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Students, staff react to passing of health care bill

College Democrats celebrate while College Republicans lament the House's 219-212 vote to favor the reform



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi acknowledges applause from House members after signing the Senate Health Reform Bill Monday. The bill was passed by a vote of 219-212.

By AARON STEINER and SARAH MERVOSH
News Writers

Notre Dame College Democrats celebrated a long-awaited victory Sunday after spending months making more than 6,000 phone calls to area residents, asking them to express their support to health care reform to Rep. Joe Donnelly, a Democrat.

Donnelly voted "yes" on the health care reform legislation, which passed in the House of Representatives Sunday by a 219-212 vote. President Barack Obama is scheduled to sign the bill today.

William Evans, an economics professor at Notre Dame with an expertise in health economics, said the legislation marks "extensive change" on a number of fronts.

"Any way you slice it, a trillion dollars over 10 years is a

chunk of change," Evans said, referring to the estimated increase in government expenditures.

Evans said the bill will result in a "fairly substantial increase in government provision of medical care."

While it won't provide universal coverage, as some have suggested, Evans said more Americans will have health insurance.

"It's clear that insurance enrollment is going to go up as a result of this ... and the number of uninsured is going to go down," he said.

The positives and negatives of reform have been fiercely debated, mostly along partisan lines, but Evans said he sees both good and bad in the legislation. He pointed to aggressive moves to control Medicare costs as a positive change but said those who are concerned about the high cost are "right-

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Third annual festival recognizes, celebrates female authors

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

The third annual Women Writers Festival will help counter the trend of celebrating male authors and give recognition to their female counterparts, Valerie Sayers, a professor of English, said.

"Even anthologies up until just a few years ago and still, anthologies of contemporary writers, will focus on male

writers to the expense of female writers," she said. "We really want to say that women writers are around and that they have something to say to all readers."

The Festival will feature three prize-winning female authors on Tuesday and Wednesday in McKenna Hall. It will include readings and a panel discussion by writers Lorrie Moore, Lolita Hernandez and Frances Hwang, a creative writing pro-

fessor at Saint Mary's.

Sayers said this year's theme resonates with students.

"This year we focused on writers who do short stories because that's where so many undergraduate writers start," Sayers said.

Sayers also said she hopes the festival will be a "visual presence" on campus and raise awareness among the student body.

"The more undergraduates that know about us, the better,

and that means males and females," she said.

Sayers said female writers of literary fiction often struggle to gain attention.

"Women who write genre fiction, dating novels or any of the chick literature genres

really have no problem getting published or getting recognition," Sayers said. "For women who write literary fiction, I think the challenge is still finding a publisher who will

take a woman writer as seriously as a man and finding an audience because it's still kind of the common wisdom in New York publishing houses that if a woman writes about a women's life, only women are going to read about it."

Sayers said the online environment is one way to counter this challenge.

"The publishing scene is changing so rapidly with everything that's going

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members recommend medical amnesty policy

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Campus Life Council (CLC) passed a recommendation to include a medical amnesty policy in du Lac while also debating progressive discipline and the levels of administrative action at its meeting Monday.

Council members passed the medical amnesty recommendation with a 12-1 vote. The policy would prevent a student seeking

medical treatment for a friend from getting in trouble with the Office of Residence Life and Housing (ORLH).

Controversy over the policy in past meetings caused the recommendation to be revised and represented to CLC at Monday's meeting.

"Students would at least know that this would be kept in consideration," student body president Grant Schmidt said. "I feel that

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Healthy vending available

By CAITLYN KALSCHUR
News Writer

Notre Dame students and staff looking for healthier on-the-go snack options now have to look no further than the nearest vending machines.

Notre Dame Vending has partnered with Del Monte Fresh Produce Company to provide fresh-cut produce options in the sandwich machines around campus.

The products are new this semester, but the project to bring healthier snack options

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TOM LA/The Observer

Notre Dame has begun to implement healthier vending machine options, including fruit and vegetable snacks.

INSIDE COLUMN

Food Network, I Love You

Dear Food Network, Thank you for existing. Your television programming is a pleasure to watch day in and day out. It is bad enough that Notre Dame cable does not offer the Bravo channel. But luckily, we Domers have you. Even in the direst of circumstances, when not even a "Law & Order" repeat is on, I can count on Channel 64 to provide enjoyable programming.



Caitlin Ferraro

Assistant Scene Editor

Bobby Flay, you are awesome. You dominate as a host on so many shows including my favorite "Throwdown! with Bobby Flay." This show is an absolute work of genius as you travel all over the country challenging chefs to a cook-off of their renowned dishes. You are graceful in your wins and losses and always put an interesting twist on every dish.

If I'm in the mood for dessert and design I watch "Food Network Challenge," a competition that features professional chefs in cake making. But these are not your average cakes. These are incredible pieces of art. I have so much invested in the contestants. If my favorite cake does not win, I get upset. When the judges are jerks, I get upset. And as they move their cakes from the kitchen to the judging table, my heart stops. Thank you Food Network for concocting this show, especially the Disney Villain themed episode.

Duff Goldman and all of Charm City Cakes, I wish I were as creative as you guys. "Ace of Cakes" is a fantastic show full of people who genuinely seem to be having fun. Geof, the cake genius and resident fix it guy, is my personal fave. And there is no doubt about it; TLC's "Cake Boss" is absolutely a step down. Sorry Buddy, you are no Duff.

It's true Rachael Ray, you annoy me a lot with your raspy voice and the way you have tried to take over the world like you were the second coming of Martha Stewart. But I still watch your show because let's face it, it's pretty impressive to make a full meal (that usually looks delicious) in 30 minutes. But please save my grandma from having a heart attack and wash your chicken and lettuce in water before you start cooking. It's just not sanitary.

And then there's "The Next Food Network Star." What a brilliant reality show competition. The contestants get a real prize that can actually launch their career, their own series on the Food Network. My favorite success story is Guy Fieri. His infamous bleached hair and larger than life personality makes him so entertaining to watch and he adds something different to the sometimes cookie cutter bunch at the Food Network. Guy, you rock.

Whether you're a woman doing laundry (hey mom!) or a college student avoiding homework, the Food Network is the place to go. So thank you Food Network for everything. My only beef with you is that I cannot watch when I am hungry. No matter what something always looks appetizing, from Giada's Italian food to Paula Deen's buttery creations!

Sincerely,
Caitlin Ferraro

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE HEALTH CARE BILL?



Michael Sabella

sophomore Stanford

"I think it's rubbish."



Alex Gatlin

sophomore Fisher

"Disappointing. This is the U.S., not Canada."



Kelly Yuen

sophomore Ryan

"I just donated blood!"



Brian Schwartz

freshman Fisher

"Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone."

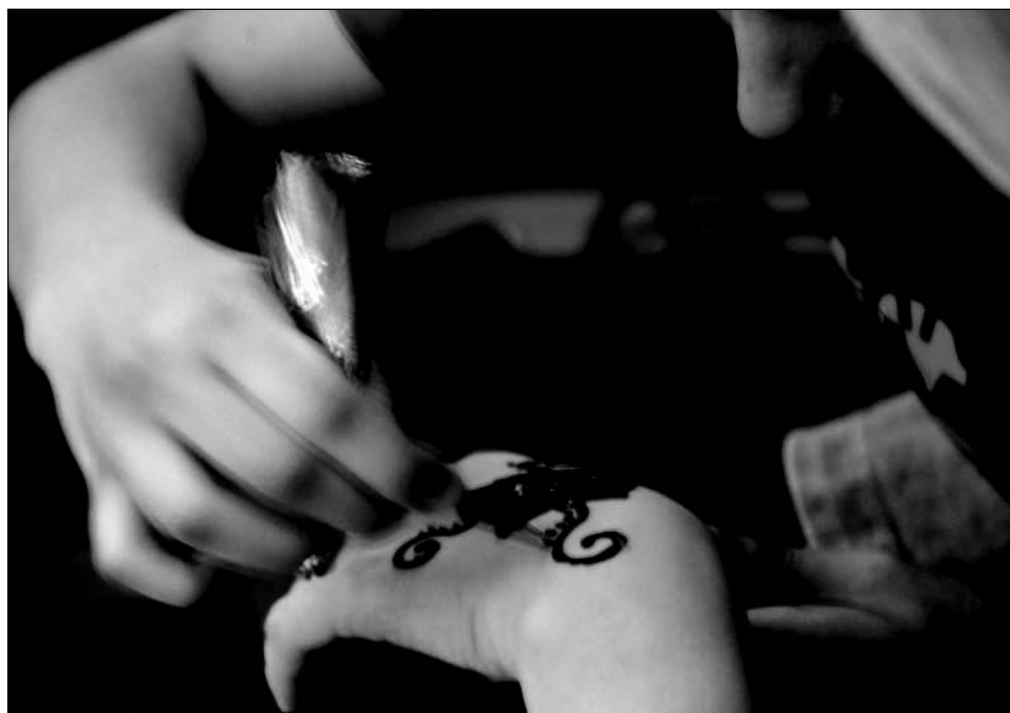


Lisa Edwards

freshman Pangborn

"What Brian Schwartz said."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

A student receives a temporary tattoo during the Multicultural Extravaganza held Monday as a part of International Festival Week. The event was put on by International Student Services and Activities.

OFFBEAT

Topless gardener prompts complaints, new rules

BOULDER, Colo. — A woman gardening wearing only a yellow thong and pink gloves has brought neighborhood complaints and new rules from a housing authority in Colorado.

Boulder Housing Partners plans to amend its rules so that tenants cover up when they're outside. Several passers-by told Boulder police earlier this week that 52-year-old Catharine Pierce was topless while tending to her yard. Last year, she was threatened with eviction for gardening wearing only

pasties and a thong.

Police responding to Wednesday's reports decided Pierce wasn't breaking any laws.

Robert Pierce said he'll fight changes that would keep his wife from gardening outside topless, which is legal under state and city law.

UK library receives book overdue by 45 years

LONDON — It's common to return a library book late — but not by half a century.

Staff at a British library say they were surprised and puzzled when they

received a book that was 45 years overdue through their mailbox.

Alison Lawrie, the principal assistant at Dinington Library, near northern England's Sheffield, says the Penguin first edition copy of "Quartermass and the Pit" by Nigel Kneale was due back on Oct. 15, 1965.

She says the borrower remains a mystery because the library records don't go back that far, and the sender didn't attach a letter or note with the book.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

An exhibit titled "All Art is Propaganda" will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today in room 102 in the Hesburgh Library Special Collections.

"Caroline Chiu: Polaroids as Chinese Ink Painting," will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. The exhibit will be on display in the Milly and Fritz Kaeser Mestrovic Studio Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art.

An exhibit titled "Yin Yu Tang: A Chinese Home" will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art.

A seminar titled "Coupled Wave and Storm Surge in Southern Louisiana" will be held at noon today in room 258 in Fitzpatrick Hall.

Daily mass will be held today at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

La Fuerza is sponsoring guest speaker Enrique Morones at Saint Mary's College tonight. Morones, president & founder of Border Angels, will speak at 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center.

The Creative Writing Program will host the third Women Writer's Festival. The even begins tonight at 6 p.m. and will be held in the auditorium and rooms 100-104 of McKenna Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

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ISSA hosts Int'l Festival Week



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Senior Jerry Shields stands in front of a presentation from the Chinese Cultural Society Monday at the Multicultural Extravaganza in LaFortune.

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

The Office of International Student Services and Activities (ISSA) will host International Festival Week, a celebration of the various cultures of international students in the Notre Dame community, on campus this week.

A part of the University's Division of Student Affairs, ISSA "is responsible for providing services and programs to international students and their families that include ... cultural education and community outreach," according to its Web site.

Sophomore Anne Huntington, an ISSA International Ambassador, said she hopes the week will be an especially visible example of cultural education.

"I hope students will see there's a lot more interna-

tional students and international flavor than we see on a daily basis," Huntington said. "It will show students that there's more out there, that there are really interesting international people right here on campus."

The Festival Week began Sunday with a Studio Tour of the Fischer-O'Hara-Grace Community Center and a Spanish Mass in the St. Edward's Hall Chapel.

On Monday, ISSA hosted a "Multicultural Extravaganza" at the Dooley Room in LaFortune and a Bahá'í Devotional Gathering in Coleman-Morse.

Additional events will take place throughout the week, Huntington said.

"We're going to have two cooking classes for international students, a red hot chili eating contest and an international sports event," she said.

Tonight's "Speed Language" event will offer students a

crash course in foreign languages at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

International students can also form connections with potential employers like IBM, Motorola and Whirlpool at 7 p.m. in Flanner Hall.

Thursday's "Food from Around the World: an International Potluck Dinner" at the Wilson Commons will be followed by an International Sports Event at the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center on Friday night. Sports will include badminton, cricket, rugby, soccer and table tennis, the ISSA Web site said.

The Festival Week will conclude Saturday with a "Holi Festival," or Festival of Lights, traditionally celebrated in India and Nepal, and an International Children's Festival with Cultural Displays at University Village.

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Alumna advises career flexibility

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

The ability to adjust to a variety of opportunities is important when searching for a job, a Saint Mary's alumna and human resources executive said Monday.

Margaret Taylor, a 1978 graduate, spoke with students in the Student Center Lounge about the steps involved with finding a career, from choosing a major to job hunting.

"Majors change, that's OK," Taylor said. "If you're in a major you're not so comfortable with, don't be afraid to say, 'hey, this isn't the right one.'"

"You have to do something that you have passion in."

Taylor said she originally intended on becoming an education major at Saint Mary's. She has since worked for 20 years as a human resources representative and currently serves as the Senior Vice President of Human Resources at Biomet Inc. in Warsaw, Ind.

After changing her major to Communication Studies, she soon discovered a love for Humanistic Studies as well and decided she wanted to work in the broadcasting industry.

"I really spent most of my time interning over at WNDU, which was a great experience," Taylor said. "I had a great audition tape by the time I was done with my internship, but I knew by the end of my internship that I knew that I wasn't sure that that's what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

After an internship with a local broadcasting company, Taylor had reservations about a career in broadcast journalism and began

her search for a new career path. Taylor stressed the importance of internships and recommended all students pursue them.

"Get your internships and get them early," she said. "In some regard, it doesn't matter what you intern in, especially at this stage, or where, but then you get the experience and it will tell you as much about what you don't want to do as what you want to do."

