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New department proposed



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By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The College of Science will propose the creation of a new Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics (DACMS) at Thursday's Academic Council meeting.

The proposed department was approved by the College of Science Council on Oct. 26 and would be formally established gradually over the course of the next three years, if approved by the Academic Council.

The department's role, which is outlined in a proposal the College submitted to members of the Academic Council, would be focused on both research and education.

"[Establishing the department] represents the most cost-effective way to bring to Notre Dame the critically important field of statistics, while at the same time creating a platform for expansion of research and education in applied and computational mathematics," the proposal said.

DACMS would include an undergraduate degree program awarding students with a Bachelor of Science degree in applied and computational mathematics and statistics, according to the proposal. This proposed degree program has been approved by the College's Undergraduate Studies Committee, and will next be considered by the College Council.

If approved, the department would begin recruiting students currently enrolled in the First Year of Studies to join the program.

The new department will also sponsor masters and doctoral degrees, according to the proposal. The College is currently working to design a "professional master's degree" in applied and computational mathematics and statistics.

The department will help

initially consist of seven faculty members already at the University, Gregory Crawford, dean of the College of Science, said in the proposal.

Research and education in the proposed department will be interdisciplinary in focus and will recruit professors who "engage in both interdisciplinary research and methodological development, which pushes the frontier of knowledge in applied and computational mathematics or statistics," the proposal said.

DACMS is envisioned as a resource for professors doing research in other disciplines. Statistics is used in research in all four colleges, and DACMS "will create a formal consulting service in both statistics and applied and computational mathematics," the proposal said.

The department will help

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Faculty members talk homosexuality

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Four Notre Dame faculty members from different fields of study responded to the recent Mobile Party comic controversy and addressed campus attitudes toward homosexuality in a discussion titled "Gay Penguins and 'No Homo,'" held Tuesday in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library.

"Many among the faculty were as upset as students and staff about the cartoon earlier this year," professor of American Studies Heidi Ardizzone said. "We are not done talking about issues of humor, homophobia and gender identity. We are here to share our ideas and knowledge."

Assistant professor of psychology Michelle Wirth opened the panel discussion with an overview of biopsychology and the natural causes of sexual orientation.

"Our sexual orientation is a feature of our brains," Wirth said. "Our brain is changing all the time as we learn things."

Wirth detailed the brain's involvement in sexual orientation, citing the influence of certain hormones in a baby's brain development.

"Exposure to androgens like testosterone during brain

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Anthropology professor Agustin Fuentes speaks at the "Gay Penguins and 'No Homo'" lecture Tuesday.

Students prepare for St. Patrick's celebrations

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Notre Dame students will celebrate their Irish heritage — real or invented — this St. Patrick's Day.

Many students, like sophomore Ashley Amarosa, have been looking forward to this day for weeks.

"I've definitely planned my entire day around celebrating St. Patrick's Day. I just hope my classes don't interfere," Amarosa said.

Senior Michelle Perone said she has thought about what her St. Patrick's Day plans will be since Saturday.

"Right when Spring Break ended, my priorities turned to figuring out St. Patrick's Day plans. There's so much to do," Perone said. "I'll have to decorate my apartment for when I have people over, and I need to buy supplies and food and stuff like that. I'm pretty excited about it. It's going to be a good day."

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College receives service honor

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

With 80 percent of students participating in community service prior to graduating, Saint Mary's was nationally recognized as a member of the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll on Feb. 25, a College press release said.

The Honor Roll is the highest achievement that a college or university can accomplish for its dedication to community service. The College has received the award in each of the past four years, said Carrie Call, director

of the Office of Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE).

"This is a national designation awarded yearly to institutions of higher education that meet certain requirements for community engagement and volunteer service," Call said. "We gained it by the extensive involvement of our students."

Call said OCSE hopes to continue the tradition of service on campus by offering a variety of opportunities for student engagement at many different levels within the community.

"The opportunities have grown in the past years for our students and we want to continue that," Call said.

Call said the College believes it is important for students to participate in service.

"It helps students come to understand what their passions and what they want to do in their lives," she said. "Another important reason is that it gives us the opportunity to give something back to our communities. Catholic Social Teaching tells us that we are 'all really responsible for all' and so our service in the community allows us to act out that sense of responsibility and solidarity."

Call said she was excited about the award because it reflects the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Bring on
the brackets

It's illegal to gamble on sports. Such is fact.

That aside, allow me to encourage you to gamble on sports, with The Observer's help. After all, it is March, the month where companies across the country lose millions of dollars and teachers lose patience, as people like me elevate college basketball games between Temple and Cornell above their jobs, classes and even significant others.



Douglas Farmer
Sports Editor

This year The Observer is proud to hold a March Madness pool distinctly for you — our readers, specifically you Notre Dame students and alumni.

Just think, in a campus-wide pool, finishing in the top half will earn you bragging rights over 50 percent of the people you see on the quad. Suddenly 50 percent of those awkward encounters could be triumphant awkward encounters.

But why settle there? Win the whole thing! Finish first! I challenge you.

Yes, I hereby challenge ALL of you to do better than each and every member of The Observer Sports department. We walk around talking like we know sports better than the rest of you — I know I do — so how about you put us in our place? I'm looking at you Scholastic, and you soulless business majors, and you arrogant professors who constantly belittle sports journalism. Prove that anybody can do it!

Or, simply prove to your boyfriend that he spends too much time watching sports by showing him you know college basketball better than he does. Or prove to your friends that you really are the smartest at the things that count, even if your GPA might be the lowest in your dorm.

How do you get into the pool? It's simple: <http://apps.facebook.com/bracket/group/detail/5494241>.

Or go to Facebook and find the "Observer Sports" page. Or check The Casual Observer, the sports blog on the newspaper Web site, ndsmcobserver.com.

In fact, throughout the whole tournament, starting last night, there will be updates and analysis on the pool and the tournament on The Casual Observer. The best part is, you can comment on all of this and more on the blog and on Facebook. Let your voice, and your picks, be heard.

So if for no other reason than campus-wide respect, join the pool. Your bracket needs to be finished before your 11 a.m. Economics class ends Thursday. Invite your boyfriend, your girlfriend, your entire dorm, your parents, your little brother in high school. You can gain bragging rights over all of them.

And if you win, you'll also receive a gimmick Observer prize. Most likely whatever old media guides I can find in the office quickest, or, if interested, perhaps a mock Observer front page, completely about you and your victory, will show up in your mailbox.

Not many people can say the front page of a newspaper was all about them. You could say that, but first, you'll have to join The Observer March Madness pool. Then fill out your bracket before noon Thursday. Best of luck.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHEN DO YOUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES BEGIN?



Jazmin Hall
freshman
Lyons

"When practice is done at six."



Killian O'Brien
sophomore
Keenan

"6:30 ... at night."



Brandy Mader
sophomore
Badin

"As soon as I wake up!"



Paul Capretta
freshman
Morrissey

"Probably not until around six."



Matthew Corcoran
junior
Keenan

"Probably like eight ... in the morning!"



Victoria Deneke
freshman
Breen-Phillips

"Tomorrow night at the Shamrock!"

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



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame Marching Band inspire cheering fans last week as the men's basketball team traveled to Madison Square Garden for the Big East tournament in New York City.

OFFBEAT

Japanese singles enroll in marriage school

TOKYO — In search of Mr. or Mrs. Right, dozens of Japanese are attending a newly launched school in Tokyo that aims to turn them into marriage material.

The Infini school offers various classes for wannabe brides and grooms at a time when many people in Japan are either shunning the institution of marriage or are finding it very difficult to hook up with a partner.

The school, which is open to men and women, teaches students how to talk, walk

and present themselves elegantly in a bid to capture the hearts and minds of prospective partners and their parents, who are often a major obstacle to successful unions.

Dentist allegedly used paper clips in root canals

FALL RIVER, Mass. — A former Massachusetts dentist is accused of placing paper clips instead of stainless steel posts inside the teeth of root canal patients while billing Medicaid for the more expensive parts.

The state attorney general announced Tuesday that a grand jury indicted for-

mer Fall River dentist Michael Clair last week. The charges include assault and battery, larceny, submitting false claims to Medicaid and illegally prescribing drugs.

Prosecutors say Clair was suspended by Medicaid in 2002. He allegedly hired other dentists for his clinic and filed claims under their numbers between August 2003 and June 2005. He's also accused of illegally prescribing drugs to staffers who returned medications to him.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

An exhibit titled "All Art is Propaganda" will open at 8 a.m. today in the Special Collections Room 102 of Hesburgh Library.

"Microstructural Control to Achieve High Performance MFI Type Zeolite Inorganic Membranes" will be discussed today in Room 129 of DeBartolo Hall. The seminar will begin at 8:15 a.m.

Photographs from "Caroline Chiu: Polaroids as Chinese Ink Painting" will be displayed in the Milly and Fritz Kaeser Mestrovic Studio Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art. The exhibit will open at 10 a.m. today.

"Yin Yu Tang: A Chinese Home" will be on exhibit in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art today at 10 a.m.

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

The Department of Physics will host "Applying Nuclear Physics to Address Challenges in National Security" today in Room 118 of Nieuwland Science. The colloquium will begin at 4 p.m.

The Snite Museum of Art and Creative Writing Program will sponsor a reading and reception with Ricardo Pau-Llosa in the Hammes Bookstore at 5 p.m. tonight.

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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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Reps. discuss football ticket policy for home, road games

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed proposed changes to the Notre Dame football student seating and ticket procedures while also reviewing a proposed Student Senate resolution requesting student involvement in the Commencement speaker selection process at its meeting Tuesday.

Junior Kevin Doyle, the student government representative to the athletic department, said he has worked with the department on an issue concerning graduate student seating at home football games.

Under the current policy, University graduate students are

seated between the sophomore and junior classes at games. Both Doyle and student body president Grant Schmidt said concerns have been expressed about this seating arrangement.

"We believe that the undergraduate students are the most passionate ones at the games," Doyle said. "However, there is no standard to go off of. It varies from school to school."

Schmidt said the focus should be on maintaining the unity of the undergraduates.

"The first priority should be that all the undergraduate students are together," he said.

Schmidt said student government would continue to work with the athletic department about potentially changing the seating arrangements at home football

games.

Schmidt brought up other ongoing discussions with the athletic department concerning the away football game ticket lottery. He said the current process is one student government is looking at improving.

"I would like to see a lottery that is simple," Doyle said. "We want to explore options that make the whole thing as fair and as effective as possible."

Schmidt said under NCAA regulations, the Notre Dame student body is allocated a maximum of 300 tickets to each away football game. Student Union Board (SUB) is responsible for judging how many of those tickets they should purchase in order to sell to the students.

"SUB takes a risk every time

they do this," Schmidt said. "If they buy all 300 tickets and only sell 200, they are obviously taking a huge hit financially."

Schmidt asked COR members for suggestions to see what could be done to make the lottery an easier process so Notre Dame students feel more inclined to buy tickets to away football games.

"We've suggested allowing the lotteries to occur earlier," Doyle said. "That makes it easier for students to get their travel plans together."

The majority of COR members agreed allowing students to participate in the ticket lottery earlier would not only increase ticket sales, but also make the entire process easier.

Schmidt brought to COR's attention a proposed resolution cur-

rently under review in Student Senate. The resolution asks the University to include a student body representative in the selection process of the commencement speaker. The current process asks for no student input.

Schmidt said the resolution would ask the selection committee to include a student body representative for input on the potential speakers. He said the representative would most likely be either the student body president or the senior class president.

"There are some concerns involving confidentiality issues, but we think that a student representative should have a part in this process," he said.

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MBA Marketing Club to host Symposium

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The MBA Marketing Club will sponsor the 4th annual Marketing Symposium March 25-26 at the Mendoza College of Business.

The Symposium will emphasize the growing importance and implication of the use of social media in the modern business environment.

Club president Jack Johnson said the event will be a bit different this year because it is free and open to undergraduates.

"We've been doing Symposium for four years and in the past it always was focused toward MBA students," he said. "This year we were able to open it up to under-

graduate students as well. We also used to charge admission and this year we actually have sponsorship from DIF Solutions, which partners with big consulting companies."

Johnson said the sponsorship enables students to register online for free to attend lectures as well as enjoy free food throughout the Symposium.

Listed among events for the Symposium include an opening reception at Legends as well as a number of guest speakers and a Web Case 2.0 competition, which is open to both MBA candidates and undergraduates.

The competition is an opportunity for students to propose solutions to a real-world business applica-

tion, Johnson said.

"A couple of the programmers, designers and salesmen will come in and give registered teams a brief demo of what the application can do and examples of how other companies have used it. Teams will have a week to come up with a way to take this application and bring it to market," Johnson said.

The competition is open to students from any academic background, and students are encouraged to draw on their experience to draft a short proposal solving a specific issue.

Teams of three to five students are encouraged to register by today. A panel of judges will assess the submitted proposals, and the chosen top teams have a chance to

win \$6,000 in prizes, Johnson said.

"Students are competing for a \$3,000 grand prize, and there is a special prize for \$1,000 prize for the best undergraduate team," he said.

The first round of competition will take place on March 25, the first day of the Symposium, and the final round will occur the following day.

Aside from the competition, executives from several businesses will be on hand to discuss with students their use of the social media.

