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Top football recruit dies in fall

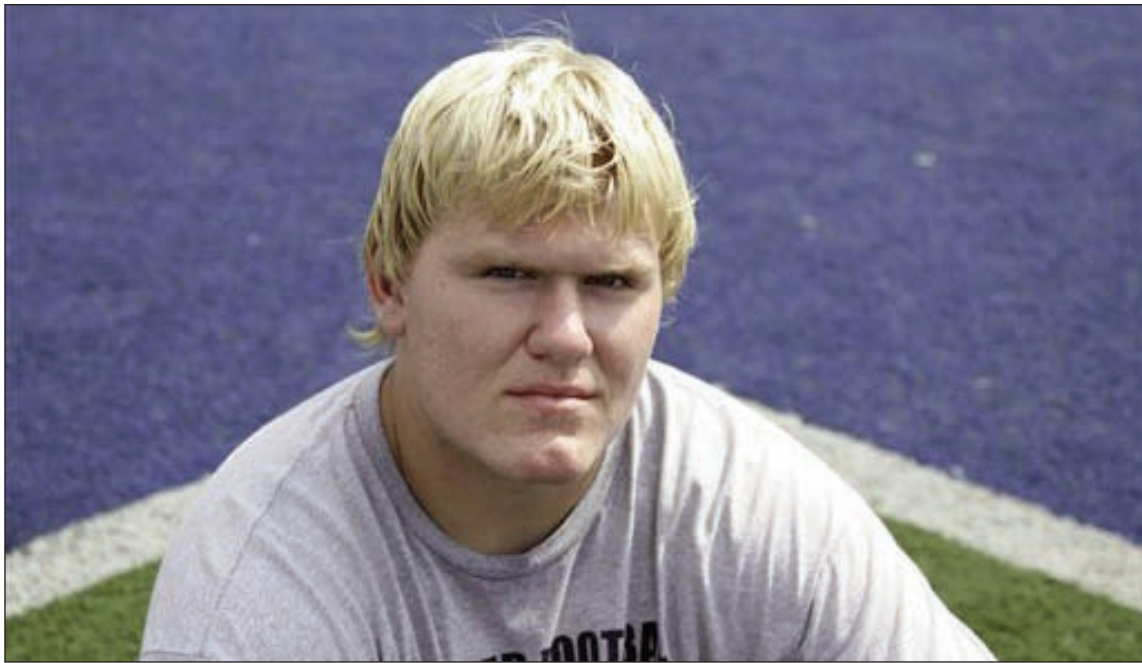
By MATT GAMBER
News Writer

Irish football coach Brian Kelly said his program was "in a state of disbelief and incredible sadness" following the tragic death of top recruit Matt James, who fell from a fifth-floor hotel balcony and died while on Spring Break in Panama City Beach, Fla., on Friday.

Police said James, 17, was "drunk" at the time of the fall, which occurred around 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Days Inn Motel in Panama City Beach. An autopsy showed James died of brain injuries. He was vacationing with six parents and 40 fellow students from St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, police said.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Matt James in this most trying of times," Kelly said in a statement Saturday. "On a personal level, I got to know Matt quite well over the past few years, and he was a wonderful young man from a great family. Matt was an extremely talented person who was very bright and possessed a great dry sense of humor. He could not wait to join the Notre Dame family."

Visitation will be held at St. Xavier High School on Friday



Matt James, an Irish football recruit from St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, died after falling from a fifth-floor hotel balcony in Panama City Beach, Fla., on Saturday. He was 17.

from 4 to 8 p.m., and a funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Xavier Church in downtown Cincinnati, according to a Tuesday press release from the high school.

"We are united in our grief over Matt," St. Xavier president Fr. Tim Howe said in the release. "Our community is strong, and I know that the strength we receive from our faith in Jesus' resurrection will help us get through

this difficult time. Our love and prayers are for Matt and his family as we accompany them in the coming days of shared mourning."

James, a 6-foot-6, 290-pound offensive tackle, was set to enroll in the fall as Kelly's first major recruit at Notre Dame. The All-American chose the Irish on National Signing Day over Ohio State and Cincinnati.

"We would like to thank everyone for their prayers

and support during this tragic time, particularly the family at St. X," James' parents, Jerry and Peggy, said in a statement Saturday. "Matt was a very special young man, and it is gratifying to us that you all could see that as well. We are touched by this outpouring of love."

James' high school classmate and quarterback, Luke Massa, is an Irish commit

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Class of '14 promises diversity

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The admitted Class of 2014 is the most talented and ethnically diverse Notre Dame has ever seen, said Assistant Provost of Admissions Daniel Saracino.

"This was the largest application class in history and at the same time it was the most academically talented and diverse class [we've seen]," he said.

Saracino said the University received 14,515 applications, with an average in the top 9.9 percent rank-in-class, 1319 SAT and 30.1 ACT.

"We admitted about 4,000 students and we project that we will enroll 2,035 students for the fall," he said.

The average admitted student in the class boasted a top-4 percent class rank, a 1434 SAT score and 32.6 ACT score.

In addition to these admitted students, Saracino said the admissions office placed an 2,000 students on a waitlist.

"The academic profile of the students on the waitlist is similar to the academic profile of the group we admitted four

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'God Debate' sparks discussion on campus

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

Two titans of the academic world will clash tonight in the Leighton Concert Hall when famed anti-theist and author of books such as "God is Not Great" Christopher Hitchens faces Catholic apologist Dinesh D'Souza in "The God Debate: Is Religion the Problem?"

Hitchens and D'Souza represent two fundamentally irreconcilable positions, and both have come under criticism for their tendency to use demeaning language and bullying in debates.

Theology Professor Fr. Richard McBrien said he will not be attending because both Hitchens and D'Souza represent the extremist sects of their respective viewpoints.

"I'm not excited about the debate because an intelligent middle position will not be rep-

resented. The two debaters reflect, in my opinion, extreme anti-religious views, on the one hand, and an extreme right-wing view of Catholicism, on the other hand," McBrien said. "It's an important debate, but the religious side would require someone with a more comprehensive theological perspective."

Junior Sy Doan, who wrote an Observer Letter to the Editor criticizing Hitchens' aggressive debate tactics, said despite his reputation as an "intellectual bully," Hitchens is still a "viable member of the intellectual community who Notre Dame should welcome."

"I think it's wrong that we expect intellectuals to be genial and mild-mannered," Doan said. "Intelligence and comity do not necessarily go hand-in-hand."

After President Barack Obama was invited to speak at last

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Concert to feature The Roots

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

The Student Union Board (SUB) recently announced that the much anticipated spring concert will feature The Roots, the current house band for "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon," on Saturday night in the Stepan Center.

"The biggest consideration for us is that we book a performer that Notre Dame students actually want to see," said concert programmer Marie Wicht, a junior. "We really believe that The Roots will be one of the best concerts Notre Dame has ever had."

Named as one of Rolling Stone Magazine's top 20 live acts in the world, The Roots recently performed at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver and have released a total of 13 albums since 1993. The Philadelphia hip-hop group has also won numerous awards, including several



Observer File Photo

Good Charlotte plays at last year's spring concert. SUB invited The Roots to campus to play this Saturday.

Grammys, Wicht said.

She said deciding on The Roots "was what took the bulk of our time."

The concert planning process began last spring, but once an offer letter was sent out, The Roots signed

the contract in about a week, she said.

"In comparison with the other contenders, they stood out as having a great, award-winning history and

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INSIDE COLUMN

Opening Day

As sports fans, almost everyone can name one event that epitomizes everything they love about that particular sport. If you're an NFL fan, there is nothing greater than the Super Bowl. March Madness thrills just about everyone for the numerous gambling opportunities it provides as well as America's seminal love for the under-dog. If you're a soccer fan, nothing will ever compare to the World Cup every four years.

Luke Mansour

Sports Wire Editor

But there is one event each year that, while not providing the excitement and drama that these other events produce, represents everything that is great about being a sports fan — Opening Day of the baseball season.

Many people, no doubt, would scoff at such a premise. Opening Day is only the first of 162 games to be played for all 30 Major League Baseball clubs. It is seemingly insignificant in the grand scheme of the baseball season, and very rarely are there lasting memories made during Opening Day games. But Opening Day is about so much more than that.

For a true baseball fan, Opening Day is the beginning of the best six sports months of the year, because it means getting to follow your team every day. The baseball fan lives through every pitch and every at-bat, throughout the highs and lows of their team's season.

Opening day is the signal that a long winter has ended, including a dreary February and half of March where there are zero meaningful sporting events after the Super Bowl. It means that spring has arrived and summer is not far behind...

Most of all though, Opening Day represents hope, and that is really what sports are all about. (Note: if you are a fan of the Pirates, this may not apply to you. I'm sorry, there is not much hope there.)

Opening Day means the thought of never being bored on a lazy summer day. It means the excitement of a possible pennant race and the chance to dream of October glory on a rainy spring afternoon. It means following your team through good times and bad, day-in and day-out.

For me, Opening Day refers to my hope for the Chicago Cubs. The hope that after 102 years, they will finally be able to win the World Series for me, and more importantly those loyal fans who have patiently waited far longer than I could ever imagine. It means never having to hear another anguished "Wait til' Next Year." It means the opportunity to go cheer on the Cubs this summer at Wrigley, what every Cubs fan believes is greatest place on earth. For fans of every other team, there are aspirations of their own.

So at least for one day, I can forget about the fact that the Cubs have no bullpen, that we are stuck with Alfonso Soriano for another five years, and that Carlos Zambrano may never live up to his potential. I, like countless numbers of fans, dare to think that the stars could align just this year. The baseball season is underway, and no matter what happens for your team in the coming months, for now there should be only optimism. Baseball fans: you are now invited to sit back, relax, and dare to dream.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PERIODIC ELEMENT?



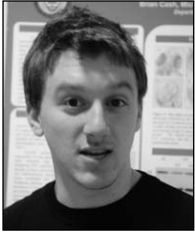
Alice Harada
sophomore
Badin

"Unobtainium."



Jeff Steimle
sophomore
Keenan

"Au, because it's good to be the king."



Joe Cannova
sophomore
Dillon

"Xenon, because it sounds cool when [Professor] Lappin says it."



Christine Kim
junior
Ryan

"What elements are there? Wait no, potassium!"



Brian Argus
sophomore
Fisher

"Silver, because I never win."

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



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Students participate in the annual Bookstore Basketball tournament on the Hammes Bookstore basketball courts in 80-degree weather Tuesday evening. The tournament began after Spring Break and will conclude on Blue-Gold weekend, April 25.

OFFBEAT

Women arrested after trying to bring a corpse onto plane

LONDON — Police have arrested two women at an British airport after they reportedly tried to smuggle a corpse onto a flight.

Police said Tuesday the women were detained at Liverpool's John Lennon airport "on suspicion of failing to give notification of death" of a 91-year-old man.

The BBC and other British media reported that the women placed the man, a relative of theirs, into a wheelchair and covered his face with sunglasses in a bid to get him aboard a flight to

Berlin.

The women, aged 41 and 66, were detained Saturday and have been released on bail. They have not been charged and police say inquiries are continuing.

Eight-year-old boy takes family van, crashes vehicle

BETHEL, Ohio — An Ohio man says his 8-year-old son was just trying to do him a favor and get gasoline when the boy drove the family's minivan and crashed it. James Crouch says he didn't even realize his son, Jordan, was out of the house Friday morning until a Clermont County sheriff's deputy came

to the family's home in Bethel and woke him up to let him know what happened.

The boy says he used keys that he found in his mother's purse and backed the car out of the driveway. He started going down the road at about 5 mph but could barely reach the pedals and lost control, crashing into a telephone pole. He wasn't hurt.

Crouch says Jordan was still in his pajamas and just wanted to do something nice. He says he's going to watch his son more closely now.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Is Religion the Problem?," a public debate between Christopher Hitchens and Dinesh D'Souza will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is ticketed.

A lecture, "Rethinking Rwanda, 1994," will take place Thursday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at C103 Hesburgh Center. The event is free and open to the public.

The Haiti Bonfire Party will take place Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets will be on sale at the dining halls through April 8th for \$10, and \$15 at the door. All proceeds benefit Haiti relief efforts.

"Bursting the Bubble," Notre Dame's CommUniversity Day, will be Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. Created to foster relationships between the community and the Univeristy, CommUniversity Day will feature a Kid's Festival, campus tours and a community picnic. The event is free and open to the public.

A softball double-header, Notre Dame versus South Florida, will take place Saturday at noon at the Melissa Cook Stadium.

The annual Holy Half Marathon will take place Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon. All of the proceeds from the event will go toward Katrina Relief through the Broadmoor Improvement Association.

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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College festival aimed toward stress relief

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

In honor of the original AnTostal, a College celebration of springtime in the 1960s, the Saint Mary's Student Activities Board (SAB) will host SMC Tostal, an event featuring a free

concert and a variety of other activities.

"We have it to give the students the chance to relax a bit before finals," SAB president Michele Peterson, a senior, said. Peterson said the Tostal activities begin at noon on Thursday. Activities include inflatables

on the Library Green from noon to 4 p.m., including a bungee run, obstacle course, slide and human spheres, as well as a rock wall and mechanical bull.

"These are all free, so students can stop by between classes and have a bit of fun," Peterson said. "There will also

be a food vendor with 'fudge puppies,' which are basically waffles on a stick covered with chocolate and toppings, and freshly squeezed orange, lemon and lime juice."

In the Spes Unica Hall Atrium and Student Center Atrium, henna tattoo artists will offer free tattoos. A photo booth will also be available to students in the dining hall during dinner.

The day will end with a concert featuring Josh Kelley and opening act Jon McLaughlin. Tickets are free and available to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students in the Student Center Atrium today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"I love that SAB can provide the students with a day of fun," Peterson said. "We all work so hard, and by the end of the spring semester, we are often stressed with oncoming exams. SMC Tostal gives students the chance to relax for a change."

Peterson said the Tostal is a chance to allow students to relax for free.

"We are lucky that we can provide such a fun-filled day, all for free, just for the students," Peterson said. "They really deserve this, and SAB really hopes they enjoy all the events we planned."

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Macwan: Unjust caste system needs change

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

The injustices of the caste system have plagued Indian society throughout the 3,000 years the system has been in place, but scholar and activist Martin Macwan said he believes the time is coming for a change.

Macwan presented a lecture Tuesday, hosted by the Kroc Institute, at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, titled "Annihilating Caste Discrimination: The Silent Revolution of India's Dalits," in which he addressed the causes and potential remedies for caste conflict and its consequences for the Dalits, the lowest caste group known as the "untouchables."

Macwan, the founder of the Navsarjan Trust, said he hopes to apply his organization's scholarly census research to combat the very real issue of social injustice in India's caste system.

"It's a systemic issue, and if you want to address systemic issues, you need a broad-based organization," Macwan said. "The question is, is there a link between research and action? I'm trying to create the synergy between the

academic and the grassroots action."

