Newport cigarette, tweed jacket with a button-down shirt, khaki pants crossed at the knee.

He is no longer with us, but, as Marvin O'Connell eulogized in a masterful homily earlier this week, “We can hedge our bets that Ralph rests now in the bosom of Abraham.”

In paradisum, deducant te Angeli ...

Tom is a Senior at Notre Dame. He recommends that you read “I Alone Have Escaped to Tell You,” the delightful autobiography of Ralph McNerny. He also recommends seeking out his book of poetry, “The Soul of Wit,” and turning to his poem entitled “Necking.” Amidst the shock and laughter, you'll have to smile. Tom can be contacted at tbounds@nd.edu The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Harmless hobby or Satan praise?

As a Catholic member of this institution, I am very surprised that The Observer prints a daily horoscope. The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states that all forms of divination are to be rejected: Recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to ‘unveil’ the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time ... They contradict the honor, respect and loving fear that we owe to God alone?

In my opinion, reading your daily horoscope can be seen as a sort of “gateway drug” into the dangerous world of fortune telling. It only takes a seemingly ‘harmless thing like this for the devil to get a toehold on you. You may think that the horoscope is just fun or amusing, but really it's a dangerous demon tool that is offensive to God. And so I beg you readers of Observer, beware! Do not tempt yourself by reading your horoscope or before long the devil will ensnare you with his demonic witchcraft!

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Thankful for Howard Zinn

Dear Mr. Brendan O'Reilly,

Your critique of the legacy of Howard Zinn was almost as biased and selective as you claim the writings of the late historian were. You say that Zinn's ‘A People's History’ constantly presents battles between the brave and courageous proletariat and that most ubiquitous of villains, the evil white male. And you're right, because that is a reoccurring theme in his book, just like it is in American history.

Zinn (who is, by the way, a white male) chronicled the plight of black slaves ruled by white landowners, women fighting for suffrage against extreme male resistance and laborers striking for decent working conditions from those ‘rich, elite’ business owners. Our nation has not been perfect — far from it. From the Trail of Tears to the the lynching era to the Vietnam War, huge injustices have been committed by elected officials and regular civilians. But glossing over these historical facts does not mean they didn't happen, and it doesn't allow us to take any lessons from them. Zinn's take on American history is not revisionist or dis-

honest — it is finally a history told from a perspective other than that of the winner's.

I think that you read ‘A People's History’ as a condemnation of America, and I will not disagree that Zinn takes issue with and protests many instances in our past. However, what you failed to recognize in your review are all of the stories of those who resisted and fought against injustice, bigotry and inequality. For every chapter on racial discrimination there was a Rosa Parks, and for every tale of political corruption, there were corresponding stories of politicians who inspired and were trusted and for all of these stories we should be thankful there was Howard Zinn, who didn't shy away from the ugly just like he didn't cover up the good. I hope that you will reread ‘A People's History’ with a less critical eye and see what a service Zinn has done.

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Son of a Pitch

I had not realized how far we, as an American society, had fallen until I read the responses to the question of the day on Monday, Feb. 1.

Reading the responses to the question of “What infomercial product would you be?” was nothing less than disheartening and quite depressing. A mop. A weight-loss program. Sham-wow. How quickly we have all forgotten the man who could actually make Americans sit there, look at the product being pitched and say, “Wow, I could use this. No, I need this!” But wait, there's more!

The epitome of products that have ever been pitched wasn't even mentioned: OxiClean! I for one, whenever I hear the word oxygen, am reminded of the awesome power that this detergent harnesses in just

one scoop. It makes your whites whiter, your brights brighter! Whenever I see someone wearing a blue-collared shirt, with a full black beard and a smile that would make even my roommate smile (his nickname is Eeyore,) I remember and give thanks for having had the privilege to have seen such a visage and hear such a heart-warming “Hi” while watching TV.

So here's to you, Billy Mays! Not everyone has forgotten you, and if I were an infomercial product, I would be proud to be OxiClean, with a second bucket of me distributed free if people call now.

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By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

Ten years ago, the word indie meant something. Contrary to popular belief, indie is not a style, sound or genre. Indie meant one thing: Independent label. Today, calling a band “indie” says there are two guitars, some poppy melodies and a thousand other bands that sound exactly like it. Almost all of the “indie” bands you listen to, be it Spoon, the Arctic Monkeys, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, or the latest blog-sphere darlings are in some way connected to Warner, EMI, Sony or Universal. Check out Paste magazine’s excellent piece on the rise and fall of indie music if you want a better understanding of the history.

As indie bands rapidly become a thing of the past, indie labels are following in their footsteps. The latest label to call it quits is the seminal rap label Definitive Jux Records. Jux



formed under the watchful eye of El-P, a New York-based producer and recording artist, to combat the exact problem we’re likely to see again soon. Major labels had bought up much of the industry talent and were pushing for over-commercialized albums. While Jux and other indie labels couldn’t compete with the large paychecks, they could offer artistic freedom.

El-P played the game damn near perfect. He was already one of the most innovative producers working, and managed to create a roster of artists with mixed established fan bases and emerging talent. Strong sales and tours from underground names like Aesop Rock, The Perceptionists and RJD2 allowed newcom-

ers such as Cannibal Ox and RJD2 to find a sound without heavy industrial influence.

Between 2001 and 2007, Definitive Jux wasn’t the loudest voice in hip hop, but it was the most important. Beginning with Cannibal Ox’s stone-cold classic *The Cold Vein*, ending with El-P’s “I’ll Sleep When You’re Dead” and including Aesop Rock’s “Bazooka Tooth” as well as MURS’ “MURS 3:16,” Jux could do no wrong. In those six years, there were upwards of 10 masterpieces put out by the

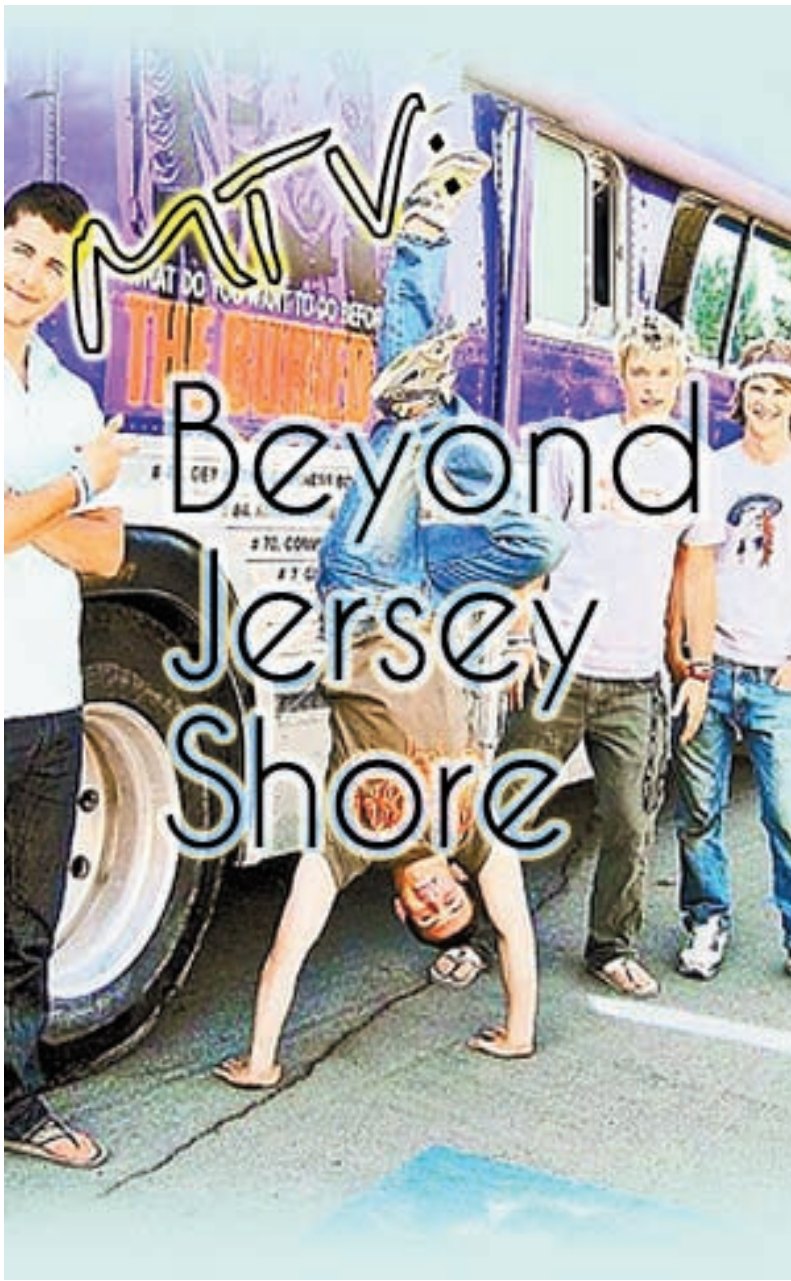
label.