"Brandon Solano of Domino's will come in and speak, as well as bring free pizza and lava cakes for everyone," Johnson said. "The president of Nielsen Online, Jonathan Carson, will speak about how people use social media for

advertising. The company does a lot of tracking for Facebook advertising."

Also attending will be representatives from major corporations including MTV and Navteq. They will be on hand to participate in keynote lectures and panel discussions.

Johnson said the Symposium usually has a turnout of 150 people, but he expects more this year because of the inclusion of undergraduates.

"If you want to network, meet some Domers and get free food on Friday, then you should register for the Symposium," he said. "It's also a bonus that it's free thanks to the sponsorship, so we don't have to charge the students."

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College hosts lecture on race in the media

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

Media expert Callie Crossley discussed the ways people of color have been portrayed in the media during her lecture "Race and Media: Everything Old is New Again" at Saint Mary's on Tuesday night.

"Media representations of people of color have not changed though out the years," said Crossley, the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow. "This is how to create a single story about a group of people, to show those people as one thing and then show that one thing over and over again."

Crossley hosts a new daily talk show on WGBH-FM Radio, "The Callie Crossley Show." The show covers topics such as current events, local happenings, arts and culture.

"I got into this business to make a difference. My whole career has been about telling the stories right and truthfully," Crossley said.

Crossley shared personal experiences she has come across during her work. She spoke about racism toward her and her co-workers.

"Post-racial or not, the racial stereotypes have not gone away but have been revised for modern times. Everything old is new

again," Crossley said.

A current survey about the racial society in the media showed many people still believe there is not enough diversity in the newsroom, and there is still a lack of acceptable coverage of racial issues.

"Every time we see it, it feels like a slap in the face," Crossley said.

Crossley said she hopes more change will come in future generations, but she is aware action needs to be taken now. "We need to learn to challenge and question what we see. That is why I'm doing what I'm doing," Crossley said. "We need to speak up in the moment." Crossley is an award-winning broadcast journalist, documentary filmmaker and television and radio commentator, and she offers regular commentary on a number of television programs.

Crossley produced "Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Year," the critically acclaimed documentary series which earned her an Oscar nomination and major film and journalism awards. For the last eight years, Crossley has served as program manager for the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard.

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researchers with experiment design, data analysis and statistical modeling.

Statistics, applied mathematics and computation “play an increasingly important role in disciplines such as economics, sociology and biology,” Crawford said in the proposal.

“They are used in the analysis of economic indicators, voting patterns and resource distribution, and they have called into question some conclusions in genetics simply by proposing different methods for showing correlation or causal relationships.”

The department will also have a strong ethical focus consistent with the University’s Catholic character, Crawford said. Statistics’ “applications to social justice, community, solidarity, common good and ethical decision-making already indicate the department’s strong engagement in Notre Dame’s Catholic mission,” he said in the proposal.

Concerns about DACMS

The Faculty Senate asked Crawford in a statement released March 2 to delay presenting the DACMS proposal to Academic Council until he received more input from faculty members. The Senate did not question Crawford’s assessment stating Notre Dame needs to heighten its focus on statistics.

“The Faculty Senate agrees with the need to increase the footprint of applied mathematics, computational mathematics, and statistics at Notre Dame,” the statement said.

“I think everyone agrees that increasing the statistical footprint on campus is a good idea,” said Keith Rigby, chair of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs committee. “The mechanics could’ve been better if we had more time.”

Rigby said he was specifi-

cally concerned with the relationship between DACMS and the existing Department of Mathematics.

“I could envision course conflicts, particularly if there were a relatively large number of courses that would serve both programs,” he said. “I also wonder how easily a student could transfer between the two departments.”

Despite the Faculty Senate’s call to delay formally establishing DACMS, Rigby is not opposed to the new department in principle.

“Increasing the statistics capability on campus is a good thing,” he said. “We would hope that in the future, we

would be partners rather than [being asked to sanction a decision after the fact].”

Student government did not hear about the proposed department until late last month, chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin said. He said the proposal had been discussed in Academic Council committees since last semester, but students do not serve on those committees.

“It seems like there are a couple holes that we could fill very easily if we let the administration know we want to be involved [in the process of creating a department],” Brellenthin said.

Because student government did not receive the formal proposal from Crawford until Monday evening, Brellenthin said

he doesn’t have enough information to make an educated decision for the student body about DACMS. Student government does not object in principle to the creation of the new department, he said.

Brellenthin said he expects Crawford to welcome student involvement in implementing DACMS.

“He said he’d like to get general student feedback about what they’d like to see in the department,” Brellenthin said.

Crawford said in an e-mail that he was not available for comment to The Observer this week.

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Updated computer cluster reopens



TOM LA/The Observer

The newly renovated LaFortune Student Center computer cluster features open spaces, including study tables and group rooms.

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

After several months of planning, renovations and setbacks, the LaFortune Student Center computer cluster, a popular workspace for students, reopened this week.

Some of the most notable renovations to the space include new carpet and color scheme.

“The new wall colors are calming and less depressing,” sophomore Carlos Zarazua said. “It should be better for stressful last minute studying and working on projects.”

LaFortune’s computer cluster had not been updated in 18 years, Brian Burchett, manager of Classroom and Cluster Services for the Office of Information and Technology, said

in a Feb. 16 Observer article. In addition to a general remodeling of the outdated room, the layout was overhauled to reflect the transition from students using University-provided communal computers to personal laptops.

The change meant fewer actual computers, allowing for more open workspace, as well as two group study rooms, resulting in a layout more conducive to group work.

“I really like how it’s so open now. I liked when there were more computers but the open space more than makes up for it,” Zarazua said. “I guess it makes sense, as most people have laptops now anyway.”

The plans for the project began in spring 2008 but were not funded until recently. The first expected completion date was Feb. 1, and a more recent report

indicated students could expect access to the cluster by the first week of March, in time for midterms.

Delays with some of the materials for the project postponed the finishing of trim work and furniture delivery, pushing back the completion of the cluster significantly.

“One of the things that delayed the project was getting the carpet from the manufacturer,” Burchett said. “It wasn’t really the fault of anyone at Notre Dame ... the carpet manufacturer just had a later delivery than we thought.”

Burchett said students were helpful in the renovation process, and he hopes to bring students in on future projects.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bishops shocked by abuse cases

BERLIN — The Roman Catholic bishops in Pope Benedict XVI's native Bavaria sought Tuesday to deal with a sexual abuse scandal whose ever-widening scope has left church leaders baffled.

"I would not have expected such a multitude of cases," Bavarian Bishop Ludwig Schick, who is hosting his colleagues' meeting at Vierzehnheiligen, told Bayerischer Rundfunk Radio.

He said he was shaken and ashamed of what had taken place within the church.

"It is bitter and it is hard, but it has to be dealt with," Schick said. "This festering blister needs to be opened up and dried out in order for it to heal."

In Bavaria alone, more than 100 former students of Catholic institutions have come forward with claims of physical or sexual abuse.

UK speaks with protesting teamsters

LONDON — Britain's Unite union said Tuesday that it was in talks with the U.S. International Brotherhood of Teamsters regarding the seven days of strikes it plans against British Airways.

Unite's 12,000 cabin crew members are locked in a battle with BA's management over a pay freeze and changes to working conditions. The group has promised a three-day strike beginning Saturday followed later by a four-day walk out. The strike is expected to affect hundreds of thousands of travelers — and Unite has appealed for international help to pressure BA.

NATIONAL NEWS

Prop 8 verdict could face delay

SAN FRANCISCO — An attempt by civil rights groups to keep sponsors of California's same-sex marriage ban from obtaining internal campaign documents could delay a verdict in the federal trial on the constitutionality of Proposition 8, lawyers on both sides said Tuesday.

Attorneys warned of the possible bottleneck during a hearing where a federal judge was asked to overrule a magistrate who ordered organizations challenging the ban to turn over memos and e-mails to lawyers defending the voter-approved measure.

"The real burden that is going to be imposed here if your honor affirms the magistrate's ruling is the resolution of these incredibly important issues is going to be delayed, whether you like it or not," ACLU lawyer Stephen Bomse told Chief U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker.

Lesbian sues high school over prom

JACKSON — School officials in a rural Mississippi county told a lesbian student to get "guys" to take her and her girlfriend to a high school prom and warned the girls against slow dancing with each other because that could "push people's buttons," according to documents filed Tuesday in federal court.

The American Civil Liberties Union is suing the Itawamba County School District and some officials at Itawamba Agricultural High School on behalf of Constance McMillen, 18, who wanted to escort her girlfriend to the prom and wear a tuxedo. A hearing is scheduled for Monday to hear an ACLU motion that seeks to force the district to hold the April 2 prom it

LOCAL NEWS

Gov. asked to act on clean energy

INDIANAPOLIS — A state senator wants Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels to ask utility regulators to expand rules that could boost the state's renewable energy industry.

Republican Sen. James Merritt of Indianapolis asked Daniels in a letter Tuesday to direct the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to begin work to expand those rules.

Indiana lawmakers adjourned Saturday without revising the state's limited "net metering" rules that allow only schools and residential customers to get credit for excess power they generate from wind, solar and other clean sources.

Pharmaceutical depot robbed

Thieves break in and steal \$75 million of prescription medication from Eli Lilly & Co.

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — In a Hollywood-style heist, thieves cut a hole in the roof of a warehouse, rappelled inside and scored one of the biggest hauls of its kind — not diamonds, gold bullion or Old World art, but about \$75 million in antidepressants and other prescription drugs.

The pills — stolen from the pharmaceutical giant Eli Lilly & Co. in quantities big enough to fill a tractor-trailer — are believed to be destined for the black market, perhaps overseas.

"This is like the Brink's pill heist," said Erik Gordon, a University of Michigan business professor who studies the health care industry. "This one will enter the folklore."

The thieves apparently scaled the brick exterior of the warehouse in an industrial park in Enfield, a town about midway between Hartford and Springfield, Mass., during a blustery rainstorm before daybreak Sunday. After lowering themselves to the floor, they disabled the alarms and spent at least an hour loading pallets of drugs into a vehicle at the loading dock, authorities said.

"Just by the way it occurred, it appears that there were several individuals involved and that it was a very well planned-out and orchestrated operation," Enfield Police Chief Carl Sferrazza said. "It's not your run-of-the-mill home burglary, that's for sure."

Experts described it as one of the biggest pharmaceutical heists in history.

Edward Sagebiel, a spokesman for Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly, put the wholesale value of the drugs at \$75 million and said they included the antidepressants Prozac and Cymbalta and the anti-psychotic Zyprexa. No narcotics or other painkillers were in



AP

Authorities say \$75 million worth of prescription drugs were stolen from pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly's regional warehouse in Connecticut.

the warehouse, he said.

Other pharmaceutical warehouses have been hit with similar burglaries in recent years, but experts said the value of the Eli Lilly heist far eclipses any other prescription-drug thefts they have tracked. The thieves could easily net \$20 million to \$25 million, Gordon said.

Enfield police would not say whether the building had surveillance video or whether employees are being investigated. The building is unmarked and unprotected by fences.

The FBI was called in.

Experts said the heist shared many traits with warehouse thefts of pharmaceuticals last year near Richmond, Va., Memphis, Tenn., and Olive Branch,

Miss. Those thieves also cut through ceilings and sometimes used trapeze-style rigging to get inside and disable the main and backup alarms. In some cases, they sprayed dark paint on the lenses of security cameras; in others, they stole disks in the security recording devices.

Enfield police and the FBI would not comment on whether some of those techniques were also used in the Eli Lilly theft.

"The level of sophistication in these thefts is very high," said Dan Burges, director of intelligence at F r e i g h t W a t c h International, a Texas-based security company. "These thieves actively target certain products. They find out where they are,

they go there, they come looking for it. They probably were conducting surveillance on that warehouse for days, if not weeks, before that theft occurred."

Burges and Gordon said the thieves probably already had a buyer lined up, possibly an online pharmacy or someone in South America or Asia, where drug regulations are lax. Gordon said it is unlikely the drugs would end up at a local hospital or drugstore chain.

"The people with a reputation to protect, a CVS or a Target or a Kroger or most hospitals, they don't want to take any chances," he said. "It's too big a risk. You're talking about people's health."

HAITI

Sexual assaults too common after quake

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — When the young woman needed to use the toilet, she went out into the darkened tent camp and was attacked by three men.

"They grabbed me, put their hands over my mouth and then the three of them took turns," the slender 21-year-old said, wriggling with discomfort as she nursed her baby girl, born three days before Haiti's devastating quake.

"I am so ashamed. We're scared people will find out and shun us," said the woman, who suffers from abdominal pain and itching, likely from an

infection contracted during the attack.

Women and children as young as 2, already traumatized by the loss of homes and loved ones in the Jan. 12 catastrophe, are now falling victim to rapists in the sprawling tent cities that have become home to hundreds of thousands of people.

With no lighting and no security, they are menacing places after sunset. Sexual assaults are daily occurrences in the biggest camps, aid workers say — and most attacks go unreported because of the shame, social stigma and fear of reprisals from attackers.

Rape was a big problem in Haiti

even before the earthquake and frequently was used as a political weapon in times of upheaval. Both times the first democratically elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, was ousted, his enemies assassinated his male supporters and raped their wives and daughters.

But the quake that killed an estimated 200,000 people has made women and girls ever more vulnerable. They have lost their homes and are forced to sleep in flimsy tents or tarp-covered lean-tos. They've lost male protection with the deaths of husbands, brothers and sons. And they are living in close quarters with strangers.