Macwan said the "systemic issue" of castes needs to be addressed on all of its political, social, economic and religious elements.

Macwan said a major problem is the disproportionate prevalence of the upper-castes in high government positions. He said 78 percent of the judiciary comes from only one class: the Brahmins.

While the caste system is originally drawn from Hindu teachings, it has become an institution within other major religions in India, including Christianity and Islam.

"Essentially the caste system is part of Hinduism ... it is sanctified by the religion and scripture," Macwan said. "Even today, though, you'll find separate churches for Dalit and non-Dalit Christians."

The social element of the caste system, Macwan said, is how the caste system has been perpetuated for so many years.

"Part of it is socialization, which is how the system is taught from generation to generation," he said.

Perhaps the most central of the problems fueling the caste system is the pervasive economic inequality in India, especially regarding land and employment.

"In many cases, they have legal possession, but they don't have the actual land, it's being encroached on," he said. "Most people are employed by caste-based occupations, and the self employment rate among Dalits is less than one percent."

The solution to these pervasive and complex problems, Macwan said, is large-scale action starting from the bottom.

"We realized social movements are effective when they are led by grassroots efforts," he said. "Our program is going from village to village, telling people they are equal and there is a law."

Ultimately, Macwan said real change will come as more of the Dalits become aware of the backward nature of the caste system and become engaged in the movement.

"It's very important that the change is led by the people that have suffered from untouchability," he said. "The counterrevolution is coming from the value that people are equal ... the struggle is on because people believe it is their right."

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

New administration leads COR discussion

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Census participation and pep rally reform were among discussion topics at the first Council of Representatives (COR) meeting under student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell Tuesday.

"A lot can get accomplished at COR," Soler said. "A lot of the decisions that we make as an administration are based on your feedback."

Soler turned the discussion to the census forms currently being administered to the student body. She said student government is pushing for Notre Dame students to complete the census by sponsoring a dorm competition. The residence hall with the most participation will receive a pizza party from Hot Box Pizza.

"We can receive up to \$1,200 of federal funding for each person who completes the census," Soler said. "It's also incredibly helpful to the South Bend community."

One of the ongoing issues Soler brought to COR is the state of football pep rallies, which have been the source of much criticism.

"Pep rally reform is a big issue and is something that

we've really been working hard on," she said.

"They're listening and they've been taking us seriously," she said. "We know what the students want and we feel that we've really been making progress."

Soler said Irish football coach Brian Kelly will meet with COR in two weeks to continue the discussion about pep rallies.

"Coach Kelly is going to set aside an hour to talk to us," she said. "This is really important because we're the first student group he's going to talk to."

COR members approved sophomores Erin Pankiw, James Kenney and Elle Metz as Directors of Special Events. Freshman Brandon Vo was approved as Director of Communication and sophomores Claire Sunderland and Ricky Bevington were approved as Directors of First University Experience in Leadership Program for next year.

Soler closed the meeting by reminding the new council of the importance of their role as members of COR.

"As leaders of student organizations, you can bring issues here to COR to discuss or get feedback; anything on the table is open to discussion," she said.

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Debate

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year's Commencement ceremony, Notre Dame's identity as a Catholic university has been criticized.

"To shun an important, admittedly controversial, member of the academic community in Mr. Hitchens would be to betray Notre Dame's commitment to a holistic, liberal arts education, in my opinion," Doan said.

Some students around campus agreed with Doan's sentiment and felt the debate would actually help strengthen their faith.

"As when Obama visited our campus last year to give the Commencement address, it is important to open a dialogue with those who disagree with Catholic teaching in order to strengthen our own beliefs," junior Zach Reuvers said. "The University cannot fulfill their mission of educating hearts and minds if they only present one side of an issue."

Junior Scott McIntosh, who is a theology minor, said ignoring works "by individuals such as Hitchens only hurts Catholicism."

"By engaging in civilized dialogue with those who have opposing beliefs, we can not only deepen our own understanding of the Scriptures, but also share and articulate the beliefs of the Catholic Church in the hopes that others may see what the Church has to offer," he said.

Sophomore Dennis Grabowski said hosting the debate is important for sustaining an intellectual climate at Notre Dame.

"This debate has importance

for all those who seek to promote an atmosphere of discourse on this campus — those who seek an atmosphere in which questions can be better resolved, positions strengthened and others' beliefs accepted," he said.

Grabowski said Notre Dame's position as the preeminent Catholic university in America made it the perfect forum for the God Debate.

"There are few forums which are actually improper for the discussion of the existence of God; a University such as ours which seeks to be known as an intellectual one is certainly not among these," he said. "Indeed, the world's leading Catholic University is the perfect forum for the discussion of deep religious questions."

One complaint about the event centered on its timing. Theology Professor Fr. Neil Roy said it is odd that the God Debate would be scheduled during a holy week.

"Given the splendid ceremonies of the Easter Triduum just celebrated so magnificently at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and the ongoing exuberance of faith on campus during

the Easter Octave, it seems somewhat awkward that this particular event should be scheduled on 7 April — Easter Wednesday," he said.

Many students complained about the scarcity of tickets available. Both Reuvers and McIntosh said they were in class while the event sold out and were unable to get tickets afterward.

"I was also frustrated by the lack of tickets available to students," Reuvers said. "An event of this magnitude should be held in a location that allows a large number of people to attend and I believe a majority of the tickets should be reserved for students."

Junior Jessica Hedrich wrote a Letter to the Editor expressing her own frustration with the lack of tickets, but was given a ticket after an event organizer saw her letter.

"I am a committed Catholic, and I think rationally considering these questions can bring a deeper understanding of my faith and why I believe what I believe," she said.

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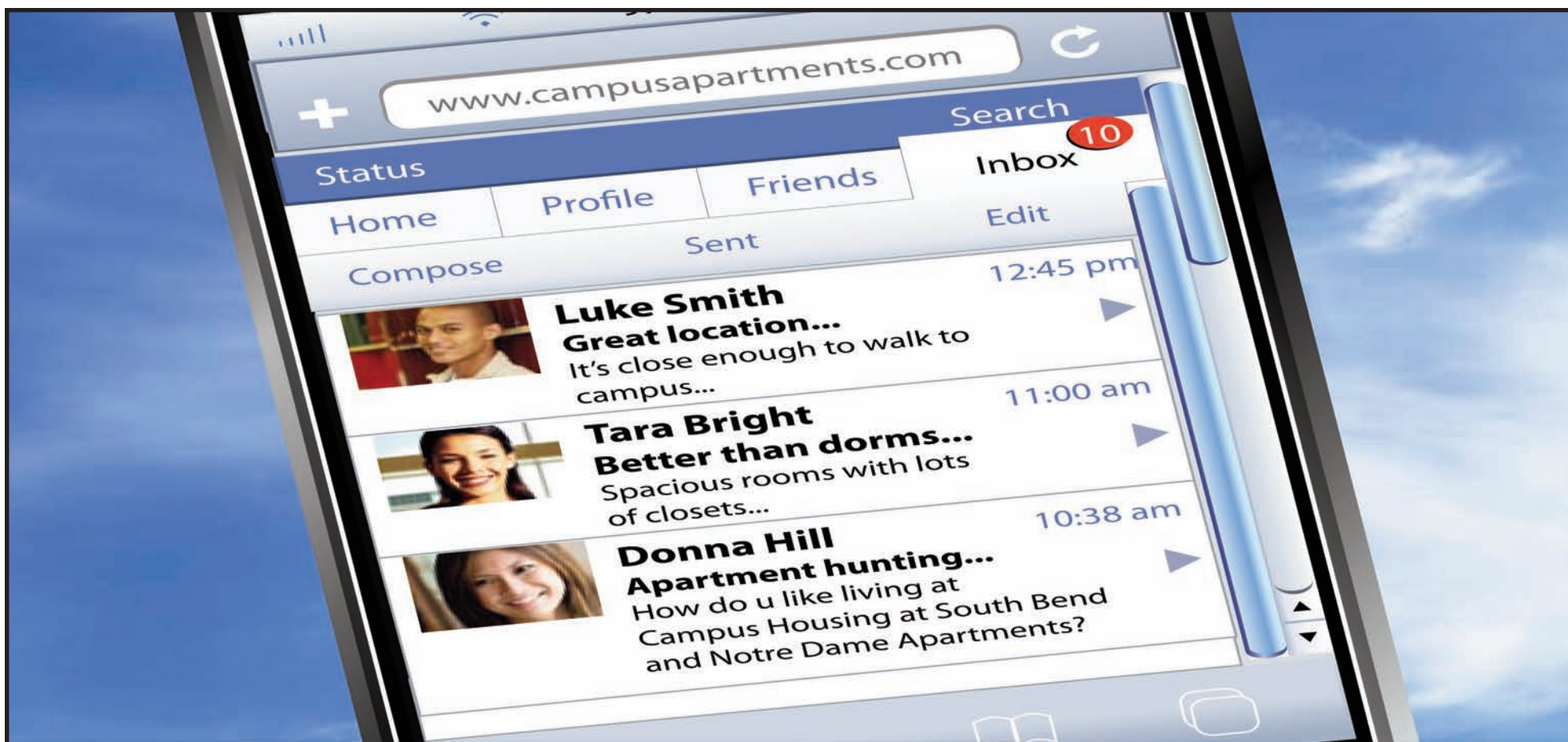


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- Tara Bright**: Better than dorms... Spacious rooms with lots of closets... (11:00 am)
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Police face protesters in Kyrgyzstan

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — Police have beaten protesters with batons and fired tear gas into crowds to disperse an anti-government demonstration in a provincial town of the impoverished former Soviet nation of Kyrgyzstan.

Hundreds of demonstrators angry over rising heat and power prices seized a government building Tuesday, took a governor hostage and occupied a central square in a town West of the capital, Bishkek.

Local residents of the town of Talas told The Associated Press by telephone that police took over the square in a matter of minutes, not giving protesters time to use stones and Molotov cocktails they had prepared.

Writers quit to protest censorship

QUITO, Ecuador — Twenty columnists and contributors to the Ecuadorean state newspaper El Telegrafo said Tuesday they will no longer write for the paper because of alleged censorship.

In a signed letter sent to media outlets, the writers said they were quitting to protest “acts of censorship and the violation of the rights of free expression and press freedom.”

In recent weeks, El Telegrafo’s director and sections editor were removed from their posts and the deputy director resigned amid a disagreement with management over the direction the newspaper was headed.

NATIONAL NEWS

3 plead not guilty in Mass. bullying

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. — Three Massachusetts teenagers pleaded not guilty through their lawyers Tuesday in the bullying of a 15-year-old girl who committed suicide after what prosecutors call months of threats and harassment.

The teens were not required to appear at the hearing in Hampshire Superior Court.

Sean Mulveyhill and Kayla Narey, both 17 and from South Hadley, and 18-year-old Austin Renaud, of Springfield, will remain free on personal recognizance on the condition that they stay away from the family of Phoebe Prince, the girl who died.

Mulveyhill and Renaud are charged with statutory rape. Mulveyhill and Narey are also charged with violation of civil rights resulting in bodily injury, criminal harassment and disturbance of a school assembly.

Calif. works to repeal gay study law

SACRAMENTO — California lawmakers narrowly advanced a bill Tuesday that would repeal a state law designed to find the causes and cures of homosexuality.

The law, written in 1950, classifies homosexuals as “sexual deviants” and requires the state Department of Mental Health to conduct research on “deviations conducive to sex crimes against children.” The research would be used to help identify potential sex offenders.

The bill moved out of the Assembly Committee on Public Safety on a 4-0 vote, with one Democrat and two Republican members abstaining from voting. They said the law’s reference to homosexuality should be removed but that they want the state to continue researching sex crimes.

LOCAL NEWS

3 arrested in police shooting

GREENCASTLE — Police in western Indiana have arrested three people on preliminary charges in connection with a shooting in which a bullet struck a police car.

Greencastle Police Chief Tom Sutherlin says 24-year-old Justin Hargrove of Greencastle is charged with attempted murder, and he and 18-year-old Michael Pryor of Coatesville both are charged with criminal recklessness with a deadly weapon. A Greencastle woman, 23-year-old Lacey Couch, faces resisting police and assisting a criminal charges.

ITALY

Vatican battles ‘hate’ campaign

Church officials say accusations at the Pope are part of anti-Catholic crusade

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican heatedly defended Pope Benedict XVI on Tuesday, claiming accusations that he helped cover up the actions of pedophile priests are part of an anti-Catholic “hate” campaign targeting the pope for his opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage.

Vatican Radio broadcast comments by two senior cardinals explaining “the motive for these attacks” on the pope and the Vatican newspaper chipped in with spirited comments from another top cardinal.

“The pope defends life and the family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, in a world in which powerful lobbies would like to impose a completely different” agenda, Spanish Cardinal Julian Herranz, head of the disciplinary commission for Holy See officials, said on the radio.

Herranz didn’t identify the lobbies but “defense of life” is Vatican shorthand for anti-abortion efforts.

Also arguing that Benedict’s promotion of conservative family models had provoked the so-called attacks was the Vatican’s dean of the College of Cardinals, Angelo Sodano.

“By now, it’s a cultural contrast,” Sodano told the Vatican newspaper L’Osservatore Romano. “The pope embodies moral truths that aren’t accepted, and so, the shortcomings and errors of priests are used as weapons against the church.”

Also rallying to Benedict’s side was Italian Cardinal Giovanni Lajolo, who heads the Vatican City State’s governing apparatus.

The pope “has done all that he could have” against sex abuse by clergy of minors, Lajolo said on Vatican radio, decrying what he described as a campaign of “hatred



AP

People gather around the Vatican Thursday night amidst what the church calls a “hate” campaign targeting Pope Benedict XVI and the Catholic Church.

against the Catholic church.”

Rev. Rebecca Voelkel, a Minneapolis, Minnesota-based minister in the United Church of Christ who is faith work director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, described the cardinals’ comments as “diversionary counterattacks” that are an affront both to the victims of clergy abuse and to gays and lesbians.

“It makes me heartsick,” she said.

Sex abuse allegations, as well as accusations of cover-ups by diocesan bishops and Vatican officials, have swept across Europe in recent weeks. Benedict has been criticized for not

halting the actions of abusive priests when he was a Vatican cardinal and earlier while he was the archbishop of Munich in his native Germany.

The mainland European scandals — in Germany, Italy, Austria, Denmark and Switzerland — are erupting after decades of abuse cases in the United States, Canada, Australia, Ireland and other areas.

In Germany, nearly 2,700 people called the church’s sexual abuse hot line in the first three days it was operating, a Catholic church spokesman said Tuesday. A team of psychologists and other experts have spoken with 394 people so far, ranging from several min-

utes up to an hour, Trier Diocese spokesman Stephan Kronenburg said.

“Most callers reported cases of sexual abuse,” he told The Associated Press.