Taylor said students must remember to be flexible when searching for a post-graduation profession, and she used a personal anecdote to illustrate her point.

While working at a drugstore, Taylor said her boss submitted her name for a human resources position within the organization — and that's how she got her start in the area she has now worked in for two decades, she said.

While she was working as a human resources representative for the first time, Taylor said she realized that she knew more than she thought she did.

She reminded students to have confidence in their capabilities, as well as to be willing to learn new things.

"There are so many things you are learning here today that you don't realize," she said.

Taylor said she credits much of her success to her undergraduate studies at an all-female institution.

She said gender has the potential to play a role in the makeup of the workforce but said women do have a place in corporate America. She reminded students to forget about gender and instead focus on their own capabilities.

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Panelists to discuss Michael Jackson's image

Special to The Observer

The sixth annual Erskine A. Peters Fellowship Symposium, titled "Reconstructing Michael Jackson's Image: Explorations of Body, Spirit and Society," will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center auditorium at the University of Notre Dame. The symposium will be preceded by a reception at 6 p.m. in the Eck Center. Both events are free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the Department of Africana Studies, the symposium will feature panelists discussing the image of the late musical artist Michael Jackson from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

The symposium will be moderated by Shana Redmond, assistant professor of American studies and ethnicity at the University of Southern California.

The five 2009-10 Erskine Peters Fellows will serve as panelists. They are: Jean Beaman, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University; Jessica Graham, Department of History, University of Chicago; Nicole Ivy, Department of African and American Studies, Yale University; Laurence Ralph,

Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago; and Marques Redd, Department of English, University of California at Berkeley.

The Erskine A. Peters Dissertation Year Fellowship at Notre Dame was established in 1999 to enable outstanding African-American doctoral candidates in the arts, humanities, social sciences and theological disciplines to experience life at Notre Dame while devoting their full energies to the completion of their dissertations.

The Peters Fellowship honors the life and academic achievements of one of the University's most distinguished and beloved professors, Erskine A. Peters. Peters taught English at the University and became legendary for his commitment to scholarship, community service and graduate education in the College of Arts and Letters.

Peters, who was 49 years old when he died in 1998, joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1987, having previously taught for 11 years at the University of California at Berkeley, where he had served multiple terms as chairperson of Afro-American studies and dean of the College of Letters and Science.

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SMC elects class officers

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

Results are in, and the new leadership for the 2010-11 class boards at Saint Mary's has been chosen.

For the Class of 2011, juniors Kelly Lyons and Megan Flynn will be the president and vice president, respectively. Sophomores Nicole Gans and Maggie DePaola will take over for the Class of 2012, and the Class of 2013 will be led by first-years Katie Gutrich and Torrie Thompson.

Each of the new presidents and vice presidents will select the remainder of their boards and take office April 1, when the new Student Government Association (SGA) board takes over.

Class of 2011: Lyons and Flynn

Lyons said she wants to help make this a "memorable year" for the seniors.

Lyons said the major events of the year will be Senior Dad's Weekend and Senior Formal. In addition, she said there will be service projects and more senior-specific events on cam-

pus. Lyons and Flynn hope to continue previous traditions while still working to make improvements.

Lyons also said she will be receptive to the opinions of her fellow classmates.

"We want to make sure every senior feels like they have had an input into each of our class events," Lyons said. "We hope that both our ideas and the ideas of our classmates for other senior class events will add to the memories of our final year."

Class of 2012: Gans and DePaola

DePaola said being involved on campus is "very important" to her.

Gans and DePaola want to work toward bringing the junior class together next year.

"One of my main goals is to achieve a higher rate of class involvement," DePaola said. "Nicole and I are really trying to listen to ideas from our class."

In order to help smooth the transition, DePaola said they hope to keep members from last year's board to help keep them "knowledgeable" and "experienced" as a board.

They said they hope to continue with class events while increasing volunteering on campus.

DePaola said they will con-

tinue the Light the Night Walk, Junior Formal and Junior Mom's Weekend from last year's board.

Class of 2013: Gutrich and Thompson

Gutrich said she wanted the position of class president so she would have the opportunity play a larger role in the events on campus.

"Being an active member on campus is an important aspect of college life and I hope to encourage more of my classmates to get involved," Gutrich said.

Both Gutrich and Thompson have already started brainstorming new events for next year's board to plan, including a Welcome Back to SMC Bonfire and a Thanksgiving Food Drive.

"Next year, I would really like to see the Class of 2013 become more united," Thompson said.

Thompson said it is important to look toward the future since the Class of 2013 still has plenty of time together on campus.

"I want to unite the class," Thompson said. "I think that's extremely important being that we have three more years together."

Gutrich also said they hope to have more volunteer activities available for the sophomore class to help bring them together.

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"We want to make sure every senior feels like they have an input into each of our class events."

Kelly Lyons
class president-elect
junior

Saint Mary's promotes immigration awareness

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's La Fuerza, a club representing Latina culture on campus, is holding Action Week in order "to create awareness about the realities of immigration in the U.S.," said club vice president Brianda Salas, a sophomore.

The first event held Monday was a viewing of the film "Papers," which is "a documentary about undocumented youth and the challenges they face as they turn 18 and graduate high school without legal status," Salas said.

The week will continue with a bilingual mass in Le Mans Hall's Holy Spirit Chapel at 9 p.m. Wednesday.

On Thursday, La Fuerza will host Immigration Monologues, which will be "a short presentation about the myths and facts about immigration, followed by the real-life stories of individuals who have gone through the struggles of life as an immigrant and other similar stories," Salas said.

Salas said La Fuerza will also host guest speaker Enrique Morones, the founder of Border Angels.

Salas said Border Angels is a non-profit organization made of volunteers who work to stop unnecessary deaths of individuals who travel through the Imperial Valley desert areas and the mountain areas surrounding San Diego County.

Morones will deliver a lecture on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Vander

Vennet Theater. Though the lecture will not be part of Action Week, it is related to its message, she said.

"We believe that by bringing Enrique Morones, it will enhance the Saint Mary's College mission of commitment for social justice as well as promote student activism," Salas said. "We not only wish to raise awareness, we want to promote action."

Salas said she hopes these events will help break down existing stereotypes and misconceptions about immigration.

"La Fuerza wants to dispel those myths by presenting facts and real-life stories that will draw our audience closer to the realities of immigration and how it affects everyone and anyone regardless of migratory status," Salas said.

The week as a whole is only part of the group's mission to bring knowledge to campus about Latina Culture.

"As a group, we want to promote diversity and cultural education on our campus and the community," Salas said. "With this event, we believe we are doing just that, educating the campus on immigration not just through opinions but facts."

Salas said the club does not discriminate and embraces all cultures and backgrounds.

"We welcome anybody, not just Latinas," Salas said. "Everyone is welcomed to become a member of La Fuerza and share their uniqueness through La Fuerza."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mining execs admit to bribery

SHANGHAI — Four employees of mining giant Rio Tinto pleaded guilty Monday to taking bribes, lawyers and an Australian diplomat said, in an embarrassing case seen as part of a harsh new attitude toward foreign business in China.

Rio Tinto is one of China's top providers of iron ore and a key industry negotiator in commodity price talks with the government. The accused include a Rio Tinto executive who was arrested along with three employees last year during fractious annual negotiations over iron ore prices.

The admissions of bribe taking — although no details of the allegations have been released — are a blow for Rio Tinto at a time when it is striving to restore good relations with China. The four also face charges of stealing commercial secrets, and final verdicts in the trial could take weeks.

UN backs "Afghanization" efforts

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council on Monday backed Afghan efforts to take charge of the country's future and promote talks with militants who are ready to break ties with al-Qaida, renounce terrorism and support the Afghan constitution.

In a unanimous resolution extending the U.N.'s 1,700-strong civilian mission in Afghanistan for a year, the council made clear that while the U.N. should continue leading civilian efforts in the country it wants stepped-up action to turn over civilian and military activities to the Afghans themselves.

NATIONAL NEWS

Activist group ACORN to disband

CHICAGO — The once mighty community activist group ACORN announced Monday it is folding amid falling revenues — six months after video footage emerged showing some of its workers giving tax tips to conservative activists posing as a pimp and prostitute.

"It's really declining revenue in the face of a series of attacks from partisan operatives and right-wing activists that have taken away our ability to raise the resources we need," ACORN spokesman Kevin Whelan said.

Several of its largest affiliates, including ACORN New York and ACORN California, broke away this year and changed their names in a bid to ditch the tarnished image of their parent organization and restore revenue that ran dry in the wake of the video scandal.

Bush, Clinton tour ruined capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton toured Haiti's rubble-filled capital Monday to raise aid and investment for a country still reeling from a devastating Jan. 12 earthquake.

It is the first joint visit to the impoverished Caribbean nation for the two former leaders, who were tasked by President Barack Obama with leading the U.S. fundraising effort.

After meeting with President Rene Preval on the grounds of the collapsed national palace, they walked through the tarps-and-tent city on the adjacent Champ de Mars, the national mall filled with 60,000 homeless quake survivors living in squalor.

LOCAL NEWS

Second teen dies in bike crash

SEYMOUR, Ind. — State police say a second teenager has died a day after he and a friend were struck by a pickup truck while riding double on a bicycle in the middle of the night on a southern Indiana highway.

Police say the boys were riding in the southbound lane of U.S. 31 a couple miles from Seymour when they were hit about 2 a.m. Sunday. Seventeen-year-old Todd Schurman was pronounced dead at the scene, and 17-year-old Zach Grubb died Monday at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, where he was taken with severe head trauma.

Health bill to effect slow change

Obama plans to sign main legislation today after a year-long fight for reform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The first changes under the new health care law will be easy to see and not long in coming: There'll be \$250 rebate checks for seniors in the Medicare drug coverage gap, and young adults moving from college to work will be able to stay on their parents' plans until they turn 26.

But the peace of mind the president promised — the antidote for health care insecurity, whether you favored or opposed his overhaul — is still a ways beyond the horizon, starting only in 2014. Insurers then will be barred from turning down people with medical problems, and the government will provide tax credits to help millions of working families buy coverage they can't afford now.

Health care overhaul will bring real change, but it's going to happen slowly.

President Barack Obama plans to sign the main legislation Tuesday in the White House East Room after a bitterly divided House approved it Sunday night. That will cap a turbulent, yearlong quest by the president and congressional Democrats to remake the nation's health care system, fully one-sixth of the U.S. economy.

Obama's signature will start the Senate considering a package of changes the House also has approved. But the main overhaul will already be officially on the books.

Still, if Obama wants to actually preside over the expansion of coverage to more than 30 million people, he'll first have to persuade a majority of Americans to reelect him in 2012.

"For people who have the greatest need, a number of things will start quickly and make a difference," said DeAnn Friedholm of Consumers Union. For others, 2014 may seem like a long way away. "Some people may be frustrated that



Rep. Barney Frank, right, looks on as Rep. John Tierney speaks about the health care reform bill in Boston Monday. President Barack Obama will sign the bill on Tuesday.

it's going to be several years, but that is the reality of what it takes to make these significant changes," she added.

The main reason that Obama's plan phases in slowly boils down to cost. The Medicare cuts and tax increases to finance the bill start early; the subsidies to help people purchase coverage come later. That combination keeps the cost of the overhaul under \$1 trillion in its first decade, as Obama promised. Republicans call it an accounting gimmick — but in past years they also resorted to it.

Here's a look at some of the major impacts for consumers:

Roughly a third of people in their 20s are uninsured, so allowing young adults to

remain on their parents' plans until 26 would be a significant new option for families.

Adult children would not be able to stay on a parental plan if they had access to employer coverage of their own. But they could get married and still be covered. (Grandkids, however, would not qualify.) Regulations will clarify to what degree young adults have to be financially dependent on their parents.

Other reforms starting this year would prevent insurers from canceling the policies of people who get sick, from denying coverage to children with medical problems, and from putting lifetime dollar limits on a policy.

These changes will spread risks more broadly, but they're also likely to nudge

insurance premiums somewhat higher.

Obama's plan also includes an important new program for the most vulnerable: uninsured people who can't get coverage because of major medical problems. It's intended to provide an umbrella of protection until the broad expansion of coverage takes effect in 2014.

The government will pump money into high-risk insurance pools in the states, making coverage available for people in frail health who have been uninsured for at least six months. The premiums could still be a stretch, but for people who need continuing medical attention, it could make a dramatic difference.

Clinton defends Israeli housing criticism

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New Israeli construction on land claimed by the Palestinians threatens peace efforts and undermines America's ability to help end the Arab-Israeli conflict, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told a leading Jewish organization Monday.

Israel's recent announcement of new housing in east Jerusalem exposed differences between the U.S. and the Jewish state that others could exploit, Clinton said. Her remarks to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee were friendly, but contained a blunt account of a severe diplomatic breach between the close allies

over what the United States sees as the provocative and shortsighted expansion of Jewish settlements and other housing on land claimed by Palestinians.

Clinton defended the Obama administration's strong criticism of a recent large housing announcement because she said it hurt attempts to launch peace talks in which the United States will be the intermediary.

"We objected to this announcement because we are committed to Israel and its security, which we believe depends on a comprehensive peace," Clinton said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks to the group Monday evening, and was seeing

President Barack Obama on Tuesday.

A spokesman said Netanyahu would take a firm stand on Israel's position regarding Jerusalem. The Israeli leader will stress that Jerusalem is Israel's capital, "not a settlement," government spokesman Mark Regev said.

Netanyahu will also make the case that Iran's acquisition of nuclear weapons threatens to spell the end of the era of "nuclear peace" that the world has experienced since the end of WWII, Regev said.

Clinton got a polite but muted response to most of her remarks, and loud approval when she talked tough on Iran.

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these revised points attest to that.”

The new recommendation suggests a medical amnesty policy be established “that, under normal circumstances, allows students to report emergencies without automatically incurring a disciplinary record.”

The ultimate decision on whether to adapt this policy will be left up to ORLH, Schmidt said.

Council members also discussed how to best keep discipline at the lowest administrative level, which is often a student's dorm.

“This recommendation is about keeping things in the realm of the people who know students most closely,” student body vice president Cynthia Weber said.

Weber said this policy would allow students to avoid an unnecessary disciplinary record when a rector could deal with a minor offense instead of sending the student to ORLH.