South Dining Hall's Grab and Go celebrates St. Patrick's Day with festive decorations on Tuesday.

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Junior Mary Kelly said she plans on wearing green to class, but she is disappointed about not being able to go to bars.

"I'm not 21 yet so I feel like I'll be missing out on a lot of stuff going on that night," Kelly said. "Corby's is an Irish pub and it'd be cool to go there on St. Patrick's Day, but I guess that'll have to wait until next year."

Senior Keith Ruehlmann said he enjoys St. Patrick's Day because it gives students something to celebrate and provides a nice reprieve from their class work.

"I like it because it gives everyone an excuse to step back from their work and celebrate," Ruehlmann said.

Junior Claire Fisher said she will not be able to take a break because she has a physics midterm at 8 a.m. Thursday morning. She said she is unhappy about the timing of her exam.

"I feel like I'm missing out on a tradition that holds even more meaning here at a school whose mascot is the Fighting Irish," Fisher said.

Fisher said she will probably wear green to class, but it will be the extent of her celebration because she will be study-

ing.

"I'm forced to hear about everyone's plans for the festivities and I can't participate," Fisher said.

Junior Kate Mullaney said she also has obligations requiring her to cut her St. Patrick's Day celebrations short.

"I have a mandatory chorale rehearsal. I don't know how much celebrating I'll actually get to do," Mullaney said. "I'll just wear green to class and get Irish dinner at the dining hall."

Some students, like senior Adam Woodruff, have midterms Thursday but plan on spending most of their time celebrating St. Patrick's Day anyway.

"I have a midterm on Thursday, but I don't think I'll be studying much," Woodruff said. "I'll probably be spending the whole day celebrating St. Patrick's Day. There's a lot of stuff going on."

Both dining halls will be serving traditional Irish fare tomorrow. Examples include corned beef, boiled potatoes and colcannon.

Another option for St. Patrick's Day is heading off-campus to eat at Fiddler's Hearth, an Irish restaurant and pub. Notre Dame's Irish Dance team will be performing in the evening.

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actions of the students.

"Awards like this are important because they are a public recognition of our students' dedication to the common good," Call said.

The level of student participation at the College is higher than the national average, Call said.

OCSE plans to offer several community service opportunities within the next few weeks, including Walk for the Hungry on March 28 and Rebuilding Together on April 17.

Call said OCSE offers a variety of other opportunities throughout the academic year for student involvement in community service.

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Restaurants make grades

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City's 24,000 restaurants — from its internationally known eateries on down to its most modest pizza counters — will have to display large letter grades near their entrances indicating how clean they are under a system approved Tuesday.

The best will get an A, according to the system approved by the city Board of Health.

Officials say the system is designed to give instant information to potential customers.

"The grade in the window will give you a sense of how clean the kitchen is, and it will give every restaurant operator an incentive to maintain safe, sanitary conditions," Health Commissioner Thomas Farley said in a statement.

Some other cities use similar rating systems or are considering them. A bill was introduced last year in Washington D.C. to require them in restaurants, and Los Angeles has been posting public grades in eateries for years.

Los Angeles grades its restaurants with A for scores of 90 to 100 percent, B for 80 to 89 percent and C for 70 to 79 percent. A restaurant that scores under 70 percent twice in a year is subject to closure.

Some restaurant owners and industry officials have called the system gimmicky and unfair.

"They're doing a disservice to the public," said Marc Murphy, a vice president of the New York State

Restaurant Association and the owner and chef at the Manhattan restaurants Landmarc and Ditch Plains.

He said the letter grading system will only serve to embarrass restaurateurs without giving the public a true picture of the establishment's cleanliness.

Critics charge that grades could change from week to week, depending on a city inspector's whims, and that even a grade of B could be fatal to some fine dining establishments.

"Two flies can get you cited for a rodent violation," Murphy said. He predicted that the new system "will hurt our reputation as the restaurant capital of the world."

But celebrity chef Tom Colicchio, owner of Craft and other restaurants, said the system was a good idea.

"I think anything that is going to encourage people to clean up their act and protect the public is a good thing overall," he said.

New York officials say that after Los Angeles began its letter grading system for restaurants, the proportion of restaurants that met the highest standards rose from 40 percent to more than 80 percent.

The details of New York's system are still being finalized, but the proposal called for grades A through C, based on demerit points accumulated by violations.

"I think you're going to find that most restaurants will get to the A status, which is the idea," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

About a quarter of the city's restaurants have "sig-

nificant lapses in food-safety practices," according to the health department. Officials say that about 30 percent would qualify for an A, 40 percent a B and 26 percent a C.

New York City's restaurant inspection reports are already posted online, but officials said posting the information in restaurant doors and windows prevents diners from having to search for it.

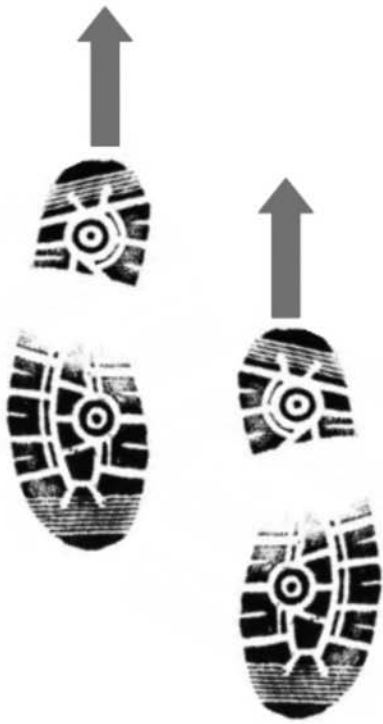
The plan approved Tuesday gives restaurants that receive grades lower than an A time to improve their sanitary conditions before they have to post anything.

For those eateries, the health department will return within a month to conduct a second inspection, and the second grade will be posted unless the restaurant operator contests it. Restaurants appealing their grades will be allowed to post a "grade pending" sign.

The health board vote was 6-2. One of the two board members who voted against it was Bruce Vladeck, an expert on health care policy and financing.

He called the system "misguided" and "intellectually incoherent," and said restaurants should be graded on a pass-fail basis. Vladeck said he couldn't see the value of saddling a restaurant with a passing grade with the black mark of a "C" ranking, if a different inspection on a different day might have earned them an "A."

The new regulations do not cover the city's mobile food carts.



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Construction rates fall in Feb.

WASHINGTON — Housing construction fell in February as winter blizzards held down activity in the Northeast and South. The decline highlighted the challenges facing builders as they struggle to emerge from the worst housing slump in decades. The Commerce Department said Tuesday that construction of new homes and apartments fell 5.9 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 575,000 units, slightly higher than the 570,000 that economists were expecting. January activity was revised up to a pace of 622,000 units, the strongest showing in 14 months. Economists characterized the February dip as weather-related although they said any housing rebound this year is likely to be modest at best, given a variety of headwinds from record home foreclosures to high unemployment.

Oil prices reach \$82 with low rates

NEW YORK — Oil prices climbed back near \$82 on Tuesday as the Federal Reserve said again that it will hold interest rates at record lows as the economy continues to recover. Benchmark crude for April delivery rose \$1.90 to settle at \$81.70 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The stock market inched higher, reassured by the Fed's steady-as-she-goes approach and its view that the economy appeared to be stabilizing, although it was not fully recovered. Earlier in the day, the Commerce Department said that construction of new homes and apartments fell 5.9 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 575,000 units. The weak housing report "puts less pressure on the Fed to raise interest rates," said PFGBest Research Analyst Phil Flynn. "The Fed has at least the perception of more wiggle room, and that puts downward pressure on the dollar and upward pressure on crude." The dollar continued its decline in afternoon trading, making dollar-denominated crude cheaper for holders of foreign currencies. Oil prices have swung between \$70 and \$85 for the better part of six months as global crude demand slowly recovers from the Great Recession but remains weak in developed countries.

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Honda recalls 410,000 vehicles

Detroit automaker looking to work on problems in Element, Odyssey models

Associated Press

DETROIT — Honda Motor Co. will recall more than 410,000 Odyssey minivans and Element small trucks because of braking system problems that could make it tougher to stop the vehicle if not repaired. The recall includes 344,000 Odysseys and 68,000 Elements from the 2007 and 2008 model years. Honda said in a statement that over time, brake pedals can feel "soft" and must be pressed closer to the floor to stop the vehicles. Left unrepaired, the problem could cause loss of braking power and possibly a crash, Honda spokesman Chris Martin said. "It's definitely not operating the way it should, and it's safety systems, so it brings it to the recall status," he said. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has reported three crashes due to the problem with minor injuries and no deaths, Martin said. Honda notified NHTSA of the recall on Monday, he said. Honda has traced the problem to the device that powers the electronic stability control system, which selectively brakes each of the wheels to keep the vehicles upright during an emergency situation. When the device, called a "vehicle stability assist modulator," tests itself when the vehicles are started, it allows a small amount of air into the hydraulic brake lines. Over time, an air bubble in the lines can cause a loss of braking power and require that the pedal be pushed farther toward the floor than normal to stop the vehicles, Martin said. "Although not all vehicles being recalled are affected by this issue, we are recalling all possible



AP

Honda said it is recalling about 410,000 Odyssey minivans and Element small trucks because of problems with the brake pedals.

units to assure all customers that their vehicles will perform correctly," Honda said in a statement. Under the recall, which Honda said it volunteered to do, Honda said that owners should wait to get a letter from the company before scheduling a repair because the parts are not yet available. Letters should go out toward the end of April. Drivers who fear that they've lost braking power should have their dealer check the brakes sooner, Martin said. The dealer can "bleed" air bubbles out of the hydraulic lines, which should fix the problem until the parts arrive for the final repair, he said. Honda technicians will

put plastic caps and sealant over two small holes in the device to stop the air from getting in, Martin said. The automaker is still preparing a list of affected vehicles. After April 19, owners can determine if their vehicles are being recalled by going to www.recalls.honda.com or by calling (800) 999-1009, and selecting option number four. The safety recall is Honda's second in the past two months. In February it recalled 952,118 vehicles globally due to air bag problems. It comes on the heels of Toyota Motor Corp.'s spate of safety recalls that include more than 8 million vehicles worldwide

for braking and sudden acceleration problems. One of the Toyota recalls is a braking software problem that causes the pedal of the Prius gas-electric hybrid to momentarily drop toward the floor. Ford Motor Co. had a similar software problem with its Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan hybrids. The company told owners of 17,600 cars to bring them in for a software update because a glitch can give drivers the impression that the brakes have failed when they haven't. The automaker called the repairs a "customer satisfaction program" and said it was not a full-fledged recall.

Simon weighs new General Growth bid

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Simon Property Group Inc. is considering raising its \$10 billion buyout offer for rival shopping mall owner General Growth Properties Inc. as early as this week, two people familiar with the matter said Tuesday. Simon sent a letter to General Growth this week saying it anticipates boosting its offer above that of a proposal put forth by General Growth and three of its largest stakeholders, the people said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. That means a new Simon offer would have to value General Growth above \$15 a share. Simon's initial offer valued the Chicago-based company at about \$9 a share.

General Growth, the nation's second-largest shopping mall operator, sought shelter from creditors last April. It was the largest real estate bankruptcy in U.S. history. Despite being in Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection for nearly a year, it finds itself in the unusual position of courting buyout offers that promise to pay off creditors in full and give shareholders a premium over the current stock price. Indianapolis-based Simon went public last month with its bid for General Growth, but it was rebuffed. General Growth is looking for a higher offer and has put forward a plan to exit bankruptcy with an investment from Canadian property manager Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Fairholme Capital Management, one of its largest

unsecured creditors, and Pershing Square Capital Management, one of its largest shareholders. General Growth is expected to seek approval from the bankruptcy court in coming weeks to designate the Brookfield-Fairholme-Pershing proposal as a "stalking-horse" bidder as it solicits other buyout offers. A stalking-horse bid is an initial offer for a bankrupt company's assets. General Growth also plans to ask the court to approve so-called bid protections that would compensate the investor group should General Growth sell the company to another bidder. The company has previously outlined compensating the stalking-horse bidder with warrants to buy 60 million shares of General Growth at an exercise price of \$15 a share.