Benedict has ignored victims’ demands that he accept responsibility for what they say is his own personal and institutional responsibility for failing to swiftly kick abusive priests out of the priesthood, or at least keep them away from children.

But he has been protected by a vanguard of senior Vatican prelates who are fending off what they contend is an orchestrated attempt to attack the leader of the world’s more than 1 billion Catholics.

BRAZIL

Record rains kill 95 in Rio De Janeiro

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — The heaviest rains in Rio de Janeiro’s history triggered landslides Tuesday that killed at least 95 people as rising water turned roads into rivers and paralyzed Brazil’s second-largest city.

The ground gave way in steep hillside slums, cutting red-brown paths of destruction through shantytowns. Concrete and wooden homes were crushed and hurtled downhill, only to bury other structures.

The future host city of the Olympics and football World Cup

ground to a near halt as Mayor Eduardo Paes urged workers to stay home and closed all schools. Most businesses were shuttered.

Eleven inches (29 centimeters) of rain fell in less than 24 hours, and more rain was expected. Officials said potential mudslides threatened at least 10,000 homes in the city of 6 million people.

Paes urged people in endangered areas to take refuge with family or friends and he said no one should venture out.

“It is not advisable for people to leave their homes,” said Paes. “We want to preserve lives.”

He told the Web site of the news-

paper O Globo that the rainfall was the most that Rio had ever recorded in such a short period. The previous high was nine inches (24 centimeters) that fell on Jan. 2, 1966.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva urged Brazilians to pray for the rain to stop.

“This is the greatest flooding in the history of Rio de Janeiro, the biggest amount of rain in a single day,” Silva told reporters in Rio. “And when the man upstairs is nervous and makes it rain, we can only ask him to stop the rain in Rio de Janeiro so we can go on with life in the city.”

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years ago,” he said. “There are siblings of Notre Dame students who we couldn’t accommo-date.”

Of the 2,035 students project-ed to enroll for the fall, Saracino said 23 percent will be of ethnic diversity and 3 percent will be international students.

He said, however, statistics are only part of the whole package the new incoming class will offer.

“It is appropriate to say it isn’t fair to boil our appli-cants and admit-ted students to numbers,” he said. “Involvement, community serv-ice, leadership, talent in music and performing arts is great, if not greater, than ever before.”

Saracino also said he was pleased to see tal-ented students coming from all over the country and the world.

“ [I’ve seen] students coming from remote parts of the United States and the world,” he said. “It’s exciting to me to see stu-dents coming from the North Pole, small towns in Wyoming and they’re just as talented as students from New York and Chicago.”

With the struggling economy, Saracino said more than half the incoming class will likely receive financial aid.

“We’re estimating that half

the students will be on need-based financial aid, three to four percent will be on R.O.T.C. scholarships and seven percent or more will be on financial aid athletic scholarships,” he said. “More than half will only be able to afford Notre Dame because of aid.”

Saracino said despite the increase in numbers, the University is still committed to meeting all need.

“We’re meeting 100 percent of the full demonstrated need of every student, a commitment we started in 1998 and we’re not backing away,” he said. “We have leveled the playing field, and if a student wants Notre Dame, they can come.”

Because admissions decisions have been sent out, Saracino said the admissions office will work to answer the

questions of students deciding whether or not to attend Notre Dame.

“Notre Dame is not for every-one, we don’t try to claim we are. The best advice I can give to anyone is to visit and talk with the Notre Dame students and possibly shadow a student, spend a night in a residence hall and go to classes,” he said.

Saracino also said alumni will be calling admitted students to ask if they have any questions or concerns. The Center for

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Daniel Saracino
Assistant Provost of Admissions

Recruit

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and was also on the Spring Break trip, according to the Associated Press.

“This is just such a tragedy because he was just a won-derful, wonderful kid,” Massa’s mother, Mary, told the AP. “It’s heartbreaking.”

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are known for their fantastic live performances,” Wicht said. “Once the results from the student body survey came in, The Roots became one of our top options.”

Of the seven genres listed on the survey, hip-hop was the clear preference, said senior Brian Hagerty, the concert’s co-programmer along with Wicht.

“When we narrowed down our options based on price and availability, we felt that The Roots would put on the best concert and would gen-erate the most excitement among the student body,” he said.

Hagerty said they did their best to find a group that directly responded to the requests of the student body.

Mike Posner, a singer, song-writer and producer who has collaborated with various artists, including Kid Cudi and 3OH!3, will open for The Roots. Known for his mixed tapes and high-energy shows, Posner is also scheduled to be a part of this summer’s Warped Tour.

Tickets for the SUB spring concert went on sale Tuesday morning and can be pur-chased at the LaFortune Box Office for \$10. Only 1,500 tickets are available and both Wicht and Hagerty said they expect the show to sell out.

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1434 SAT and 32.6 ACT

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Top 5.2%...1415 SAT and 32 ACT
23% ethnic diversity... 3% international

STILL COMMITTED TO MEETING 100% OF ALL “NEED”

SOFIA ITURBE | Observer Graphic

Social Concerns and the Dean of the First Year of Studies will contact students as well.

“After all that, if they say no, then I feel comfortable. We haven’t lost a student because of an unanswered question,” he said. “With directors, campus

ministry, if all that crosses them then it wasn’t meant to be. We want to make sure they don’t choose to go elsewhere because of some unanswered question.”

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IN BRIEF

18,000 gallons of oil spill in La. refuge
NEW ORLEANS — Authorities say a pipeline has spilled 18,000 gallons of crude oil into a canal in a wildlife refuge about 60 miles southeast of New Orleans.

There was no immediate word about the extent of damage at the Delta National Wildlife Refuge.

The Coast Guard says Chevron Pipe Line Co. has closed off the leaking section and investigators are evaluating the spill from a plane.

The Coast Guard says it learned about the spill about 1 a.m. Tuesday and is investigating the cause.

The refuge covers nearly 49,000 acres of marsh in Plaquemines Parish, near the mouth of the Mississippi River. It holds a number of bird rookeries and provides a place for migratory birds to rest as well as winter habitat for ducks and other wild fowl.

Dartmouth faces worker complaints

CONCORD, N.H. — Dartmouth College on Tuesday disputed allegations that it has failed to bargain in good faith in negotiating a contract for workers at the college-owned Hanover Inn.

The union representing 65 hotel workers filed a complaint last week with the National Labor Relations Board alleging that college administrators have refused to consider the union's contract proposals or offer any of their own. The union, which also represents 500 food service, maintenance, security and other campus workers, has been trying to negotiate contracts that avoid significant lay-offs as the college cuts its budget by \$100 million over two years, said union president Earl Sweet.

"We're trying to make sure people have their jobs there. We want to toughen some of the language in the contract to meet that," he said. "The reason we put out our proposals was to have them react to that, which they did by saying that they couldn't discuss it."

According to the complaint, the college informed union officials in late March that it would not discuss the union's proposals. Sweet said the college also has said the food service and other employees could work under the conditions of their old contracts when they expire in July, but the Hanover Inn employees cannot.

FCC loses ruling on 'neutrality'

Comcast Corp. victory could mean limited expansion of broadband in the U.S.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal court threw the future of Internet regulations into doubt Tuesday with a far-reaching decision that went against the Federal Communications Commission and could even hamper the government's plans to expand broadband access in the United States.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that the FCC lacks authority to require broadband providers to give equal treatment to all Internet traffic flowing over their networks. That was a big victory for Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable company, which had challenged the FCC's authority to impose such "network neutrality" obligations on broadband providers.

Supporters of network neutrality, including the FCC chairman, have argued that the policy is necessary to prevent broadband providers from favoring or discriminating against certain Web sites and online services, such as Internet phone programs or software that runs in a Web browser. Advocates contend there is precedent: nondiscrimination rules have traditionally applied to so-called "common carrier" networks that serve the public, from roads and highways to electrical grids and telephone lines.

But broadband providers such as Comcast, AT&T Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc. argue that after spending billions of dollars on their networks, they should be able to sell premium services and manage their systems to prevent certain applications from hogging capacity.

Tuesday's unanimous ruling by the three-judge panel was a setback for the FCC because it questioned the agency's authority to regulate broadband. That could cause problems beyond the FCC's effort to adopt official net neutrality regulations. It also has serious implications for the ambitious national broadband-expansion plan released by the FCC last month. The FCC needs the authority to regulate broadband so that it can push ahead with some of the plan's key recommendations. Among other things, the FCC proposes to expand broadband by tapping the federal fund that subsidizes telephone service in poor and rural communities.



AP

A construction worker installs fiber-optic lines for broadband access which may be at risk of limited expansion after recent setbacks for the FCC.

In a statement, the FCC said it remains "firmly committed to promoting an open Internet and to policies that will bring the enormous benefits of broadband to all Americans" and "will rest these policies ... on a solid legal foundation."

Comcast welcomed the decision, saying "our primary goal was always to clear our name and reputation."

The case centers on Comcast's actions in 2007 when it interfered with an online file-sharing service called BitTorrent, which lets people swap movies and other big files over the Internet.

The next year the FCC banned Comcast from blocking subscribers from using BitTorrent. The commission, at the time headed by Republican Kevin Martin, based its order on a set of net neutrality principles it had adopted in 2005.

But Comcast argued that the FCC order was illegal because the agency was seeking to enforce mere policy principles, which don't have the force of regulations or law. That's one reason

that Martin's successor, Democratic FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski, is trying to formalize those rules.

The cable company had also argued the FCC lacks authority to mandate net neutrality because it had deregulated broadband under the Bush administration, a decision upheld by the Supreme Court in 2005.

The FCC now defines broadband as a lightly regulated information service. That means it is not subject to the "common carrier" obligations that make traditional telecommunications services share their networks with competitors and treat all traffic equally. But the FCC maintains that existing law gives it authority to set rules for information services.

Recession doesn't hamper birth rates

Associated Press

ATLANTA — U.S. births fell in 2008, probably because of the recession, updated government figures confirm. The one exception to the trend was the birth rate among women in their 40s, who perhaps felt they didn't have the luxury of waiting for better economic times.

The birth rate for women in their early 40s rose a surprising 4 percent over the previous year, reaching its highest mark since 1967. The rate for women in their late 40s also rose, slightly.

But birth rates fell for teen mothers, as well as women in their 20s and 30s.

"Women are postponing births to those later ages, above 40," said

James Trussell, director of Princeton University's Office of Population Research.

Experts don't know for certain why so many are delaying having babies, though some suspect the economy is a big factor. However, "you get to the point where the biological clock starts ticking and people realize they have to do it," said Trussell, who was not involved in the research.

The new report on births was issued Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It's based on a review of more than 99 percent of birth certificates for the year 2008 — the first full year of the recession. Overall, about 4.2 million babies were born that year, a 2 percent drop from 2007. It's the first annual decline in births since the

start of the decade.

Experts say the most likely explanations are the recession and a decline in immigration to the United States, which has been blamed on the weak job market.

Some early birth information for the first six months of 2009 indicates a continuing decline of about 3 percent in total births, CDC officials said.

Last summer, the agency gave a first glimpse of the 2008 numbers. The new report confirms the birth rate decline, and also gives a breakdown of births by age group.

The new report found that birth rates fell by 3 percent for women in their early 20s, 2 percent for women in their late 20s, and 1 percent for women in their 30s.

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THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

Hitchens-D’Souza: A Primer

This evening, Christopher Hitchens, the famous, and sometimes infamous, British-American journalist and anti-theist will debate Dinesh D’Souza, a star of the Conservative right movement in the states. This event has been billed “The God Debate” at Notre Dame, and certainly should prove interesting for everybody in attendance.

However, many students I have talked to don’t know too much about either debater, much less what positions they generally hold and should be expected to argue tonight, so I took it upon myself to do a little research and watch some of their past debate.

I’ll begin with the more well known of the two debaters, Christopher Hitchens. As a journalist he has written for The Atlantic and The Nation, and currently pens columns for Vanity Fair. In addition to his columns and magazine work, he has penned a myriad of independent works, including “God is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything,” the piece in which he laid out his extensive argument against major monotheistic religions.

In an age where writers and thinkers are largely expected to hold one particular view steadfastly throughout their career, Hitchens has unapologetically gone from being a socialist to somewhat

of a libertarian, and from a Nader supporter in 2000 to a slightly leaning Bush supporter in 2004. He has alienated many former colleagues over his support for the Iraq War but remains at odds with other conservatives that play to the Religious Right.

Dinesh D’Souza, on the other hand, has been a fairly consistent conservative thinker from his Dartmouth days through his time as a Reagan advisor and into a number of conservative fellowship positions. D’Souza is certainly an unabashed Christian apologist, with the groundwork of his argument put forth in his 2007 book, “What’s So Great About Christianity.” For his part, D’Souza argues the compatibility of religion and technology, the benefits of Christian moral values in the United States and the importance of Christianity on history. While he has inspired much controversy on numerous points, past debates have shown him to be more than capable of handling himself.

The “God Debate” tonight is not the first time these two have debated the effects of religion on society. In 2007, they debated at the decidedly religious King’s College in New York City. Again, in 2009, they debated in front of an audience of nearly 7,000 at the University of Central Florida. Both debates played out similarly. D’Souza was generally calmer, acting in more of a college debate style, making points in order and looking for direct rebuttal to each. Hitchens is much more cavalier and perhaps more rhetorical in his presentation. While his arguments

are less organized, they often cover a lot of ground in a short amount of time.

As for the winner of each debate, every review online has largely been more indicative of the writer’s predisposition, it seems. Atheist bent blogs and magazines declared Hitchens the winner, and religious writers awarded D’Souza the victory. Looking forward, what does that mean for tonight? Most audience members will probably judge the winner based on their own initial bias. This isn’t to take the air out of the event, but to note that the content of the debate may be more important and informative than simply seeing who can land the most knockout blows down the home stretch.

Although both individuals are larger-than-life public intellectuals, neither are the type of academic thinkers that carefully outline key issues, attempt to create some agreement on definitions and move forward cautiously and courteously. Rather, they are giants of their own particular view who defend it vigorously with little regard to the academic thoroughness in the debate. However, would students have been lined up out the door to snag a ticket to see two old professors slowly consider every point before moving forward? Nah, that would have been much too boring.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respectful dialogue

Two very skilled debaters are going to butt heads on one of the most important questions in a world that is becoming increasingly more secular, and they’re going to do it at Notre Dame.

I cannot stress how important this event will be for Notre Dame, especially in the wake of the Obama controversy. The debate format is the ideal format for academic discussion. This debate will serve as the fuel for Jenkins’s proposal for respectful dialogue. Let me explain why:

It does three things that the Obama commencement speech could not do: It gives two opposing sides equal speaking time, it neither supports nor condemns either speaker and, best of all, it does not declare a winner. So, when Hitchens calls God a “totalitarian dictator” we have an equally skilled opponent ready to challenge him. Sy Doan’s (“Christopher Hitchens is the next Obama,” March 25) concerns that Hitchens is “vehemently antagonistic toward the institution of the Church as a whole” are well-founded, but they are more than adequately accounted for by the presence of Dinesh D’Souza. D’Souza is a tested debater, specifically against Hitchens. I have seen him debate Hitchens two different times and each time Hitchens delivered incendiary remarks, D’Souza put up a brilliant defense and countered effectively.