Several of the rectors on the council objected to the lack of clarity in the definition for this recommendation.

“I am a structure guy,” Fr. Pete McCormick, rector of Keough Hall, said. “I don't see the structure here and I'm worried about the message that gets sent that

[discipline] will always get kicked back to the rector.”

The recommendation would free the hands of ORLH by giving more room for discretion, Judicial Council president Ian Secviar said. It would also be in keeping with the goal of pastoral care that is central to the philosophy behind residence life at Notre Dame, he said.

Zahm House rector Corry Colonna said CLC should not assume that sending a student to ORLH for discipline negates the educative role of the rector.

Council member Gus Gari said there was a need to recognize that the policy of referring discipline to the rector would work as “an exception rather than a norm.”

CLC members will review the recommendation and represent it to the council next week.

Council members also agreed to recommend that the new issue of du Lac should clarify the undergraduate tailgating policy.

The suggested change asks that individual students who wish to host a tailgate may do so without consulting the Student Activities Office, Schmidt said.

CLC will invite Bill Kirk, associate vice president of Residence Life, to its next meeting in order to hear its recommendations and continue its discussion on du Lac revisions.

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Vending

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to Notre Dame vending machines has been in the works for a while, said Michele VanTubbergen, operations manager for Notre Dame Vending and Office Refreshment Service.

“In September, we saw the products that were to be available to vend and realized what a great option it would be for the campus to be able to offer fresh cut fruits and vegetables,” VanTubbergen said.

“Our main goal is to offer the campus a healthy alternative for a snack while providing convenience,” she said.

These healthy alternatives include single-serving sizes of Del Monte fruits and vegetables, such as pineapple, grapes, apple slices, baby carrots, tomatoes and celery. Including the low-fat dip that accompanies some of the options, the snacks all total no more than 120 calories.

“When the fruits and vegetables became available to vend in January, we made it our highest priority to bring it to Notre Dame,” VanTubbergen said. “Del Monte was the first company to offer this new product, so we contacted them to find out how we could offer the products to our campus.”

Del Monte is also excited to implement its services at Notre Dame, Dennis Christou, Del Monte's vice president of marketing said in a press release.

“We are excited about the launch of Del Monte Fresh Produce Company's fresh fruit and vegetable vending line at Notre Dame,” Christou said. “This Del Monte initiative helps make fruit and vegetable snacks more accessible to the Notre Dame community.”

“Offering students and faculty these healthier choices is a great way to help them stay healthy when on the go and perfect for their sometimes hectic and time-crunched lives.”

VanTubbergen said the fresh vending options are currently available through the Office Refreshment Service and in all sandwich vending machines, including those in the Hesburgh Library and the Main Building.

The fruit and vegetable options are packaged to stay fresh and cost \$1.50 each, the Notre Dame Food Services Web site said.

Though other campuses like the University of Miami and Miami-Dade College are also bringing healthier vending to their campuses, Notre Dame is the first university in the Midwest to do so, VanTubbergen said.

“We were so excited to be able to bring the fresh cut option to the University,” VanTubbergen said.

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fully worried.”

But for the College Democrats, the bill's passage was seen as completely positive.

“The College Democrats are celebrating a victory for justice,” said junior Chris Rhodenbaugh, co-president of the College Democrats. “We are proud that the Congress, in particular Joe Donnelly, listened to the voices of the American people and did what is right for the future of our country.”

Meanwhile, Notre Dame College Republicans are lamenting the passing of the bill — one that did not garner a single Republican vote in the House.

“The economic and medical future of our country has been compromised,” said senior Erika Hagstrom, president of the College Republicans. “We will not be able to go back, and college students like those of us at Notre Dame will be paying for it for the rest of our lives — fiscally and physically.”

Rhodenbaugh said the bill's main strengths are that it will not discriminate based on pre-

existing conditions while getting more healthy people into the health care system and focusing more on preventing illness, rather than on treating the uninsured once they get sick.

“That's where huge cost savings come in,” he said.

Rhodenbaugh also said the bill will benefit college students by allowing young people to stay on their parents' insurance until they are 26 years old.

Roughly 28 percent of Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 are currently uninsured, Evans said.

Hagstrom said a primary concern is that the bill will be a detriment to the country's already weak economy.

“The bill will increase costs which is the last thing we should be doing in this economy,” she said.

Hagstrom also said she is against the bill's language regarding abortion, which has been heavily debated as lawmakers, Catholic organizations and pro-life groups disagree whether the bill would allow federal funding for abortion.

Donnelly, a pro-life Democrat, was one of a handful of representatives who withheld their support for the bill until a last-minute deal

was struck with the president, who agreed to sign an executive order to prohibit federal money from funding abortions.

Still, some groups, including pro-life groups, have said the executive order is not a sufficient guarantee that federal money won't be able to fund abortions.

“I, along with Republicans, agree that it is immoral and wrong to force taxpayers who may be pro-life to pay for abortions,” Hagstrom said.

Rhodenbaugh said he believes the bill as it was passed will not fund abortions.

“The Senate bill won't fund abortion and the House bill won't fund abortion,” he said. “Abortion will not be paid for in this bill.”

Rhodenbaugh said the bill is actually quite pro-life and Catholic.

“From a Catholic perspective, [we] should be working to pursue universal health care and treat health care as a right. It's about the dignity of the whole life from birth all the way until death,” Rhodenbaugh said. “And health care is a huge part of that.”

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Writers

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online,” Sayers said. “There's really going to be a lot generated by writers themselves and that's great for women. I think it really allows them to get out there in a way that can leapfrog over any publishers' preconceived notions of who they are.”

Hwang also addressed perceptions involving female writers.

“I think there is also an assumption that women should be more selfless than men, that they should sacrifice their work and their careers for the sake of their families,” Hwang said. “I think that women writers should just be vigilant and conscientious about valuing their writing and what they do so even when they have other roles to fill.”

“They should set aside time

in their busy lives to write, and men should regard that time as sacred and meaningful so they don't feel like they are losing their identity as writers,” she said.

Hwang encouraged women writers to pursue topics in a new way, even if they are writing about domestic issues, an area perceived to be the crux of female authors' writing.

“There can be plenty of innovation and ambition and artistry in a work that focuses on domestic themes,” Hwang said. “My advice to women writers is that they should write about whatever compels their interest, whatever subject most delights them or demands to be explored.”

“Whatever it is that you choose to write about, you have to find a way to write about your subject in a way that's unfamiliar and new and that's where the ambition of your work lies, in trying to express in a way that surprises your readers.”

Moore will open the festival today with a reading after a public reception. Moore's honors for the short story include the O. Henry Award and the Rea Award for the Short Story. Along with Moore and Hwang, Hernandez, another PEN/Beyond Margins award recipient, will discuss the short story in a panel tomorrow followed by a reading by the author.

Hwang will read a story tomorrow from a second collection of stories she is developing. She said the story and the collection, both entitled “Children of Spleen,” will focus on conflict between parents and children.

Hwang's first collection of stories, “Transparency,” won the PEN/Beyond Margins Award and the Sue Kaufman Prize for First Fiction from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

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IN BRIEF

Health stocks give market a boost

NEW YORK — Drug and hospital companies led stocks higher Monday after House lawmakers ended months of uncertainty and approved the health care overhaul bill.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose about 44 points. Broader indexes also climbed.

Investors had expected the health care bill would pass the House, but the approval late Sunday removed some of the anxiety that has dogged stocks of hospitals and drug makers. A bill with changes made by the House now goes back to the Senate for approval. Debate could begin Tuesday.

The 10-year, \$938 billion bill will extend benefits to 32 million uninsured Americans. That will have far-reaching effects on health companies. With the bill in hand, investors could place bets on winners and losers. Hospital stocks rose on expectations they would see more business and increased revenue. Some insurers fell because of greater restrictions imposed by the changes.

Many key points of the bill will not take effect for several years, though others like provisions allowing children to remain on their parents' insurance until age 26 will kick in this year.

The Dow rose 43.91, or 0.4 percent, to 10,785.89. It has risen 14 of the past 17 trading days and stands at its highest level since October 2008.

Intersil Corp. to buy Techwell Inc.

NEW YORK — Intersil Corp. said Monday it has reached deal to buy Techwell Inc. for about \$400 million in cash to strengthen its portfolio of video-processing chips.

Milpitas, Calif.-based Intersil is paying \$18.50 per Techwell share. Net of Techwell's cash and equivalents, the deal values the San Jose, Calif., company at about \$370 million, Intersil said.

Techwell shares rose \$5.94, or 48 percent, to \$18.38 in Monday afternoon trading. Intersil shares fell 18 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$15.15.

Techwell has more than 200 employees in the U.S., China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. It makes video processing chips for security camera systems, LCD displays and cars. Intersil makes chips for video chips as well as power management.

Intersil expects the deal to close in the second quarter and add to its 2010 earnings excluding one-time costs and other acquisition-related charges.

Google stops Chinese censorship

Company shifts operation off mainland in protest of government's Internet rules

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. stopped censoring the Internet for China by shifting its search engine off the mainland Monday but said it will maintain other operations in the country. The maneuver attempts to balance Google's disdain for China's Internet rules with the company's desire to profit from an explosively growing market.

Google's decision comes after an impasse pitting the world's most powerful Internet company against the government of the world's most populous country. It's still not clear if Google's solution will resolve a standoff that began Jan. 12. That's when Google said it would no longer adhere to China's requirement that it omit some Internet results.

Visitors to Google's old service for China, Google.cn, are now being redirected to the Chinese-language service based in Hong Kong, where Google does not censor the search results. The Hong Kong page heralded the shift Monday with this announcement: "Welcome to Google Search in China's new home." The site also began displaying search results in the simplified Chinese characters that are used in mainland China.

However, the results can't all be accessed inside China, because government filters restrict the links that can be clicked by mainland audiences.

Google plans to retain its engineering and sales offices in China so it can keep a technological foothold in the country and continue to sell ads for the Chinese-language version of its search



Google Inc. stopped censoring Internet for China by shifting its search engine off the mainland Monday. The American company still hopes to profit in the Chinese market.

engine in the U.S. The company, based in Mountain View, also intends to keep its mapping and music services on Google.cn.

But the revolt against censorship threatens to crimp Google's growth, particularly if China retaliates by making it more difficult for the company to do business in the country. The Chinese government could react by blocking access to Google's services, much as it has completely shut off Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, which is owned by Google.

In remarks carried by Chinese state media, an unnamed official with the government's State

Council Information Office said Beijing is "uncompromisingly opposed" to Google's move.

"This is totally wrong," the official told the official Xinhua News Agency.

The tensions in China already have prompted Google to delay plans to sell some new wireless phones running on its mobile software in the country. A store offering mobile phone applications for the Android software system also remains on hold.

"Figuring out how to make good on our promise to stop censoring search on Google.cn has been hard," David Drummond, Google's top lawyer, wrote in a

Monday blog posting. "We want as many people in the world as possible to have access to our services, including users in mainland China, yet the Chinese government has been crystal clear throughout our discussions that self-censorship is a nonnegotiable legal requirement."

In a way, Monday's change harks back to how Google operated in China before 2006. Back then Chinese users could search through Google sites such as Google.com, although filters inside China kept people there from clicking through to links generated by queries such as "Tiananmen Square massacre."

SOUTH KOREA

GM recalls 60,000 Korean automobiles

Associated Press

SEOUL — General Motors is recalling nearly 60,000 automobiles in South Korea due to potential problems with steering wheels, fuel hoses and seats, the company's local unit and the government said Sunday.

The recall of 58,696 vehicles will begin Monday and cover four models manufactured in South Korea, said Kim Byeong-soo, a spokesman for GM Daewoo Auto & Technology Co., the country's third-largest automaker.

Recalls in other countries where some vehicles were exported under

the Chevrolet and Opel brands will be decided and announced later in accordance with local rules, Kim said. He said China has already announced some recalls, though he did not immediately have details.

A total of 45,957 small SUVs sold in South Korea as the Winstorm and Winstorm Maxx are being recalled due to the possibility that the steering wheel can become separated. The Winstorm is exported as the Chevrolet Captiva, while the Winstorm Maxx is sold overseas as the Opel Antara, Kim said.

A total of 12,604 Lacetti Premiere sedans — sold overseas as the Chevrolet Cruze — are being

recalled for possibly defective fuel hoses that could leak, Kim said.

Also, the company is recalling 135 of its Damas model, a small commercial vehicle, over materials in seats that do not meet South Korean safety standards, he said.

Kim said no accidents have resulted from any of the problems and the recalls were decided by GM Daewoo.

The recalls, also announced by the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs, came after GM Daewoo's South Korean rival Hyundai Motor Co. announced recalls last month of about 47,000 vehicles for problems with door latches.

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COLLEGE NEWS NETWORK

Is online privacy an oxymoron?

We've all seen the scandalous celebrity pictures that put so-and-so in a compromising position — Michael Phelps and his bong, Vanessa Hudgens and her ... nakedness, and, of course, most recently Snooki's nude photos as well. They get upset that their personal life has been invaded, shake their fist at the paparazzi and move on with life. What would happen if these photos got around, after they'd been posted on someone's Twitter or Facebook? We'd call them an idiot and tell them to get over it.

Case in point: John McCain's daughter, Meghan McCain and her revealing photo she posted on Twitter. She uploaded it, so she can't get mad when people gripe about it. So, why then, are so many people outraged when their current, or hopeful, employers use Facebook, Twitter or Myspace to lurk a little?

According to Career Builder's recent survey, 45 percent of employers admit to checking Facebook before hiring someone.

Since Facebook and similar sites are commonly referred to as social-

networking Web sites, while intended for public use, why do so many job searchers get their panties in a twist at the thought of being turned down because of a photo they posted on their page? For many students, the common answer is "because it's my personal, private profile." As sophomore international relations major Erin Lionberger explained, "I think it's kind of an invasion of privacy. The things I do and the way I act in my active and social life doesn't necessarily reflect how I would be in the work life. I think it can cause unfair judgement."

Well, not really. When uploading photos on Facebook, users are required to check a statement saying "I certify that I have the right to distribute these photos and that they do not violate the Terms of Use." The Terms of Use basically state that Facebook can not guarantee the safety of your images, and if you're concerned about that, you should make your profile private.