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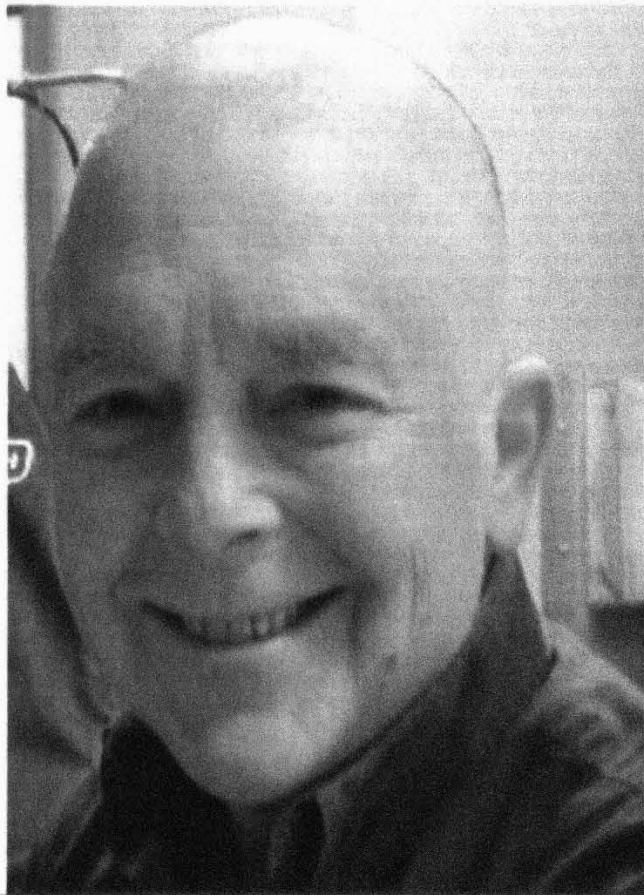
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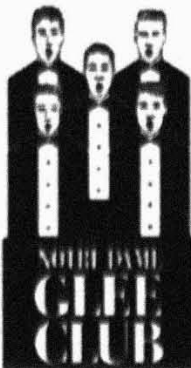
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development in utero may influence sexual orientation and, therefore, gender identity," Wirth said.

The hypothalamus additionally plays a significant role in sex and reproduction.

Wirth said a part of the hypothalamus area affects homosexual men and heterosexual women similarly and also heterosexual men and homosexual women similarly.

Wirth continued with a description of the sexual activity of bonobos, primates closely related to humans.

"They use sex to diffuse conflicts," she said. "They have sex about once an hour with same-sex and opposite-sex partners."

Dr. Agustín Fuentes, professor of anthropology and Director of the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA), continued the discussion with an examination of the social nature of sex.

"Penguins will just pair up if there are not enough sexes," he said. "Male with male, female with female, whatever — they just nest up. Are these penguins gay? No, they're penguins."

Many mammals, Fuentes said, engage in sex outside the reproductive context in a more social context.

"The more social an organ-

ism, the more sex it will engage in," he said, citing male sperm whales having sex with other males.

"Humans are the only species that target homosexuality with aggressive acts," he said.

Fuentes said sex is complicated and varies between societies.

"Each society considers what it does to be the right thing," he said. "Some societies engage in homosexual behavior until marriage ... every culture is different."

Fuentes said our culture has different expectations of the representations of male and female bodies.

A fully naked woman, he said, can be portrayed in an R-rated movie, while "a fully erect penis is an automatic NC-17."

Carlos Jerez-Farran, professor of Spanish and fellow of

"Humans are the only species that target homosexuality with aggressive acts."

Dr. Agustin Fuentes
professor of anthropology

the Nanovic Institute For European Studies, continued the discussion with a psychoanalytic examination of sexuality, especially in light of the January Mobile Party cartoon that appeared in The Observer and featured a reference to violence against homosexuals.

A joke, Jerez-Farran said, is consisted of a teller, a listener

and an object of the joke.

"Jokes like the ones made on the expense of a third party are made for the benefit of male bonding," Jerez-Farran said. "The hypothetical reader ... bears witness by his laughter."

Jerez-Farran explained how the heterosexual male feels the need to overcompensate for fear of being homosexual through acts of hypermasculinity and violence.

"The feared other is inexorably in and around him," he said. "We all have homosexual tendencies — most of us repress these tendencies."

Society tends to tiptoe around masculinity, he said.

"When you defame masculinity, unfortunately it's a lot worse [in our society] than when you defame femininity," Jerez-Farran said.

Ardizzone concluded the panel discussion with a family account of homosexuality.

"My first experience was in the 1980s with a family member coming out to his extended family, most of whom were Catholic," she said. "Each generation of the family responded differently. My grandparents were curious, while his parents and my parents were nervous and shocked but hard pressed to find explanations."

As time has progressed, she said, society has become more receptive to open dialogue about homosexuality.

"In the 20th century, things got clearer because people like [psychologist Sigmund] Freud and [biologist Alfred] Kinsey started talking," she said.

Still, homosexuality was something seen as very strange.

"Homosexuality was something to be stigmatized and feared,"

Ardizzone said. "My family was fearful for my cousin because they knew what was coming for him."

Ardizzone explained what she meant by "guy culture," or the tendency of heterosexual men to distance themselves from any vestiges of homosexuality, as well as the term "no homo," which, she said, is what some young men say to other young men to affirm they are not gay.

Most of the fear of homosexuality, Ardizzone said, is directed toward homosexual men, not homosexual women.

"The 'Girls Gone Wild' phenomenon is not about lesbian identity," she said. "From my understanding, it's about straight women acting on behalf of what straight men want."

"Masculinity is defined in

ever narrowing ways. You can't cry, you can't express strong emotion unless it's anger, you can't hug another man unless you're wearing football pads or any other super-masculine guise."

Jerez-Farran echoed Ardizzone's insight.

"The more sex-sensitive a society is, the more homophobic it is," he said.

The panel concluded with an examination of what the

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professor of Spanish

University is to do next about continuing dialogue about homophobia.

Graduate student Christopher Andrew, said he has been completing his masters of fine arts photography work, but much

of it has recently come under scrutiny by the University for its "queer nature."

"Pieces that they deem most troubling might be taken out," he said.

Andrews said Tuesday's panel discussion and dialogue like it are good ways to initiate public conversations about homosexuality, especially in light of its presence at a Catholic University.

"This is the problem with closeted institutions like Notre Dame," Jerez-Farran said.

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Runaway Toyota prompts inquiry

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toyota's investigation of sudden acceleration in some of its cars is shifting to suburban New York, where a driver said her Prius sped up on its own and slammed into a stone wall.

Technicians from Toyota will join government investigators in Harrison, N.Y., on Wednesday to inspect the car. Toyota plans to examine an internal data recorder that documents the moments before and after a crash.

The company will use equipment to determine how many times the driver hit the brakes and gas. It used the same tools earlier this week to cast doubt on a California driver who claimed his Prius sped to 94 mph before a patrol officer helped him stop it.

In the Harrison case, authorities have said there is no indication of driver error. A housekeeper told police the car sped up on its own as she eased forward down her employer's driveway on March 9 and hit a wall across the street. She was not hurt.

Toyota recalled more than 8 million cars because their gas pedals could become stuck or be snagged by floor mats. In addition, the government is looking into complaints from at least 60 Toyota drivers who say they got their cars fixed and still had problems. Toyota is checking into those complaints as well.

The investigations reflect challenges faced by the company and government. Dealers and experts have had trouble recreating episodes of sudden acceleration, and Toyota says tests have failed to find other problems beyond the sticking gas pedals and floor mats.

Some safety experts have said electronics, not simpler mechani-

cal flaws, could be causing the problems. Toyota has said it has found no evidence of problems with its electronics but is studying the issue.

"It's not the old garden-variety defect investigation, where you have a broken part and the vehicle is disabled. It's an intermittent problem," said Allan J. Kam, a former senior enforcement attorney for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration who now directs a private consulting firm.

Toyota officials said they did not know how long the New York investigation would take. The company plans to release the results to Harrison police but not to the media because the police are also investigating.

The Prius is not on Toyota's recall list for sticky accelerators. However, the 2005 hybrid had been serviced for the floor mat problem.

On Monday, Toyota held a press conference in San Diego to challenge the story of James Sikes, who claimed his Prius sped out of control on the freeway last week. The company said its own tests had found almost nothing wrong with the car, and said Sikes had apparently pressed the brakes and gas at least 250 times.

Jason Vines, who was Ford Motor Co.'s top public relations executive when the company faced scrutiny over massive Firestone tire recalls on its cars in 2000, said the San Diego case would prompt similar interest in the New York investigation.

"They've gotten themselves into another box because of doing it one time in San Diego and now not doing it (in Harrison)," Vines said. "It's just going to create more confusion."

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THE OBSERVER

VIEWPOINT

Bring on the Madness

Since we are in college, I think that it is pretty safe to say that St. Patrick's Day is one of the best days, if not the best day, of the year. What if, however, I could tell you that it gets even better? God has granted us the perfect two-day follow up to the best party day of the year, and it comes in the form of even more energy, adrenaline and excitement than St. Patty's Day. This event will cause people to skip class for the rest of the week, and for the dedicated students who will actually attend class, their attention will be likely be consumed by it. (As a warning to any professors: if anyone has their laptops open in class on Thursday and Friday, they aren't taking notes. They aren't even paying attention to you at all). Many, including myself, would say that these next two days are the best of the entire year. Yes, March Madness has finally arrived.

The NCAA Tournament has universal appeal. People of all ages and walks of life can't get enough of the three-week basketball extravaganza. It is estimated that approximately \$1.8 billion worth of productivity is lost in the American workforce due to workers constantly filling out and checking on their brackets. When I was in high school, we had television monitors in our school cafeteria that played a continuous loop of a slideshow of school announcements all year long. That is, of course, except for the first two days of the NCAA Tournament. On those days, the school would switch the monitors to CBS, allowing students to follow their brackets during their lunch period, and prompting hundreds of "bathroom breaks" from other students who hap-

pened to be in class during those times. One time, a teacher of mine got so fed up with the number of students leaving class (there was a big upset brewing), that eventually he just gave up, stopped teaching and flipped on the game to let us watch. It is the only sporting event, and maybe the only event period, that causes that kind of reaction.

What is so appealing about filling out a bracket is the feeling of control that you have over the tournament. Every bracket is a blank canvas, and the person filling it out is the only one pulling the strings. Who cares whether the person made their picks based on detailed research, a gut feeling or which team has a better mascot? (All are valid strategies, by the way.) There is nothing quite like calling a team to pull an upset, and then watching it as it plays out right in front of your eyes. The feeling of satisfaction is immense. Couple that feeling with some competition, and it is easy to see why the tournament is so addicting. The only thing more satisfying than being the only person in the pool to call a darkhorse Sweet 16 team correctly is the joy that you can get from watching a friend's bracket crumble to pieces, and then laughing at their misfortune.

Beyond filling out brackets, though, the tournament has long been a favorite because of the underdogs. There is something distinctly American about rooting for the underdog; the tough, scrappy team that may not have as much talent as their opponent, but makes up for it in heart. Seeing an underdog win is something that everyone wants because it makes us feel good; we can all identify with them and want to see them overcome their shortcomings to succeed. And every year in the first round, there are

teams that seemingly come from out of nowhere to upset the favorites. Most of the time, they win once and are bounced immediately in the next round. Sometimes, though, we find a team like George Mason in 2006, a No. 11 seed that was supposed to lose handily in its first round game but instead won four games in a row to make the Final Four, inspiring a school and the rest of country in the process.

For me, though, the emotion and excitement of the tournament are unparalleled in any other sporting event all year. The kids that play in the tournament want so badly to win, and they will leave everything that they have out on the floor to do so. Every March, we see amazing individual performances and last-second buzzer-beaters. And with those, we see plenty of hugs, tears of joy and beaming smiles, along with the requisite tears of disappointment and heart-breaking faces of sadness from the losers. The look on a players face (and his team's reaction) after hitting a game-winning shot is one of pure, unadulterated joy, something some profound and so intense, it is hard to find anywhere else.

So, as you nurse your hangover tomorrow morning and wonder if your headache is ever going to go away, just turn on CBS. I think you'll find the cure for St. Patrick's Day is a little March Madness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We want a response

On Feb. 20, a group of concerned Notre Dame students gathered outside the Joyce Center before a Junior Parents Weekend event to raise awareness about Notre Dame's investment in HEI Hotels and Resorts, a company that has recently been issued charges by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) for allegedly unfair labor practices surrounding their employees' attempt to organize. HEI will have to defend itself in a trial on April 6. Students who have investigated the issue and spoken to HEI workers find Notre Dame's continued support of and investment in this company alarming. They chose to flyer outside the event in order to alert students and parents, who are investors in this University, about where exactly their money is going.

Within minutes the students were stopped by NDSP. Their flyers were confiscated, and their names were recorded for processing. Concerned about the inability to publicize a controversial issue, they got in contact with

UNITE HERE!, the union involved in organizing HEI hotels, and United Students Against Sweatshops. With their help a nation-wide call/e-mail/fax-in to University President Fr. John Jenkins and Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass was organized. The request was that our administrators listen to the voices of their students, alumni and community supporters nationwide who are calling for them to live up to their professed Catholic values, and that they do so by divesting from HEI. The event was held on Feb. 26 and led to over 1,200 e-mails and faxes sent to Jenkins and Malpass, as well as approximately 100 calls and two hand-delivered letters to their respective offices.

And yet, weeks later, there has been no response from either Jenkins or Malpass. With the April 6 hearing looming closer, it is becoming ever more evident that the Notre Dame administration has lost touch with effective ways of communicating with

and responding to the student body and its concerns. The lack of transparency in our investments must cease, and the investors, professors and the student body must be made privy to where our money comes from and where it goes.

Thus, I ask you, Fr. Jenkins and Mr. Malpass, to respond to our concerns, to open up dialogue about this and other issues of economic justice in the Notre Dame community, and to deeply consider not only what it means to set an example as a Catholic university at this moment in time, but, on a more basic level, what it actually means to be Catholic. What values are we upholding? Who are we supporting? Are we working to create the Kingdom of God here on earth or are we more concerned with our own continued survival, at the cost of others?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A strong positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug."

Patricia Neal
U.S. actress

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"While there's life, there's hope."