This is exactly what Notre Dame should have been doing for years. If Notre Dame wants to be respected as an elite institution for higher learning it needs to respect contrarian beliefs and values first. As Dennis Grabowski said in his recent Viewpoint “Debate good for learning” (March 30), “There is nothing more conducive to introspection or the consequential strengthening of one’s faith than the presence of an opposition to that faith.” By bringing in two big name intellectuals, Notre Dame shows that they are willing to back up their ideas for respectful dialogue with clearly defined action. Best of all, Notre Dame doesn’t have to concede anything. It shows that we are up for the challenge presented by the caustic Hitchens and the atheist movement in general. So, bring it on Hitchens. This is a win-win for Old Notre Dame.

Nicholas Brandt
sophomore
Stanford Hall
March 30

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We at Notre Dame are blessed by a large number of people who provide services which enhance our lives and are sometimes taken for granted. We owe much gratitude to the Grounds workers, the cleaning staffs, our Security people and our Fire Department. Without these men and women, our lives would not be as meaningful as they are. Be sure to say a big THANKS to those who serve us as their ministry to Notre Dame.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“No one is ready for a thing until he believes he can acquire it.”

Napoleon Hill
U.S. author

Just the facts

Editors note: This is the first installment in a series of columns by Notre Dame faculty members exploring current scholarly research in sexuality concentrating on sexual orientation and related issues.

To discuss sexuality and sexual orientation we need to have the basics of what is known about sexual behavior; we must establish a comparative context. This information is not about judging right or wrong, but rather it forms a baseline of what occurs in the world. The information presented here is from research in biology and anthropology, and is readily available in peer-reviewed journals, scholarly books published by University presses, and textbooks used at Universities.

Our first level of comparative context: homosexual behavior is common in social mammals.

Humans are mammals, and in mammals, the more complex the social lives of a species the higher the frequency of sexual activity outside of reproductive contexts (we call this social sex). Social sex occurs both hetero- and homosexually. Examples of species with complex social lives and frequent social sex are whales, dolphins, wild dogs and primates. Humans belong to the order of mammals called primates. Social sex is very common in many monkey and ape species. In all apes (our closest relatives),

Agustín Fuentes

Guest Columnist

and in many monkey species, homosexual activity is common. However, preferential homosexuality is rare in non-human primate species. Interestingly, humans are the only species that occasionally responds with specific aggression to individuals who are engaged in homosexual activity.

Our second level of comparative context: Homosexuality is a ubiquitous feature of humankind.

Between three to eight percent of individuals in all human populations are homosexually oriented (regardless of the culture's stance on homosexuality), but the frequency of homosexual sexual activity in a given culture can be much higher than that. There are nearly seven billion humans on the planet and thousands of cultures. Humans are highly variable in many facets of behavior (for example, what and how people eat across the planet). Humans have complex and variable sexualities. Some of the factors that affect this variation are: age, gender, culture, ethnicity, individual experience, biology, religion, health, etc. The most common patterns of sexual behavior in humans are: General physical contact, Genital-genital contact, Manual-genital contact, Oral-genital contact and Oral-oral contact. While heterosexual sexual interactions are the most common type of sexual behavior, homosexual behavior is found in all human populations.

There is a wide range of what human cultures consider "normal" in regards to

homosexuality. This information comes from ethnographic research (in-depth studies of what people in a given culture actually do). We have much more information about male homosexuality than we do about female homosexuality. Most cultures have a degree of inclusion (from high to moderate) where homosexually oriented individuals are part of normative society and daily social lives. Some cultures recognize homosexual individuals as a third gender (not male, not female) and integrate them into their society as such. Other cultures define a male as a homosexual only if he is the submissive partner in the sexual act. There are also cultures that have very strong restrictions against homosexual behavior, with a few of these cultures having a penalty of death for engaging in homosexual sexual activity.

In most cultures there is a distinction regarding sexuality before and after marriage. In many cultures, the years of adolescence and young adulthood are seen as times of sexual experimentation with marriage being the transition to adult sexuality. In these cases there is often no differentiation made between homo- and heterosexual activity in pre-marriage sexuality. However, it is usually expected that once married, men and women will engage in heterosexual interactions only with their spouse. In other cultures we see strong prohibitions on sexual behavior prior to marriage, and this is usually associated with a reduced tolerance of homosexuality in the society.

In many of these cases the prohibition on sexual activity is stronger for females than males. At the other end of this spectrum are a few societies where heterosexual interactions between spouses are rare and for reproductive purposes only, and the preferred type of sexual interactions are homosexual, and usually between males. There are also few societies where male homosexual sex is not considered sexual activity but rather a core part of masculinity and male development.

A baseline from biology and anthropology demonstrates that homosexual behavior is common in complex animals and that homosexuality is a ubiquitous feature of humankind, but that different cultures view and engage with homosexual individuals in widely varying manners.

This column is meant as one of the many informational contributions to enhance our ability, as a University, to move forward with the important discussion about sexuality and sexual orientation in an informed and scholarly manner. Keep thinking and talking, the creation, assessment, and dissemination of knowledge is what academia is all about. Ignorance is not bliss, it is just ignorance.

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Overman

"So," I said. "I was thinking that I would give my students John Lennon as an example of the Overman."

Peter laughed. "I don't think that it's okay to tease your students like that. Half of them won't get the joke."

"Ah!" I said. "The joke. Yes. Exactly." I left his office before he had a chance to sense my embarrassment — which he, being British, can do — and found my way downstairs to Decio Commons. But by the time that I ran into John, I had regained my courage. "Do you think that John Lennon is the Overman?"

He laughed. "I can't believe that you would think that." That Nietzsche had heralded Lennon as the first of a new race of heroic artists was ridiculous, he explained: the Overman, quite clearly, is Jimmy Page.

It was only later that I realized that my question had been ambiguous — for John Lennon is really two men, not one.

The first is heir to modernity — to humanity freed from its bonds. After four centuries of desperate struggle against their inheritance, men could finally scream unto God their defiance — could tell him of their disbelief in him. At last, they said to themselves, we are free — are no longer slaves but rather gods. We need admit our brokenness to no one now, not even ourselves.

And yet this freedom, Nietzsche saw, was still a lie: "we men of knowledge of today — we godless men and anti-metaphysicians — we, too, still derive our flame from the fire ignited by a faith millennia old: the Christian faith, which was also Plato's, that God is truth, that truth is divine." Men had sacrificed God on the altar of Truth — and, in doing so,

had unwittingly reenacted the oldest story of all, the sacrifice of God to God. That men no longer believed in God was irrelevant: so long as they believed in anything at all, they were still slaves living in the fear of him.

But to disbelieve not just in magic and I Ching and Bible and tarot but also in Hitler and Jesus and Kennedy and Buddha? To disbelieve in mantra and Gita and yoga and kings — in Elvis and Zimmerman and even Beatles? And yet, somehow, to go on living? If a man were to do this and do it truly, he would become something more than a man — would become someone who, somehow, creates within himself, here and now, whatever value that there is in the world. He would be one who could truly imagine that there was no Hell below us, and above us only sky. He would be the only God left.

This Overman would be the first with the courage to be neither Dreamweaver — First Man, the child of God who derives his value from above — nor Walrus — Last Man, the student of the absurd who despairs of value: now, he would be merely John — neither more nor less — and thus Reality. The Dream would finally be over.

All of this is, of course, colossal nonsense: when Nietzsche heralds his Overman, MacIntyre notes, his rhetoric "becomes cloudy and opaque, and metaphorical assertion replaces argument." Had he tried to speak clearly of his Overman, Nietzsche would have realized that he belongs "in the pages of a philosophical bestiary rather than in serious discussion." Indeed, man as God is but a phantasm, a fever dream that will haunt us until the last day. But that does not mean that we cannot chase after it in the meantime, breaking the world in the process.

MacIntyre agrees: "Whenever those immersed in the bureaucratic culture of the age," he writes, "try to think

their way through to the moral foundations of what they are and what they do, they will discover suppressed Nietzschean premises. And consequently it is possible to predict with confidence that in the apparently quite unlikely contexts of bureaucratically managed modern societies there will periodically emerge social movements informed by just that kind of prophetic irrationalism of which Nietzsche's thought is the ancestor." This past century — the culmination of a supposed Enlightenment — bore witness to Mao and Hitler and Stalin — to times of madness in which humanity, freed from its bonds, tried to tear itself apart.

The great irony, of course, is that these remain mere aberrations: left to themselves, men will only occasionally want to watch the world burn; more often, they will seek only sex and drugs and cable television. Such men are the brethren of the second John Lennon — the buffoon who imagined a world with nothing to kill or die for — and no religion, too.

To experience such a world, of course, requires only eyesight, not imagination. For all of his posturing, the real Lennon was like the rest of us: in his effort to become something more than a man, he lost his way and somehow become something less — someone for whom the meager dream of merely living life in peace is the only one left. And this, I take it, is what Peter and John were trying to tell me: in seeking the Overman, I found only the Last Man. God gone, he is the only man left to find.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Memorial to Matt James

To Matt James
Love,
Notre Dame

80,000 fans cheering in delight.
Highlight reels. Our field.
He woulda been a friend to all, if only for that fall.
We can't know how you feel, to have your son fall
away just like that, in no time flat.

But here at Notre Dame, we feel your pain.
We wish everything was still the same.
We wish we could watch your son play the game.
We wish we could watch him rise to fame.
Instead he rose high to heaven.

High above the 7/11s,
High above Memorial,
High above South Bend,
This morning, and every morning, our friend that never was watches over our mourning town.
His memorial. He's one of us.

He'll be with us each game,
we'll remember his name.
Matt James:
We never knew you.
But we'll never forget you.

Sam Deery-Schmitt
freshman
Morrissey Hall
April 3

“Holy See, Holy do:”

Easter in Rome

with the Saint Mary's abroad program

ROME — Easter Mass at the Vatican is by no means for the fainthearted faithful.

The day started at 5:30 a.m. for the Saint Mary's girls who stayed in Rome for Easter, or “Pasqua” in Italian, after the end of the Rome program's semester. We hopped on the metro to St. Peter's Basilica and were in line to get into the square by 6:40, and already there were at least 70 people ahead of us. Every 15 minutes after, the line seemed to grow by a hundred — luckily we were on the edge and could sneak out for cappuccinos to get us through to 8:15, when the gates opened.



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Scene Writer

When police started letting the crowd through, the force of a thousand people pushed us forward and through to the security stations. Seeing people pass through the security stations was like

ing up one strip of cardboard that simply had “Vietnam” written on it in Sharpie.

The weather had forecasted rain since 6 a.m. It had only sprinkled twice during the two hours of waiting, but everyone around was armed with ponchos and umbrellas. It seemed as though we might be granted an Easter miracle and escape without too much rain. Then, five minutes before Mass started, the sky opened up and it began to pour. Umbrellas went up, plastic bags got tied to heads and people fumbled into ponchos as the Pope processed out to the altar with a parade of drums and Swiss Guards.

The entire Mass continued in absolutely miserable wet cold, but the weather didn't seem to ruin the event for anyone. We sang from our booklets, listened to the readings in several different languages and tried not to get our umbrellas hooked in anyone's hair.

The rain seemed to bring out the triumphant Catholic spirit in small but heart-warming ways. People were loaning others spare umbrellas or even passing out tissues to the people around them to wipe their wet chair seats. The rain made waving big flags a bit tougher, but it didn't seem to hold off any of those who wanted to celebrate their country's presence at the Mass.

Thankfully, an hour and a half in, the sky cleared and the umbrellas went down, and we were finally able to see Pope Benedict XVI up on the altar. We shook hands and exchanged peace with the people around us — some Italians, but mostly people from many different countries. For the

Eucharist, priests came down the aisles every few feet accompanied by a man holding Vatican yellow and white umbrellas. Italian line rules were in effect — that is, there were no rules, except to get to the front as quickly as possible.

Before the Pope could end Mass, the rain started again, and up went all the umbrellas. As he ended the Mass and we waited for his address, people from all across the square started chanting, “Benedicto! Benedicto! Benedicto!” for the entire 10 minutes before he finally emerged from behind the red velvet curtain of his perch above



the square.

At that point, the audience became a sea of flags from all over the world — no U.S. flags that I could see, although there was one from the state of Texas — and the crowd became a mixture of shouts of “Viva Papa!” and wild yells.

The pope made his address in Italian and gave a blessing in every language imaginable. Every group erupted with cheering on hearing their language, waving flags and hats and everything else around.

In spite of the rain and the current controversy surrounding the Catholic Church and the pope, nothing seemed to dampen the celebration of the faithful in St. Peter's Square on Easter. Emerging at least spiritually stronger from the cold, the crowds and the rain, those gathered in Rome on Easter seem to feel that the Catholic Church would do the same going into the future.

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being at a human Kentucky Derby — as soon as they got the green light, everyone shot out toward the finish line of seats nearest to the altar set up outside on the steps of the Basilica.

This race was in no way graceful. It proceeded in a strange walk-run-skip motion meant to keep the semblance of polite, civilized people on their way to Mass, when really the “every man for himself” mentality was in overdrive. Since we were in the front, we were sitting about 20 rows back and could watch the crowd fill into St. Peter's.

There wasn't the kind of intense, disgruntled atmosphere you would expect when thousands of people are trying to cram themselves into one space. Excitement was the emotional current of the day.

Two hours before the Mass was scheduled to start, people started waving their country flags back and forth over the crowd, a few strung up on old fishing rods. One group was even hold-



Photos courtesy of Courtney Eckerle

From left, Saint Mary's sophomores Nora Cusick, Courtney Eckerle and Christine Martin stake out their rain-soaked seats for the Easter Sunday Mass in the Vatican on April 4.