BYU senior and communication disorders major Alyssa Montierth said, "Nothing is private on the Internet. If it's online, someone, somehow will see it. I know people who've lost their job because they complained about

their boss on their blog and then their boss found out."

Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, LinkedIn and all other social networking sites provide employers with a crucial tool for hiring workers. Twenty years ago, employers had to hire workers based solely off resumes and interviews — both things that everyone "stretches the truth" on. Of course you want to look your best. Now employers get a vital look into what kind of person you really are, and what you do on your downtime.

The bottom line is simple: while some people may feel that their privacy is being violated by a possible employer using Facebook to "check up" on them, it's a valuable tool. If you don't want your pictures to be seen, make your profile private, or don't post anything that could be taken out of context, seen as compromising, or even illegal. (Are you listening Ro Parker?)

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Wheresoever you go,
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Chinese philosopher & reformer

COLLEGE NEWS NETWORK

Studying abroad gives new understanding of home

A few nights a week I hear them below my balcony in the streets, banging drums and chanting. I look down and see the red flags hoisted, the white crescent and star of the Turkish Republic flapping, the men bundled in trench coats and muddy boots, their hot breath visible in the air, the women wrapped in bright hijabs, some of the only color in a month of overcast skies and endless rain.

David Joshua Ennings

The Oklahoma Daily

Their shouts and protest banners change but the anger and the desperation does not. Last week the focus was the ruling party's arrest of high-ranking military officials accused of planning a coup. This week they've assumed a more anti-American flavor, protesting the U.S. congressional panel's resolution to brand the mass killings of Armenians by the Ottoman Empire as "genocide."

Regardless of what they protest I always feel an urge to join them, to be swept long into something collective, enormous and transforming. But the seldom agreeable motive of the march, and the tendency for these gatherings to burst into violence, often keep me away.

That's what studying abroad, and travel generally, is about: allowing yourself to be transformed, allowing all the layers of your ignorance to peel away after being burned by the experience of larger things.

Days ago on the other side of Turkey a 6.0 magnitude earthquake swallowed a number of rural villages. A few thousand mud-brick homes crumbled into rubble and the tall, beautiful minarets of the mosques toppled to the ground like pencils.

The dead were almost immediately forgotten, as such horror often unearths greater worry, such as: what if, by chance, this was to happen in a place where significantly more people live, such as Istanbul? The event is commoditized, stripped of all blood and emotion, becomes a brick on which Turkish politicians build a campaign. The tragedy disappears into the hearts of those who suffered it.

I was more than 1,000 kilometers away at the time of the quake, traveling in Cappadocia, 50 yards beneath the Earth in an underground city built by the Hittites 4,000 years ago, where persecuted Christians later hid to evade the empires, first Roman and then Arab, whose armies rode back and forth across the plains above. This land has a history on which my country would be a blip, a freckle on the thigh. It has seen empires come and empires go, revolutions and counterrevolutions. The shepherds I see strolling along the hillsides, like the hills of yellow, swaying grass themselves, seem untouched by these waves of differing governments and ideologies. They live meekly, with their flock and their staff, much as they did 1,000, even 5,000 years ago.

Ninety five percent of the people I encounter have never heard of Oklahoma. The other five percent include American exchange students who have perhaps watched clips of our ignorant and embarrassing senators on television, or who know of the Murrow bombing, the musical or the

dust-bowl backdrop of Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath." I've grown accustomed to this and have often found the best way to impress people is to mention Brad Pitt was born there.

I play upon ignorance. I note Oklahoma has the largest American Indian population in the States — something, anything to make my birthplace seem somehow exotic. I do not mention the unchanging landscape of Wal-Marts and Best Buys and fast food chains bordering the enormous, fast-moving freeways, traveling through which seems like being spun around in a barber's chair, seeing the same vision over and over again. When people talk about our culture they refer to things that are no longer present in our reality: cowboys, buffalo, the wild west. But whenever I take my eyes from my computer and look, really look, all I see are Wal-Marts and Best Buys and fast food chains. What does that mean?

When I talk about Oklahoma I talk about how strong the wind is, the flat horizon, the ice storms and how students at universities such as OU have come to worship college football players, and therefore future car salesmen and burger joint proprietors.

Stories about tornadoes impress people the most, or perhaps descriptions of the religious landscape, where every white person is assumed to be some manner of Christian and the student newspaper opinion column at the leading university constantly publishes articles by students shouting arguments that God does not exist simply to make themselves feel they've transgressed. I talk about church camps, the songs sung and the Bible exercises and the demented people to whom parents entrust their children simply because they claim to love Jesus, whom they know nothing about.

Such stories send forth a thrill of exotic strangeness, about a land others do not understand, a war-loving society, a land where people embalm their recently deceased relatives and stare at them for days before lowering them into the ground. I've lived in Oklahoma most of my life, I tell them. I'm not lying. I've seen it. I know.

I talk about these things as a means of discovery. I reach inside myself for things that have been inside me for so long that they have become invisible. I hold them out in front of me for others to pick apart. I become alienated from them again. I find they no longer fit inside me.

This is the great wealth of traveling, and I encourage all students at OU to consider seriously the option to study abroad. Allow the pre-conceived strangeness of foreignness, constructed by your culture, to evaporate in its simplicity. Allow light to be thrown into the corners of yourself that you have yet to discover, much less explore. Learn to fully understand and love the place you are from. Take a trip, study elsewhere (the more exotic the better) and begin to perceive not so much the overwhelming strangeness of others, but of yourself.

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Kids these days

High school sure was fun, wasn't it? A bus/minivan took you to school in the morning, hierarchies of social circles ruled who you talked to and the way you dressed, all of your financial needs were met by your parents (having to buy your own movie tickets with the money you earned bagging groceries doesn't count as financial independence) and your insatiable thirst for gossip was nursed consistently by an influx of "he said-she said and he kissed-she kissed" diatribes.

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The Daily Titan

Too bad you're in college now, huh? I know that the switch was difficult and you may still be going through withdrawal, but there are a few high school-fueled habits that end now.

1. Sleeping in class

If you missed class in high school, chances were very high that an angry recorded message would end up on your parent's answering machine by the end of the day, warning them that unexcused absences lead to a life of crime, debauchery and general nastiness.

We know now that those warnings were entirely true, but the answering machine message has disappeared. Why? Because you're an adult.

No one is going to call home when you miss class. Please, if you're really so tired that 50 minutes of Elizabethan history will reduce you to droopy eyelids and incoherent muttering, stay home. Pillows absorb the drool better than laminated wood, and you won't personally insult your professor. Home too far away? I recommend the arboretum for a mid-day nap — the grassy hill by the pond is perfect. Although I caution: Watch for duck poop.

2. Walking shoulder to shoulder

Cliques were my personal favorite part of high school. Doing your lipstick in the opaque mirror in the bathroom, making fun of girls with cankles — ah, youth. The best part of having a clique was walking side-by-side down the hallway, arms linked and heels clacking.

You formed an impenetrable wall, resistant to all outside forces — including the pathetic nobodies trying to find a way around you. Now there are more nobodies than ever, completely unaware that you're more important than them, yelling

silly things like "Move it!" and "Don't stop right in front of me, you'll make me swerve and hit that group of ahhhhhh!"

3. Bragging about excessive drinking
Alcohol was a taboo and forbidden fruit in high school. Was your brother 21 and willing to buy beer for you? Welcome to popularity! There wasn't anyone too good to listen to your stories about binge drinking with an aftermath of painful purging if it meant you could hook them up to do the same.

We have a new word for that kind of behavior — Alcoholism. Annoying alcoholism. That story about that time you got totally drunk and hooked up with Amy — Bro, listen ... Bro — is less impressive and more pathetic. It isn't forbidden anymore. If you aren't 21, most of your friends are.

Getting alcohol isn't hard, getting drunk isn't taboo and spending an evening with your girlfriends holding your hair back while you empty the contents of your stomach into a dirty dorm toilet isn't neat.

4. Nonconformity

Do you remember the look on your mom's face the first time you sewed a "Dead Kennedys" patch to the back of the leather jacket she got you for your birthday? Or that one time when you put a safety pin through your ear and spit (mentally, not physically — that's gross) at all of the stupid conformist kids you went to school with? They're all sheep just blindly buying into corporations, man.

You would have deep conversations about how dumb Abercrombie & Fitch Co. is with the cashier at Hot Topic as you bought a few more Ramones pins (for the low, low price of \$15.99) for the checkered messenger bag you just bought at Tilly's.

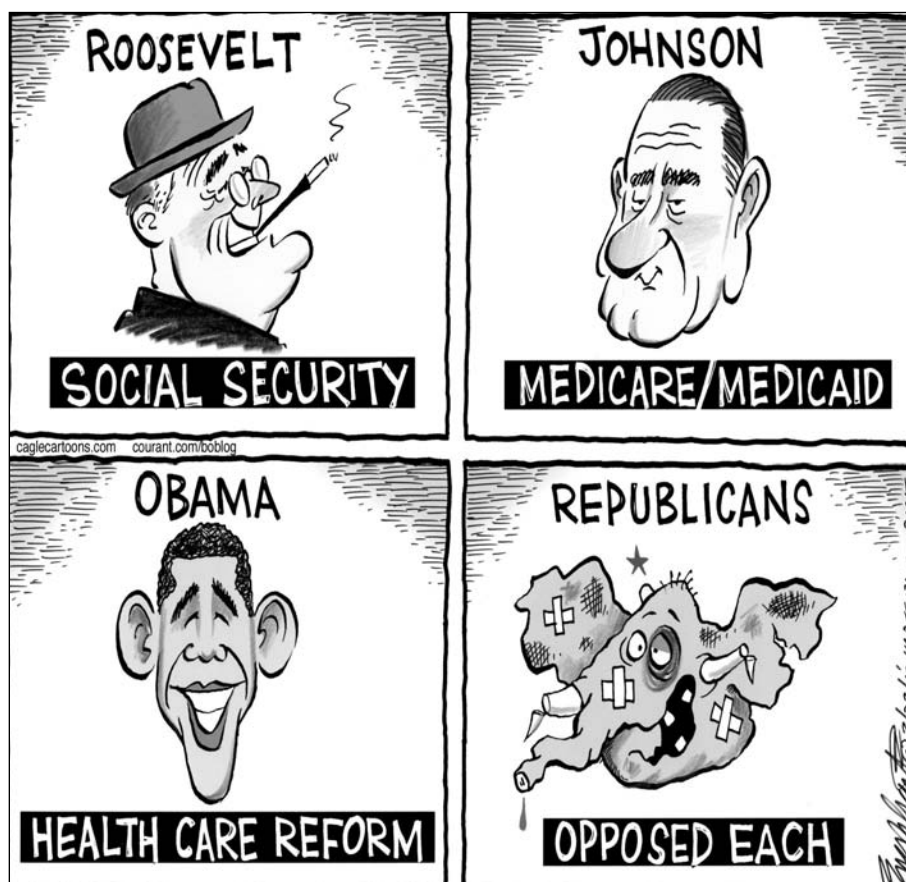
Faking nonconformity by dressing like all of the other nonconformists was dumb then, but it's even dumber now. You don't have that "Oh, he's just being a teenager" excuse anymore.

Grow up, buy a pair of khakis and stop trying so hard. Leave high school behind.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



What we have here isn't so much a failure to communicate as it is an epic fail.

Write in to The Observer.

CAMPUS RANT:

PESTO PESTO PESTO
Where did it go?



"Everybody likes pesto. You walk into a restaurant, that's all you hear: pesto, pesto, pesto!" George Costanza once exclaimed in an episode of "Seinfeld."

But where has all the winter pesto pasta gone? Last year it was a rarity, only making its appearance every few weeks and becoming even more infrequent as the year went on. This year, however, the delicious, carb-loaded food has yet to grace the dining halls with its presence.

Why is this happening? Pesto pasta is one of my favorite foods, and last year I eagerly anticipated the day there was winter pesto at the pasta station. In fact, the pasta station at South Dining Hall is the first place I check when I am picking out what I want for dinner. Many people I have talked to — complained to, really — also lament the loss of this pasta special.

What I really do not understand about this dearth of winter pesto is why there is always the choice of pesto sauce whenever I trek up to North Dining Hall for the "Make Your Own Pizza" sta-



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Scene Writer

tion or at South, when the station is set up once every 12 days. Clearly, the problem does not lie in a lack of basil leaves or olive oil.

And so, if there is pesto sauce, why not throw it in a bowl of linguine and mix? Or even just put it out as a sauce choice next to the two different types of tomato sauce every once and a while? I did see it out there once, and I was extremely excited. My dinner that night was fantastic.

However, another time I looked at the menu online and read that pesto was a sauce choice at the pasta station so I arrived at the dining hall later that night all smiles, eagerly anticipating my long-awaited pesto pasta. My hopes were crushed, however, when I reached the pasta station and there was no mouthwatering green sauce staring back up at me from between the spaghetti and meat sauces. I ended up making a mediocre wrap, and my night was ruined.

All this is not to say I don't appreciate the dining halls at Notre Dame. Having visited siblings and friends at various colleges, mostly in the Northeast, we have it pretty good here food-wise. Our food is not rubber, and we have a good amount of variety. Also, our dining hall workers could not be nicer.

I also don't mind that we can't eat meat in our dining halls on Fridays during Lent, a complaint many people have. I have always thoroughly

enjoyed fish, and although I am somewhat suspect of some of the fish served in Indiana, I enjoy the grilled salmon that has been featured the past few Fridays. I also love that every Friday in Lent, South Dining Hall features pierogies and its own "Make Your Own Pizza" station.

I just do not understand some of the menu decisions. While we have not had winter pesto, the new pasta special of choice seems to have become orzo with butternut squash, making its appearance almost weekly. And while on week-day mornings there are often different types of French toast or pancakes, on weekend mornings there are no such options to be found.

I'm not asking for a total food revolution. All I'm asking for is some winter pesto and some French toast on the weekends for next year.

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Dining Hall Dish

By ADRIANA PRATT
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Homemade and healthy apple crisp

No, it might not be just like Mom's, but this homemade version of one of America's favorite desserts will still have you licking your lips and pining for more. The best part is it's guilt-free and just as tasty as the old-fashioned stuff.