Cicero
Roman philosopher

Limping toward God

Most, if not all, of us make progress in the faith. We make our way toward God, not by leaps and bounds, but by stutter-steps: slowly and incrementally. The historical record — the lives of the saints — verifies this. Even those saints who had a remarkable or extraordinary experience of divine grace spent the vast majority of their life moving slowly toward God, with bumps, potholes and obstacles all along the way, and many of these self-imposed. In the wake of what is perhaps the most famous “conversion story,” an experience of grace in a Milanese garden, St. Augustine (430 A.D.) later tells us that the resolution achieved there was only partial, and that, even as a bishop, he battled the familiar temptations and sins of his past. So we mustn’t imagine that this otherwise nameless Samaritan woman in John’s Gospel who was shacking up with her paramour, after her encounter with Jesus, toddled on home and never sinned again. That encounter with the Living Water, that moment of grace, was not the end of the story; in many ways, it was just the beginning of one. As those who have participated in the RCIA can tell you, baptism isn’t the end of the process; it’s just the beginning of another, longer process of daily assimilation to Christ.

So if you find yourself struggling — struggling to pray, struggling to keep focus, struggling to believe, struggling with the Church, struggling with the same old sins — don’t lose heart and don’t give up. Perhaps our biggest problem is that we live in the culture of the microwave and the internet, and so we like easy, quick and push-

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of-a-button solutions to our daily dilemmas. Nowhere in the Gospel does Jesus teach that perfection is achieved in a single, instantaneous, freeze-dried moment of grace. In fact, it is this impatience with our human incompleteness and creaturely status which, according to St Irenaeus (220 A.D.), prompted Adam and Eve to grasp the fruit in the garden: in due time, God indeed would have given them to eat of it, but they were impatient with the divine pedagogy, with the way God was bringing them along: they wanted to be perfect — and they wanted it right now. Very many people who come to confession — and some avoid it for this very reason — say “I always seem to confess the same things.” Welcome to the fallen human race. Confessing the same sins does not necessarily mean you’re not contrite. We repeatedly confess the same or similar sins precisely because most of these sins are deeply embedded in our fallen nature and over time have become firmly entrenched in our personality. Slow progress over time is what we should be looking for. There is good reason, after all, why the Church allows us to celebrate the sacrament repeatedly in the course of our life.

The earliest Christians knew well that it is precisely the struggle which constitutes the life of the Christian; they used the graphic language of the “agōn,” the combat, the contest, and even employed images of wrestling in describing the life of those who follow Christ. They might even suggest to us that if we don’t find ourselves struggling, we should be very wary lest we’ve deceived ourselves about ourselves; for to struggle is precisely what it means to be a Christian in this world. And this struggle even has a cosmic dimension: each of us is

engaged, as it were, in a struggle of allegiance, a contest of loyalty, between the Ruler of this Age and the Crucified One, and the daily decisions we make reflect precisely that larger, cosmic engagement, over whom we will serve.

Yet what is needed in us is not merely a change in behavior; conversion does not mean simply being “nicer” to other people, as though the Church is a kind of reform school where, in Skinner-like fashion, we are conditioned by fear to avoid bad behavior and to choose the good simply for a reward. No, what needs healing in us isn’t simply our behavior, but our very nature. All of our sins, our external bad acts, are but symptoms of a more profound internal pathology, a psyche that is distorted by pride, by what St. Augustine calls superbia, the absence of self-perspective induced by our self-absorption. We commonly equate pride with arrogance, but that’s just one of its more noticeable expressions. Pride is more deeply rooted in us than we might imagine. Most of us don’t roll out of bed in the morning, look into the bathroom mirror and say “I am the center of the universe.” No, it’s far more insidious than that. Pride isn’t one more icon on the screen of our life, it’s more like a virus which infects our whole operating system. This pride formats — that is, it distorts — the very way we perceive reality, including ourselves. Other people then become either a means we use to get what we want or an obstacle to the exercise of our will, an obstacle we must either overpower or remove. Our very thought processes, all our calculations and scheming, reflect the willfulness and self-referentiality which is pride: “It’s all about me,” after all. And so the healing and elevation of our nature, which is what conversion

means from God’s perspective, is the work not of one evening, one mission, one retreat or one confession; rather, it is the work of a lifetime. Far from being a reform school, the Church is more like a convalescent home, where the medicine and healing of grace — through the sacraments — are to be found and applied. And I might suggest that the one, common antidote for all the deadly sins, whether pride, avarice, lust, anger, envy, gluttony or sloth, is charity; if every sinew of our being is infused with God’s love, if we’re chock-full of charity, there’ll be no room for sin. So in your daily struggles to overcome sin — whether you’re greedy or lustful or lazy or consumed with jealousy or have a nasty temper — don’t begin by asking to have fewer impure thoughts, or for a weaker craving for material goods or for more control of your short fuse; always start by first asking to be filled with His divine love. And you’ll be amazed at how effective this is.

And so if you’re struggling, don’t lose heart and don’t give up. It’s the Enemy, the Ruler of this Age, who wants you to equate the struggle with failure. Then he wins. And you lose. Rather than give up out of frustration or discouragement, re-frame your understanding of the Christian life precisely in terms of this slow, daily, incremental assimilation to Christ. And remember, as Thomas Aquinas is said to have taught, “it is far better to limp along the right road than to run headlong down the wrong one.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No moral ‘inconsistency’

In light of some flaws in Mr. Durkin’s article “Moral consistency on the issue of life” (March 16), I would like to offer some accurate ideas from a Catholic perspective. I would like to state that I am both a member of Notre Dame Right to Life and personally against the use of the death penalty in the United States.

The Church teaches that capital punishment can be exercised by society as a legitimate act of self-defense for the common good, not as an act of vengeance, but one of prevention and deterrence. As the Catechism states, “the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possibly way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor” (CCC 2267). However, as Pope John Paul II makes clear in his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, society “ought not go to the extreme of executing the offender except in cases of absolute necessity — however, as a result of steady improvements in the organization of the penal system, such cases are very rare, if not practically non-existent.”

The death penalty, in and of itself, is neither a morally unacceptable practice, nor a violation of the sanctity of human life.

Abortion, on the other hand, in and of itself, “is gravely contrary to the moral law” (2271). In a 2004 letter, then-Cardinal Ratzinger, made clear the difference between capital punishment and abortion: “While the Church exhorts civil authorities to seek peace, not war, and to exercise discretion and mercy in imposing punishment on criminals, it may still be permissible to take up arms to repel an aggressor or to have recourse to capital punishment. There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion and euthanasia.”

Therefore, both the University Task Force and Notre Dame RTL are both “morally consistent” with Catholic teaching. This is not a question of “conservative” versus “liberal,” but a question of objective morality. Abortion is objectively a morally grave act, whereas capital punishment is not.

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March 16

Free Flame concert

Logan, Notre Dame, Bayer, U93, Best Buddies and DTSB is sponsoring a free concert March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Century Center for Disability Awareness. Flame is a very unique rock band. All the musicians have either a physical or developmental disability. I saw them last year, and I can say they have many talented abilities. South Bend should lay out the red carpet for this rock band. Last year, they came all the way from New York on their tour bus to play at IUSB. They were robbed. Yes, people robbed the bus, while they were getting ready to play. Someone robbed them of their credit cards, cell phones, cash, ipods, whatever they could find on the bus. The band still went on stage and played in spite of how they were violated. The people that travel with them were teary-eyed and the musicians were clearly shaken. I have to commend the band Flame, and the people that support the band, for coming back to South Bend. So thank you to all the sponsors that are bringing wonderful free entertainment during these tough economic times. We all need to come and celebrate these talented men and women! As a mother of a son with autism, I am thankful that you are bringing disability awareness to South Bend. South Bend, please keep them safe! See you on the red carpet, and be prepared for a rockin fun evening!

I also want to thank the Notre Dame students for volunteering with Best Buddies and Logan. Your friendship is the world to our children and young adults. My son is a happier young man because of your compassion.

Katherine Robinson Coleman
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Class of 1978
March 15

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By JORDAN GAMBLE
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South Bend's Logan Center will host its second big event for Disability Awareness Month Thursday with a free concert by the band Flame at 7 p.m. in the Century Center downtown.

Flame, a cover band that has released three CDs and plays about 90 shows a year, is made up of 11 musicians with physical and developmental disabilities. The group originated in upstate New York in 2003 as a recreation program at a center for people with disabilities, and the band now tours internationally. It performs from a catalogue that includes over 100 classic rock, country and blues songs.

The concert follows "Spread the Word to End the Word" Day on March 3, a national campaign that asked people to pledge to stop using the R-word.



Nichole Maguire is the volunteer coordinator at the Logan Center, which this year celebrates 60 years of providing resources and recreation for people with disabilities.

"I think this is going to impact our community quite a bit especially following 'Spread the Word to End the Word,'" Maguire said.

"I think we felt some momentum for Disability Awareness Month. [The concert] will highlight how amazing people with disabilities are," Maguire said. "I really like the aspect of bringing the community and Notre Dame into awareness about disabilities."

Many students already work closely with the Logan Center. Senior Maeve Raphaelson is president of Super Sibs, one of the clubs the Logan Center spon-

sored. Super Sibs is a mentor program that pairs up Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students with South Bend-area youth who have siblings with disabilities. Raphaelson herself has a sibling with autism, and she said she hopes the concert can show another side of disability awareness.

"I think it's really great to see adults with disabilities doing something that they enjoy and that are successful at," Raphaelson said.

"My little brother's autistic, and he really wants to be an author ... It gives me hope for my little brother's future."

While many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students participate in the Logan Center's programs now, Raphaelson and Maguire said they hope the concert will call more attention to the Center's activities.

"This is really the main event for Disability Awareness Month. 'Spread the Word' was mainly an on-campus thing," Raphaelson said. "This is a way to bring the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community and the South Bend community together. It's a way for people to learn about disabilities and that they're not as debilitating and life-ending as people think they are."

"If there's a good showing from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to show the community that we really care. I hope everyone bring a friend and people that haven't been involved before can start getting involved. You can learn so much from people with disabilities. It's a really important part of human diversity."

Doors at the Century Center open at 6:30 for the 7 p.m. show. Tickets are free, and the first 100 students in attendance will receive free t-shirts.

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This Week's Mix – Luck of the Irish

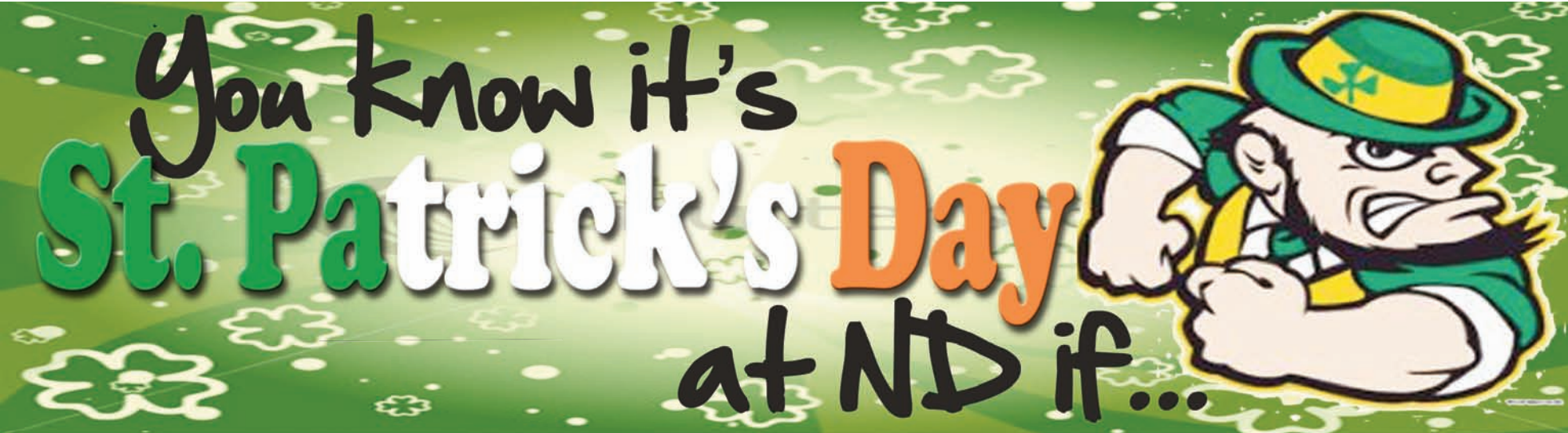


by Jordan Gamble

- 1 ☒ "The Blood of Cu Cuchulainn" - Jeff & Mychael
- 2 ☒ "The Saints are Coming" - U2 & Green Day
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- 4 ☒ "In the Kitchen" - Umphrey's McGee
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- 6 ☒ "I'm Shipping Up to Boston" - Dropkick Murphys
- 7 ☒ "C'est La Vie" - B*Witched
- 8 ☒ "Linger" - The Cranberries
- 9 ☒ "Brown Eyed Girl" - Van Morrison
- 10 ☒ "Paranoid Android" - Radiohead
- 11 ☒ "The Sick Bed of Cuchulainn" - The Pogues
- 12 ☒ "Drunken Lullabies" - Flogging Molly

*From the music from "The Boondock Saints" to girly-pop band B*Witched, Irish artists, songs and influences are all over iTunes. It's supposed to be a sunny St. Patrick's Day, so open your windows, crank up your computer speakers and relish your (real or imagined) Irish heritage with this list of tunes.*

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



By NICHOLAS ANDERSON and
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Scene Writers

If you're reading this, you're at least 10 hours into St. Patrick's Day by now. The celebration is in full swing and you're taking time from it to read the newspaper?!? Here at Scene, we'd never abandon you on Notre Dame's second favorite holiday — the first being the football home opener. To help you through the rest of the day and deep into the night, here's a handy little guide on what to expect from the Feast of St. Paddy's here at Notre Dame.