By TATIANA SPRAGINS

Scene Writer

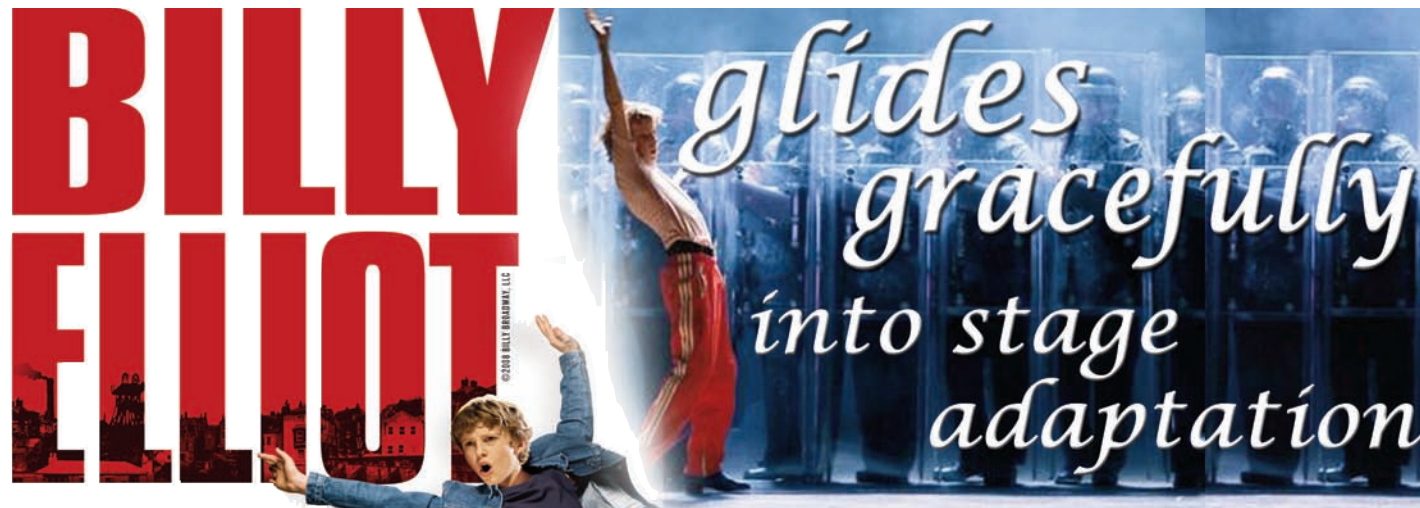
When it was released in 2000, the British film “Billy Elliot” was a box office success and earned three Oscar nominations. A few years later, it was adapted into a Broadway play that would become just as, if not more, successful than the movie. The show has graced stages in London, New York and now Chicago.

Billy Elliot is a boy who accidentally discovers a love and real talent for ballet. He is an 11-year-old whose mother has died, whose grandmother is old and losing her memory (along with her sanity) and whose father and brother are both miners in a northern England mining town.

The year is 1984 and a huge strike is taking place at the mine where Billy’s father and brother work. The atmosphere is tense and Billy’s newfound passion is kept hidden from his family, who would surely be unsupportive if they knew. Given this scenario, Billy tries to continue learning ballet and, with the support and encouragement of his teacher, ultimately decides to audition for the Royal Ballet School — which means he would have to tell his family about his secret.

As a Broadway-style show, “Billy Elliot” is an outstanding display of talent and of hard work. The musical does a wonderful job of adapting the movie and the dialogue into songs accompanied by beautiful ballet and tap dance performances. Children are a big part of the cast, not only for the character of Billy himself, but his friends and ballet classmates. A Broadway play whose main roles are executed by children is unusual and ultimately made for an all the more impressive performance.

Another interesting and unique aspect of this play is its genre. Broadway normally deals with either comedy or more “magical” and “childish” themes (such as box office successes: “The Lion King,”



“Wicked,” “Mamma Mia,” “Mary Poppins,” “Avenue Q” and even the stage adaptation of “Shrek”).

The show’s creators tried to make the original film’s plot a little lighter at times and had a few (not very funny) jokes. This lighter mood would transition, somewhat roughly, to very heavy scenes. A difference from the play to the movie is also the attention given to the political aspects in the background of the story.

The miners’ strike and Margaret Thatcher’s controversial labor policies in the 1980s helped to create interesting subplots to the play and were important to setting up the background. The violent demonstrations against Thatcher’s heavily-contested decision to lessen the power of trade unions were transformed into aggressive and powerful dance performances. Thatcher is repeatedly referenced and even depicted as evil and inflicting harm to the lives of the workers. This political and social aspect has been more thoroughly developed in the stage adaptation and gives Billy’s story a more complete setting.

Broadway does not attempt to merely tell a story, but to create an entire world on stage, sort of like a “live” movie. For

this reason, and due to the nature of musicals, the plays usually stick to more imaginative and funny stories. “Billy Elliot,” however, is very dramatic — but with the heavily dance-based plot, it managed to translate beautifully into a Broadway musical. “Billy Elliot” on Broadway cost over three times the original film’s budget, at a grand total of \$18 million. The high production values paid off when the show won ten Tony awards.

It is interesting to note that, unlike most musicals, there were many dances with no songs and songs with no dance, a consequence of the dramatic nature of the play. This way, messages could be communicated more effectively and the technical aspects of dance were better highlighted. The progression of Billy’s dance skills is very much highlighted throughout the play: Two of the most impressive scenes are when he displays his anger when not allowed to audition, and later a dance with his “older” counterpart, showing Billy’s incredible talent and his complete transition to a gifted ballet dancer.

The only distracting factor from the “Billy Elliot” stage show was the forced accents of the American actors. The

strong and sometimes incomprehensible Cockney accent in the movie is imitated in the stage adaptation and sounds odd at times.

However, in the end “Billy Elliot” is a lovely combination of different types of dance, singing and a dramatic family plot in a tense political background. While this drama makes it a little different from traditional Broadway musicals, the play is fun to watch and definitely one to consider when visiting Chicago.

‘Billy Elliot’

Ford Center
Chicago, IL

Music by: Elton John

Book and Lyrics by: Lee Hall

Directed by: Stephen Daldry

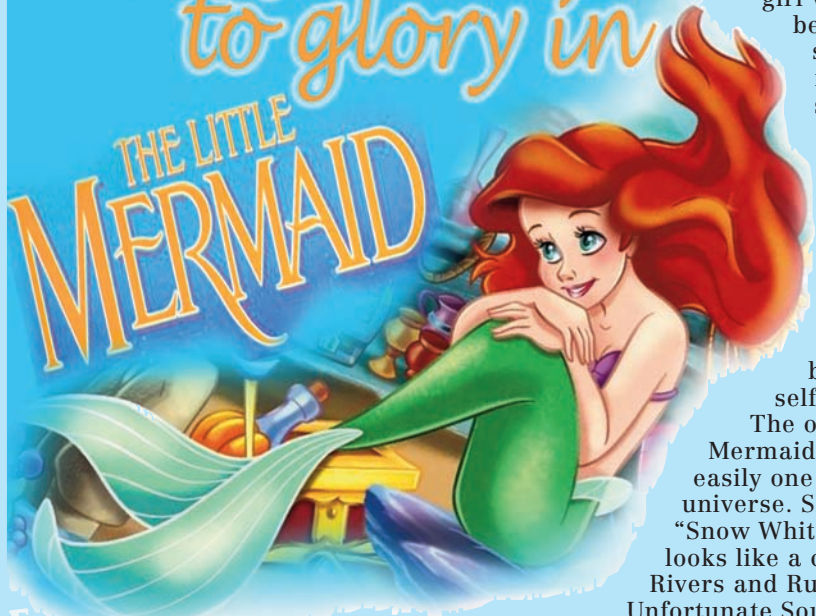


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MOVIE REWIND

Disney’s return
to glory in

THE LITTLE
MERMAID



Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” is an awesome movie. It is often forgotten, shadowed by greats such as “Beauty and the Beast,” “The Lion King” and “Finding Nemo.” However, it stands as a classic piece of animation with its all-too catchy soundtrack, exotic locales, hilariously memorable characters and backdrop of star-crossed love. Now that you’ve finished singing “Under the

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Sea” in your head, here are a few more reasons why you know you love “The Little Mermaid.”

Ariel is totally loveable.

Though she lacks the bookish smarts and strong-willed independence of our darling Belle, Ariel’s curiosity, determination and red hair more than make up for it. Every little girl wanted to be her for Halloween because she’s just the coolest. And she saved Prince Eric’s life! She’s no damsel in distress, that’s for sure.

She’s also headstrong, but in the best possible way. And everyone digs a rebellious streak. While most never went behind their father’s back to turn from mermaid to human, Ariel is easily the most realistic princess in the Disney repertoire. Yes, Jasmine is way cool, but everyone sees a little of herself in the ginger princess of the sea.

The other characters of “The Little Mermaid” are just as appealing. Ursula is easily one of the best villains in the Disney universe. She’s as scary as the evil queen in “Snow White,” as funny as Captain Hook and looks like a cross between Medusa, Joan Rivers and RuPaul. Her big song, “Poor Unfortunate Souls,” steals the show and lets the busty baddie primp and parade herself into Ariel’s good graces, nabbing her beautiful voice along the way.

While Flounder is a great sidekick, insofar as crazy-cool animal friends go, Sebastian is just the tops. He’s witty, cynical and makes beautiful music (hello, “Kiss the Girl”) to boot. And while one might easily see him as nothing more than a wet blanket, those with a funny bone know that there’s more to this crustacean than a perfect

meal (Scuttle the seagull is pretty great, too).

Disney movies are chock full of Prince Charmings. But are any as charming as Prince Eric? He’s tall, dark and handsome, he loves his dog and he wants to find true love. Oh, and he’s not afraid to run a broken mast into a giant sea witch in order to save said true love. He really is a true Renaissance man.

“The Little Mermaid,” released in 1989, straddles that awkward barrier between the 80s and 90s. But it does it with style. It keeps the well-coiffed hair of the 80s, but combines it with the brilliance that is children’s entertainment of the 90s.

“The Little Mermaid” is considered a renaissance for Disney Studios, which, until its release, had failed to create a true classic since “Sleeping Beauty” in 1958. While “Robin Hood,” “The Aristocats” and “The Great Mouse Detective” are beloved by many, most Disney films from this stagnant period fall by the wayside compared to their predecessors and successors.

“The Little Mermaid” revitalized the brand, paving the way for brilliant films from “Aladdin” to “Wall-E.” The new Disney of the 90s also proved that princesses don’t have to wait for Prince Charming to save the day, and that pop music goes just as well with animation as do the more classical songs of Disney’s past.

Where would we children of the 80s and 90s be without “The Little Mermaid”? Lost in a sea (pun definitely intended) of mediocre children’s animation, like that rubbish your little brother watches on Nickelodeon — that’s where we’d be. So take a few minutes out of your weekend to sit down and appreciate one of Disney’s finest. In this fine weather, it’s basically like being at the beach. Basically.

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PGA

Duval back in Augusta after three-year hiatus

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — David Duval ambled away from the 13th tee, strolled over the Nelson Bridge and found a nice, comfortable spot to plop down in the middle of the fairway.

He sat there for a couple of minutes, next to his ball, staring across Rae's Creek toward the woods on the other side, soaking up the brilliant colors of the azaleas and dogwoods.

The perfect place to reflect, to think back on all he once was at Augusta National and still hopes to be.

Hardly. Duval isn't much for reminiscing or any of that mushy stuff.

"It was brutal out there. They were playing soooo slow," he grumbled Tuesday after a practice round that dragged on for nearly five hours. "I was just trying to keep from going to sleep."

For Duval, so much has changed since the last time he contended at the Masters, nearly a decade ago. From the expanded waistline to the errant shots to the wandering concentration, he barely resembles the guy who once ruled as golf's No. 1 player.

This is the first time he's qualified for the Masters since 2006, when he shot a 10 on the second hole and missed the cut for the fourth year in a row. He's here thanks to a runner-

up finish at last year's U.S. Open.

Then again, so much remains the same.

Duval still walks the course with an aura reserved for the greats, not someone who last won a tournament at the 2001 British Open, not someone who's looks perpetually frumpy with his shirttail hanging out, not someone who comes here sandwiched between Anthony Wall and Danny Willett at No. 110 in the world rankings.

Maybe it's the aloof demeanor, obscured by those wraparound glasses. Maybe it's the standoffish body language, the sense that he's not really paying a lick of attention to the folks shouting, "Go get 'em, David" and other encouraging words.

There was always a mystery about Duval, and the fact that a once-brilliant game got away from him in the blink of an eye only adds to the intrigue. At nearly every hole, some patron posing as a fairway psychologist offered up a possible explanation for his baffling decline, everything from depression to vertigo.

For the record, Duval feels just fine — about his fame, too.

"I'm comfortable, entirely comfortable, with what I'm doing right now," he said. "I feel like I'm swinging the golf club how I want to. I feel like I'm striking the golf ball how I want to. To me, it's a matter of

performing and doing that more regularly than I may be at the moment."

If nothing else, Duval seems to have rekindled a sense of feistiness with the media that melted away as his scores went up and up. He now feels as though he's put up enough good results — the 2009 U.S. Open and this year's AT&T at Pebble Beach — to stop all those annoying questions about his slump.

Never mind that he's missed the cut in four of his seven PGA Tour events this year.

"Some of this, I don't understand," he said. "I'm trying to talk about and answer questions I've been answering for a couple of years now, and I don't know why I need to answer them any more than I have. I have talked about it."

Duval might have hit rock bottom at that 2006 Masters. He opened with an 84, then started the second round with a double bogey at No. 1 and a quintuple-bogey 10 at the second, when he drove into a hazard on the left and took two more penalty strokes before he finally escaped.

But that day, as bad as it was, also signified that Duval's shotmaking skills had not totally abandoned him. He bounced back to make five birdies over the final 12 holes, including a 32 on the back nine. Not nearly good enough to make the cut, of course, but a start.



David Duval sends a chip toward the green during a practice round at Augusta Tuesday. Duval has not played in the Masters since 2006.

Duval never doubted that he'd make it back to the Masters someday. Whether he can ever be the sort of player he once was at Augusta National remains to be seen.

Over a four-year stretch beginning in 1998, Duval had a pair of runner-up finishes, plus a third and a sixth. He still believes those are four green jackets that got away.

"I'd like to see him at his best again," said Jim Furyk, who joined Duval for the practice round along with Justin Leonard. "I played a lot of golf with him back when he was the best player in the world, and he was really, really good. I guess the rest of that is: Does

he really want to get back to that level again? It's difficult to do. But I really liked what I saw today in his game."

Duval is convinced that he's worked out the flaws in his swing, which were caused by injuries and waning confidence. But he finds it difficult to keep it together from round to round, even shot to shot.

On Tuesday, for instance, he made a nifty little wedge shot right up next to the flag at No. 15. Then he came back with a wild swing off the tee at the par-3 16th, his left arm flying off the club as he hit a screaming line drive that cleared the water but skidded right through the green.

PGA

Tiger's Masters pairing perfect to avoid TV coverage

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods has an ideal tee time for his return to golf at the Masters — at least as far as TV is concerned.

After weeks of speculation about his playing partners for the opening two rounds at Augusta National, the starting times released on Tuesday had

more to do with "when" than "who."

Woods is to tee off at 1:42 p.m., Thursday in the penultimate group for the second straight year. Barring any delays, his group likely will be on about the eighth hole when ESPN's live coverage begins at 4 p.m.

It will be the first time Woods has competed since a shocking

sex scandal began to unfold the day after Thanksgiving.

Joining him for two days will be Matt Kuchar, a popular figure in these parts from his All-American days at Georgia Tech; and K.J. Choi of South Korea, which is sure to appeal to Augusta National's broadcast partners in Asia.