- 1 bowl
- 2 scoops of hot and chunky applesauce
- 2 scoops of low fat granola with raisins
- Optional: a swirl of vanilla frozen yogurt

1. Head to the Homestyle section for the hot chunky applesauce.
2. While it's still sizzling, make sure to load on the granola. I'm a personal fan of a 2:1 granola-to-applesauce ratio, but feel free to make it your own.
3. Once you've loaded on the good stuff, make a pit stop at the fro-yo machine and add a little creamy goodness.

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By JORDAN GAMBLE
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"Last-ditch effort" wrap with chipotle sauce

Ever walked through the dining hall and not found anything good to eat? Every ingredient is available every day (except the chicken on Lenten Fridays). This wrap still has enough flair to fill the void.

- 1 large tortilla (tomato, spinach, herbs, or honey wheat)
- Grilled and chopped chicken (substitute tuna on Fridays during Lent)
- Lettuce
- Diced tomatoes
- Shredded cheddar cheese
- Scoop of guacamole
- Scoop of pico de gallo
- Chipotle ranch sauce

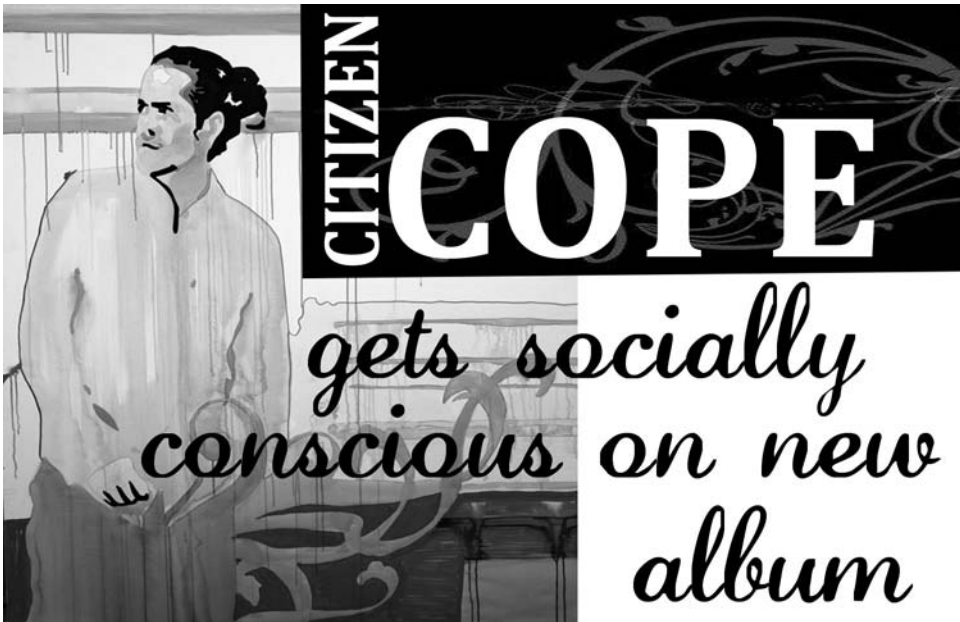
1. Grab one of the assortment of large tortillas found at the sandwich bar station. Tomato basil adds some color, but any type will work.
2. Go to the Pan-American station and grab

enough of the chopped grilled chicken to evenly cover a palm-sized portion of your wrap.

3. Add lettuce, diced tomatoes and cheese to your liking.
4. Sprinkle some pico de gallo into the mix.
5. Spread a scoop of guacamole onto the tortilla.
6. At the Panini grills, stir up everything with a fork, then wrap up the mix. Fold both sides in, then fold the top and bottom so you have an envelope of delicious dinner.
7. Lay the wrap folded-edges down in the Panini grill and close the grill.
8. Wait four or five minutes for a crispy wrap, or flip over after two minutes for a criss-crossed grill. The grilling should seal the wrap shut so it doesn't fall apart while you're eating it.
9. Squirt a few tablespoons of chipotle ranch sauce (also found at the sandwich bar) into a dessert or salad bowl. You can spread the chipotle sauce onto your wrap bite by bite.

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By KATHERINE GREENSPON
Scene Writer

Citizen Cope, also known as Clarence Greenwood, has returned from his four-year absence with new melodies, raspy lyrics and soulful passion. His newest album, "The Rainwater LP," is Greenwood's first under his own label, Rainwater Recordings. In his first four albums he jumped from indie pop to reggae to R&B, and he now tries out a new soft and folk-like style.

After songs like "Let the Drummer Kick," "Son's Gonna Rise" and "Bullet and a Target," it is refreshing to see Greenwood take on a fresh new start. Songs on "The Rainwater LP" have less to do with love's hardships and more to do with personal struggles and political issues we are facing as a nation today.

Many of his new songs tackle bigger social problems. In "Lifeline," for example, Greenwood sings, "Well the children still dying in the streets / The babies still living with disease / The cops got guns, the poor folks got sons." His lyrics leave listeners with a sense of truth and a door to reality through which many try to escape by listening to music. His voice lingers over every lyric, which makes listening to his music both easy and relaxing.

Some may consider this album to be a dark one, but it is nonetheless very artistic and well thought out. Greenwood has drifted from his past work and is focusing more on his rage and love for singing raw lyrics with

profound meaning. One of the most popular tracks on the album is "Healing Hands," which starts off only with Greenwood's raspy voice and his guitar.

There is an eerie undertone to the song, but toward the end of the song lyrics like, "Cause the violence of a few / Have put a world in harm's way /

And history has proven that they / Killed our leaders

dead," leave fans with a lasting impression on how reality's issues can fuse together for a brilliant and cutting-edge song. Garage drums, trumpets and his own work on the guitar makes "Healing Hands" one of the CD's best tracks.

When Greenwood was asked why he released the album on his own label, he responded, "I don't want to be led into those confines anymore. I want to be able to do it my own way."

His goal is to share his music with everyone whether they like it or not. His whiny but rhythmic voice hypnotizes audiences. Greenwood worked with many musicians on this album, including drummer Paul Edwards, keyboardist James Poyser,

percussionist Bashiri Johnson and guitarists Michael Neal and Preston Crump. All the songs are available on iTunes.

Overall, "Rainwater" is an enjoyable album that offers new originality and an

easy listen. Casual listeners might want to skip over the serious meaning of the words, but overall, the album was amazingly thought-out and beautifully executed.

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'The Rainwater LP'
Citizen Cope

Label: RainWater Recordings
Best tracks: "Let the Drummer Kick," "Lifeline" and "Healing Hands"



Summoning Spring



by Packy Griffin

- 1 "In the Summertime" - Mungo Jerry
- 2 "Barbeque" - ALO
- 3 "You Make Me Feel So Young" - Frank Sinatra
- 4 "Don't Be Shy" - Shwayze
- 5 "San Francisco" - Brett Dennen
- 6 "Summer Girls" - LFO
- 7 "Daniella" - John Butler
- 8 "Pinch Me" - Barenaked Ladies
- 9 "Son's Gonna Rise" - Citizen Cope
- 10 "Daylight" - Matt & Kim
- 11 "Girl" - Beck
- 12 "Here Comes the Sun" - Travis

We seemed so close! But after a weekend of cold, wind and the threat of snow, South Bend now teeters on the precipice of spring. Here are a few doozies to welcome in the warm weather and sunshine. It's time to come out of hibernation, Notre Dame! Put away your North Faces and Uggs and bust out the Raybans and frisbees — Spring is on its way.

You can find the whole playlist on the Observer website, www.ndsmcobserver.edu

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Top-seeded Volunteers advance to Sweet 16

Monroe's 16 points lead Seminoles past St. John's in overtime; Thomas scores 15 as Blue Devils roll past LSU

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — After an unprecedented early loss in the NAAs last year, it's back to business as usual for Tennessee.

The No. 1-seeded Lady Volunteers beat eighth-seeded Dayton 92-64 in the second round of the tournament on Monday night.

Tennessee (32-2) will make its 28th appearance in the regional semifinals Saturday, this time playing 350 miles from home in Memphis. The Lady Vols' lone absence from the round of 16 in the tournament's 29-year history came after last season's loss to 71-55 to Ball State in the opening round.

And the Lady Vols are ready to prove that loss was an anomaly.

"I thought I could feel the energy in the locker room, and I mean they were wanting to get out on the court ASAP. With all that energy, I thought: they're ready to play," coach Pat Summitt said.

Alicia Manning scored a career-high 17 points and had 10 rebounds and a career-high seven rebounds to lead Tennessee after fouling out of the opening-round game with two points. Manning was among five Lady Vols who had double-digit scoring against Dayton.

"I felt like last game I kind of let the team down getting in foul trouble, so I definitely felt like I needed to pick it up and make up for what I didn't do in the other game," she said.

Tennessee will face either No. 4 Baylor or No. 5 Georgetown in Memphis.

Dayton (25-8), which managed to rally from an 18-point deficit in its 67-66 win over TCU in the first round, was tasked with playing only its second NCAA tournament game in front of about 10,000 orange-clad fans on the court named "The Summitt."

A three-point play by Shekinna Stricklen launched a 17-2 scoring run for Tennessee. The Lady Vols had their way under their own basket, hitting wide-open shots from the perimeter and slashing the lane to take easy layups.

Manning cut through the paint to hit a layup that gave Tennessee a 19-4 run with 13:31 left in the first half. Taber Spani, who hit her first seven shots, sank a smooth 3 from the sideline to push Tennessee's

lead to 23 points, and the Lady Vols entered halftime with a 50-30 lead.

"We knew we had to take away their inside game, so we were hoping they wouldn't go crazy on us. And they went crazy on us," Dayton coach Jim Jabir said. "I don't know if they do that usually. If they do, you should raise the ticket prices because that's some really good basketball."

At the break, Tennessee led in every category except rebounds — something Summitt emphasized in the first round game. The two teams each had 20 at halftime.

But the Lady Vols didn't need the boards as they took care of the ball on offense and scored 13 off seven Dayton turnovers in the first half.

Tennessee scored the first 10 points of the second half, and Manning reached her career high on a fast-break layup that put the Lady Vols ahead 73-44 with 12:11 left.

Justine Raterman led the Flyers with 17 points.

The Lady Vols hit 53.9 percent of their shots as their lead ballooned to 34 points off a layup by Glory Johnson with 14:59 left. The Flyers hit 41.5 of their shots.

The Flyers struggled nearly every time they reached their end of the court. They had at least a half-dozen airballs in the first half, and Tennessee blocked 10 shots — six by Kelley Cain.

And with 10 minutes to go, both Olivia Applewhite and Casey Nance had fouled out for Dayton.

"Offensively I thought we just looked nervous," Jabir said. "Justine doesn't shoot a lot of airballs and neither does Kendel (Ross). I think both of those guys had rim bypasses a couple of times."

Florida State 66, St. John's 65

Jacinta Monroe wasn't ready for her Florida State career to end.

And the Seminoles never needed her more, either.

Monroe scored Florida State's final four points of regulation to spark a last-ditch rally, then scored the gamewinner with 28.9 seconds left as the Seminoles beat St. John's in the second round of the NCAA women's tournament on Monday night.

Monroe scored a game-high 16 points for Florida State (28-5), which got 15 from Alysha



LSU's Allison Hightower and Duke's Jasmine Thomas scramble for a loose ball during Duke's 60-52 win Monday. Thomas led the Blue Devils with 15 points as Duke reached the Sweet 16.

Harvin and 10 each from Chasity Clayton and Alexa Deluzio.

Nadirah McKenith scored 15 for St. John's (25-7), which was trying to reach the NCAA round of 16 for the first time. Stevens had 14 points and 10 rebounds despite spending much of the second half and overtime battling leg cramps, and Joy McCorvey added 13 for the Red Storm.

St. John's had a chance at the buzzer to win it. Stevens had a good look from the left wing, but her bank shot bounced off the rim as the horn sounded, and the Seminoles stormed their home floor in celebration.

Florida State coach Sue Semrau grabbed the house microphone moments later, telling the home crowd that they couldn't have gotten "there" without them.

"There" for Florida State is defined as Dayton: The Seminoles next play in Sunday's Dayton Regional semifinals, where they'll meet the winner of Tuesday's game in Pittsburgh between Ohio State (31-4) and Mississippi State (20-12).

To say it was close throughout would be a bit of an understatement.

Neither team ever went on a big run, nor was there ever a moment where it seemed like one team was on the cusp of taking control.

And that won't make losing any easier to accept for St. John's either.

There were 10 ties and 12

lead changes in the first half, St. John's never leading by more than three, Florida State never by more than four.

Harvin scored 13 of her points before the break for the Seminoles, taking charge after Monroe drew her second foul with 5:45 left until halftime. Harvin scored eight of Florida State's final 10 points of the half, including a baseline jumper that rattled in with no time remaining.

It was tied five more times in a three-minute stretch early in the second half, after the Red Storm seemed to survive a scare.

Just after Shenneika Smith made a jumper with 17:19 left to get St. John's within 37-36, she tried to make a steal on the other end, slipping awkwardly and falling to the court clutching her left knee.

Smith was carried off and tended to by a trainer, then returned about 2 minutes later and quickly got back into the scoring column, rebounding her own miss and laying it in with 14:38 left to knot the game at 43.

Florida State scored six straight points over a 3½-minute stretch, the last four of those points coming from Cierra Bravard, to take a 55-53 lead with 6:18 remaining.

Then it was the Seminoles' turn to go scoreless, at the absolute wrong time.

Florida State didn't score for the next 4:39, falling behind 60-55 before Deluzio's 3-pointer

from the right corner cut the margin to two with 1:39 to play. Monroe did the rest, tying the game at 60 a half-minute later, and after St. John's hit two free throws, Monroe delivered again with 16.7 seconds left in regulation and sending the teams to OT tied at 62.

Duke 60, LSU 52

Duke spent the night playing takeaway with LSU — first the ball, then the game.

Jasmine Thomas scored 15 points to help Duke pull away late and beat LSU on Monday night in the second round of the NCAA women's tournament.

Bridgette Mitchell scored 12 points for the Blue Devils (29-5), who went ahead to stay on Thomas' layup with 3½ minutes left. The typically sure-handed Tigers (21-10) matched a season high with 22 turnovers and had one field goal in the final 4 minutes.

Allison Hightower had 19 points and LaSondra Barrett added 12 for LSU (21-10). Katherine Graham hit two free throws with 3:49 left to give the Tigers their last lead at 47-46.