The lovely green grass is complemented by a few extra green shirts around campus, and if you really have the luck of the Irish, maybe even a shamrock or two.

What's the tune blaring from your neighbor's room? The Dropkick Murphys' traditional Irish hymn, "I'm Shipping Off to Boston." On repeat. For hours. Beginning at 6 a.m.

Even Yankee fans pretend to like Boston. No one pretends to like Yankee fans.

St. Joe's Lake and its year-round sickly green hue becomes not only tolerable, but festive. Still, don't swim in it. Trust us.

Did you know there are no snakes in Ireland? St. Paddy drove them out. Did you know there are no snakes on this motherf*ckin' plane? Samuel J. drove them out.

It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, you're 50 percent Irish, at a minimum.

Finn's is packed on a week-day.

You begin the night by skipping the college-approved Keystone in favor of a Guinness. Twenty minutes later, you're right back with your old friend Natty.

Your noon appetizer? Candy from a pot distributed by an overly excited stranger on the steps of the dining hall.

What's that interrupting your afternoon nap? Bagpipes. It's almost like football season.

Potatoes and cabbage boiled until they're devoid of both color and flavor? It helped my ancestors get through the famine so sign me up.

Digger Phelps showcases a vibrant green tie and highlighter combo on Sportscenter.

That water bottle in front of you probably isn't water.

Pinching becomes socially acceptable for the non-grandmothers among us.

You and half of your 100-person lecture at 5:30 p.m. share a "I immediately regret this decision" look. First and foremost among them, your professor.

The proper response to "Top o' the morning to ya" is "And the rest of the day to you!" No matter how much you consume today, remember this.

You wake up; the sun seems sunnier, colors more colorful, smells are smellier and the people are people-ier.

The dining halls serve the traditional "Lucky Charms and skim milk in a plastic bowl."

Green eye shadow seems like a good idea.

Deep in your heart you know that students are every other college are green with envy.

You wonder how the trinity would work if Patrick and gotten lucky and picked a four leaf clover.

Even the trees are dressed accordingly.

Your one goal for the day is finding a pot of gold. And that's before you start drinking.

"Kiss me, I'm Irish" is used by every guy on every girl with a surprising success rate.

Being Catholic is a reason to drink.

Protestants believe in Saints for one day.

So laddies and lasses go out there into the wild green world and celebrate! This is our holiday. Be safe, be fun and remember: Today, everyone is Irish.

Here's to the wine we love to drink, and the food we like to eat.

Here's to our wives and sweethearts, let's pray they never meet.

Here's champagne for our real friends, and real pain for our sham friends.

And when this life is over, may all of us find peace.

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NFL

Dungy to reform Carolina inmates

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tony Dungy stood before more than 1,700 prisoners Tuesday, sharing a smile and message of hope that has become his life's work.

The former NFL championship coach said he recently visited an inmate in Florida that he had ministered to nearly 10 years ago. The prisoner thanked Dungy for changing his mental and spiritual outlook.

"That," Dungy said, "was a bigger thrill for me than winning the Super Bowl."

Dungy guided the Indianapolis Colts to the Super Bowl win in 2007 — the first black coach to do so — then left the league after one more season to focus on his family and mission. The football analyst spent the morning speaking to inmates at three facilities in the Broad River Correctional complex of the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

The last gathering was for about 550 minimum-security prisoners assembled on a worn-down softball field not far from the prison's entrance.

A choir and band from the Central Church of God in Charlotte, N.C., played inspirational songs before Dungy's group arrived.

Dungy told the crowd he'd often come to South Carolina's capital city to search out prospects as a pro and college coach. This time, he came to let those locked up know it's not too late for positive, lasting change.

"It really doesn't matter about your past," Dungy said. "It's about your future and what you're going to do."

Dungy got involved in prison ministries while head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1996. He was nervous about meeting inmates, beset, he says, with the same misgivings many have about those behind bars.

Dungy discovered many prisoners are filled with remorse and eager to amend for mistakes.

He's been actively involved ever since.

Tommy, a 39-year-old mini-

mum security inmate serving 17 years for strongarm robbery, is a football fan who immediately signed up when Dungy's visit was announced.

The Rock Hill man, already impressed with Dungy's NFL accomplishments, left with the former coach's encouragement in mind.

"By him being the first African-American coach (to win a Super Bowl), that was uplifting," he said. "It was real nice to see him in person. I enjoyed it. I think it was a real positive influence."

The Department of Corrections did not want the prisoner's last name used.

Dungy was introduced to the crowd by Gov. Mark Sanford, whose political future and marriage were wrecked by revelations last summer he had a South American mistress. Sanford and ex-wife Jenny were divorced last month.

Sanford said he learned through his travails that all need forgiveness and to extend that forgiveness to other transgressors.

"Here's a guy with a Super Bowl ring," Sanford said, "and yet here's a guy who's here because he believes in some principles and ideals that, if instituted, will make sure that you'll never be here again."

Dungy spoke of the most high-profile prisoner he's worked with — Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick. Football helped Vick restart his life after serving an 18-month prison sentence for operating a dogfighting ring. Dungy said Vick's doing well mentally and emotionally, but will likely pay a price with the public for his crimes.

"I can't imagine the mail he's gotten because I know the mail I've gotten just for helping him," Dungy said.

He thinks, but fortunately, that's not the way God thinks.

Dungy said his NFL coaching career is likely finished, but he feels privileged to play a role in the redemptive journey of others.

"I guess I just have a heart for young men," he said. "To give just a little bit of encouragement, that's what it's all about for me."

MLB

Westbrook, Indians defeat Giants



Indians pitcher Jake Westbrook, left, allowed one run in four innings as Cleveland defeated the Giants 7-1 on Tuesday. Westbrook has not pitched since 2008 after elbow surgery.

Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz.— As Jake Westbrook ran sprints in the outfield grass, a Cleveland fan leaned over the railing in right field and offered his critique.

"Hey, Jake," the man hollered. "Great outing."

Westbrook smiled. "Thanks," he said.

One more step in the comeback complete.

Westbrook, whose career was nearly ended by an elbow injury, outpitched two-time Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum, Shin Soo-Choo homered off San Francisco's ace and Travis Hafner drove in three runs on Tuesday, leading the Cleveland Indians to a 7-1 exhibition win over the Giants.

Penciled in by new manager Manny Acta to be the Indians' opening-day starter, Westbrook allowed one run and two hits in four innings. It was his best outing this spring and a huge confidence builder for the right-hander, who underwent Tommy John surgery in 2008.

"I was just throwing strikes with all my pitches, getting ahead and pounding the

zone," the 32-year-old said. "I was able to do that. I was being very aggressive and when I'm aggressive and throwing strikes it makes all of my pitches that much better. For me right now, it's just fine tuning my command."

Westbrook hasn't pitched in a major league game since May 28, 2008, but that didn't stop Acta from picking him to open the season on April 5 in Chicago.

"I can't take it back anyways," Acta said with a laugh. "I made my decision based on his track record and how good he was in the past when he was healthy. If he was healthy, there was no hesitation in doing that. He's gotten better each outing. The ball is coming out of his hand really good. He's feeling great. He's going to have his ups and downs, but right now he's throwing well."

Lincecum, who followed up his Cy Young season in 2008 by winning another award last season, allowed four runs and four hits in four innings. He walked four and struck out four.

His line was consistent. His pitches were not.

"A couple of balls just got away from me," Lincecum said. "Other than that, I'll try

to take something away from this. My body still feels good. The velocity on my fastball is getting a little bit better. It's coming out of my hand better. I know I had three or four walks, but it's spring training."

Lincecum allowed a home run by Choo in the first and gave up a two-run double to Trevor Crowe in the fourth. Although he has a 9.39 ERA during the exhibition season, the carefree 25-year-old isn't worried and came away pleased with his performance.

"I felt fine," he said. "I had a couple rough innings. You want to get those out of the way before the season starts."

It was Choo's first homer of the spring and just the seventh in 11 games for the power challenged Indians, who hit 161 last season — 83 less than the league-leading New York Yankees.

Hafner hit a three-run double in the seventh to make it 7-1. It was Hafner's first extra-base hit, and the fact that he pulled it to right-center was an encouraging sign for the Indians, who are hoping he can find his power stroke after hitting just 16 homers last season.

"It's good to see, but we like that he's taking pitches," Acta said. "He's seeing the ball well and he's very confident with his hands and shoulders. If he's 100 percent healthy, he'll produce for us."

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You love playing with that. You love playing with all your stuffed animals. You love your Mommy, your Daddy. You love your pajamas. You love everything, don't ya? Yea. But you know what, buddy? As you get older... some of the things you love might not seem so special anymore. Like your Jack-in-a-Box. Maybe you'll realize it's just a piece of tin and a stuffed animal.

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PGA TOUR



In this 1997 photo, Masters champion Tiger Woods receives his green jacket from the previous year's winner Nick Faldo. In a statement Tuesday, Woods said he will play at Augusta National after a four-month hiatus because of a sex scandal.

Woods set to return for Masters on April 8

Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Florida — For Tiger Woods, this figure to be a Masters like no other.

Woods said Tuesday he will end more than four months of seclusion and play at Augusta National in three weeks, shielded by the most secure environment in golf as he competes for the first time since a sex scandal shattered his image.

“The Masters is where I won my first major and I view this tournament with great respect,” Woods said in a statement. “After a long and necessary time away from the game, I feel like I’m ready to start my

season at Augusta.”

The Masters begins April 8.

No other major championship attracts such a large television audience, and that’s under normal circumstances.

Already the most popular figure in golf with his 82 worldwide victories and 14 majors — four of them at the Masters — Woods returns as a disgraced star who will be under the greatest scrutiny of his career.

“We’re all looking forward to having him back. We want him playing,” Jim Furyk said. “I’m sure we’re also looking forward to everything being business as usual. And it’s going to

take awhile. We know that.”

Woods last competed Nov. 15 when he won the Australian Masters in Melbourne. Twelve days later, he rammed his sport utility vehicle over a fire hydrant and into a tree outside his Florida home, an accident that set off sordid tales of extramarital affairs. Woods announced Dec. 11 that he would take an indefinite break to try to save his marriage.

“The major championships have always been a special focus in my career and, as a professional, I think Augusta is where I need to be, even though it’s been a while since I last played,” Woods

said.

“I have undergone almost two months of inpatient therapy and I am continuing my treatment,” he said. “Although I’m returning to competition, I still have a lot of work to do in my personal life.”

Augusta National chairman Billy Payne said the club supported Woods’ decision to make his return at the Masters, adding that “we support and encourage his stated commitment to continue the significant work required to rebuild his personal and professional life.”

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem also said he was pleased to learn of Woods’ return.

IN BRIEF

Hawks' Campbell has broken clavicle, rib

CHICAGO — Chicago Blackhawks defenseman Brian Campbell will miss seven to eight weeks with a broken collar bone and a fractured rib, the result of a hit from Washington Capitals’ star Alex Ovechkin.

Blackhawks team doctor Michael Terry said Tuesday that Campbell will likely avoid surgery and is expected to make a full recovery. The Blackhawks’ regular season ends April 11.

Ovechkin drove Campbell into the boards from behind in the first period of Sunday’s game. Campbell stayed on the ice for several minutes. Ovechkin, the NHL’s leading scorer, drew a game misconduct penalty for the hit and on Monday got a two-game suspension.

Ovechkin said he was “disappointed” by the NHL’s decision and was sorry for the injury that came on what he thought was “just a little push.” Ovechkin will miss games Tuesday at Florida and Thursday at Carolina.

White Sox's Mitchell to miss 2010 season

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Chicago White Sox outfielder Jared Mitchell will miss the 2010 season after surgery on his left ankle.

The team said Tuesday that the 21-year-old prospect is expected to make a complete recovery.

Mitchell was injured Friday while making a spectacular, against-the-wall catch on a drive off the bat of Juan Rivera in a split-squad win over the Los Angeles Angels.

The 21-year-old Mitchell is among the club’s top prospects despite minimal experience in the minor leagues so far after being drafted out of Louisiana State. He batted .296 with 12 doubles, two triples and 10 RBIs in 34 games last year for Class A Kannapolis of the South Atlantic League.

Mitchell was taken by Chicago 23rd overall in last June’s amateur draft. The surgery was to repair a tear of the tendon on the inside of his ankle.

Arenas: ‘I deserve to be punished’ for gun prank

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas says he deserves to be punished for bringing guns to the locker room.

The suspended Washington Wizards guard told Esquire magazine that he wasn’t using “longevity thinking” when he took out four guns in what he says was an attempt to play a prank on teammate Javaris Crittenton in December.

Arenas pleaded guilty to a felony gun charge in January and will be sentenced next week. He has been suspended until the end of the season by the NBA.

In the Esquire interview, which hits newsstands next week and was obtained by The Associated Press in advance, Arenas says he has “messed up” the legacy of Wizards owner Abe Pollin, who died in November.