Woods is to start at 10:35 a.m. on Friday, limiting coverage of him to live streaming on the Masters' Web site.

ESPN executive vice president John Wildhack said every "meaningful shot" by Woods will be shown by the network at some point, whether live or as part of highlights.

"This is the Masters Tournament, and that is THE story line, and we're here to cover the Masters Tournament," Wildhack said. "Obviously Tiger and the fact this is his return to golf is the story line in terms of

individual players, but not the only one."

At any other tournament, playing with Woods could be a huge distraction because of so many photographers and reporters tagging along, and fans outside the ropes scrambling for a view.

Augusta National is different.

No one is allowed inside the ropes, and fans walk en masse — there's no running at the Masters.

"It's going to be a lot more at ease this week than most weeks," Woods said Monday before he knew of his starting times. "If there's one week that you would rather have a pairing with me, considering the circumstances, it would probably be this week."

Choi sure didn't mind. He was hoping for it.

Despite some language barriers, they are comfortable playing together. Choi last played with

Woods in the third round of the Memorial, which Woods went on to win. This will be his 13th time playing with Woods.

"Even when all this came out and the rumors of Tiger coming back, my friends were saying, 'Wouldn't it be cool if you were paired with Tiger when he played his first tournament?'" Choi said through his interpreter and agent, Michael Yim.

"It's funny because I sort of had a feeling when I left Dallas that it would be cool if I was paired with Tiger, and it happened," he said. "It's a good surprise."

Choi found out on the 14th hole from a Masters official.

If it didn't sink in at the time, there were a dozen reporters waiting for him as he walked off the 18th green after his practice round. Choi can expect a lot more attention when he tees off Thursday.



Tiger Woods lines up a put in last year's Masters Championship. Most of Tiger's opening round will not be covered by ESPN.

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Men's Division I Baseball USA Today Poll

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

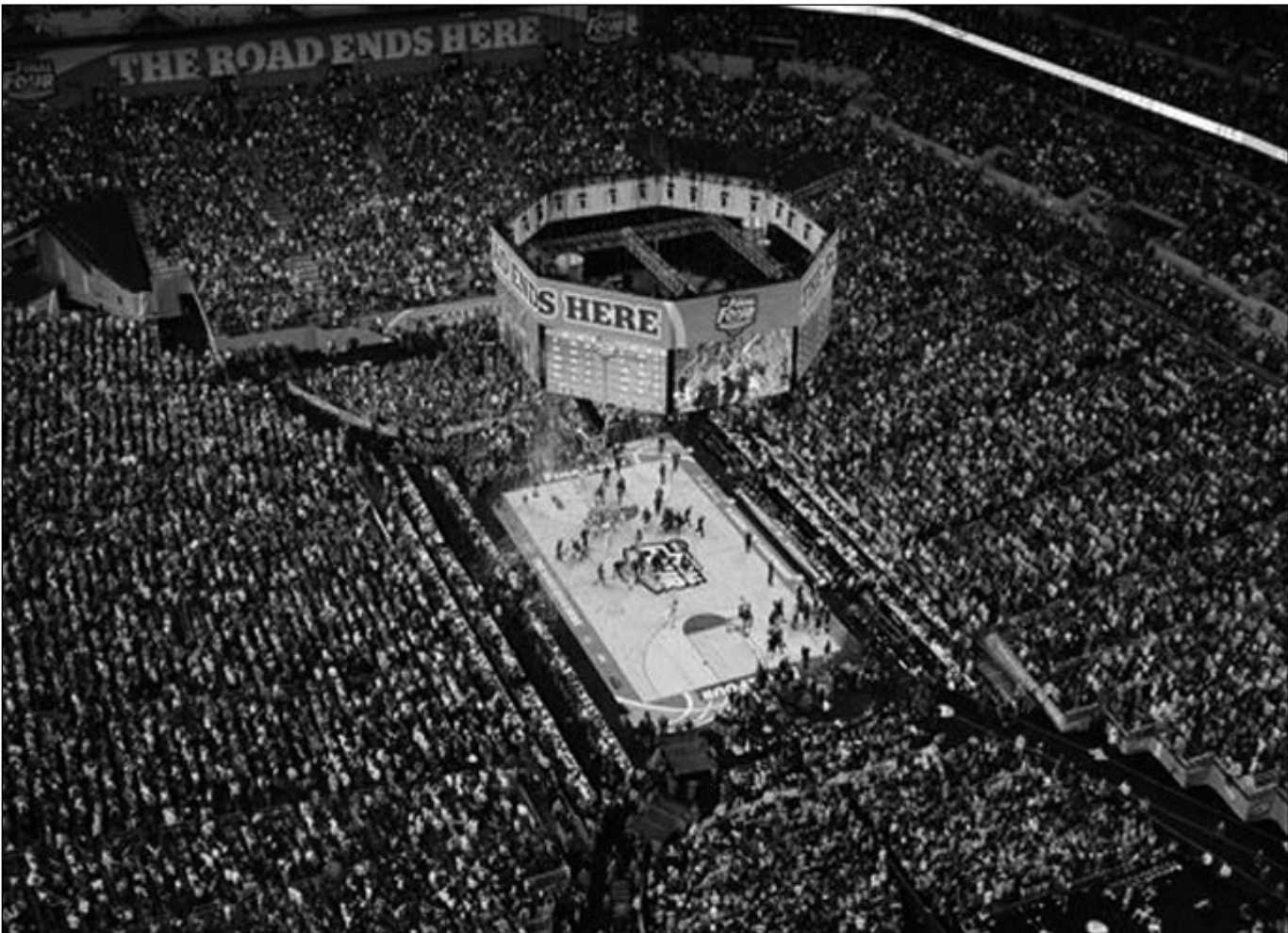
Women's Division I Softball USA Today Poll

	team	previous
1	Washington	1
2	Michigan	2
3	Arizona	3
4	Florida	6
5	UCLA	5
6	Alabama	8
7	Missouri	4
8	Stanford	9
9	Arizona State	7
10	Georgia Tech	10
11	Oklahoma	13
12	Oklahoma State	15
13	California	14
14	LSU	12
15	Georgia	11
16	Texas	17
17	Tennessee	16
18	Illinois	18
19	Florida State	19
20	Ohio State	21
21	Texas A&M	20
22	Massachusetts	23
23	Louisville	25
24	NOTRE DAME	24
25	Hawaii	NR

Men's Division I Lacrosse USILA Poll

	team	record
1	Virginia	10-0
2	North Carolina	10-0
3	Syracuse	7-1
4	Maryland	6-2
5	Princeton	7-1
6	Duke	9-3
7	Massachusetts	7-2
8	Drexel	8-2
9	Loyola	6-2
10	Hofstra	5-3

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL



A crowd of more than 70,000 watches as Duke beats Butler, 61-59, to capture the school's fourth national title Monday. Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski tied former Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp for the second most championships in history.

Duke tops Butler for school's fourth national title

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Minute by minute, second by second, the NCAA title game got better and better.

Then came the final four seconds — four ticks of the clock that produced one of the most dramatic finishes to one of the most memorable games college basketball has ever seen.

“I’ve been fortunate enough to be in eight national championship games, and this was a classic,” said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, who has won four of those games. “This was the toughest and the best one.”

Butler had two chances to win it Monday night —

one on a 15-foot fadeaway, another on a desperation halfcourt shot at the buzzer.

Both shots clanked cruelly off the rim. Near misses. Duke held off the upstart Bulldogs 61-59, ending the small school’s search for the perfect, Hollywood ending.

And though the sad, tired looks on the faces of the Butler players may not have told the story, when people look back on this magical night in sports — in a day, a year, a decade or more — it will be hard to say there really was a loser.

“We came up one possession short in a game with about 145 possessions,”

said Butler’s 33-year-old coach, Brad Stevens. “It’s hard to stomach when you’re on the wrong end of that.”

Even before the game, there were signs that this could be a good one. The storylines were right.

There was Butler, enrollment 4,200, the team that practices at the fieldhouse where “Hoosiers” was shot. The Bulldogs, playing six miles from campus, were on the verge of creating a sequel to the movie, based on real life, in which the tiny Indiana school goes against the big boys and comes out a winner.

There was Duke, the uber-successful team that much of America loves to

hate — good this year, but not overwhelming, a team that made it every bit as far on grit as it did on raw talent.

For 39 minutes, 56 seconds, nobody backed down. There were seven ties, 15 lead changes and, amazingly, neither team built a lead of more than six.

Every possession was a struggle. Every point came at a price.

Butler guards Ronald Nored and Willie Veasley made life hell on Duke’s outside players, Jon Scheyer and Nolan Smith. But Scheyer and Smith worked off picks, worked to get open, and got their shots and their points.

IN BRIEF

MLB players may file grievance against owners

NEW YORK — Baseball players may file a collusion grievance charging owners with conspiring against free agents last winter.

“We have concerns about the operation of the post-2009 free agent market,” new union head Michael Weiner said Tuesday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. “We have been investigating that market. Our investigation is far along but not yet complete.”

The sides reached a standstill agreement last year giving the union additional time to decide whether to proceed with a grievance against teams alleging misconduct after the 2008 season.

Management denies any violation of the collective bargaining agreement, which states clubs may not act in concert with respect to free agents.

Former Lion Rogers must repay \$6.1 million to team

DETROIT — A judge says former Detroit Lions receiver Charles Rogers must repay \$6.1 million to the team.

Rogers was suspended for substance abuse in 2005 and was released by the Lions the next year. The team has been trying to recoup two-thirds of his \$9.1 million signing bonus.

U.S. District Judge Julian Abele Cook said Monday the money must be repaid. An NFL arbitrator made the same conclusion in 2008.

Lions attorney Thomas Bruetsch (BROOTCH) declined to comment on Tuesday. Michael Cafferty, a lawyer for Rogers, says his client would like to play football in Canada and share some of his pay with Detroit.

Rogers was the second pick in the 2003 NFL draft. In January, the former Michigan State star was sentenced to 93 days in jail for violating a court order to stay sober.

Vikings’ Favre and wife Deanna become grandparents

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings may have finally found their quarterback of the future: Brett Favre is now a grandfather.

His 21-year-old daughter, Brittany, has given birth to a boy — Parker Brett. The little gunslinger weighs in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Grandpa Brett says on his Web site that he and wife Deanna are “very proud” to welcome their first grandchild.

Favre has yet to announce whether he will return to the Vikings and play a 20th season in the NFL. Last year the 40-year-old enjoyed one of his best years and helped lead the Vikings to the NFC title game.

The baby’s arrival was first reported by the Minneapolis Spokesman-Recorder.

The NFL says it knows of no other grandfathers among current players.

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NFL

McNabb looks forward to new role with 'Skins

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — The quarterback holding the burgundy No. 5 Washington Redskins jersey was Donovan McNabb. From everything that was said, it might have been simpler to just go ahead and call him John Elway II.

The six-time Pro Bowl star was formally introduced Tuesday at Redskins Park. All things being equal, he would rather be preparing for a 12th season with the Philadelphia Eagles, but an Easter Sunday trade between NFC East rivals has opened what he called "a new chapter in the book of Donovan."

"I've always believed in finishing where you started," McNabb said. "I think there's a lot to be said with that. Not a lot of quarterbacks in this league are able to do that these days. Sometimes change is better. Sometimes you're forced into change. I would have loved to (stay in Philadelphia), but it didn't happen."

Instead, he is with the Redskins and new coach Mike Shanahan, and both went to great lengths to say that trading two draft picks for a 33-year-old quarterback with a few nicks is a solid investment. They did so by repeatedly invoking Elway, who was 34 when Shanahan became coach of the Broncos in 1995.

"I'm turning 34 this year," McNabb said. "And he finished John's career with two Super Bowls. Hopefully I can continue to follow behind that."

It makes for quick answer to the boos McNabb has heard in Philadelphia in recent years.

"People were saying John Elway should retire," Shanahan said, "until he won the Super Bowl."

Before the pursuit of such lofty goals, there were the necessary reflections and thanks from McNabb to Philadelphia. Most of his words for his former team and city were upbeat and gracious — "I felt I was treated fair" — with maybe a slight dig or two thrown in.

Surprisingly, McNabb said he has spoken "not much" about the trade with Andy Reid, his coach for his entire tenure with the Eagles. He portrayed himself as fallout from a Philadelphia youth movement.

"They're rebuilding, and they're going young," McNabb said. "So I never knew 33 years old was old, but I guess I'm too old."

And, while Shanahan's offense will have its similarities to Reid's, McNabb cited what he thinks will be one substantial difference.

"It starts with the run game," McNabb said. "I know probably a lot of you come from Philly don't know much about that run game. But we will run the ball here."

And, when asked if the rug had been pulled out from under him in Philly, McNabb said: "It did."

"We had two young guys on the outside, a very effective tight end, a young running back, (Brian) Westbrook was coming off an injury, the offensive line was trying to jell, we were mixing guys in, and some guys were hurt," McNabb said. "But they moved in another direction. There's nothing I can do on that

particular point."

McNabb said he expects "hopefully cheers" when he returns to the Philadelphia with the Redskins next season, yet he refused to portray it a special date on his mental calendar.

"I don't look at it any different than playing the Giants or Dallas," McNabb said. "Nothing like I'm going to run my head through a locker or start throwing stuff through my house. It's an opportunity for us to play another team."

McNabb was clearly relieved to have constant trade speculation behind him — "I'm just so happy that it's over" — and that he ended up with a team among those at the top of his wish list.

His agent, Fletcher Smith, said he and McNabb didn't end up having to object to an undesirable destination.

"He and Andy have a special relationship, and he did right by Donovan at the end of the day," Smith said. "There wasn't a time when we had to tell a team we weren't going to come."

The next priority is a contract extension for McNabb, whose current deal expires at the end of the upcoming season. McNabb and Shanahan both said the quarterback has a lot left in the tank — again citing Elway as an example — but the coach wouldn't rule out taking a quarterback with the No. 4 overall pick in this month's draft. Given the woeful state of the offensive line, however, it would seem the Redskins would now want to target a player to protect McNabb's blind side.

Another bit of housekeeping for McNabb was a talk with his good friend Jason Campbell, the Redskins' starter for the last 3½

seasons. Shanahan said the Redskins have given Campbell permission to explore a trade up to the April 22-24 draft.

"I let him know that this wasn't one of my plans, to try to come and take his spot," McNabb said. "I told him 'The sky's the limit for you. Continue to hold your head high.'"

McNabb immediately began taking part in the team's offseason conditioning program, but said he'll also take some weeks

off to deal with the logistics of moving. He's less than two weeks away from his first Redskins minicamp.

"It feels like being drafted again," McNabb said. "You been selected by a new team. You're going through all the emotions of learning new plays, being with the guys, working out, so it feels like I'm about 22 again."

He laughed and added: "The body may not respond that way."

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NBA

Raptors lose game to Cavs, Bosh to injury

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Flattened by an inadvertent elbow to the face, Toronto All-Star forward Chris Bosh was sent to the hospital for tests Tuesday night as the Raptors' playoff hopes took a blow with a 113-101 loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers, who have won 11 straight at home.