Thomas drove the lane for a left-handed layup, and Keturah Jackson added a stickback to start the 10-2 run that put the Blue Devils on their way to their 12th regional semifinal berth in 13 years. They're headed to Memphis next weekend, when they will face the winner of Tuesday night's San Diego State-West Virginia game.

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I have no idea to this day what those two Italian ladies were singing about. Truth is, I don't want to know. Some things are best left unsaid. I'd like to think they were singing about something so beautiful, it can't be expressed in words, and makes your heart ache because of it. I tell you, those voices soared higher and farther than anybody in a gray place dares to dream. It was like some beautiful bird flapped into our drab little cage

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2 Virginia	4
3 LSU	1
4 Georgia Tech	5
5 Florida State	2
6 Texas	6
7 Clemson	7
8 TCU	9
9 Louisville	11
10 UCLA	13
11 Florida	8
12 Coastal Carolina	10
13 Oklahoma	15
14 Miami	14
15 Arkansas	16
16 Vanderbilt	20
17 North Carolina	12
18 Oregon State	18
19 Mississippi	17
20 Kentucky	22
21 Alabama	25
22 Rice	19
23 Texas A&M	NR
24 UC Irvine	24
25 Kansas State	NR

Men's Division I Tennis ITA Poll

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19 Florida State	19
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22 Fresno State	NR
23 BYU	23
24 Pepperdine	NR
25 Michigan	NR

Men's Division I Lacrosse USILA Poll

team	points
1 Virginia	240
2 Syracuse	219
3 NOTRE DAME	217
4 North Carolina	205
5 Maryland	191
6 Princeton	186
7 Johns Hopkins	160
8 Cornell	158
9 Loyola	124
10 Duke	117

PGA



Tiger Woods discussed his sex scandal with two media outlets over the weekend. The golf icon will return next month at the Masters after four months away from the game. Woods announced his indefinite leave on Dec. 11.

Woods: 'I've done some pretty bad things'

Associated Press

Tiger Woods acknowledged "living a lie," saying he alone was responsible for the sex scandal that caused his shocking downfall from global sporting icon to late-night TV punchline.

"It was all me. I'm the one who did it. I'm the one who acted the way I acted. No one knew what was going on when it was going on," Woods told the Golf Channel in one of two interviews Sunday night.

A second one was aired on ESPN, which will also televise the first two rounds of the Masters. Woods plans to end four months of seclusion and return to golf at the tournament next month. Talking

about those plans marked the only time he smiled during either interview.

"I'm sure if more people would have known in my inner circle, they would have stopped it or tried to put a stop to it," he told the Golf Channel. "But I kept it all to myself."

Later in the same interview with reporter Kelly Tilghman, Woods refers to his serial adultery by saying, "I tried to stop and I couldn't stop. And it was just, it was horrific."

Woods answered questions on camera for the first time since his early morning car crash last November, yet again divulged few details about the crash, his marriage, his stint in a rehabili-

tation clinic or his personal life. Woods insisted those matters would remain private, just as he had in a statement on his Web site right after his crash and again Feb. 19 when he apologized on camera in front of a hand-picked audience but took no questions.

"A lot of ugly things have happened. ... I've done some pretty bad things in my life," he told ESPN's Tom Rinaldi.

Last week, a woman who claims to be one of Woods' mistresses released an embarrassing transcript of text messages she said he sent her.

Woods admitted that four months of nearly nonstop public ridicule had caused him shame.

"It was hurtful, but then again, you know what? I did it," he told the Golf Channel. "And I'm the one who did those things. And looking back on it now, with a more clear head, I get it. I can understand why people would say those things. Because you know what? It was disgusting behavior. It's hard to believe that was me, looking back on it now."

Woods announced Dec. 11 that he would take an "indefinite break" from golf and was in a Mississippi clinic from the end of that month until early February. Asked by ESPN to describe the lowest point, he replied, "I've had a lot of low points. Just when I didn't think it could get any lower, it got lower."

IN BRIEF

Dolphins' Brown arrested for DUI in Atlanta area

ATLANTA — Miami Dolphins running back Ronnie Brown, who had been in the suburban Atlanta area to help celebrate his parents' anniversary, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and released from jail a few hours later, officials said Monday.

The 28-year-old fifth-year pro was arrested at 4:29 a.m. Saturday, Marietta Police Officer Jennifer Murphy said. Marietta is about 15 miles northwest of Atlanta.

Brown's mother, Joyce Brown, told The Associated Press in a phone interview on Monday that Brown was visiting his hometown of Cartersville for her and her husband's 32nd anniversary. She said he had eaten dinner with relatives and then went to a club. She didn't know the name of the club, but the night was not part of the anniversary celebration.

NFL commish Goodell plans to meet with Roethlisberger

ORLANDO, Fla. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell plans to meet with Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger about the star's off-field problems.

Goodell already has spoken with team owners about Roethlisberger, who is accused of assaulting a 20-year-old college student in a Georgia nightclub on March 5. Roethlisberger's attorney says the quarterback committed no crime. Roethlisberger has yet to be interviewed by police in Milledgeville, Ga., and charges have not been filed.

"We take this issue very seriously," Goodell said Monday at the NFL meetings. "I am concerned that Ben continues to put himself in this position."

"I spoke with the Steelers and (team president) Art Rooney about it and, at some point, I will be meeting with Ben at the appropriate time."

Pujols receives MRI, anti-inflammatory shot for back

JUPITER, Fla. — St. Louis Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols got an anti-inflammatory shot Monday for tightness in his back and is expected to be out of action for the next couple of days.

The three-time NL MVP missed a week this spring because of lower back pain he described as feeling like spasms. Pujols returned to play in five exhibition games before being pulled from the lineup against Boston.

"He received an MRI today and then an injection to put him over the hump, make him feel better," Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said. "He's day to day. We'll see how he feels on Wednesday."

The Cardinals are off Tuesday. Mozeliak said Pujols has felt some discomfort in recent days. Asked whether he thought the star first baseman's back could be a chronic concern throughout the season, Mozeliak said: "I don't get that sense."

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NBA

Jordan cautious in free agent market

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Picture the NBA free agency period beginning and Michael Jordan is on the phone making a recruiting pitch to LeBron James.

It's one the perks for the Charlotte Bobcats now that the Hall of Famer owns the team. Only being a big player in free agency isn't on Jordan's agenda — or even possible.

Unlike the New York Knicks, New Jersey Nets and Chicago Bulls, the Bobcats have no salary-cap space to participate in the summer free agency bonanza that could include James, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and Amare Stoudemire.

And Jordan doesn't mind. In moving from a minority investor with the final say on personnel decisions to the first former player to be a majority owner of an NBA team, Jordan is preaching patience with his roster. He is vowing not to get into luxury tax territory with his payroll and showing distaste for what he feels is overblown hype for free agency this summer.

"That doesn't guarantee that New York is going to be in the playoffs," Jordan said shortly after his \$275 million purchase of the team was approved last week. "Everybody is second-guessing themselves. I like where we are. If I were to unload everybody on our team just so we can clear (salary-cap) space, does that mean they're going to come to Charlotte? It's no guarantee."

The six-time NBA champion faces a number of issues as he takes over a club that's expected to lose more than \$30 million this season. Besides trying to boost ticket sales and strike sponsorship deals, he'll continue to have the final say on basketball decisions.

Jordan acknowledged he has "little wiggle room right now" with the salary cap. He indicated they have committed between \$57-59 million in payroll for next season, and that doesn't include impending free agents Raymond Felton and Tyrus Thomas.

Jordan said the league office has told teams the luxury tax threshold — where teams will have to pay a dollar for dollar tax for going over — could be as low as \$61 million next season.

"If it's around \$65 (million), we still have roughly \$8 million to play with to stay underneath the luxury tax," Jordan said. "I don't see a need to go over the luxury tax unless we go deep (in the playoffs) and we're a player away or we're close. I would (then) entertain that idea."

The Bobcats have gotten into playoff position this sea-

son after a flurry of deals.

At the urging of coach Larry Brown, the Bobcats have made seven trades involving 21 players since the start of last season. It's Jordan's preferred way to improve the roster instead of through free agency and the draft, with the Bobcats owing future first-round picks to Minnesota and Chicago because of past deals.

Those trades, including Stephen Jackson's acquisition in November, have put the six-year-old Bobcats (35-34) one win shy of a franchise season record and in seventh place in the Eastern Conference.

"I'd like to give my team another year to bond and blend together and see if we can take it further, or we can find something along the road to get us over the hump," Jordan said. "The thing about this team that people tend to forget is we haven't been together a year yet."

Jordan said he wasn't going to "box myself into" saying if he felt the current core of players that includes Jackson, All-Star Gerald Wallace, Felton, Thomas and Tyson Chandler could develop into a contending team.

Actually, Jordan isn't sure of the best way to construct a championship roster.

"There are very few Kobe Bryants out there. LeBron hasn't won yet. Dwyane Wade had Shaq (O'Neal) sitting next to him and he had Pat Riley coaching him. So there are a lot of other components that come into play to say if you're an NBA championship team," Jordan said. "Detroit did a great job in winning and they had no one superstar on that team. Boston won with three All-Stars. The Lakers won with two All-Stars."

"To say what's the clear cut ingredient to win a championship, I don't know. I really, really don't know. I think we have the ingredients to compete and surpass a lot of expectations."

But the Bobcats could sure use another star. And if they clear some cap space in the future, Jackson thinks Jordan could lure big names to Charlotte.

"If Michael calls you, that's a call you're going to pick up," Jackson said Monday. "He's such a big figure in this game, if not the biggest. He has a lot of pull and a lot of clout, so I think anything is possible with him being an owner."

The 47-year-old Jordan may have sway with players who grew up idolizing him, but he's not about to overpay for talent or be a buddy to the players.

He understands the obstacles ahead to make the Bobcats a winner on the court and the box office.

"I think we have the ingredients to compete and surpass a lot of expectations."

Michael Jordan
Bobcats owner

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Post players help Duke advance

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke's "Big Three" handle most of the scoring. It's the big men doing the dirty work underneath who have helped the Blue Devils advance to the round of 16.

What was considered a serious liability for Duke — a lack of reliable size in the paint — has become an unsung strength. The Blue Devils are better equipped to deal with the off nights that sometimes plague teams that thrive on 3-point shooting.

Kyle Singler, Jon Scheyer and Nolan Smith combine to average 67 percent of the team's points. But in years past, a cold shooting night by any of them might have led to an early exit from the NCAA tournament.

That hasn't been a problem this time. Not with center Brian Zoubek dominating the lane, gritty senior Lance Thomas playing with unmatched emotion and 6-foot-10 brothers Miles and Mason Plumlee filling valuable roles off the bench.

"This team has so much talent and so much potential. Every game, somebody steps up, and that's the exciting thing about this team," Smith said after a second-round win against California. "We might not shoot good every game, but we play defense and play hard, and any game, somebody is going to surprise you."

Lately, that's been Zoubek — well, at least to outsiders, anyway.

The 7-foot-1 senior had 14 points and 13 rebounds in the

win against Cal, and he's reached double figures in rebounds in six of the last 12 games of his late-season surge.

But his value to the No. 1 seeded Blue Devils (31-5) can't be measured solely by his stat line. His presence in the paint and his knack for cleaning up misses from Singler and Scheyer has given the team an added weapon, with coach Mike Krzyzewski calling him one of the team's unsung heroes.

The Hall of Fame coach said in the preseason that this was his biggest team in three decades at Duke, and Zoubek is making that claim mean something.

Scheyer was 1-for-11 against Cal, but Zoubek helped make up for that cold spell with his rebounding and his 6-for-6 shooting performance from his low-post comfort zone. Thomas added nine rebounds.

"It was a really tough game inside, a lot of elbows thrown, a lot of contact," Zoubek said. "Both teams were playing hard, and we knew that the rebounding was going to be an essential part of the game, so both teams were fighting for it. I know that (Cal's Jamal) Boykin and (Markhuri Sanders-Frison) were really being physical underneath, and I know that, for me, without Lance being just as physical or more physical than them, I wouldn't have gotten a lot of rebounds, and I wouldn't have gotten a lot of stuff."

That steady play in the paint has kept the Blue Devils

immune from the upsets and close calls that have plagued so many high seeds in this year's tournament.

Duke won its first two South Regional games by 29 and 15 points to reach the regional semifinals for the 19th time under Krzyzewski, and the Blue Devils face a manageable path to their coach's 11th Final Four and first since 2004.


If they get past a fourth-seeded Purdue team in Houston that's playing without injured star Robbie Hummel, they'll face either No. 3 seed Baylor or upstart No. 10 seed Saint Mary's with an invitation to Indianapolis on the line.

That would fall in line with the incremental progress the seniors have made through the years. They were knocked out in the first round as freshmen in 2007, were beaten in Round 2 as sophomores and advanced to the regional semifinals last year.

"We're a better team this year. I don't know if we'll go any further, but this is a better team because it can play total defense," Krzyzewski said. "Someone will say in the past, well, they relied on the 3-point shot. Well, what else were we going to rely on? We relied on it enough to win 30 games"

"Just because then you lose, doesn't mean those kids underachieved. They maxed. This team is better. It's not a great team, but it's an excellent defensive team that hopefully can be a little bit better offensively as we go forward."

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PGA

Veteran Furyk wins first event in 32 months

Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — A PGA Tour winner again after 32 long months, Jim Furyk walked into an interview room at Innisbrook with a three-page transcript that had been folded in half.

It wasn't a statement or a speech. They weren't even his words.

As Furyk was finishing off a messy 18th hole that wrapped up a most beautiful victory at the Transitions Championship, ESPN and the Golf Channel broadcast the first interviews of Tiger Woods since his Nov. 27 accident, which set off a shocking sex scandal that has

dominated sports news the last four months.

Furyk, one of the closest players to Woods on tour, feigned disappointed and joked, "No one was watching me, then."

Considering how long it had been since his last tour victory — 58 tournaments over 32 months dating to the 2007 Canadian Open — he didn't seem terribly bothered.

"You know what? Tomorrow, the paper is going to read that I won the golf tournament, and I don't really care if it's a three-page spread or a little blurb in the corner of the paper because the article is about him," Furyk said.

"I won the damn thing, and it really doesn't matter to me."

The timing was coincidental in at least one respect.