Yesterday’s announcement was not surprising. Rumors have been circulating for the past year concerning the inevitable death of Jux. In 2008 and 2009, there were a total of two albums released, one from label freshman but industry veteran Del the Funky Homosapien. The press release confirmed the future release of one more album, the late Camu Tao’s “King of Hearts” but gave no more insight into the future of the other artists. Jux’s hiatus will no doubt see the emigration of the majority of its roster.

In his message to fans, “Of Hooptys and Hovercrafts,” El-P admits the troubles of a traditional label. Beyond its struggle to continue to make a steady income, EL-P points to a personal drifting away from making music as the turning point in his decision. Of course, Jux always served as an extension of El-P, and couldn’t operate in his absence, but the continued rise of music piracy and the ditching of labels by industry leaders Radiohead and Nine Inch Nails have caused label profits to fall even as artists’ pockets fatten.

Jux continues to do the best it can for its loyalist fans, keeping their Web site running, providing some show support and continuing to print the back catalogue. There’s no doubt the bigger orphaned talent will find new labels to support their music habit; lesser names may be left out in the cold. For fans of indie hip hop, Rhymesayers continues to market in intelligent Midwest rap, but Stone’s Throw has largely floundered without the late Jay Dilla. It’s a dark day for music, one best accompanied by a moody EL-P track.

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By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

The show begins each week with a slow reading of, “What would YOU like to do before you die?” The concept is universal, at some point everyone will die; yet it remains up to each individual to make the most of the time they are given. “The Buried Life” follows four individuals in their mid-20s trying to do just this. Ben, the leader of the group, felt that it was important to give their lives direction. Pretty darn existential for an MTV show. As a team they created a list of 100 things to do collectively and the show simply follows them as they try to accomplish what they want most out of life.

The first episode featured the group attempting to sneak into the Playboy Mansion. Of course they managed to find the most difficult way to go about doing this. Two of the four manage to do this only because they were willing to sit inside of a cake for seven hours dressed as oompa loompas. This may not have been a smart choice for a first episode simply because it would appear that not many women would like to sneak into the Playboy Mansion. In fact women could probably enter dressed as noth-

ing (or in nothing) in particular. This episode may not have showcased the best aspects of the project, but it still gave viewers the general idea.

The Playboy Mansion fiasco was then followed by the boys making a toast and asking out the girl of their dreams, Megan Fox. This was not necessarily the most original choice for “the girl of your dreams” but to each his own. The main problem with Ben choosing Megan Fox as the girl of his dreams is that it showed nothing about the guys in the show. It would have been much more meaningful had one of them chosen a girl from their past. Wishful thinking.

The interesting thing about “The Buried Life” is that it isn’t just a show. It is most accurately described as a project. These four bros have been attempting to fulfill their wildest dreams since 2006. This would definitely make it difficult to complete task 11, get a college degree, but honestly 99/100 isn’t that



bad.

The best part of the entire project is the fact that for each thing they complete on their list, they help someone else do something they want to do in their life. Everyone they talk to has an amazing story and the fact that they were able to help people they just met is so powerful. While it is compelling to watch these four guys do some of the craziest things ever, it is even more fascinating to see them help with the most basic goals.

In the first episode the group raises money by performing on the street to help provide a poor school with a working computer. They went to the school to simply talk with the kids about following their dreams and setting goals for things to do before they die, and they came back the next day with a brand new Apple desktop computer. The reactions of the little kids were priceless. They all started screaming and it was the most triumphant moment of the show.

The real reason to watch the show is not to see a bunch of 20-something men goof off; it’s to see the sincere reactions of the people they help. As far as MTV shows are concerned, “The Buried Life” goes beyond what may be expected from the network that brought you “The Jersey Shore.”

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



Catherine Soler *president*

vice president Andrew Bell



Presidential candidate Catherine Soler, left, and candidate for vice president Andrew Bell emphasize their plan to install a rental textbook system in the Bookstore.

PAT COVENEY/The Observer

“Common ground.
Uncommon vision.”

Who They Are

Presidential candidate Soler, a sophomore from Farley Hall, is an accounting major and vice presidential candidate Bell is a sophomore business major from Knott Hall. Soler is currently sophomore class president and Bell serves on Student Senate.

In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Soler and Bell plan on creating a rental program for textbooks in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

“You will be able to rent bigger textbooks for \$40 instead of buying them for \$100 and selling them back for \$30,” Soler said.

◆ **First Priority:** The ticket hopes to hold a block party in Eddy Street Commons to unite the outside community, off-campus students and students living on campus.

“We see Eddy Street Commons as the first step off campus,” Bell said.

In Our Words

◆ **Best Idea:** Revamping the DeBartolo lounge. Although they said a café cannot be added to the building, Soler and Bell hope to refurbish the current lounge near the computer lab to make it more comfortable for students by adding healthier vending options and possibly a coffee machine.

◆ **Worst Idea:** Creating a hall alcohol commissioner whose responsibility is to be an informed resource in the dorm for students to approach about these issues and also to contact in case of an emergency. The Resident Assistants in each dormitory are already trained

to do this job, so the creation of a commissioner seems redundant.

◆ **Most Feasible:** Instating a rental textbook program in the Bookstore. Follett already offers this program to 27 colleges and universities, and the ticket has already had discussions on the topic with officials from Follett and the Bookstore. Since the program already exists, the duo’s only challenge is bringing it to Notre Dame.

◆ **Least Feasible:** Instating The Good Samaritan Policy or a medical amnesty policy for students helping others in dangerous situations involving alcohol. Past student government administrations have worked to create a change like The Good Samaritan Policy but have not been successful.

◆ **Fun Facts:** Soler is a proud vegetarian but says she has a weakness for chocolate and Bell is a big fan of attending Drummer’s Circle.

◆ **Notable Quote:** “We have a lot of food initiatives on our platform.” — Soler

Bottom Line

Soler and Bell demonstrate well-researched ideas that will benefit the student body. Most are simple enough to achieve, like the Eddy Street Commons block party, but some are broad and vague, such as the work they plan to do with the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education and their hunger initiative. They have also said they will continue the weekend Transpo route — a popular initiative to come out of this year’s administration.

Peter Ledet *president*

vice president Gabe Alvare

Who They Are

Zahm’s perennial farcical ticket is headed this year by freshmen Peter Ledet and Gabe Alvare. While most of the student body has already written the dynamic duo off, Ledet said he wants people to know that he’s “serial” about student government.

“We want to bring good things to campus,” he said. “Power to the people.”

In Their Words

◆ **Top Priority:** Ledet and Alvare said they would like to create a feudal caste system upon taking office, whereby all Notre Dame students would be divided into four classes — serfs, warriors, nobles and kings. Alvare said he and Ledet would rule over this system as emperor and vice emperor from their royal tree house.

“We need our own little secluded place where we can do things,” Alvare said. “And of course, no girls allowed.”

◆ **First Priority:** Ledet and Alvare said they would like to start a program to get more students involved in extracurricular activities in order to boost morale around campus. Alvare said he would like to use the Golden Dome as the symbolic rallying point for this initiative.

“We want people to come here and say, ‘I love Notre Dame. That Dome was awesome,’” he said.

In our words

◆ **Best idea:** Abolishing Student Senate and replacing it with the Knights of the Round Table.

◆ **Worst idea:** Mandatory weekly weigh-ins for all Notre Dame female students at the “Flirty Girl

Fitness center,” which would replace Stepan Center. While finding new uses for Stepan should be encouraged, Ledet and Alvare’s idea is sexist and insensitive.

◆ **Most feasible idea:** None

◆ **Least feasible idea:** The placement of 18-foot-tall milk chocolate statues of themselves and cultural icons around campus, which the candidates claim would be eco-friendly and provide a food source for hungry animals.