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NHL

Suspension for hit angers Ovechkin

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Washington Capitals star Alex Ovechkin on Tuesday said he was disappointed by a two-game suspension issued for a hit on Chicago's Brian Campbell.

In a brief interview with reporters in South Florida, the two-time MVP first said he was sorry that the hit resulted in an injury for Campbell and added that he was "disappointed" it resulted in a two-game suspension. He answered just three questions before a Capitals team official ended the session.

"I think it was like the heat of the hit," Ovechkin said when asked if he was surprised by the league's decision. "I think it was just a little push."

Campbell is done for the regular season. He is expected to miss up to two months with a broken collar bone and a fractured rib, but Blackhawks team doctor Michael Terry said Tuesday that Campbell probably will avoid surgery and is expected to make a full recovery.

In a statement posted on the team's Web site, Ovechkin said he would continue to 'play hard, play with passion and play with respect for my teammates, opponents and fans' when he returned from the suspension.

"I didn't mean to make someone injured," Ovechkin told reporters. "But you know, it's a hockey game."

Ovechkin drove Campbell into the boards from behind in the first period Sunday and received

a major penalty and a game misconduct. The Blackhawks defenseman stayed down for several minutes before he was able to leave the ice with a trainer. He did not return to the game.

The injuries mean the 30-year-old Campbell's streak of consecutive regular-season games, which reached 388 on Sunday, is over. Chicago's regular season ends April 11, and Campbell could return by mid-May if the Blackhawks are still in the playoffs.

Campbell is a three-time All-Star who has seven goals and 31 assists this season.

"I just know there was no malice intended," Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau said. "He didn't go to hurt him. He went to hit him, and he hit him, but the hit didn't cause the damage. The boards caused the damage."

Ovechkin will miss Tuesday's contest against the Florida Panthers and Thursday's game at Carolina. It is the fourth time this season that Ovechkin will miss a game against the Panthers. An upper-body injury sidelined Ovechkin for a home-and-home series in November and he was suspended when the Capitals faced Florida on Dec. 3. The Panthers still lost all three games.

"But we're a very good team. He is the MVP and all of those things and we can't replace him, but we've still got three good offensive lines, because we're an offensive team, and we're playing well. I'm hoping the guys will pick it up for him again."

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oregon fires Kent after tourney-opening loss

Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — Ernie Kent, the winningest coach in Oregon history, was dismissed Tuesday after 13 seasons with his alma mater.

"You may find a better basketball coach, but I don't think you'll find anybody that has the passion and love that I have for this university," said Kent, who had to pause for several moments to fight back his emotions.

Oregon went 16-16 overall and 7-11 in the Pac-10 this past season, finishing with a 90-74 quarterfinal loss to California in the conference tournament.

Kent, 55, leaves Oregon with a 235-173 overall record. But the Ducks have slipped in the past two seasons, going 24-39 and finishing 10th and ninth, respectively, in conference play.

Attendance has also dipped from an average of 7,922 in 2008-09 to 7,122 this past season.

Kent was the longest tenured Pac-10 coach. He took Oregon to the NCAA tournament five times, advancing twice to the round of eight.

He played at Oregon from 1973-77, part of the so-called Kamakazi Kids under coach Dick Harter.

Oregon athletic director Mike Bellotti said Oregon terminated Kent's contract effective June 30. He cited his record and declining attendance at MacArthur Court.

"I think the accomplishments that Ernie has done speak for themselves," said Bellotti, who admitted it was a difficult decision. "He's given his life to the university as a student, a teacher and a coach."

The dismissal had been rumored for the past two weeks, after Eugene's KVAL-TV reported that Kent had been informed on Feb. 22 that he would not return as the Ducks' coach.

Kent told his players shortly after the regular season finale.

Both Kent and Bellotti, who appeared separately at a news conference on Tuesday on the floor of Mac Court, confirmed the details of the report. Kent said he was given the option of leaving the team at that time.

"I thought it would be very hypocritical of me to walk out on my guys," Kent said.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Golden Lions down Winthrop

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Arkansas-Pine Bluff finally found a road trip to its liking.

Allen Smith scored 14 points Tuesday night, including a pair of 3-pointers during the Golden Lions' second-half surge to a 61-44 victory over Winthrop in the NCAA tournament's opening game.

The Golden Lions (18-15) will play Duke, the No. 1 seed in the South Regional, on Friday in Jacksonville, Fla. — a place they somehow missed during a season-opening jaunt that nearly did them in. They spent the first two months playing some of the country's best teams on the road, going everywhere and getting nowhere.

They dropped their first 11 games, losing at schools such as Texas-El Paso, Michigan, Oklahoma State, Georgia Tech, Missouri, Kansas State and Oregon. They cranked up their iPods and let their music soothe them during 13-hour bus rides across the heartland, ones that bonded them.

The basketball equivalent of boot camp hardened them for a Southwestern Athletic Conference season that would be much more kind. By the time their tournament rolled around, the Golden Lions were only one game under .500, nearly out of that 11-loss hole.

They swept through the conference tournament to get to Dayton. Their next destination is with history — a chance to pull off the unprecedented first-round upset of a No. 1 team. Coach George Ivory knows a little bit about that.



Winthrop center Andy Buechert pulls down a rebound in Wednesday's NCAA play-in game against Arkansas Pine-Bluff.

He was a star at Mississippi Valley State, which kept up with No. 1 Duke in 1986 before falling 85-78.

The fast exit was familiar for Winthrop (19-14), which has made the tournament nine times in the last 12 years but has only one victory in all those tries.

Winthrop got the type of game it wanted, but couldn't make a shot as another tournament slipped away. Charles Corbin scored 13 points for the Eagles, who shot 29 percent from the field and went 2 of 21 behind the 3-point arc.

Neither team shoots particularly well — no player averages more than 10 points for either one. Instead, they win with tight defense and rebounding.

These mirror-image teams settled in to slog one out on the NCAA's big stage.

Midway through the first half, there were as many shots blocked as made. Bored fans started doing the wave. Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Tavaris Washington missed two dunk attempts. Both teams shot under 30 percent from the field in the first half, which ended with the Golden Lions up 24-23.

Ugly? Not to these two.

Corbin was the only shooter with any semblance of a touch, making his three attempts in the first half. His 3-pointer started a 13-2 run that gave Winthrop a 23-17 lead. The Golden Lions caught up by drawing fouls and making free throws.

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PGA

Masters filled with storylines beyond Woods

Associated Press

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — The Masters is three weeks away, filled with story lines that now are sure to be ignored.

Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer will be paired together, if only to hit a ceremonial tee shot to start the tournament.

Angel Cabrera is the defending champion. Europe, with five players among the top 10 in the world, has vastly improved its chances of having a Masters champion for the first time since 1999.

Brothers will be competing for the first time in 10 years — Francesco and Edoardo Molinari of Italy.

Oh, and Tiger Woods is playing.

That announcement Tuesday was all it took for the Masters to become about one player.

Minutes later, reporters flocked to the practice range at Innisbrook to find anyone willing to share any perspective about his return to competition.

The most awkward moment came when a reporter asked Rod Pampling, who frequently plays practice rounds with Woods at the majors, if he would seek him out at Augusta National.

"I'd love to," Pampling said. "But I'm not in the tournament. Thanks for reminding me."

It might seem that so much attention on one player would allow everyone else to be left alone to work on their games and get in the right frame of mind for a week that requires so much discipline.

One problem.

"It will have an affect on everyone because we're going

to have to talk about it a lot," Jim Furyk said while surrounded by TV cameras. "I'm doing it right now. He's going to be difficult to interview, so that leaves the rest of us answering a lot of questions."

This is not the first time the Masters has been taken hostage by a single story on the road to Augusta National.

Seven years ago, rarely a week on the PGA Tour went by without someone asking about Martha Burk and her campaign against the club's all-male membership. When the Masters rolled around, everyone was waiting to hear the press conference of club chairman Hootie Johnson, who started the whole thing with his "point of a bayonet" letter to Burk. He took nearly three dozen questions without saying much of anything.

The uproar even overshadowed Woods' effort to become the first player to win three straight years. At one point, Woods said the best way to get into Augusta National was by parachute.

But this is different.

Once the 2003 Masters began the focus returned to competition.

Woods figures to command attention as long as he's on the golf course.

There was speculation that Augusta National did not want Woods to return at its halcyon tournament and create the biggest media spectacle in sports, although chairman Billy Payne appeared to welcome him in his statement.

"We support Tiger's decision to return to competitive golf beginning at this year's Masters Tournament," he said.

The timing of Woods'

announcement could not have been better or worse. Whenever he announced his plans, it was sure to become the biggest story no matter what was going on (the Transitions Championship, by the way, starts Thursday).

That will be the case at Innisbrook and Bay Hill, and the Houston Open the week before the Masters. And don't forget the Tavistock Cup, to be played next Monday at Isleworth, not far from where Woods ran over the fire hydrant and hit a tree in that middle-of-the-night accident that began this sordid tale.

At least in the Martha Burk year, players were talking about a lobbyist they didn't know, and a subject out of their control.

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TENNIS

Roddick and Murray advance in California

Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Andy Roddick defeated Thiemo de Bakker of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-4 on Tuesday to reach the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open along with Andy Murray, while second-seeded Caroline Wozniacki advanced to the women's quarterfinals.

Roddick, a semifinalist here last year, improved his record to 17-3 this season, all on hardcourts. He had an easier time with de Bakker than their first meeting, a three-set win at the Australian Open in January.

Roddick served 10 aces and saved the only service break he faced in the first set of a match played in nearly 90-degree heat.

"The points he was winning he

was either having to play a pretty high risk shot, maybe go for a winner, or he was having to go deep into rallies," Roddick said. "So if you do that over the course of a match, you normally like your chances."

The seventh-seeded American will next play No. 22 Jurgen Melzer, who advanced when Simon Greul withdrew because of illness.

"Jurgen is always tough. He's capable of playing a couple different ways," Roddick said. "He was capable of coming forward, attacking, really being the aggressor, which is always a little bit uncomfortable. It's important to hang on to your service games."

No. 4 Murray served seven aces and was broken just once in defeating American Michael Russell 6-3, 7-5. At 31, Russell was the oldest player remaining in the men's field.

"I don't think I lost my concentration necessarily on the game when I got broken, but he had break point; he had a great backhand," Murray said. "I would have liked to have closed it out there 3 and 3, but I did well to stay composed at the end."

James Blake joined Russell as another sidelined American, losing 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to Nicolas Almagro of Spain. Roddick and John Isner are the lone U.S. men left, with Isner facing a tough match against No. 3 Rafael Nadal on Wednesday.

In fourth-round women's play, No. 4 Elena Dementieva beat No. 19 Aravane Rezai of France 6-3, 6-3, sixth-seeded Jelena Jankovic routed No. 17 Shahar Peer 6-2, 6-2, and No. 8 Samantha Stosur defeated defending champion Vera Zvonareva 6-2, 7-5.

Top-ranked Roger Federer was to play Marcos Baghdatis in a night match.

Wozniacki advanced to the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 victory over 16th-seeded Nadia Petrova, whose career record against top-five players dropped to 11-42 with the loss.

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NHL

Mueller's two goals lead Avalanche over Blues

Kobasew extends Wild's streak over Edmonton; Predators edge Flyers as Erat scores only goal of shootout

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Peter Mueller scored twice on a three-point game that matched his career best and Paul Stastny netted his fifth goal in three games with two assists, helping the Colorado Avalanche sweep the season series against the St. Louis Blues with a 5-3 victory on Tuesday night.

The Blues had quick goals to start the first two periods, with Alex Steen matching the franchise record to start the game on his 20th goal at the 8-second mark and Patrik Berglund scoring at 34 seconds of the second to tie it at 2. Otherwise, backup goalie Peter Budaj was effective subbing for Craig Anderson, who got a break after making a franchise-record 23 consecutive starts.

St. Louis flopped in its first home game since Feb. 13, dropping to an NHL-worst 12-17-5 at the Scottrade Center, and the Avalanche outscored them 21-8 over four games for their first season sweep since 2005-06.

Blues goalie Chris Mason gave up five goals on 24 shots after coming in 0-3 with a 7.22 goals-against average against Colorado.

Budaj was especially strong in the third period while the Blues had sustained pressure and outshot Colorado 14-6, but Chris Stewart's late goal put it out of reach.

Time is running out on the Blues' bid for a second straight late-season rally to make the playoffs. St. Louis is in 10th place in the Western Conference, seven points behind eighth-place Detroit with 13 games to go.

Steen tied the mark set by Greg Paslawski on Oct. 29, 1985, against Washington when Budaj stopped his shot from the left boards but the rebound appeared to deflect off Avalanche forward T.J. Galiardi.

Colorado asserted itself later in the period, with Mueller getting a power play goal and assisting on Milan Hejduk's 18th of the season for a 2-1 lead. The 21-year-old Mueller has scored in all seven games since being acquired from the Coyotes, totaling four goals and seven assists after having 17 points in 54 games with Phoenix.

The Avalanche went ahead by two on Stastny's rebound goal and Mueller's eighth of the season in a span of 1:29 midway through the second period. David Perron scored on a rebound at 11:06 to cut the deficit to one.

Wild 4, Oilers 2

Chuck Kobasew scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period and the Minnesota Wild beat the Edmonton Oilers for the 13th straight time at home on Tuesday night.