While it only counted in the world ranking, Furyk won the Chevron World Challenge against a world-class field of 18 players in December, a tournament hosted by Woods when this sordid saga was just beginning to unfold.

This was more about Furyk, and a badly needed victory.

He almost wanted it too badly.

The facts — no matter how much space or attention they receive — will show that Furyk closed with a 2-under 69 for a one-shot victory over K.J. Choi,

and that he earned \$972,000 for his 14th career victory.

It was a final round that was at times brilliant, at times sloppy, and uncertain to the very end, which includes weather delays of nearly six hours that left in doubt whether the tournament would end on Sunday.

Whenever he felt the most pressure, Furyk answered with crisp iron shots and clutch putts. No sooner had he built a cushion, Furyk managed to keep it interesting with bogeys, including a trio of three-putt bogeys on the par 3s.

He simply couldn't get out of his way.

"I made it difficult, there's no doubt," said Furyk, who fin-

ished at 13-under 271. "It seemed like every time K.J. got close ... I was able to bounce right back and hit some really good shots, make a bunch of birdies and get some more distance. And then as soon as I got the distance, I went back to making that same mistake again, or he played well."

It worked out in the end, but getting there was quite the ride.

As a small consolation prize, being the runner-up meant Choi goes from No. 75 to No. 47 in the world ranking, and he only needs to stay in the top 50 after the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill this week to secure an invitation to the Masters.

Upon hearing this news, Choi raised his arms in strongman style with a wide grin.

"It's actually better than what I thought I would be at this point," Choi said. "So definitely I've exceeded my expectations. All I can say is I will try my best next week to maintain or better that position."

Equally surprising is that he had a chance — several of them — as did Bubba Watson, who shot 68 and finished third.

Furyk had a three-shot lead, which was erased by Choi's four birdies through six holes. The turning point for Furyk came at the par-3 eighth, when he rolled in a birdie and Choi missed the green and made bogey, a two-shot swing that Choi never made up.

Furyk knocked in a 35-foot birdie putt on the 12th as Watson was starting to make a move, and after Furyk three-putted the 13th, he answered with another splendid shot, a knockdown 8-iron from 136 yards into the breeze to 3 feet for birdie on the par-5 14th.

And then came another three-putt bogey.

Furyk failed to hit the green in regulation on the final two holes, but he escaped with pars on the first two — a lag from 80 feet off the green on the 16th to tap-in range, and a superb bunker shot from sand that had been washed out by the earlier rain to 8 feet on the 17th.

More negative thinking crept into his head. Furyk had hit the ball beautifully on the 18th all week, but knowing that a tee shot left could lead to a big number, he hit right into the trees. Trying to advance the ball close to the green, he hit what Furyk called a half-shank that nearly took out NBC Sports reporter Roger Maltbie.

"I have a habit of making it tough on myself," Furyk said. "Just nerves got me, to be honest with you."

From a good lie in the rough, Furyk kept his shot pin-high and removed all drama by lagging that par putt to an inch, assured victory when Choi failed to chip in for birdie from just short of the green.

And that's when the Woods interview began, although it was only about five minutes.

"Pretty much the same stuff that we already knew," said Furyk, who managed to scan one page of the transcript. "But I think it's good for him to get his face out there and have people see him. They are going to make their judgments, but I think it allows him to kind of move on and get focused for the next thing."

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MLB

Reds' Chapman leaves win with back injury

Phillies' Valdez hits walk-off homer to beat Yankees; Duchscherer debuts with four scoreless innings for Athletics

Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Cincinnati Reds left-hander Aroldis Chapman has run into his first setback of spring training, and it has nothing to do with his control.

The Cuban defector left the game early Monday because of a stiff lower back, which has been bothering him for several days. The Colorado Rockies scored four times in his final inning and pulled away to a 9-1 victory.

Brad Eldred went 3 for 4 with two homers and three RBIs for Rockies.

The 22-year-old Chapman has been the talk of the Reds' camp with a fastball that has been clocked at 100 mph. He dominated Milwaukee batters in his previous outing last Wednesday, striking out five in three innings while giving up only one hit. His strong showings made him a candidate for the fifth starter's spot.

The back problems could change that equation.

"I'm not hurt," Chapman said, speaking through a coach acting as a translator. "I had a little stiffness in my lower back. It has been bothering me for a couple days. I was able to work through it in the first inning, but it didn't get loose in the second inning."

Bronson Arroyo pitched the first five innings, allowing the first of Eldred's home runs. Chapman got into the game in the sixth, with manager Dusty Baker planning to let him finish the game.

The left-hander pitched a perfect sixth, but gave up a pair of walks and a pair of hits in the seventh before leaving as a precaution. An error set up Jordan Pacheco's three-run double, helping Colorado score four unearned runs in the inning.

The left-hander said it was more difficult to throw his fastball because of the stiff back.

"There was less effort to throw my slider than my fastball," Chapman said. "I've never had back problems before."

Arroyo gave up three runs and four hits in five innings, including Eldred's solo homer and a two-run shot by Clint Barmes.

"I had better command than the last few times," Arroyo said. "In this dry air, it's one or the other — my breaking ball is no good or my change-up doesn't have any sink. Today I didn't have any sink on my changeup, but my breaking ball was OK. Last time it was flip-flopped."

Jorge De La Rosa gave up a leadoff homer to Drew Stubbs. He allowed three hits in 5 1/3 innings, striking out five. Cincinnati managed only five hits overall.

Manager Jim Tracy is pleased with how the Rockies' camp has gone so far.

"We're just getting ready," Tracy said. "We're just doing our thing from day to day and having a ball. We didn't want to make a lot of changes. We just wanted to work very hard on trying to perfect what we

do. "We wanted to build on what we felt good about the last 4 1/2 months. Can we run the bases better than we did last year? Can we put the ball in play more with two strikes? So far, we've been doing that."

Phillies 9, Yankees 7

Wilson Valdez homered off Phil Hughes with two outs in the ninth inning and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the New York Yankees Monday.

Starters Cole Hamels of the Phillies and A.J. Burnett of the Yankees combined to allow 11 runs and 16 hits in eight innings.

Mark Teixeira went 4 for 4 with a home run and double for the Yankees. Dane Sardinha homered, doubled and drove in four runs for the Phillies.

Sardinha, Valdez and Ben Francisco homered off Hughes.

"He was up," manager Charlie Manuel said of Hamels, who had been sharp this spring. "He threw a lot of fastballs and when you get stretched out, you go through that period in spring training. He was up in the strike zone, with his off-speed stuff, too."

Hamels, who entered the day with a 1.69 ERA in three spring starts, allowed seven runs (six earned) and nine hits in four innings. His spring ERA jumped to 4.91.

Hamels said he was unconcerned with his stats since he was using the outing to work almost exclusively on fine-tuning his fastball.

"Now is the time I want to get the fastball going and hit my spots," said Hamels, who is scheduled to follow ace Roy Halladay in the team's rotation. "I thought I was doing a pretty good job, but then in the fourth inning, I was cutting it off unintentionally and I definitely wasn't releasing the ball where I wanted to and it wasn't going where I needed it to. A lot of the pitches missed over the heart of the plate."

Hamels entered the fourth with a 5-2 lead, but run-scoring doubles by Kevin Russo and Eduardo Nunez and a two-run home run by Teixeira gave New York a 7-5 lead.

Unlike Hamels, Burnett's trouble came early. The Phillies scored five runs in the first inning.

After Jimmy Rollins lead off with a double, Placido Polanco hit a two-run home run to right-center. Ryan Howard, Jayson Werth and Raul Ibanez all reached base and scored when Sardinha hit a bases-clearing double.

"I attacked and they swung early," said Burnett, who will follow CC Sabathia in the Yankees' rotation. "They weren't bad pitches. They came out swinging. It's not how you start, it's how you finish."

Athletics 7, Mariners 2

Two-time All-Star Justin Duchscherer threw four scoreless innings while facing major league hitters for the first time in 19 months, then declared himself ready for the

season as the Oakland Athletics beat Seattle Monday.

Duchscherer allowed four hits, walked one and struck out one in a pain-free outing.

The 32-year-old righty called his spring debut "awesome." He missed all of 2009 with season because of elbow surgery and depression.

Seattle's Ian Snell allowed six earned runs and seven hits and four innings to raise his spring ERA to 6.92. Snell is one of the few healthy, experienced starters remaining behind ace Felix Hernandez to begin the Mariners' season.

Angels 4, Dodgers 2

Hideki Matsui was in left field for the first time this spring as the Los Angeles Angels beat a Los Angeles Dodgers split-squad on Monday.

Matsui, who signed a free-agent deal with the Angels over the winter, hasn't played defense in a regular-season game since June 15, 2008, for the New York Yankees against the Houston Astros.

Matsui did not have any balls hit his way and was removed for a pinch runner in the fifth inning after going 1 for 2.

Jeff Mathis homered and drove in three runs for the Angels. Joe Saunders gave up two runs and four hits in five innings.

Carlos Monasterios, an outside candidate for the Dodgers' fifth starter spot, gave up three runs and four hits in four innings.

Indians 9, Cubs 2

Fausto Carmona threw six scoreless innings to help the Cleveland Indians beat the Chicago Cubs on Monday.

Carmona allowed two hits, both by Alfonso Soriano, and walked none. The big right-hander was 19-8 with a 3.06 ERA in 2007 before going 13-19 with a 5.89 ERA over the next two years. He has been plagued by wildness but he has issued only two walks in 13 spring innings.

Jeff Samardzija, in his final start before the Cubs announce their season-opening rotation this week, gave up two runs and four hits in four innings.

Carlos Silva has outpitched Samardzija, who could be headed to the bullpen.

One day after hitting two homers and driving in five runs, Cleveland's Austin Kearns went 2 for 2 and scored twice.

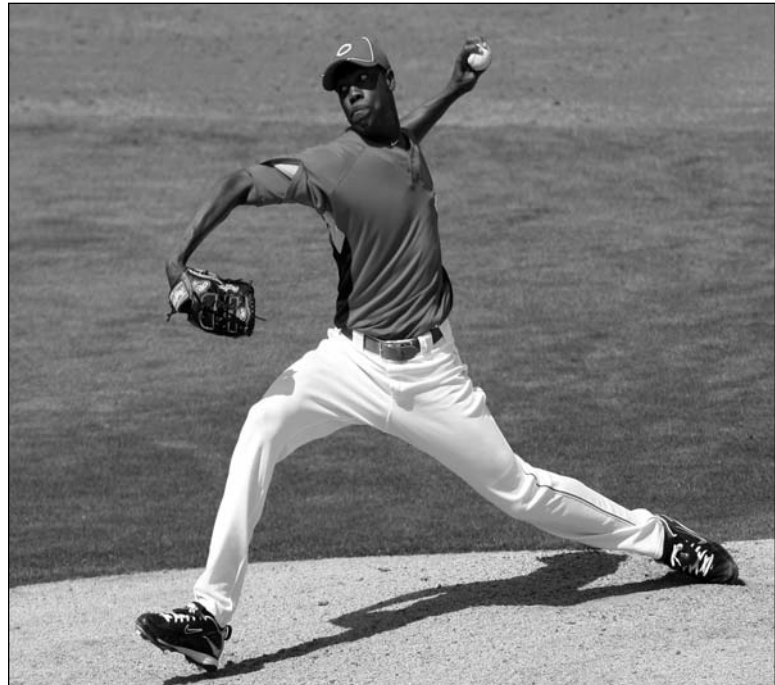
Tigers 8, Blue Jays 2

Brandon Inge hit a three-run homer and the Detroit Tigers beat the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday.

Nate Robertson pitched 4 1/3 innings for the Tigers, yielding two runs and five hits. The left-hander struck out four and walked two.

Inge connected in the first against Brian Tallet, who is expected to be Toronto's fifth starter but had a rough time against Detroit. He allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings.

Ryan Raburn also homered for Detroit.



Reds rookie pitcher Aroldis Chapman left Monday's game with lower back stiffness. Chapman is 1-0 with a 1.04 ERA this spring.

Randy Ruiz hit a two-out, two-run shot in the second inning for Toronto. It was his third homer of the spring.

innings for the Nationals, yielding three runs and seven hits.

Nationals 7, Mets 5

Ryan Zimmerman and Josh Willingham each hit two homers off Mets starter Mike Pelfrey, leading the Washington Nationals to a victory over New York on Monday.

Zimmerman hit a towering, wind-aided solo drive in the first inning, and a two-run shot in the fifth. Willingham had a solo shot in the second and a two-run homer in the fourth.

Pelfrey was charged with six runs, five earned, and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Jason Marquis pitched 4 2/3

Royals 9, White Sox 5

Gil Meche pitched three innings Monday before leaving the Kansas City Royals' victory over the Chicago White Sox with a sore right shoulder.

Meche allowed three runs and four hits, struck out one and walked one. He threw 31 of his 56 pitches for strikes.

Jake Peavy was hit hard during his three innings for the White Sox, yielding seven runs and 10 hits.

Bobby Jenks followed Peavy and struck out one in a perfect inning. It was the closer's first spring game since March 12 because of a calf injury.

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McGraw said in a press conference Monday. "They are a really poised, veteran team, and an experienced team that doesn't beat themselves. They don't make a lot of mistakes, that was probably the thing we looked at first, how few turnovers they had in the game which is something we want to attribute to their senior guards."

Catamounts guards May Kotsopoulos and Courtney Pilypaitis lead their team with 17.3 and 14.8 points per game, respectively. Pilypaitis, a taller guard at 6-foot-1, also averages eight rebounds per game.

"Put [Pilypaitis] next to Skylar [Diggins] and she looks a lot bigger," McGraw said. "That's a concern of how we are going to guard them. Pilypaitis is quick and a very good shooter, so we have to figure out the matchups and

who do we want on her for most of the time and how many different things can we do."

Notre Dame came out a little tight against Cleveland State Sunday, allowing the Vikings to stay relatively close throughout the first half before pulling away in the second half for an 86-58 win. McGraw attributed the problem to having to sit through the Vermont-Wisconsin game before getting a chance to play — something the Irish will not have to do tonight.

"That is difficult when you are just sitting around and waiting for the game to begin," she said. "I think the adrenaline's flowing and you're watching the game thinking about your own game and just want to get out there. I think by the first timeout we were kind of tired, a little bit drained because of the adrenaline rush of the whole tournament and getting out there finally."