◆ **Fun Facts:** Both Ledet and Alvare showed up for the interview wearing high top Nikes, which they said were worn to show The Observer that their fashion sense far surpasses that of the other candidates. They also said they have significant experience with the University’s alcohol assessment program.

◆ **Quote:** “It’s dark, scary and they make you wear funny costumes to put on musicals,” Ledet, talking about his experience at alcohol assessment.

Bottom Line

While Ledet and Alvare really have no chance of winning, the candidates do provide a nice break from the usual uptightness of student government. The one major issue that should actually be of concern to the student body is that the pair frequently crosses the line from funny to offensive, and many of their ideas are extremely sexist. While candidates running on a “joke” platform aren’t very harmful and can actually be quite funny, the student body president election should not be turned into a forum for people to voice offensive ideas, even if they are only meant as jokes.



Vice presidential candidate Gabe Alvare, left, and president candidate Peter Ledet hope to build a tree house for the men of Notre Dame to use.

PAT COVENEY/The Observer

“We want people to come here and say,
‘I love Notre Dame.
That Dome was awesome.’”

Eras Noel *president*

vice president Julian Corona

Who They Are
Junior Eras Noel lives in Siegfried Hall and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Design. Noel's vice presidential candidate, Julian Corona, is a junior Electrical and Mechanical Engineering major. He lives in St. Edwards Hall.

In Their Words:
♦ **Top Priority:** A series called "Perspectives," where a professor will lead a discussion with students in his area of expertise about a topic of the week, or topic of the month.
"We'll talk about gay marriage, abortion, the death penalty," Noel said. "It helps us to grow as a student community and as individuals."
♦ **First Priority:** The ticket wants to get the Flex Points system instated at Eddy Street Commons. They have already spoken with the owner of Five Guys and have meetings scheduled with Food Services.

In Our Words:
♦ **Best Idea:** Hot Grab-and-Go options. Noel wants students to be able to go into the dining hall and fill a box with food. "Two sides, and then main platter," Noel said. "And that would cost maybe five of your seven Grab and Go points and then you'd have two left over for water or a snack or food."
♦ **Worst Idea:** While allowing flex points to be used in Eddy Street would appeal to students, it is not feasible. But the ticket has cited this platform as a main focus of the campaign.

♦ **Most Feasible:** The idea for the "Perspectives" series would be most feasible because increasing intellectual debate on campus is already a concern of some administrators and faculty. "Perspectives" would need minimal help from the University to get accomplished, and they shouldn't have a problem getting the support they need.
♦ **Least Feasible:** Installing the Flex Points system at Eddy Street Commons is a great idea in theory but coordinating the monetary transfer between the University and the businesses in Eddy Street Commons would be difficult. Past student government administrations have tried this without success.
♦ **Fun Facts:** Noel was a member of the football team when they won the Hawaii Bowl in 2008.
♦ **Notable Quote:** "If you see something that needs to be changed and you have the opportunity to change it, then you should take advantage of the opportunity," Noel said, on why he wants to run for student body president.

Bottom Line
Noel and Corona have a grasp of what the student body wants, and what it needs. Flex points at Eddy Street Commons and Hot Grab n' Go options would be immensely popular if accomplished. Noel and Corona seem to have clear goals and the drive to accomplish these goals, but the lack of experience in student government may hinder them. Also, the duo only has three platforms listed on their site, something they should work to expand.



Candidate for vice president Julian Corona, left, and presidential candidate Eras Noel want to bring flex points to Eddy Street Commons.

"A New Perspective."

General Elections Schedule

General Elections
Monday, Feb. 8th: 8am – 8pm

Run-off Debate If Necessary
Wednesday, Feb. 10

Run-off Elections:
Thursday, Feb. 11th: 8am – 8pm

The Observer endorses Soler-Bell ticket

After interviewing the three tickets running for student body president and vice president, The Observer Editorial Board endorses sophomores Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell.

The Soler-Bell platform offers the student body several exciting opportunities for improving student life and safety, as well as community relations. Their most feasible initiative, implementing a textbook rental system in the Bookstore, is not original: Follett has piloted such a program at more than 20 other colleges and universities. However, because the rental system functions at other schools, The Observer has high hopes that Soler-Bell can make the program a reality at Notre Dame.

One of the reasons for this rental system, besides saving

money, is to “save the environment,” Soler told The Observer. This isn’t the only altruistic thing on their platform — Soler-Bell said they would continue the efforts of current student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber to get the student body involved in “something bigger.” Soler and Bell’s idea is an initiative to fight global hunger. While this pitch is lofty and vague, it is an admirable effort.

Junior candidates Eras Noel and Julian Corona also have an initiative to unite the student body in a common purpose with their “Perspectives” series, which, if successful, would prompt debate and discussion among students and faculty about

intellectual issues. These candidates also focus on improving Grab ‘n Go and extending Flex Point use off campus, both of which are important but less feasible goals.

The Soler-Bell platform likewise addresses food conveniences as several of their ideas involve student meal plans and food options. They’ve done their research on the possibilities of off-campus discounts, and their idea to solicit and publicize discounts available with a Notre Dame student ID card would provide more student business for local merchants while encouraging students to interact with the community and contribute to the local economy.

The interaction wouldn’t stop

at a restaurant with Soler-Bell: the ticket also wants to hold a block party at Eddy Street Commons to bring the community together. This would be a beneficial opportunity to utilize the new “college town” as a place of interaction and get to know our South Bend neighbors. Their proposed “Good Neighbor” series could help students living off campus be better neighbors and make a positive impact on their neighborhoods.

Their initiative to revamp the DeBartolo lounge also shows promise and is something that would be appreciated by the majority of the student body.

Safety on and off campus is a concern with Soler-Bell, and they’ve demonstrated their dedication to student safety in their meetings with Notre Dame Security Police. Their primary concern regarding

safety seems to be center on alcohol consumption. While this is one side of student health and safety, preventing violence toward students and keeping students physically safe on and off campus is an important and crucial issue for Notre Dame students, especially in light of recent assaults. The Observer would hope Soler-Bell would make this a top priority, and think of new ways to help keep students safe.

Soler-Bell’s experience in student government — Soler is currently sophomore class president and Bell serves on Student Senate — will allow them an easy transition to the offices of student body president and vice president. Their initiatives are thoroughly researched and can make a positive impact on the Notre Dame community.

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Soler & Bell

Their campaign features a block party at Eddy Street Commons and a South Bend street fair for students and community members.

They hope to offer a rental textbook system in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and revamp the DeBartolo lounge.

The duo has vowed to continue the weekend Transpo route to ensure safe transportation off campus and they want to work with the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education to offer students solutions in dangerous situations involving alcohol.

Soler and Bell are veteran members of student government but seem to have a good grasp on what the student body wants and needs.



Ledet & Alvare

They don’t address this issue in their platform.

They want to build a tree house for males to go and drink juice boxes and eat lunchables, only of the pizza and nacho variety.

Ledet and Alvare hope to lower alcohol violations by forming a University-sponsored alcohol assessment in which students are supplied with alcohol to test their limits.

The ticket assures the student body they are “super serial” candidates but their self-proclaimed titles of emperor and vice emperor are somewhat condescending.



Noel & Corona

They do not address community relations in their campaign platform, but their “Prospectives” proposal will create dialogue between professors and students outside of the classroom.

The ticket pledges to work to create a system where students could use flex points in Eddy Street Commons.

Noel and Alvare said they will work with Notre Dame Security Police and local law enforcement to foster a safer community for students.

Noel and Corona are running with the slogan, “A New Perspective.” As outsiders, they have the opportunity to bring fresh ideas to student government.

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By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

A few years back I heard a story about a mysterious occurrence in Japan that was tied to a film once slated for release but immediately banned after only a couple of test screenings. I never learned the name of the film nor do I know any details about its plot, but what's important about this particular film is the rather perplexing, or horrifying to be more precise, effect that it had on some members of the few audiences unlucky enough to see it. For you see, as I was told, following the film there happened a string of suicides that were committed largely without clear motives. The individuals who took their own lives were then somehow linked back to being members of that same test audience, which then raised alarms about the film. It's unclear just how much of an effect the film actually had on those individuals or the others who saw it and then admitted to suffering from depression and/or thoughts of suicide afterwards, and until recently, I always thought it rather foolish that a mere film could have that kind of impact on a person. I don't know what was in that film that so dramatically scarred those individuals and then propelled them to commit the unspeakable acts that they committed, and until recently it never really made any sense.