Bosh was accidentally struck by Cleveland's Antawn Jamison in the first three minutes. Bosh, who had blood dripping from his nose and mouth area as he was assisted from the floor, was taken to the Cleveland Clinic for a CT scan and further treatment and evaluation.

The Raptors had no immediate update on his condition.

Jamison scored 20 points — 12 in the third when the Cavs opened a double-digit lead — and Anthony Parker had a season-high 18.

LeBron James scored 19 with 13 assists and Mo Williams had 14 and 12 assists for Cleveland, which has wrapped up the NBA's best record and home-court advantage throughout the playoffs and is expected to rest players in the next few

games to get ready for the postseason.

Jarrett Jack scored 23 for the Raptors, who also lost forward Antoine Wright in the third quarter with an ankle injury.

Bosh's injury couldn't have come at a worse time for the Raptors, who entered the night clinging to the No. 8 playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Toronto has a tough week ahead with games against Boston, Atlanta and the Chicago Bulls, who went into Tuesday one game behind the Raptors in the standings.

Bosh was fighting for position in the lane with Jamison when he was nailed by the elbow. Bosh immediately dropped to the floor and stayed there as play continued at the other end. Dazed by the blow, Bosh got to his knees as blood poured onto the court.

When there was finally a whistle, medical personnel from both teams went onto the floor to attend to Bosh, who was in obvious pain. Holding a towel to his face, he was helped from the court and taken to Cleveland's locker room, where he was examined by Cavs team physician Dr. Richard Parker.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles look to remain unbeaten in conference

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

After defeating Alma and Trine, two of the weaker teams in the conference, Saint Mary's will face Calvin, its first formidable opponent in MIAA play, at home today.

In order to place well in the conference tournament, the Belles (8-3, 2-0) need to win matches against top teams like the Knights.

"This match could have an impact on seeding for our conference tournament," Belles coach Dale Campbell said.

"Calvin is a very strong team, so it will be good to see where we stack up with them."

Campbell has seen steady improvement this season, something that every coach loves to see in his players.

"Our growth has been substantial," Campbell said. "We are a more mature team than we were last year. We think more between points and on changeovers and seem to adjust our styles of play better than last year."

Early on, the focus was on doubles play, attacking the net and shot-making. Now, the Belles are just trying to iron

out the kinks as they head into the heart of their MIAA schedule.

"Our focus has not been on one particular area," Campbell said. "We are trying to improve all aspects of our game."

The Belles have a definitive strategy every time they step on the court. When they adhere to the plan, the result is usually in their favor, Campbell said.

"We need to continue to move forward in doubles and attack the ball," he said. "In singles, we need to play an offensive, yet high-percentage

strategy to prepare for our toughest opponents."

Those tough opponents are on the way, and Calvin is the first in a string of challenging competition. Getting out of this match with a victory could be a solid starting point for the Belles.

"We have a tough stretch in the schedule right now," Campbell said. "Hopefully, we can do well here, while also improving ahead of the conference tournament."

Junior Jillian Hurley has yet to lose in singles play this season, and she has won 10 straight doubles matches with

her partner, junior Mary Therese Lee.

Campbell is confident in the Belles' chances of pulling out a crucial victory today. He said he expects it "to be close, yet for us to pull through in the end."

As competitors, the Belles look forward to this type of challenge, and Campbell expects the best out of the players.

"We play for this type of competition," Campbell said. "This is where we want to be."

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NHL

Brodeur wins 600th in shutout of Thrashers

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Martin Brodeur got his 600th career win with his second straight shutout and the New Jersey Devils beat the Thrashers 3-0 on Tuesday night in Ilya Kovalchuk's return to Atlanta.

Kovalchuk, the former Thrashers captain who was traded to the Devils two months ago, didn't score but returned to see the Thrashers eliminated from playoff contention for the ninth

time in their 10-year history.

Dean McAmmond, Zach Parise and Travis Zajac scored and Brodeur stopped 19 shots.

The Devils began the night tied with Pittsburgh for first place in the Atlantic Division and second place in the Eastern Conference, taking over that spot when the Penguins lost to Washington.

The shutout was Brodeur's league-leading ninth of the season and the 110th of his career. Brodeur and the Devils beat Carolina 4-0 on Saturday.

The 37-year-old Brodeur improved to 10-2-2 against Atlanta. He was pulled after allowing three goals in the first period in Atlanta on Dec. 19, but the Devils still beat the Thrashers 5-4.

McAmmond scored on a pass from Dainius Zubrus in the first period, and the Devils padded the lead with goals in the opening minute of each of the next two periods. Parise pushed the puck past Johan Hedberg 51 seconds into the second period, and Zajac

scored 10 seconds into the third.

Hedberg stopped 24 shots.

Kovalchuk made his first return to Atlanta since a Feb. 4 trade that sent forward Niclas Bergfors and defenseman Johnny Oduya to the Thrashers. Atlanta general manager Don Waddell said he made the trade after Kovalchuk turned down contract extension offers of 12 years for \$101 million and seven years for \$70 million.

Kovalchuk will become a free agent after this season.



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MEN’S TENNIS

Irish win one, drop one in Texas matches

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 36 Irish split the two matches they played in Texas over Easter break, defeating SMU, 5-2, before falling to No. 12 Texas A&M, 6-1.

“We played a pretty complete match against SMU on Saturday,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “They have a great stadium, but the courts were pretty quick and I thought our guys did a good job of adjusting to them.”

The Irish started off the weekend with a victory over SMU, led by winning two out of the three doubles matches to claim the doubles point.

Singles wins by juniors Stephen Havens and Dan Stahl, sophomore Sam Keeton and freshman Blas Moros impressed Bayliss.

“Stephen played aggressively and got in to the net to finish points against a guy who could be troublesome. Dan handled pace well and was able to stay on the offensive, which was important there,” Bayliss said. “Sam did a good job of changing things up and getting out of trouble. Blas had to really fight and won a long tiebreaker after falling behind early.”

Sophomore Casey Watt and

junior David Anderson were the only two Irish players to drop a match, as they lost close matches at No. 1 and No. 3 singles, respectively.

In the second match of the weekend the Irish lost to Texas A&M. Moros secured the only win for the Irish on the day.

The Irish fell behind early and were not able to recover after dropping the doubles point.

“Blas Moros played more aggressively [Sunday night] against A&M,” Bayliss said. “He stayed up tight on the baseline and played a very gritty match.”

The Irish will attempt to regain their momentum at home today, facing No. 2 Ohio State at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

“We know Ohio State well,” Bayliss said. “Despite their ranking we feel that this will be a close match.”

“They are very well coached and play great doubles, with lots of wrinkles in their formations, so we will need to be at our best there. Several of our guys have really begun to come into their own, so this is a challenge we readily embrace.”

The Irish will look to pull off the upset and play strong at doubles against Ohio State. First serve is set for 3:30 p.m.

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TRACK & FIELD

Four athletes win at Purdue

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Instead of going home for Easter, the Irish traveled to Purdue to the Mike Poehlein Invitational. Despite rain and lightning days throughout the weekend, four athletes took first place and 23 athletes finished in the top-five at the event.

The winning times and distances came from senior Eric Quick in the men’s triple jump with a distance of 15.12 meters, junior Theresa Cattuna in the women’s 5,000 meter with a time of 17:11.11, senior Joanna Schultz in the women’s 400 at 54.10 and sophomore John Shawel in the men’s 800 at 1:53.11.

Shawel in particular was happy with his performance, considering his focus usually centers around the 1500.

“I basically had nothing to lose. I got involved early in the race and I raced less conservatively than I normally would,” Shawel said.

Cattuna’s time not only marked a new personal record for that distance on a track, but it also

qualified her for the Big East meet.

“I am looking forward to a couple more races before Big East to improve my kick and build on today,” Cattuna said.

In addition to these top finishes, the Irish earned multiple successful results across the board.

In field events, the Irish had a huge turnout for men’s hammer, where junior Greg Davis took third, closely followed by junior John Belcher and sophomore Mitchell Gormley in fourth and fifth, respectively. Freshman Kendra Jennings took fourth in the women’s high jump, sophomore Doug Onuscheck took third in the men’s high jump and senior Jaclyn Espinoza took fourth in the women’s discus.

Freshman Nevada Sorenson took second and junior Kali Watkins took third in the 100 hurdles, sophomore Sasha Blanchard took fifth in the 400 hurdles.

Sophomore Allison Schroeder took second and junior Natalie Johnson took fifth in the 800, and sophomores Susanna Sullivan and Molly Hirt took third and fifth, respectively, in the 5,000.

The men also had a series of top finishes. Junior Matthew Brown took third in the 400 hurdles, junior Edward Hitchler took fifth in the 400, sophomore Mitch Lorenz took fourth in the 800, junior Greg Kiley took fourth in the 1,500 and senior Thomas Noel took fourth in the 3,000 Steeplechase.

Cattuna summed up the goals for the future for both herself and the team as a whole.

“Over the next couple of weeks I’ll work on becoming more mentally and physically ready to compete with [other runners] in the race and hopefully earn some points for our team,” Cattuna said.

The Irish next travel to Louisville, Ky., to compete in the Louisville Invitational on Saturday.

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John Shawel
Irish sophomore

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only giving up two hits. Valdivia also had plenty of offensive help. The Irish scored eight runs off of 12 hits. Six of those runs came in the final inning to seal the deal for Notre Dame.

“It was a total team effort,” said Wright, “We all contributed in one way or another to the win.”

The Irish’s second win was a little harder to come by, however. The back half of the double-header was stopped three times due to the weather, and the game was not completed until two days later.

Despite the inconvenience, Wright said that the game was a blessing in disguise for the Irish.

“It showed us that our team can work through adversity,” Wright said.

Valdivia was on the mound again for Notre Dame on Monday, pitching another scoreless outing while giving

up six hits. Once again, she also had plenty of offensive help. Four of the Irish’s five hits were homeruns.

The complete game shutout was the 10th of the season for Valdivia, who improved to 20-3 on the year. The junior has won 14 straight Big East contests over the past two seasons, and in her career in 15-0 in the conference with a 1.34 ERA.

Notre Dame will look to continue its hot streak as the Irish look forward to their double-header with Bowling Green (6-12) today. Despite the

Falcons’ lowly record, Wright emphasized the team’s continued need for focus.

“We need to stay consistent,” Wright said, “We can’t take anybody for granted. We need to go out there and play our game.”

Today’s contests will take place at 4 and 6 p.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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“We need to stay consistent. We can’t take anybody for granted. We need to go out there and play our game.”

Kristina Wright
Irish catcher



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Senior outfielder Brayden Ashdown waits on a pitch during Notre Dame’s 13-6 win over Oakland at Frank Eck Stadium on Tuesday. Ashdown had two hits and two RBIs in the victory.

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we still have to shore up our defense. Our guys have been working really hard on their approaches, extra hitting. It’s paying off for them.”

The Irish bats came alive in the third inning against Oakland starter Aaron Wick, as senior designated hitter David Mills followed DeSico’s home run with a triple to right-center. Senior first basemen Casey Martin knocked in Mills with a sacrifice fly, and center fielder Bill Warrender followed with a walk. Senior right fielder Brayden Ashdown capped the Irish rally by clearing the bases with his first home run of the season.

The biggest surprise of the game came from Irish starting pitcher Adam Norton (1-0), the regular starting third baseman. In his first start in an Irish uniform, the freshman tossed four innings,

racking up six strikeouts and allowing only two earned runs.

“I thought the biggest thing about our pitchers was that we didn’t walk anybody,” Schrage said. “One of the things we’ve been hammering home is [not] giving up free bases. When you do that, you’ll win a lot of games.”

The Golden Grizzlies mounted a comeback in the top of the seventh, plating two runs on a series of Irish miscues in the field. Senior reliever Steve Mazur entered the game with two outs and the tying run at the plate, but he induced a ground ball out to hold the Irish lead at 8-5.

Notre Dame added some insurance in the bottom half of the inning, as the first three batters reached to load the bases with nobody out. Junior David Casey entered as a pinch hitter and knocked in a run following an error in the field, and Mills cleared the bases later in the inning with his second triple of the afternoon to finish with four RBIs.

“That was big,” Schrage said. “I thought David Casey just battling and putting the ball in play, that kind of opened the floodgates and we were able to score five and bounce back. We showed some resilience, and we need more of that.”

The Irish look to mount their first winning streak of the season since the season-opening series when they take on struggling Western Michigan (5-21) tonight before Big East play resumes.

“Every win is an important win for us,” Schrage said. “We need to get on a roll, we need to get on a winning streak. I think tomorrow is one of the biggest games we’re going to play this season. We can’t be win, lose, win, lose, which is what we’ve been doing. Tomorrow I’m going to be really excited to see if we come out and play and get after it.”

First pitch is at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles dominate Hornets in sweep

By KEVIN BALDWIN and TIM SINGLER
Sports Writers

Saint Mary’s stormed out to a 30-6 win in five innings at Kalamazoo on Saturday and dominated 23-5 in Game 2, which was delayed until Tuesday due to inclement weather on Saturday.

The Belles never looked back during Game 1 as they blasted 20 hits off the Hornets pitching staff. This offensive explosion propelled the Belles to their first MIAA victory of the season.

Saint Mary’s actually trailed after the first inning, 2-1, in its rout of Kalamazoo. In the next two innings, the Belles scored nine and 14 runs, respectively. This put the game out of reach for the winless Hornets.

Junior Hayley Bojorquez had a phenomenal game as she belted a grand slam in the fourth inning. The marked her seventh homer of the season which ties the St. Mary’s school record. This

marked the end of a stellar week for Bojorquez, as she was named the MIAA Position Player of the Week.

“Hayley has been so consistent all year long, every time she goes up to the plate she just has the mindset that she’s going to get a hit,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “She’s a great leader, the only junior on the team, getting ready to be the only senior and leading by example.”

Sophomore Kate Mitchell came up big at the plate, going 6 for 6 and showing a great deal of improvement over previous games.

“We absolutely needed her to hit and we just kept putting her out there,” Sullivan said. “She’s batting 1.000 in conference. She looks like a completely different hitter, very confident.”

The Belles repeated their performance in the second game as they easily handed the Hornets a second loss. Saint Mary’s recorded 14 hits and scored 17 runs in the first two innings. This allowed

the Belles to gain an early advantage and never look back.

With the success the Belles had against Kalamazoo, the Belles have snapped a four game skid. They hope to continue that success as they travel to Albion today.

Saint Mary’s now enters a stretch of MIAA action and looks to keep its success rolling. Albion will prove a formidable opponent. The Britons’ record does not speak for the danger that they pose for the Belles. Saint Mary’s will need to not become overly confident after two blowout wins.

“It’s a great start, it’s always good to be 2-0 and its helpful for our hitters to keep getting at bats but every team is so different,” Sullivan said. “[The Britons] are hungry for a win... they can’t be underestimated.”