Junior forward Becca

Bruszewski led the Irish with 14 points Sunday, though three players scored in double digits and 11 players put points on the board.

"We are an all-around team," freshman guard Skylar Diggins said at Monday's press conference.

Diggins, who led the team in rebounds, assists and steals Sunday but did not post her usual offensive numbers, said she was nervous before the game but praised her teammates for getting it done off of the bench.

The winner of Tuesday's game will advance to the Sweet 16 in Kansas City, Mo., to play the winner of a second-round game between No. 3-seed Oklahoma and No. 11-seed Arkansas-Little Rock. That game will take place tonight at 9:45 p.m.

The Irish and the Catamounts tip off at 7:16 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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NBA

Spurs win despite Durant's 45

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — George Hill scored a career-high 27 points, and the San Antonio Spurs overcame Kevin Durant's 45 to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 99-96 on Monday night and forge a tie between the teams for sixth place in the Western Conference standings.

Serge Ibaka swatted away Tim Duncan's layup try to give the Thunder a chance with 8.8 seconds left, but Thabo Sefolosha missed a 3-pointer from the left wing with 5 seconds remaining after he was left open because of a double-team against Durant.

Manu Ginobili then hit one

of two free throws with 2.3 seconds left, and Russell Westbrook couldn't connect on a halfcourt shot at the buzzer to tie it for the Thunder.

Durant matched his season high and helped Oklahoma City close a six-point deficit in the final 4 minutes. His 13-foot jumper tied the game at 96 with 48 seconds left.

Ginobili was fouled on a drive to the basket on San Antonio's ensuing possession and sank both of his free throws. Westbrook turned the ball over by stepping on the sideline on his inbound pass, but Ibaka came up with a big stop for Oklahoma City.

Sefolosha's open 3 from the

left wing hit both the back and front of the rim before bounding away. The Thunder had a six-game home winning streak snapped and lost back-to-back games for the first time in a month.

Hill has been taking on a bigger role for the Spurs since point guard Tony Parker was sidelined with a broken bone in his right hand that has kept him out for the last nine games. But no game was bigger than this one.

Ginobili added 21 points, Duncan scored 14 and reserve Roger Mason Jr. had 13 points.

Jeff Green had 16 points, Westbrook 12 and Ibaka 10 for Oklahoma City.

NBA

Paul's return to court sparks Hornets' win

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul played for the first time in 25 games, and Marcus Thornton scored 28 points to help the Hornets to a 115-99 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night.

Returning from a left knee injury, Paul started but was limited to 21 minutes and had 11 points. He helped New Orleans pull away in the fourth quarter, but rookie Darren Collison ran the floor when the Hornets had a remarkable run of 23 straight points from late in the second quarter until early in the third to take a lead they would not relinquish.

David West had 25 points and 10 assists, Morris Peterson had a season-high 20 points and Collison scored 16 for the Hornets.

Jason Terry scored 24 for Dallas, which squandered a 16-point first-quarter lead.

After shooting only 32 percent in the first quarter (7 of 22), the Hornets went 38 of 61 (62 percent) from the field during the rest of the game.

The Hornets led 60-45 after their 23-0 run. The closest Dallas got after that was when Jason Terry hit a 3 to make it 73-66 with 3:06 to go in the third period.

Peterson responded with a 3, and soon after, West hit a couple of jumpers and had a steal to set up Collison's fast-break dunk to put the Hornets up 82-70 heading into the fourth quarter.

Darius Songaila opened the fourth quarter with a jumper from the top of the key and Paul scored his first points on a baseline fade with 11:05 remaining in the game. Paul later added three 3-pointers as the Hornets built a lead as large as 21.

Dallas still finished shooting

52 percent (42 of 81), but was hurt by porous defense and 20 turnovers, which the Hornets converted into 35 points. Dirk Nowitzki scored 16 points for the Mavericks, while Shawn Marion added 14 and Caron Butler 12.

Paul's return energized the crowd during pregame introductions, but the Hornets struggled out of the gate.

Marion's steal and fast-break dunk capped an early 17-2 run that staked Dallas to a 19-5 lead. Dallas shot 67 percent (14 of 21) in the first quarter, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range, and the first of Terry's two 3s in the quarter stretched the Mavericks' lead 27-11. His second 3 made it 32-16.

The Hornets responded with a stunning second quarter, with Collison, who had eight assists, the most by a Hornets reserve this season.

An 11-2 run early in the second quarter, capped by West's jump hook over Nowitzki, got the Hornets back in it at 36-30. Dallas built its lead back to 11 on Butler's jumper, which made it 43-32. That's when New Orleans took over, outscoring the Mavs 22-2 during the rest of the period to vault into the lead.

Peterson, who had 14 points in the first half, started the run with a layup and a 3 from the corner. After Rodrigue Beaubois hit a tough layup for Dallas, West came back with six straight points on a reverse layup and two jumpers. Collison followed with a jumper and a putback of Thornton's fast-break miss. Songaila scored on a heady bounce pass from James Posey on an inbound play. Then Thornton hit a fast-break layup to cap a 15-0 Hornets run to close the period, giving New Orleans a 52-45 halftime lead.

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are amazing," Hilling said. "Just the fact that the first season for this stadium is my freshman season is so cool,

and it's a huge reason I'm here."

Hilling and the Irish will return to Arlotta Stadium Wednesday for a 2:30 p.m. game against Vanderbilt.

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CLUB SPORTS

Equestrians qualify eight for Regionals

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's put up a strong showing this weekend when they qualified eight riders for Regionals.

Celina Tolson placed first in novice fences while freshman Mia Genereux placed first in open flat. Sophomore Amanda Leon also posted a first place finish in the advanced walk-trot-canter. All three equestrians qualified to compete in Zones, the final step before Nationals.

Making a strong showing in their own right, graduate student Jennifer Gilardi took third in intermediate fences with Krista Jones also entered in the event. Tolson placed third in novice flat, with teammates Victoria Scheid and sophomore Mana Espahbodi also competing. Whitney Preisser also rode in advanced walk-trot-canter for the Irish.

Ultimate Frisbee

Notre Dame's women's B Team traveled to Plainfield, Ill. this weekend for the Chicago Invite, where they earned a 3-1 record on Saturday. The team posted victories over SUNY-Buffalo and Michigan B, along with a forfeit from Western Michigan, although they lost a tough game to Wheaton 6-3. This marked the team's first multi-win day at a tournament along with their first victory against an A team. It was cold and snowing all day, and wind direction played a major role in the games as all teams struggled to score upwind points.

The poor conditions gave the team a chance to use their new zone defense, which proved successful especially with the help of some great plays from freshmen Dianna Bartone and Courtney Iversen. Sunday's games were canceled due to the elements, providing the team with some time to rest and prepare before their fourth tournament in a row here at Notre Dame on March 27-28.

The men's B squad also made the trip to Plainfield, sweeping the field for four wins. The first game was against Michigan State B in terrible weather at 36 degrees with heavy winds. Half an inch of snow accumulated during the morning. The Irish scored an upwind point early in the game and traded points for the rest of the contest resulting in a final win 8-5. The following exhibition game against SLUH High School ended in a final score of 12-2. The last game of pool play was against Illinois - Chicago. The Irish traded points for the entire game eventually winning a squeaker 6-5. After a bye round the team took first place in the pool to earn a crossover match with Western Illinois. Notre Dame trailed early in the game and lost the first half. The Irish scored three in a row after half, including two upwind scores for a 8-7 win. Ending the day 4-0 put the Irish above their original seeding and in the 33rd place bracket. The second day of the tournament was cancelled on Sunday due to muddy conditions.

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upset over then-No. 14 Ohio State.

Eastern Michigan (6-11) hasn't started as well as Notre Dame, but Gumpf said the Irish won't overlook their opponent.

"I expect Eastern Michigan to be a scrappy team who will give us their very best game," Gumpf said.

Gumpf said the focus of recent Irish practices have been to improve the team's defense to continue to force opponents to earn the runs they score.

"At this point in the season, we are focusing on defensive situations, really trying to keep the situations fresh, and also keeping the team in pressure situations as much as possible," Gumpf said.

In the offensive portion of the game, the Irish are coming off a 12-5 victory in their last contest against Western Michigan Thursday, and Notre Dame feels confident in its ability to perform at the plate.

"Each practice the team is getting their reps, but we also try incorporate situational hitting in every practice," Gumpf said.

Tuesday's games will begin at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Irish senior first baseman Christine Lux takes a cut at the ball on March 20, 2009. Notre Dame faces Eastern Michigan tonight.

Cardinals

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makes his first start since April 2008 for the Irish after missing the entire 2009 season after undergoing shoulder surgery. Sharpley's career record as a starter is 4-1 with a 2.62 ERA.

"Baseball is a game of a lot of ups and downs," senior pitcher Eric Maust said. "Our focus for each day this upcoming week is to key in on the things that we can control."

The Cardinals have a 6-13 record on the season but have faced a tough schedule that includes six losses to ranked opponents. Ball State is coming off a weekend

series at Louisville that saw the team drop two of three games.

The Cardinals will start right-hander Brad Piatt, who has struggled early in the season. Piatt has a 0-2 record and 7.98 ERA in 2010 but will face a Notre Dame team that has struggled to produce runs lately.

The Irish were shut out twice in the process of being swept by the Spartans last weekend and have averaged just 1.5 runs per game in their current four-game losing streak.

"One thing that collectively as a team we've decided to focus on is the type of focused work that we put in," Maust said. "We don't feel like we were putting in poor quality hours before,

but the idea is more or less that we are working up against some adversity right now and the thing to not do is shrug your shoulders and give in."

After facing the Cardinals the Irish will face another non-conference opponent in Illinois-Chicago Wednesday. Notre Dame has won 11 of its last 13 games against the Flames.

The Irish will then begin Big East play this weekend at South Florida. Notre Dame finished fifth in the league in 2009 with a 15-12 conference record.

First pitch today is scheduled for 5:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Something Sweet?

McGraw has team on brink of Sweet 16 berth

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish got their postseason jitters out of the way Sunday with an easy win over Cleveland State in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Now they will look to earn a ticket to the Sweet 16 in the team's last home game.

The No. 2-seed Irish face No. 10-seed Vermont tonight at the Purcell Pavilion. The Catamounts pulled off the first upset of the 2010 women's tournament when they defeated No. 7-seed Wisconsin, 64-55, Sunday.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said the America East champions have the tools to grab a much bigger upset if Notre Dame is not careful.

"I have a lot of respect for them and their conference,"

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Freshman guard Skylar Diggins drives to the basket against Cleveland State in Notre Dame's 86-58 win Sunday. The Irish face Vermont tonight at 7:16 p.m.

ND SOFTBALL

Irish show confidence in hot start

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

After playing 21 consecutive away games to start the season, the Irish are ready to begin the second half of 2010 at Notre Dame's Melissa Cook Stadium with a doubleheader against Eastern Michigan on Tuesday.

"I think the team is confident and more rested than we have been in the past," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We have been able to give them a few days off to recover, but now it's time to get back to work and focus on attacking and on improvement in our practices and in our upcoming games."

The Irish (16-5) are riding a four-game win streak and are coming off a largely successful Spring Break trip to California where the team won eight of their nine games, including an

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Hilling performing nicely after being thrust into starting role

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

When freshman goalkeeper Ellie Hilling committed to play for the Irish, she expected she'd have to fight for early playing time. But Hilling was thrust into the spotlight early in the season when a pair of goalkeepers left the team, leaving Hilling as the only netminder on the roster. The shakeup didn't faze the

confident freshman.

"I'm really competitive and I started all four years in high school because I was the only goalie on the team," Hilling said. "So I wasn't really sure how it would work out because there was a senior and another freshman who I was really close with. I was just planning on competing and working hard. Then the other two goalies quit, and I was the only goalie, so it kind of worked out."

Hilling has shown flashes of brilliance early in the season, but she said there have been some challenges as she attempts to learn the college game on the fly.

"I'm comfortable with the team and the coaches but playing-wise it was really tough coming out because it's so different than high school," Hilling said. "The game is way faster, the girls are faster, the shots are faster. It's like an entire dif-

ferent sport."

Although the No. 15 Irish are off to a 4-1 start, Hilling said the Irish need to improve significantly to reach their goals this season. And even though she's only a freshman, Hilling said that includes her own individual play as well.

"We can do a lot better, and I can do a lot better than I've been doing," Hilling said. "I've been really inconsistent early on, so I'm hoping that I can get back into things and

start being consistent. I definitely think I haven't played the best that I can. I'm hoping that as the season goes along I can really keep improving."

Hilling's development will continue in Arlotta Stadium, Notre Dame's brand new home. Hilling said the facilities were the main draw in getting her to play at Notre Dame.

"The athletic facilities here

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BASEBALL

Squad looks to bounce back

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The struggling Irish will look for their first home win of the season and prepare for conference play today, hosting Ball State and Illinois-Chicago this week before traveling to South Florida for a Big East series this weekend.

Notre Dame will host the Cardinals with first pitch at 5:05 p.m. Tuesday after being swept by Michigan State in its home-opening series last weekend. The Irish have dropped nine of their last 12 games, including four straight.

Junior Ryan Sharpley will

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MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

Senior pitcher Eric Maust prepares to deliver a pitch in Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Michigan State Sunday. The Irish face Ball State tonight.

FOOTBALL

14 former players to participate in Pro Day

Observer Staff Report

Wide receiver Golden Tate will highlight the roster of 14 former Irish football players who will participate at Notre Dame's Pro Day Tuesday, a Friday press release said.

Eleven other members of the 2009 Irish team — running back James Aldridge, wide receiver Robby Parris, offensive linemen Paul Duncan, Eric Olsen and Sam Young, defensive lineman Morrice Richardson, linebackers Scott Smith and Toryan Smith, and defensive backs Kyle McCarthy, Sergio Brown and Raeshon McNeil — will also partici-

pate in drills at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex and the Loftus Sports Center in preparation for the NFL Draft on April 22.

Former Notre Dame full-back Asaph Schwapp and wide receiver David Grimes will also participate in the Pro Day. Grimes and Schwapp played for the Irish in 2008.

The players will begin the Pro Day at noon with a 40-yard dash, 60-yard shuttle, three-cone drill and agility drills before participating in position-specific drills. Position drills should begin at approximately 1 p.m. and should end at 2:30 p.m.