Lars von Trier's bare-as-bones, free-fall into the confines of human suffering and madness, "Antichrist," is the film that finally opened my eyes to the true visceral power of film—its naked ability to at once unnerve an

audience, abandon it, get under the skin and stay there, and then tear at one's insides until the mind and soul can't take it and all that's left are scars of an ultimately terrifying experience. This is the first film I've ever seen that I will not only recommend but near implore you not to see. You either won't understand it (which is the best-case scenario), walk out in disgust, or worst of all, get sucked into it to the point that you feel it going on in and around you, until, at a certain point, it becomes too much to bare.

For those of you who have seen this film or who've heard the rather grand tales about it, I will caution you right now by saying these words: ejaculated blood and severed clitoris. This is no "Saw," and I don't think it necessary to explain the obvious reasons why, but at second glance, it's not the gore that will unnerve you here. From my own experience I might never for the life of me explain what I felt the first time I saw this film in that small cramped theater, and I won't because I don't want to revisit it, but I know that some part of me not as a critic but as a human being was left broken by what I saw.

"Antichrist" is entirely von Trier's story. The product of its admittedly then-chronically depressed filmmaker, the film is the tale of a couple, He and She, who tragically lose their son one night when he falls to his death out of an open window as the couple has sex in the other room. It's the themes of sex, as violent and downright disgusting as it gets, and loss, the landscape on which this film is set, that go on to dictate much of the film's four chapters which chronicle loss and

how we deal with it. But where the film truly takes its dive is at an unnamed, almost unidentifiable point, where suddenly the co-stars (Charlotte Gainsbourg and Willem Dafoe) begin to give their entire selves unto von Trier's uncompromisingly and unapologetically bleak view of human nature. It's Gainsbourg though who goes way beyond where any actress should, capturing the true essence of suffering, and it's through her performance that von Trier pushes forth not only the film's brilliance but the essence of what makes this trip into Eden so unbearable.

To explain "Antichrist" is to take a trip back to Eden that opens up wounds on the self, better left alone. To understand "Antichrist" is a trip in and of itself, for the film, especially towards its end, takes a turn for the utterly perplexing. To see "Antichrist"—to actually see it and not merely watch it—is an experience better left for only those truly able and brave enough to understand von Trier as he projects himself in this film. For all else, it is an experience best left not experienced.

I once heard someone say that the best way to keep from feeling both the worst and the best of what life throws your way is to "don't play it for real, until it gets real." "Antichrist" is a nightmare of a film. It's the kind of film that crosses over into the very rare and almost uncharted territory of being truly affecting art — art that at once will (if you play it for real) unnerve and bewilder you and, at its end, leave you utterly broken.

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"Antichrist"

Directed By: Lars von Trier
Writer: Lars von Trier
Release Date: May 20, 2009
Starring: Willem Dafoe, Charlotte Gainsbourg



NFL

NFLPA chief claims 2011 lockout inevitable

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The question to DeMaurice Smith was simple, coming from Cincinnati receiver Chad Ochocinco, asking how serious he viewed the possibility of football not being played in 2011.

Smith did not hesitate.

“On a scale of 1 to 10,” Smith said Thursday, “it’s a 14.”

With that, the executive director of the NFL Players Association painted perhaps the bleakest picture yet regarding prospects of labor strife in the league, which could be looking at a 2010 season with no salary cap and, if the collective bargaining agreement expires as scheduled in March 2011, a lockout that year.

“I keep coming back to an economic model in America that is unparalleled,” said Smith, who often repeated phrases for emphasis. “And that makes it incredibly difficult to then come to players and say, on average, each of you needs to take a \$340,000 pay cut to save the National Football League. Tough sell. Tough sell.”

Smith said the NFL would receive \$5 billion from its network television deals even if no games are played in 2011. He regarded that as proof owners are preparing for a lockout.

“Has any one of the prior deals included \$5 billion to not play football?” Smith asked, referring to previous contracts that were extended or redone. “The answer’s no.”

Some of Smith’s nearly hour-long question-and-answer session during Super Bowl week was spent reiterating past claims, such as team values increasing “almost 500 percent” over the last 15 years. There was also a call to have all 32 NFL teams open their books to show who was losing money and how much.

Smith also said he wanted teams to contribute what, ultimately, would be millions into what he called “a legacy fund” that would better support retired players.

Most of his focus, however, was on getting a new CBA.

“I really and truly in my heart believe we’ll get a deal done,” NFLPA president Kevin Mawae said. “But there’s going to have to be some give and some take and not just taking from one side all the way.”

The league’s response, in part, said that teams like the Green Bay Packers— whose audited financial statements are the only ones the union said it has seen — have had a 40 percent decline in profits.

“In most businesses, that would be a serious cause for concern,” said Jeff Pash, the NFL’s executive vice president and chief counsel.

“It would indicate a serious issue that has to be dealt with. You look at your single largest expense, which is player costs.”

Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning(notes), whom the Colts are planning to soon give a new contract that would make him the league’s highest-paid player, acknowledged that he has concerns.

“I think as a player, I feel we have a pretty good thing going right now in the NFL,” Manning said Thursday. “It would a shame for something to have to change along those lines. I understand kind of like when a player is holding out or a player contract, there is a business side of this that can be tough. It is not always pretty.”

Smith said the latest NFL offer to the players would reduce their share to 41 percent of applied revenues from about 59 percent. He emphasized that the teams take \$1 billion off the top of the estimated \$8 billion the league generates.

Pash argued that the \$1 billion reflects actual costs incurred, money “invested in things like NFL Network, NFL.com, putting games on overseas, all of which is intended to and has in fact had the effect of generating substantial additional revenues, 50 percent of which go to NFL players. And the union knows that’s true, because the union has absolute rights to audit those expenses.”

Echoing NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, Pash said Smith’s assertion that players are being asked to accept an 18 percent pay cut—the \$340,000 per-player-average figure—was among the “misrepresentations of what our proposal is.”

“We have never said it would result in players having to take a reduction,” Pash said. “The entire point here is to generate a pool of resources to have continued investment and continued growth, which would lead to higher salaries and benefits for players.”

For now, some players say they’re bracing for issues. Mawae said he even has recommended players save 25 percent of their salary next season “in the event of a lockout,” though he noted “we can’t make all 1,900 players save their money.”

“We’ve told them, ‘Don’t go out and buy a new boat. Don’t go out and buy a new car. Pay off whatever debts you have,’” said Jeff Saturday of the Indianapolis Colts. “These are things we’ve been learning from history.”

Smith and Mawae said that if next season goes forward with no salary cap, it would be highly unlikely to have a new CBA with a cap reinstated.

“Virtually impossible,” Smith said.

NBA

Dunleavy resigns as coach

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mike Dunleavy stepped down as the Los Angeles Clippers’ head coach Thursday, retaining his job as general manager.

Assistant coach Kim Hughes will be the interim replacement for Dunleavy, who has led the Clippers to just one winning season since taking over the star-crossed franchise in 2003.

The Clippers abruptly announced the moves in an afternoon news release, saying the decision was voluntary and mutual. Los Angeles (21-28) has lost five of six heading into Saturday’s home game against San Antonio, with another once-promising season in danger of slipping away.

“It just seems clear that the team needs a fresh voice, and we hope that our players will respond in a positive way,” Clippers president Andy Roeser said in a statement.

Despite a talented roster including Baron Davis, Chris Kaman, Eric Gordon and Marcus Camby, the Clippers are in 12th place in the Western Conference. Los Angeles dropped a season-worst seven games under .500 with six losses on a just-completed eight-game road trip.

Perhaps the Clippers Curse has a bit to do with it as well: Blake Griffin, the No. 1 overall pick in last summer’s draft, will miss the entire season after breaking his kneecap in Los Angeles’ final preseason game.

Dunleavy, who said he had “several conversations” recently with owner Donald Sterling about the Clippers’ direction, is the winningest coach in franchise history—admittedly not a high bar to clear on a team with just two winning seasons in 30 years and only one playoff series victory since moving to Los Angeles in 1984.