The Belles will travel to Albion today with first pitch set for 3:30 p.m.

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Wildcats

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scores in the first three minutes of the second quarter to take a 4-1 lead, its largest of the game. The Irish scored just once in the second quarter and headed into the intermission trailing 4-2.

The defensive character of the game continued after halftime, with nearly 10 scoreless minutes passing before freshman midfielder Steve Murphy cut the Villanova lead to just one. The Wildcats responded quickly, however, and took a 5-3 lead into the fourth quarter.

Despite the dominance of both defenses in the first three quarters, the offenses would steal the show in the final period and provide a thrilling end to the game. Notre Dame reeled off five consecutive goals to open the fourth quarter, including a highlight-reel score from senior defenseman Mike Creighton, who intercepted a pass when the Irish were a man down and took the ball the length of the field to score.

At the end of the Notre Dame run, the Irish held an 8-5 lead halfway through the final period, but Villanova had an offensive explosion of its own in store. The Wildcats scored just 14 seconds after the Irish took their biggest lead and then added another 30 seconds later to cut the Notre Dame advantage to one. Villanova's Paul Webber then scored with 5:07 left to tie the game and then added the decisive goal with 2:10 to play. Though the Irish peppered the Wildcats goal with shots in the final seconds, goalie Billy Hurley turned them away to seal the

Villanova victory.

Though Irish coach Kevin Corrigan was pleased with his team's overall play, he was concerned about the lack of play-making.

"We actually played better against Villanova. You know, we just didn't make enough plays," Corrigan said. "It's been an interesting year — we've been so close in all of our losses, but the combination of playing well and making plays is something we have to do."

Junior midfielder Zach Brenneman led the Irish with two goals and two assists, while senior attack Neal Hicks notched a goal and three assists. Freshman goalkeeper John Kemp made his first career start in the loss and made 10 saves.

"I think [Kemp] played very well. We didn't play as well I'd hope in front of him," Corrigan said. "I have great confidence in John, and I know we're going to win a lot of lacrosse games with him in the goal."

Going into the homestretch of the season, Corrigan hopes his team will find the consistency in avoiding errors it has been searching for throughout the campaign.

"It's as simple as this: We've got to stop giving away goals at the defensive end and wasting opportunities on the offensive end," Corrigan said. "We've got to play smarter consistently."

The Irish look to snap their two-game losing streak and find their first Big East victory when Georgetown visits Arlotta Stadium on Sunday in a clash televised on ESPNU.

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Split

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we were able to pull through."

In singles play, each Irish player lost their competition in two sets, with the exception of second singles player sophomore Shannon Mathews, whose three set loss was decided in a tiebreaker. The 16-2 Bears handed the Irish their third loss of the season.

"I hope we play them in the NCAAs so I can try to redeem myself," Frilling said.

Monday, the tables turned for Notre Dame with its 4-3 victory over Texas A&M, where the first doubles team of Frilling and Krisik received their 15th consecutive win.

The Irish got off to a strong start as each of the three doubles team won their matches and Notre Dame received the first point of the day.

"We came out really determined since we lost the day before," Frilling said. "We really wanted to prove ourselves."

Texas A&M boasts a large fan base with more viewers than the women are used to, which proved to be a challenging aspect of playing in College Station, Texas.

"They had loud fans who really tried to get in our heads," Frilling said. "They were vocal and intense."

Krisik finished first in singles play for the Irish as she shut out her opponent in the sixth singles position in two sets for Notre Dame's second point. Though the Aggies claimed the next point after Rafael fell in the fifth singles spot, the next singles victories from Frilling in first singles and Cosmina Ciobanu in fourth singles clinched the win for the Irish.

"We want to work on our singles play a lot more," Frilling said. "Doubles is only one point, so we need to work on our singles."

The Irish will prepare in practice this week to take on South Florida for their first outdoor home match of the season on Friday.

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Coyne

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Coyne said. "We played great defense at the end of the game. We had great passing too. [Senior Gina Scioscia] has excellent field vision and she found Ansley, who stayed composed and put two moves on the goalie and nailed her shot."

As the Irish head into a three-game homestand, Coyne said the Irish will continue to improve after getting through a grueling road portion of their schedule.

"We certainly wanted to be in a different place than being 6-4," Coyne said. "But we're totally looking forward. We have no bad losses on our schedule, as we lost to top-10 teams. We've had disappointing close losses, but it's helped us out in close games like the Loyola game and we'll continue to focus on making the Big East tournament and achieving our goals."

The Irish will get back on the field at Arlotta Stadium against Villanova at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

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20 Number on a tag

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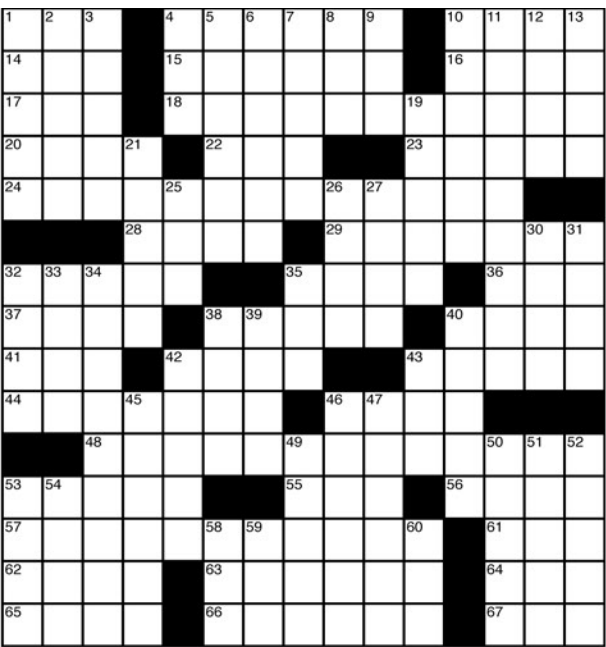
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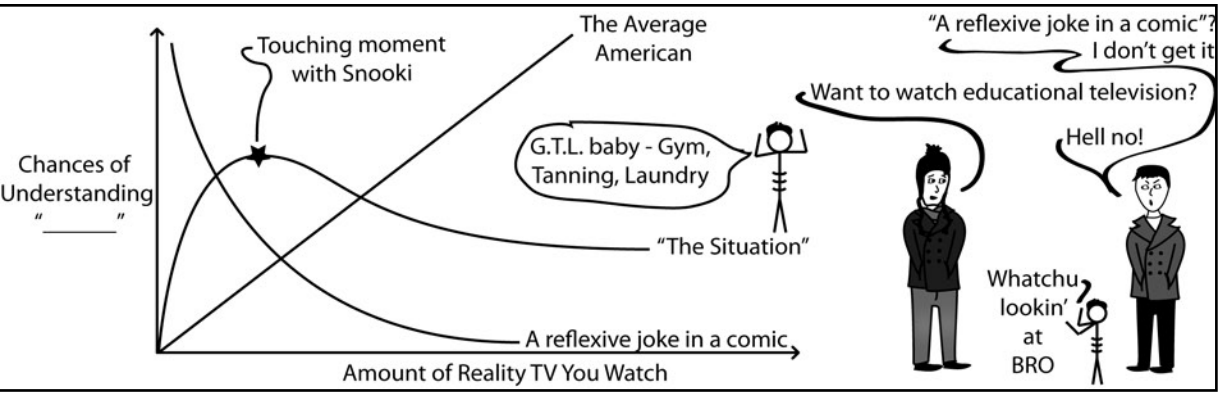
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let personal troubles stand in the way of what you need to accomplish. Any angst you are feeling must be channeled into motivating yourself to accomplish the most. You can make major gains if you concentrate on what's important. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't slow down, take a pass or walk away from any opportunity big or small. You have what it takes to deliver. You will reach your goals and impress the people you are dealing with. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Favors will not be granted. Anyone promising too much should be avoided. You have to make your plans based on what you know and what you can offer. A learning experience is apparent. Reach out to an old friend. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for someone you relate to and consider how you can work together to reach a common goal. The discussions will have the potential to lead into a solid partnership. Love will be enhanced if you offer help. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put your heart into whatever you do. There is no room for error if you want to avoid complaints. Your efforts could very well lead to an interesting offer if you are diligent and detailed with your actions and your communications. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't forget to put time aside for someone who interests you personally. A trip will help you put your life in perspective and visualize changes you can implement to make it better. Sharing your emotional and personal thoughts will change your life. ★★★★★

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's time to make a commitment that will make up for some of the areas you may have been lacking in an important relationship. Setting the record straight and being open about your intentions will help you form a closer relationship. ★★★★★

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BASEBALL

Back to basics

Notre Dame returns to fundamentals in win

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Taking a break from a rigorous schedule can be the best thing for a struggling team. With the Irish coming off a 1-5 run against Big East foes South Florida and Georgetown, Oakland provided that relief, as Notre Dame took full advantage of the non-conference matchup to get back to the fundamentals.

Notre Dame (10-17, 1-5) pounded out 12 hits against the Golden Grizzlies (5-15) en route to a convincing 13-6 victory. The Irish were paced at the plate by freshman second basemen Frank DeSico, who went 4 for 4, including a towering solo home run in the third inning to bring the Irish even at the time.

"I thought we really started swinging the bats in Georgetown," Schrage said, "So hopefully that will continue, and

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Freshman pitcher Adam Norton delivers during Notre Dame's 13-6 win over Oakland on Tuesday. Norton, making his first career start, gave up just two runs in six innings of work.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish fall to Big East foe Villanova

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Coming off a close home loss to Rutgers in the program's first-ever Big East contest, No. 15 Notre Dame was left still searching for its first conference win after a heartbreaking 9-8 loss at No. 13 Villanova on Saturday.

The game was low scoring through the first three quarters before a furious fourth quarter in which the outcome was in doubt until the final whistle sounded.

The Irish (5-4, 0-2) got on the board first with a goal two minutes into the first quarter at Villanova Stadium on a tally from senior midfielder Grant Krebs, but the Wildcats (6-3, 1-1) responded with a goal nine minutes later, and added a second five seconds before the end of the period.

Villanova piled on two more

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Team splits pair of close contests at Georgetown, Loyola

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The No. 15 Irish recorded plenty of experience in close end-game situations over Easter weekend as they split a pair of games, losing to No. 14 Georgetown, 12-10, and pulling out a last-second victory over No. 13 Loyola, 11-10.

The game against Georgetown (5-5) featured

runs by both teams, as the Irish (6-4) rallied from a 6-1 deficit in the first half, scoring five of the final six goals of the period to close the deficit to 7-6.

The teams traded goals in the second half, but after junior Kailene Abt's fourth goal of the game tied it 10-10 with 11:27 left to play, Georgetown netted two goals over the remaining minutes to pull out the close victory. Georgetown outshot the Irish 32-21 and

won 18 of 24 draw controls in the contest, which gave the Hoyas a decided edge.

"The draw controls against Georgetown were horrible," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We've struggled with that, and the girls know that. We worked on it on Sunday, and there was a huge improvement in the second half against Loyola."

While the Irish struggled with draw controls, they lowered their turnovers to six

against the Hoyas. Coyne was happy with her team's effort on the road against a ranked opponent.

"It is traditionally this kind of game against Georgetown," Coyne said. "They had great looks and converted them. We had two yellow cards and that can always hurt you in games like this. Overall, I think it was a well-played game on both sides."

The Irish found themselves yet again in a late-game situa-

tion with the score tied 10-10 against the No. 13 Greyhounds (8-4). Junior Ansley Stewart scored a goal with six seconds left in the game to give the Irish the 11-10 victory. Coyne had nothing but praise for her team's effort.

"Playing two nationally ranked programs on the road, back-to-back, in the heat, this was a huge weekend for us,"

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ND SOFTBALL

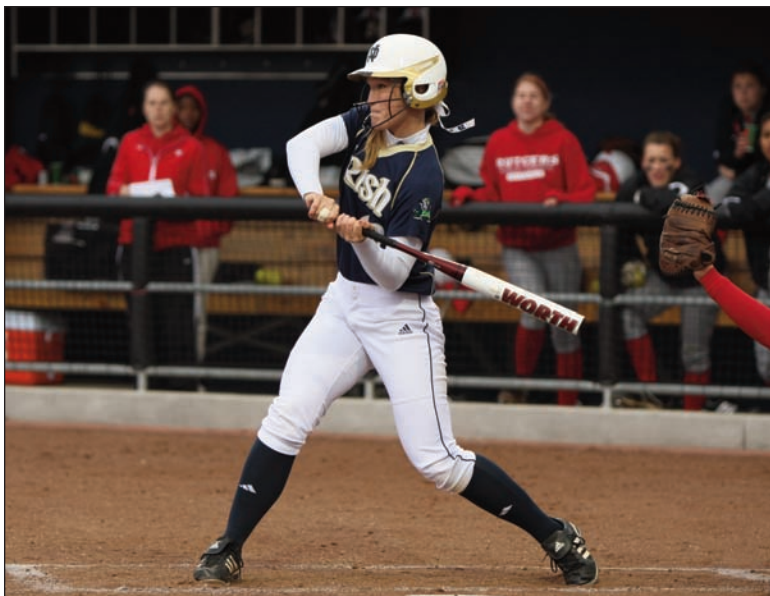
Bats fuel routs of Rutgers

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

Sophomore catcher Kristina Wright said one of the greatest strengths of this year's Irish team is their ability to overcome adversity.

Accordingly, the squad was able to bounce back from a disappointing loss against Loyola Chicago and snag back-to-back 8-0 wins against conference foe Rutgers. The wins keep the Irish (27-6, 5-0) undefeated in Big East play, which is "a major team goal," Wright said.

The team's first win came with junior Jody Valdivia at the mound. Valdivia pitched six scoreless innings while



TOM LA/The Observer

Senior infielder Christine Lux bats against Rutgers during Notre Dame's 8-0 romp over the Scarlet Knights on Sunday.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Squad falls to Bears, defeats Texas A&M

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The No. 6 Irish won their 13th consecutive doubles point but split two matches over the long weekend, winning 4-3 over Texas A&M and losing 6-1 to No. 2 Baylor.

"They were tough matches with tough conditions for both of them," sophomore Kristy Frilling said. "To summarize both of them, I think overall as a team we played really well."

Saturday, the Irish fell to the Bears despite winning the first point of the game.

"Baylor is always tough because they have all talented players," Frilling said. "When

we played them we expect a tough match from them every year."

After falling in the second doubles competition, third doubles players freshman Chrissie McGaffigan and junior Kristen Rafael won their match 8-5 to put the Irish back in a position to win the doubles point. The No. 4 nationally ranked doubles team of Frilling and senior Kali Krisik decided the highly sought after doubles point in favor of the Irish as they beat their No. 12 Baylor opponents, 8-6.

"[Krisik] and I had a really tough match," Frilling said. "We lost to them a few times last season, and we're all really glad

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