“I’ve come to the conclusion that this is the ideal time for me to direct my efforts toward the many personnel opportunities that lie before us, such as the trade market, the draft and the free agent process,” said



AP
Mike Dunleavy will no longer be the Clippers’ head coach but will continue as general manager for the struggling franchise.

Dunleavy, who added GM duties to his coaching responsibilities in 2008. “We fully expect to be active and productive on all those fronts.”

Hughes, a former ABA and NBA player who has never been a head coach, has been Dunleavy’s assistant since the start in Los Angeles. He spent several years on the Nuggets’ bench before joining the Clippers, and has been a scout in Denver and Milwaukee.

Dunleavy was 215-325 in 6 1/2 seasons on the bench, and Los Angeles made the playoffs just once in his first six seasons, getting within one game of the Western Conference finals in 2006. The Clippers haven’t been back to the playoffs since, winning just 42 games in the past two seasons.

Dunleavy played for Philadelphia, Houston, San Antonio and Milwaukee during his career, but the Brooklyn native’s entire coaching career has been downhill from his debut season with the Los Angeles Lakers in 1990-91, when he

reached the NBA finals. After just two seasons with the Lakers, he coached four losing seasons in Milwaukee before a moderately successful four-season run with the Portland Trail Blazers.

After hiring Dunleavy in 2003, the much-criticized Sterling showed considerable patience, extending the coach’s contract through 2011 after that sole playoff run—and even sticking with him through the Clippers’ 19-63 misery of a 2008-09 season.

Dunleavy’s record as a personnel executive is actually fairly solid, which made his failures as the Clippers’ coach even more glaring. He replaced Elgin Baylor as the Clippers’ top basketball executive before last season, uprooting Baylor from a job he had held since 1986.

Despite adding Rasual Butler and Craig Smith to a well-stocked roster that still should have ample salary cap space to sign a major free agent this summer, the Clippers have struggled even to reach .500 this season.

“As we approach the trade deadline, the NBA draft and the upcoming free agent period, our team is very well-positioned from a salary cap standpoint,” Roeser said. “Mike’s experienced input will be vitally important as we continue to develop our young talented nucleus and shape our team’s future.”

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“As you know I have always been more afraid of a peace offer than of an air raid.”

JP, I really hope you got that paper done.

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Harry: “Yeah I called her up, she gave me a bunch of crap about me not listening to her, or something, I don’t know, I wasn’t really paying attention.”

“Last time I looked in the dictionary, my name’s Ron Burgundy. What’s your name?”

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“I’m just a big hairy American winning machine, you know?”

“This sticker is dangerous and inconvenient, but I do love Fig Newtons.”

“Dear 8 pounds 6 ounces...new born infant Jesus, don’t even know a word yet.”

“Have you ever wondered if there was more to life, other than being really, really, ridiculously good looking?”

“Your voice is like a combination of Fergie and Jesus.”

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NCAA BASKETBALL



Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, one of the most heralded college basketball coaches of all time, is in favor expanding the NCAA Tournament, he said Thursday.

NCAA discusses expanding from 65-team field

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The NCAA has met with conference commissioners, university presidents and athletic directors about the possibility of expanding the men's basketball tournament.

So far it's slow going. The NCAA started talking about expansion in the fall, along with numerous topics in all 88 championships, and hasn't gotten past the discussion stage.

"It's still a work in progress, so there's no further developments or status from (the fall)," NCAA senior vice president Greg Shaheen said. "It's just a series of ongoing dialogues

with interested parties, but nothing definitive to even analyze at this point."

It certainly hasn't stopped the conversation.

Many coaches and administrators like the idea of expansion and believe its a necessary step to accommodate a growing game. There are more teams than ever — 347 in Division I — more depth in the bigger conferences and more talent at the mid-major level.

Whether it's increasing the tournament field to 68 (four play-in games instead of one) or enveloping the NIT to make it a 96-team field, more teams are bound to add up to more excitement, the thinking

goes.

"If you're talking about adding more teams, I don't think the games would change a bit," Texas Tech coach Pat Knight said. "They'd be just as competitive and I think you'd see more Cinderella stories, more teams people didn't think had a chance and there'd be a lot more upsets if the NCAA expanded the tournament."

Another argument is that a larger field would give teams from smaller conferences a better chance of getting in. Giving automatic bids to the regular-season and conference tournament champions would reward consistency while still allowing for surprise.

"That would add more relevance to the regular season, instead of just having big games being bracket busters and things like that," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "I could see it going to 96, but if they do, I would like to see the regular season champs rewarded. That would give the conferences who don't get more than one bid a chance to have two bids."

In the current format, 18 percent of the teams get into the NCAA tournament and another 9 percent receive invites to the NIT. By comparison, 53 percent of NHL and NBA teams get into the playoffs, 37 percent in the NFL and 26 percent in baseball.

IN BRIEF

Kobe Bryant misses practice because of sore ankle

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant has skipped practice with the Los Angeles Lakers to rest his sore left ankle.

The Lakers will wait until game time Friday night to decide whether Bryant will play against the Denver Nuggets.

Bryant received treatment on his ankle Thursday after aggravating his injury during Wednesday night's victory over Charlotte when teammate Lamar Odom stepped on his foot. Bryant originally sprained his ankle in Philadelphia last week.

Bryant scored a season-low five points on 2-for-12 shooting against the Bobcats.

He has been bothered by injuries throughout the season, most notably breaking a finger on his shooting hand. Yet Bryant, the NBA's fourth-leading scorer, still hasn't missed a game.

Tomlinson beleives he's finished as a Charger

SAN DIEGO — LaDainian Tomlinson says he believes he has played his last game in a San Diego Charger uniform.

The running back told The San Diego Union-Tribune on Thursday that he has thought for a while he would be let go by the Chargers.

His comments come after more than a month of saying he did not know what would happen.

The NFL's most valuable player in 2006 has two years remaining on his contract. He is due a \$2 million roster bonus March 5 and would be paid \$5 million in total salary in 2010.

Tomlinson tells the newspaper he doesn't know when the Chargers will release him and that his agent, Tom Condon, might call the club to expedite the process.

Tomlinson has become one of the most beloved athletes in San Diego history during a nine-year career.

Source: Mariners, Bedard closing in on a deal

SEATTLE — A person with knowledge of the negotiations tells The Associated Press that the Seattle Mariners and left-handed pitcher Erik Bedard are getting close to a one-year contract, pending a physical.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday to the AP. To this point, the Mariners have remained silent on the issue, and have made no public announcement of a deal.

The former Baltimore Orioles ace has been in his native Canada rehabilitating from surgery in August to repair a torn labrum in his pitching shoulder.

Mariners trainer Rick Griffin said last week that the 30-year-old Bedard felt good while throwing. Griffin said Bedard has three-to-five months left of rehabilitation before he would be back at full strength.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Edwards leaves UF for Bills' DC position

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — George Edwards' tenure as the Florida Gators defensive coordinator sure didn't last long.

Less than a month after joining Urban Meyer's staff, Edwards left one of the nation's top college programs Thursday to become the Buffalo Bills' defensive coordinator, reuniting him with newly hired head coach Chan Gailey.

"I feel like this is a great opportunity for me to come in and have a chance to work with coach Gailey again," Edwards said in a release issued by the Bills. "I am excited to have the opportunity to come to Buffalo and look forward to getting started as quickly as possible."

Edwards has 19 years of coaching experience, including 12 in the NFL. He broke into the NFL with Dallas in 1998 as a linebackers coach as part of Gailey's first staff.

Edwards' abrupt about-face came 27 days after he was hired by Florida, and a day after the Gators unveiled what most recruiting analysts rated as the top recruiting class in the country.

With Meyer beginning a leave of absence, team spokesman Steve McClain said interim coach Steve Addazio will coordinate replacing Edwards.

Florida could promote Chuck Heater, who was named the team's co-defensive coordinator when Edwards was hired last month.

Although Edwards had been at Florida for four weeks, he wasn't very involved in the team's recruiting efforts that brought in three of the top defensive linemen in the country.

Gailey touted Edwards for bringing "a wealth of experience," and for his familiarity with numerous defensive schemes.

Edwards spent the past five seasons as the Miami Dolphins' linebackers coach, and previously spent two seasons with Washington, including the 2003 campaign as the Redskins' defensive coordinator.

Edwards immediately announced his intention to change the Bills defense from a 4-3 scheme (four linemen and three linebackers) to a 3-4.

"We will start from a 3-4 alignment," he said. "We're not going to give anything away about exactly what we'll do, but personnel will dictate what you can and what you can't do."

The Bills were the only AFC East team to play a 4-3

defense last season.

Personnel will be a question as Buffalo's defensive line is relatively undersized and lacks a true run-stuffing nose tackle, a key part of a 3-4 scheme.

Defensive tackle Marcus Stroud previously expressed concerns about how he would fit in a 3-4 scheme.

"I can't play nose (tackle), but I could adapt to that. But I don't want to," Stroud said last month as Bills players cleaned out their lockers a day after closing the season with a 6-10 record. Stroud added that he's open to playing any scheme so long as he's on the field.

Stroud is at least familiar with Edwards, who was the defensive line coach at Georgia in 1997 during Stroud's freshman season.

The move to a 3-4 likely would lead to defensive end Aaron Maybin making the switch to linebacker, a position better suited for his 6-foot-4, 250-pound frame. Used mostly as a backup defensive end last season, the rookie first-round draft pick struggled against heftier offensive linemen.

Another question is the status of the Bills' leading pass-rusher, Aaron Schobel, who continues to contemplate retirement. Schobel told The Associated Press on Thursday that he's still weighing his options and hopes to reach a decision within the next month.

Schobel said he's put his Buffalo-area home up for sale, but only because he intends to relocate his family permanently to his native Texas. If he returns to play for Buffalo next season, Schobel said he intends to rent.

At 32, Schobel completed his ninth season with the Bills and has four years left on a \$50.5 million contract extension he signed before the 2007 season.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Duke defeats Georgia Tech

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Kyle Singler went to the bench and clutched his banged-up right wrist. Then he came back onto the court, rattled in a 3-pointer to beat the halftime buzzer and kept making those long-range shots during the second half.

That pesky wrist injury certainly couldn't slow the Duke star. Georgia Tech's defense didn't stand a chance, either.

Singler had career highs of 30 points and eight 3-pointers to lead the 10th-ranked Blue Devils past the 21st-ranked Yellow Jackets 86-67 on Thursday night.

"I just got into a rhythm," Singler said. "I took open shots ... and started knocking them down."

Jon Scheyer added 21 points for Duke (18-4, 6-2), which was strong inside and outside—hitting nearly 67 percent of its 3s and dominating Georgia Tech's foul-plagued front line. Duke held a 40-32 rebounding edge and remained atop the Atlantic Coast Conference by claiming an easy win in a matchup of the league's only ranked teams.

"In this type of game," coach Mike Krzyzewski said, "it's a spectacular shooting performance."

Zachery Peacock scored the Yellow Jackets' first 11 points, but was shut out after that. Leading scorers Gani Lawal and Derrick Favors were in foul trouble all night for Georgia Tech (16-6, 4-4), even though coach Paul Hewitt refused to use that as an excuse.

"I don't think the fouls had anything to do with anything," Hewitt said. "We had three days to prepare. I was sure we were ready. We spent more time preparing for them than we did anybody this year, and obviously, it didn't do any good."

Nolan Smith had 14 points for Duke, which led by double figures for the entire second half in bouncing back from an embarrassingly lopsided loss at Georgetown and avenging last month's 71-67 loss to Georgia Tech.

"We wouldn't be 18-4 unless we played really well," Krzyzewski said. "We've had a couple of poor games, and we're not going to define ourselves by a poor game. We're going to define ourselves by the full body of work, and we're just in a situation where a lot of people like to define us by whatever we don't do well. Our kids have done a lot really well, and tonight, they even did it a little bit better."

The Blue Devils shot nearly 45 percent against the nation's fourth-best field-goal percentage defense, and Singler—who was just 2 for 13 in that defeat in Atlanta—was the main beneficiary of a newly installed motion offense designed to give him the freedom to create open looks for himself.

He finished 8 for 10 from 3-point range, scored 20 points in the final 20 minutes and shook off that sprained wrist on his shooting hand to lead the way in a dominating second half that carried the Blue



Lance Thomas (left) of Duke fights for possession with Georgia Tech's D'Andre Bell during Duke's victory Thursday night.

Devils to their 15th straight win at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"Kyle Singler made us pay, big time," Hewitt said.

Duke was a late Georgia Tech free throw away from its 11th 20-point win at home this season, and entered outscoring its visitors by an average of 28.9 points.

Singler hit his first three 3s of the second half to help push Duke's lead well into the teens. Then, he helped the Blue Devils take their first 20-point lead when he took off downcourt after his steal and dumped a behind-the-back pass to Smith, whose layup attempt was swatted away on the rim and Brian Oliver was called for goaltending to make it 63-43 with 11 1/2 minutes left.

"We didn't do a good job of staying poised," Lawal said.

"We got rattled a little bit."

Duke's three S's—Singler, Scheyer and Smith—entered as the nation's most productive scoring trio, averaging 53 points, and they were simply too much for a talented but young Georgia Tech team.

Lawal picked up two fouls in the first 33 seconds and played just 16 minutes; he and Favors logged six minutes apiece in the first half. Duke was in the double-bonus 10 minutes into the game—prime position for the nation's top free-throw-shooting team—and made 24 of 36 attempts from the line.

"They're our two big men and our two people who draw a lot of attention in the middle," Peacock said of Lawal and Favors. "With them not in the game, that definitely hurt us."

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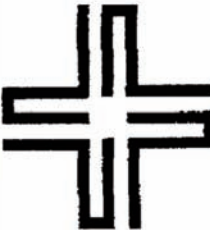
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Meyo Invitational opens

By MATTHEW ROBISON
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The Irish will kick off the prestigious Meyo Invitational at the Loftus Sports Center today. Schools from around the country are coming to town to test their mettle against each other.

After impressive showings at the first few meets of the season including the Notre Dame Invitational and the Indiana Invitational, the Irish will look to add themselves to the growing list of Big East and NCAA qualifiers. After getting into the full swing of training and seeing how they have fared against the competition, the Irish look to continue to improve their marks and times.

Assistant coaches from the sprints, jumps and throws squads all had positive remarks about their group's chances this weekend.

"[I hope] to see continued improvement in performance as we head into the major part of the indoor season and prepare for the Big East championships," Irish sprints coach John Millar.

"I am hoping for some great performances this weekend," Irish throws coach Adam Beltran said. "I would expect nothing less with this

being the last meet before conference."

Seventeen jumpers have already earned spots in the Big East championships, so Irish jumps coach Jim Garnham will be able to rest two of his standouts, seniors Eric Quick and Matt Schipper.

With the strongest group of competitors the Irish will face before the conference meet, this weekend promises to be one of intense action in all events. The Irish will certainly be challenged by the field, which features some of the top programs in the country, and even some from Canada.

"This will be one of the deepest fields the Meyo meet has seen in a while," Beltran said. "The competition this weekend will be a big test for us and will be the most competitive meet of the indoor season."

More specifically, the events to watch closely will be All-America senior Jaclyn Espinoza, junior Denes Veres,

and junior Rudy Atang in the throws, and the "Meyo mile," which is consistently one of the most exciting events of the indoor season.

According to Garnham, there were five athletes that ran the mile in less than four minutes last year. To run the mile in less than four minutes is a stunning feat in itself. To watch five runners do it while racing each other is a spectacle.

"It was electrifying to stand next to the track," said Garnham, referring to last year's thrilling finish.

With Big East and NCAA qualification on the line, a host of strong competition coming to campus, and one of the most thrilling events of the season, the Meyo Invitational promises to be one of the best events of the year.

Competition kicks off today at 7 p.m. at the Loftus Sports Center.

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NBA

Cavaliers down Heat behind LeBron's 36

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 36 points — 17 on free throws—and Daniel Gibson added 12 after returning from the hospital as the Cleveland Cavaliers ran their winning streak to 10 with a 102-84 win over Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat on Thursday night.

James started at point guard for Gibson and added eight assists and seven rebounds. A one-on-one showdown between superstars James and Wade never materialized as the Cavs controlled the game and attempted 36 free throws to 14 for Miami.

Wade finished with 24 points on 11 of 26 shooting and Michael Beasley had 21.

Gibson didn't enter the game until the second half after joining his pregnant fiancée, singer Keyshia Cole, who was hospitalized for precautionary reasons. He made two 3-pointers in the fourth when the Cavs outscored the Heat 21-13.

The last time James and Wade hooked up on Jan. 12, they scored a combined 70 points in an anything-you-can-do-I-can-do-better matchup. Both provided their usual jaw-dropping plays again, but James was able to improve to 13-9 against Wade, including 9-

1 in Cleveland.

The Heat, which lost in Boston on Wednesday, have dropped four straight and six of seven.

Miami was within eight after three quarters, but the Cavs outscored them 10-3 to open the fourth, taking a 91-76 lead on a 3 by Gibson. Wade tried to keep Miami close but didn't have nearly as much help as James, who has adapted his game lately to fill the backcourt void.

While James was able to draw fouls—he shot 21 free throws to 2 for Wade—his Miami counterpart wasn't able to get as many calls despite being knocked down on a few occasions. Twice, Wade ran into Shaquille O'Neal, his former Heat teammate, and found himself looking at the ceiling without hearing a whistle.

O'Neal added 13 points and eight rebounds in 21 minutes, yet another strong, efficient performance from the big man who has stepped his game up of late.

He posted up and scored on a pair of short jumpers as the Cavs pushed their lead to 12 late in the third.

James started at point guard for Gibson, who has done a nice job filling in while Mo Williams and Delonte West recover from injuries.

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Dame was able to run the floor and split the Bearcats' (14-8, 5-5) defense for three early momentum-building dunks.

"I tried to come out aggressive, I was able to drive a couple of times and get to the foul line," Abromaitis said. "Ben [Hansbrough] was able to penetrate and find me for a couple of easy buckets."

The effort was also there early on the defensive end, as the Irish caused Cincinnati to make only three of its first 13 shots.

Harangody said Irish coach Mike Brey challenged the team to be tougher this week in practice.

"I think this week in practice we kind of got after each other, we've been a little soft, especially on the road," Harangody said. "Now we've got another home game coming up, but we've got to be tough and get to work."

The pace slowed down considerably for Notre Dame, as the team failed to find a rhythm from the perimeter, making just one of its first seven attempts. After the Bearcats capitalized on the cold shooting to pull within three, Abromaitis and Harangody keyed an 11-3 run to give the Irish a 28-17 lead.

Notre Dame maintained the lead until the half, entering the break with a 40-27 edge. Harangody had a double-double 15 minutes into the game, and ended the half with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

After halftime, the Bearcats gained a little momentum with two consecutive 3s, but the Irish

responded with a steady diet of Harangody and Abromaitis, complemented by a few Hansbrough shots from distance.

Harangody said the difference between this effort and their earlier game, a 60-58 loss to the Bearcats, came down to rebounding.

"I think it was about getting on the backboard, we won those battles tonight," Harangody said. "They kind of pushed us around down at Cincinnati a couple of weeks ago, so we felt like they thought they could come in here and do it again, and we said 'No, this is our place.'"

Hansbrough had an impressive all-around game, flirting with a triple-double by filling up the box score with 12 points, eight rebounds and nine assists.

Notre Dame slowly began to pull away from Cincinnati as the second half wore on, and took a 15-point lead after a three-point play and dunk by Harangody. Another three-point play by Abromaitis gave the Irish a 66-48 lead with less than eight minutes to play and left little doubt about the final outcome.

Senior point guard Tory Jackson scored just one point but dished out eight assists, and forward Tyrone Nash tallied four points and six rebounds.

Irish football coach Brian Kelly was also in attendance to watch the battle between the Irish and his former school.

Notre Dame will be back in action Sunday, facing conference opponent South Florida at noon.

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Pitt

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misstep to spoil a promising season.

"Every game is important for us," McGraw said. "We are coming off a four-game stretch that was kind of brutal for us on the schedule. The first thing we do is get a little rest and get ready to head into the next stretch. We're real focused on what we have to do. It's great when you can come off a win and still see the things you have to get better at."

While traditionally a conference powerhouse, Pittsburgh (12-9, 1-7 Big East) has been plagued by injuries this season and is struggling just to stay in the playoff picture. The Panthers rank dead last in defense, giving up 70.1 points per game while forcing fewer than 15 turnovers.

If the numbers hold true, Notre Dame (20-1, 7-1 Big East) should run away with its sixth consecutive conference victory. But this is the Big East, where the only safe bet is a Connecticut blowout.

"They've got some really good players," McGraw said. "[Junior guard Jania] Sims is playing really well, she hits a lot of shots, and they have a really big team. They rely on Sims and [junior guard Shayla] Scott quite a bit on the perimeter. They have veteran, returning players from last year, and they're always a tough game for us to play."

Sims and Scott direct a Panthers offense that can run up the score in a hurry. Averaging 15.4 points per game, Sims is an explosive player that thrives on defensive mismatches, while Scott provides an excellent complement as a knock-down shooter.

But where Pittsburgh has struggled mightily on defense, the Irish are thriving, averaging 12 steals and forcing more than 23 turnovers per game. Led by the quick feet and aggressive style of senior guard Ashley Barlow and freshman guard Skylar Diggins, solid team defense has propelled the Irish to third overall in the conference. "Ashley Barlow and Skylar are our two best defenders," McGraw said. "They just

lead the charge. They're back and forth with No. 1 and 2 in steals on the team. They really do a pretty good job in our practice, and they usually guard the other team's best player."

The Panthers should have their hands full guarding one of the deepest backcourts in the country, but junior forward Becca Bruszewski gives the Irish an additional dimension on offense. If Bruszewski's 13-point performance against Rutgers Monday is any indication of the future, Pittsburgh's noticeably bigger centers will be tested early and often.

"We're just such a balanced team, we don't really talk about that," McGraw said. "Each particular week different people are going to be open, different players are going to get hot. I'm really happy with the way Becca has responded. She was key in that run we had in the second half, broke the game open for us."

The Irish tip-off with Pittsburgh Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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"We are going to have to be willing to win a game 2-1, and do a good job managing the puck and not put our defense or our goaltender in

harm's way," Jackson said.

The Irish need to get a win or two, whether it be 2-1 or 6-5, in order to keep pace in the CCHA. Six teams are separated by two points in pursuit of the fourth-place spot for the conference tournament. Currently Notre Dame and Lake Superior State are

tied for fourth.

The Irish will attempt to hold onto that position when they take on Western Michigan at Kalamazoo, Mich., Friday and Saturday, at 7:35 p.m. both nights.

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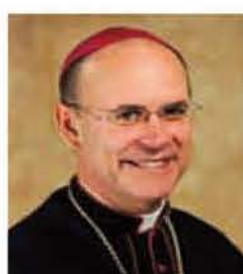
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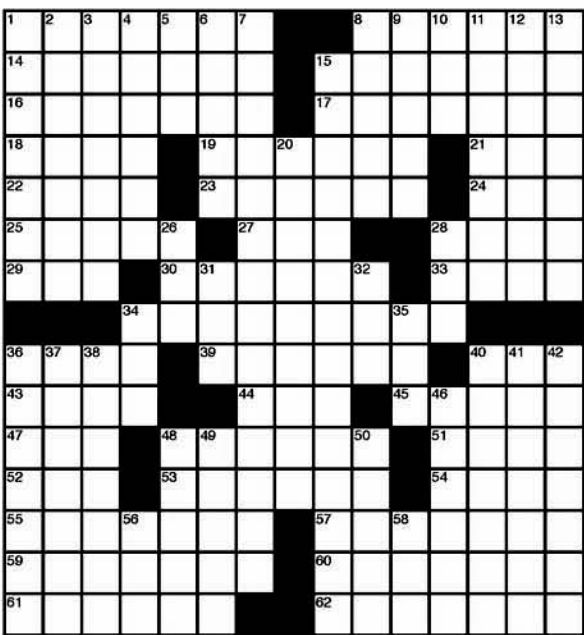
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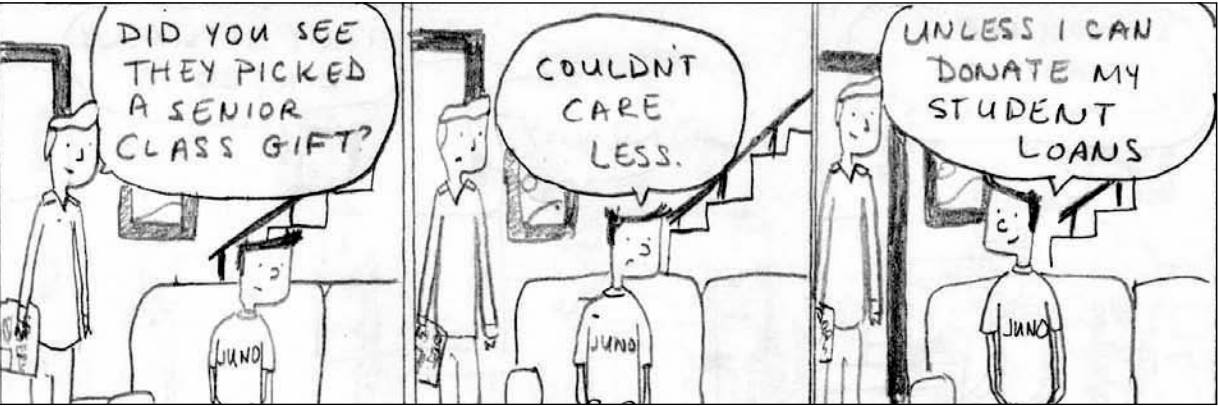
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Happy Birthday: You will have to take advantage of every tax incentive, sale or good deal that comes along. The more aggressive you are, the better positioned you will become throughout the year. Don't let someone else's dilemmas hold you back. Keep your emotions out of the mix and focus on the future. Your numbers are 5, 14, 17, 21, 28, 30, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have to focus on what's important and not what's unavailable. It's the here-and-now that will lead you to a better future. Handle whatever situation you face with dignity and grace and it will lead you in a positive direction. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoid emotional outbreaks. Stay level and pick your battles wisely. Don't let anyone take advantage but don't engage in a war. Walk away and pursue something that will allow you to show your better qualities and talents. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Concentrate on methods that position you for bigger and better results. Advancement is apparent if you are willing to go above and beyond what others are offering. You have the insight and the imagination to outmaneuver the competition. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let an opportunity pass you by because you are not ready to make any changes to your life. Regrets are never fun to deal with, so take action. It's time to reach unfinished dreams, goals and destinations. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't aggravate an already tumultuous situation. Back away and observe. Act compassionately and listen, but remain neutral and you will be the one who sits in a position of strength. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make the effort to sort out a problem that's been brewing for some time. Make the call or visit the person and clear up any misunderstanding. Networking will enable you to take a project you want to develop to the next level. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Past experiences can teach you not to be vulnerable in the future. If you recognize some of the mistakes you have made, you will avoid a confrontation with someone who has a certain amount of control in your life. Love is in the stars. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your thoughts to yourself. You will face deception that will mislead you if you are too trusting and open. Focus on creativity and developing a project that allows you to excel financially. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pull out every possible trick if it will help you gain ground. Utilize the people you know and the talents you have to get things done to your liking. Don't take risks or leave anything to chance. Romance will flourish. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be swindled by someone you thought you could trust. Emotional blackmail will result in a financial loss. Added responsibilities must not be taken lightly or even considered if you don't have the time to do the best job possible. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Convince someone you care for that you should be doing more together. It's up to you to make the first move. Negotiate or settle a dispute and you will feel less stress and greater freedom to pursue new avenues. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't allow your emotions to lead the way when a practical attitude will be what benefits you most. Follow your better judgment, not what someone else decides to do. Opportunity is knocking and it's important that you answer the right door. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are outgoing and stand behind your beliefs. You are a strong leader, a progressive thinker and a good friend.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRAWL FEIGN NUDISM DAMPEN
Answer: When the couple couldn't afford a vacation, they let their — MINDS "WANDER"

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Slamming home a point

Irish get payback after trouncing of Bearcats

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish avenged a last-second road loss to Cincinnati earlier in the season at Purcell Pavilion Thursday, trouncing the Bearcats 83-65.

Senior forward Luke Harangody was dominant under the basket, scoring a season-high 37 points and gathering 14 rebounds while junior forward Tim Abromaitis added 22 points.

The game stopped a miserable stretch that had seen the Irish (16-7, 5-5) lose four of their past five games, culminating in a defeat at Rutgers, who had been winless in Big East play.

Notre Dame started hot offensively, quickly opening up a 15-6 lead in the first six minutes. Abromaitis scored nine of the team's first 11 points, as Notre

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Senior forward Luke Harangody dunks in the second half of the Irish's 83-65 win over Cincinnati Thursday.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Squad to play Kansas, Michigan

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

After a week of practicing since their first seasonal loss against North Carolina, the Irish are ready to bounce back and defeat Kansas and Michigan on this weekend's coming road trip.

"We want to come out strong, forget about the loss, and positively move forward to the rest of the season," sophomore Kristy Frilling said.

Last weekend, the Irish lost to No. 17 North Carolina, 5-2, losing out on their chance to play at the National Indoor Team Championships in mid-February.

A crucial point for this weekend will be points earned in doubles play. After losing this point against the Tar Heels, the Irish were left without the momentum needed to carry out the win.

"We lost the doubles point

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HOCKEY

Injuries an issue as Notre Dame prepares for Western Michigan

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Associate Sports Editor

The injury-ravaged Irish received both good and bad news as they travel to Western Michigan for a pivotal CCHA series this weekend.

The good news: junior defenseman Teddy Ruth returns to the lineup, increasing the depth on the back line significantly.

"Getting another defenseman certainly will help us," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Teddy will give us a little bit of reasonable ice time from the guys who have been playing a lot of minutes."

The bad news: junior center Ben Ryan is out for a few weeks because of a separated shoulder, keeping the injured tally at six players.

"Losing another forward in Ben Ryan is going to be tough to deal with," Jackson said.

"Especially with [sophomore forward Billy] Maday and [senior wing Christiaan] Minella out."

Jackson said there is a chance both Maday and Minella could be back on the ice within three weeks.

But in the meantime, the Irish (12-11-7, 8-8-6-2 CCHA) must prepare to face a Western Michigan squad looking to shed its doormat status. The Broncos (6-15-5, 2-14-4-1) are in last place in the con-

ference, five points behind Bowling Green, Notre Dame's next opponent. While Western Michigan may not have had much success in the conference this season, the Broncos are always poised for a win behind senior goaltender Riley Gill. Gill leads the CCHA with 585 saves.

"[Western Michigan is] a tough place to play. They have a really good goaltender," Jackson said. "They just took Miami (Ohio) to the limit on

the weekend at Miami, which is a tough thing to do. A lot of that is their goaltender."

Facing such a goalie as Gill will not help the offensive woes that have plagued the Irish for most of the season. The Irish average 2.41 goals per game in conference play, 10th in the conference. Western Michigan comes in 12th in the category with 2.05 goals per game.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Streaking Irish to battle Pitt

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Wrapping up one of the toughest stretches of the year with a rout of Rutgers Monday, the No. 3 Irish welcome a Pittsburgh team desperate for a conference win in the last month of the season.

After playing at such a high level of basketball the last two weeks, Notre Dame's biggest concern heading into Saturday's matchup is maintaining a controlled style of play to match the Panthers' skill. Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the loss of any competitive edge will not be a factor, as it only takes one

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Freshman guard Skylar Diggins goes for the layup against Providence in Notre Dame's 84-59 win on Jan. 27th.

PAT COVENEY/The Observer

MEN'S TENNIS

Team ready for ranked bout with Blue Devils

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 34 Irish will travel to Durham, N.C. to take on No. 21 Duke this weekend with first serve set for noon Sunday.

"Duke is a top-20 team this year and will be difficult to beat in Durham, but we are going there with the thought that we can get it done," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "They have a very strong top of the lineup with freshman Enrique Cunyha and junior Reid Carleton, who also form their No. 1 doubles team. Throw in Dylan Arnold, Jason Pinsky, and some of their other talented players and you have a group that can go deep into the

NCAA Tournament."

The Irish are coming off a 4-1 victory over New Mexico last weekend at the National Team Qualifier Indoors in Columbus, Ohio.

There the Irish finished 1-1 with a 4-3 loss to Tulsa to start off the weekend.

"We will need to play one of our best matches to win, so I am counting on continued improved play deep in our lineup," Bayliss said. "[Junior] David Anderson played very well against New Mexico and has practiced well this week. [Freshman] Blas Moros is very reliable and has terrific ground strokes. [Junior] Stephen Havens seems to be set-

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