Andrew Ebbett, Antti Miettinen and Martin Havlat also scored for the Wild, winners of three straight overall.

Marc Pouliot and Ryan Potulny scored for the last-place Oilers, who finished a four-game road trip without a win.

The Wild's home winning

streak over Edmonton is tied for the longest home winning streak against an opponent in the NHL, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Minnesota, which entered the night eight points behind Detroit for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference with 11 games remaining, has won three straight for the first time since Jan. 23-28.

The Wild have played well recently despite several key players missing games with injuries. Starting goalie Niklas Backstrom and defenseman Brent Burns are out. Also missing is role player Shane Hnidy and enforcer Derek Boogaard.

The Oilers have been plagued with injuries themselves this season. Edmonton players have missed 410 games with injuries, compared to 225 last season. The Oilers are 5-21-3 overall since Jan. 1, 1-15-1 on the road since mid-December and have a league-worst 49 points for the season.

Edmonton was looking for its second victory over the Wild in two weeks and was in decent shape when Potulny scored a 5-on-3 goal to tie the score at 2 early in the third period.

Kobasew put the Wild back in front 3 minutes later and Havlat then beat goalie Jeff Deslauriers a short while later to put the game out of reach.

Wild goalie Josh Harding was once again impressive in place of Backstrom. Harding stopped 34 shots and hasn't lost at home since Feb. 14, 2009. He's also stopped 113 of the last 118 shots he's faced.

Predators 4, Flyers 3

Martin Erat scored the only goal of the shootout to lead the Nashville Predators to a victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

Steve Sullivan, Erat, and Jerred Smithson scored for Nashville. Jeff Carter, Simon Gagne, and Chris Pronger had the Flyers goals.

Predators goaltender Pekka Rinne turned aside all three Flyers attempts in the shootout. Rinne finished with 42 saves.

The Predators carried a two-goal lead into the final period, but goals by Gagne and Pronger 3:04 apart tied the game late in the third.

Carter opened the scoring at 1:21 of the opening period with a wrist shot from the low slot that beat Rinne high to the glove side. It was Carter's 33rd goal of the season.

Sullivan tied it just over three minutes later when he tapped in a puck just underneath the pad of Philadelphia goaltender Michael Leighton.

Erat gave the Predators a 2-1 lead at 7:04 of the first. Dan Hamhuis kept the puck in at the blue line and passed to Jason Arnott on top of the left circle. Arnott sent a backhand pass to Erat, and he beat Leighton with a wrist shot over the glove for his 20th goal of the season.

Arnott has assists in his past three games and points in five of his past six.

Leighton left the game just under three minutes after the Erat goal with a high ankle sprain. He was replaced by

Brian Boucher at 9:45.

The Predators put immediate pressure on the new Flyers goalie, scoring a goal just 20 seconds after he entered the game.

Boucher stopped Joel Ward's shot from the right faceoff dot, but Smithson was parked just outside the crease and backhanded the rebound in for his ninth goal of the season.

Gagne got the Flyers within a goal at 11:14 of the third. Pronger's goal came on a wrist shot from the low slot with the Flyers on a power play.

Coyotes 2, Lightning 1

Vernon Fiddler and Matthew Lombardi scored in a 2-minute span midway through the first period, Ilya Bryzgalov stopped 27 shots and the Phoenix Coyotes beat the Tampa Bay Lightning Tuesday night.

The victory moved Phoenix five points behind Western Conference-leading San Jose in the Pacific Division. The Coyotes began the night tied with Vancouver for third place overall in the conference, but the Northwest Division-leading Canucks still hold the third seed.

The loss left the Lightning six points behind Boston for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. The Bruins defeated Carolina 5-2 earlier Tuesday.

Bryzgalov faced back-to-back Lightning power plays in the third period but held strong and turned away several scor-



Washington's Mike Knuble knocks the puck to the ice in front of a Florida defenseman during the Capitals' 7-3 win Tuesday. AP

ing opportunities in the final two periods.

Fiddler's goal came on a beautiful pass into the slot from Lee Stempniak and in less than 2 minutes the Coyotes got their second goal when Lombardi took a pass in the center from Wojtek Wolski and slipped a backhand shot past Antero Nittymaki.

Todd Fedoruk scored the lone Lightning goal and Nittymaki had 26 saves.

Capitals 7, Panthers 3

Brooks Laich scored twice and five other Washington players had goals to lift the short-handed Capitals to a win over the Florida Panthers on Tuesday night.

The Capitals were without star Alex Ovechkin, who was

suspended for two games for a hit on Chicago's Brian Campbell. Ovechkin will also miss Thursday's game at Carolina.

Nicklas Backstrom, Eric Fehr, Brendan Morrison, Jason Chimera and Alexander Semin each scored for the Capitals, who beat Florida for the sixth time this season.

Steven Reinprecht and Kamil Kreps got goals for the Panthers. Michal Repik also added a late Florida goal with 1:33 left in the game.

Jose Theodore stopped 34 shots for the Capitals, while Florida's Tomas Vokoun made 16 saves before he was replaced in the second period. Scott Clemmensen finished the game in goal for the Panthers, stopping 16 shots.

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NBA

LeBron's slow start does not slow down Cavs

Jason Richardson, high-scoring Suns torch Timberwolves for highest point total since last March in 38-point rout

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — LeBron James was shaky early and spectacular late.

James had 29 points, 12 rebounds and 12 assists for his fourth triple-double of the season, lifting the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 113-101 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday night.

"Every point, rebound and assist was needed," Cavs coach Mike Brown said.

The final score was relatively lopsided, but the game wasn't. There were 10 lead changes and 21 ties, the last one with 4:44 left.

The Cavs closed the game by outscoring Detroit 19-7, thanks in large part to James.

He set up Mo Williams for a tiebreaking 3-pointer with a sharp pass from the top of the key to the right corner, then grabbed a rebound, charged up the court and made a drop pass to Anderson Varejao for a five-point cushion.

The Pistons wouldn't go away, pulling within three points three times, before James blocked a shot and made consecutive jumpers to seal the win.

"The guy's not human," said Detroit's Will Bynum, adding he thought James got away with goaltending on his layup with 1 1/2 minutes left. "When he gets rolling, you just want to try to stop his teammates and hope that's enough."

Those teammates led the way when the superstar had as many turnovers (three) as points late in the first quarter and just five points at halftime.

Williams finished with 20

points, Antawn Jamison had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and reserve Jawad Williams added 10 points.

James missed 10-of-15 shots over the first three quarters and was 5 for 7 in the final one as he added four assists and three rebounds to his total for his 28th career triple-double.

"In the fourth quarter, we made our mark," he said. "That's close-out time for me."

He said triple-doubles are "absolutely" his favorite accomplishment other than winning.

"That means you're doing everything your team needs to win basketball games," James said. "That is one of the best things you can have as an individual."

Adding to his highlight reel, James had a three-point play that ended with a layup after Tayshaun Prince's foul just inside the 3-point line.

"I'm not surprised by any call in the NBA any more, but you also have to give him some credit," Bynum said. "There's probably no one else on Earth who could have even gotten a shot off like that."

Cleveland has won four in a row and lost only one of its last 11 games, improving to an NBA-best 53-15.

Richard Hamilton had 24 points and was one of six Pistons who scored in double figures.

Detroit has dropped lost three straight and 10 of 12.

The Pistons, unlike recent games, were very competitive until James took over in the fourth quarter.

"We were trying to redeem ourselves, so this is very frustrating,"



Cavaliers forward LeBron James drives to the hoop over Pistons forward Tayshaun Prince during Cleveland's 113-101 victory Tuesday night. James recorded a triple-double in the game.

said Charlie Villanueva, who scored 16 points. "It's encouraging to see us compete like this, but it is still another loss."

Prince had 15 points and matched a season high with eight assists, Bynum had 12 points, rookie Jonas Jerebko scored 10 points and Jason Maxiell had 10 points and 15 rebounds.

The score was tied after the first quarter, the Pistons led by

two at halftime and by one entering the final period.

"We know we can play with any team in the league, and tonight proved that again," Bynum said. "We just have to play like this and finish the games."

Suns 152, Timberwolves 114

It's an NBA law of physics: Put the highest-scoring team in the league against arguably the worst defense and watch the scoreboard light up like the Fourth of July.

Jason Richardson scored 27 points and Amare Stoudemire 25, then sat with the rest of the Phoenix starters while the Suns' reserves finished off a rout of Minnesota on Monday night in the highest-scoring game by an NBA team this season.

Lou Amundson matched his career high with 20 points as Phoenix sent the Timberwolves to their 10th straight loss and 16th in the last 17 games.

The Suns, with eight players in double figures, shot 56 percent from the field and 15 of 31 from 3-point range to win their ninth in 12 games.

"We're just trying to gear up for the last 15 games," Phoenix coach Alvin Gentry said, "have a pace that we're comfortable with."

Corey Brewer scored 21 for the Timberwolves, who set a franchise record for most points allowed in a game.

"Well, that's certainly what happens when you don't play any defense," Timberwolves coach Kurt Rambis said.

Phoenix pulled alone into sixth place in the tight scramble for playoff positioning in the West. The Suns trail No. 5 Oklahoma City by a half-game and No. 4 Utah by 1 1/2 games. It was a perfect night to rest the starters in preparation for Friday night's home game against the Jazz.

"And you know that will be a physical game," Gentry said.

This one certainly wasn't. "It was a lot of fun," Stoudemire said. "It was so much fun when the starters were able to rest there in the fourth. We'll take that."

Richardson, who scored 15 in the first quarter, matched his sea-

son high with six 3-pointers. Steve Nash had 13 points and 14 assists, nine of them in the opening period.

The game matched two of the bottom three teams in terms of points allowed this season. The difference was the Suns have a lot more scorers than woeful Minnesota does.

"We weren't making that effort. They were playing a lot harder than we were," Rambis said. "With a team that is in synch the way that they're in, they understand how to move the basketball, the know where their options and their outlet passes are. They're just too good."

It was not the first time this kind of thing happened to Minnesota. The Timberwolves had matched a franchise record by giving up 146 points in a 41-point loss to Golden State last Nov. 9.

"It's just embarrassing to let a team score that many points and still lose by that many points," Minnesota's Ryan Gomes said.

The Suns overwhelmed the Timberwolves' ever-shaky defense to take a 79-61 halftime lead. It was the second-most points scored in a half in the NBA this season, eclipsed only by the 80-point second half for Milwaukee against Golden State on Nov. 14.

Phoenix hadn't scored this many in a half since getting 80 in the second half in its 154-point game at Golden State almost exactly a year ago, on March 15, 2009.

The Suns shot 67 percent in the first half (33 of 49), led by Richardson's 21 points, including 5 of 6 3-pointers. Nash had 11 points on 5-of-6 shooting and 11 assists in the first half.

Richardson made two 3s and Nash one in the final two minutes of the half as the Suns twice built a 20-point lead before Jonny Flynn's baseline jumper at the buzzer made it 79-61. The lead reached 29 in the third quarter and a whopping 41 in the fourth.

Leandro Barbosa returned to the Suns after undergoing surgery to remove a cyst in his right wrist and missing 23 games. He had seven points in 16 minutes.

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary's ties for second in N.C.

Observer Staff Report

No. 3 Saint Mary's traveled to warm Fayetteville, N.C., to open its spring slate with a highly competitive meet on Friday. The Belles finished tied for second with familiar MIAA opponent No. 10 Olivet, falling to No. 1 Methodist on its home course.

The Monarchs' four best scoring players shot a combined 331, while the Comets' and Belles' four best each shot a combined 347. Sophomore Natalie Matuszak led the fall MIAA champion Belles with a round of 79, earning medalist honors for the day's low round in the process. Junior Mary Kate Boyce took 86 strokes and junior Rosie O'Connor was

close behind with a score of 89. Sophomore Christine Brown carded a 93, while senior captain Perri Hamma had a round of 101 that did not count towards the team's overall score.

Holly Shupe was Methodist's low scorer, taking one fewer stroke than Matuszak, and Lauren Campbell paced Olivet with an 84. Playing as individuals for the Belles were sophomore Megan Ryan, who had a 91, and freshman Cara Kielty, who finished 18 holes in 95 strokes.

Saint Mary's next competes in a week and half when it travels to Georgetown, Texas, to participate in the Southwestern Invitational, hosted by No. 12 Southwestern.

SMC TENNIS

Belles notch four wins in Orlando

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

Over a long Spring Break trip to Orlando, Fla., the Belles claimed four victories, while only dropping one match.

Saint Mary's (6-2) topped Ursinus, Carthage, Wartburg and St. Francis (Ill.) and lost to Wesleyan.

The trip not only allowed the Belles to work on those facets of their game that needed improvement, such as doubles play and shot-making, but the players were also able to develop a sense of "team" that was still in the making.

"I think a trip like this only makes the team stronger," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "We figure out ways to motivate each other on the court, and learn what helps our teammates the most. Our team is coming together as a unit the more they are together."

Heading into the trip, the Belles stood at 2-1, and Campbell stressed the importance of improvement in their doubles play and conditioning. By going 4-1, the Belles proved they have been hard at work in doing so.

"We are getting stronger in doubles," Campbell said. "Our pairings are communicating

better and improving as doubles teams."

The Belles dominated Wartburg, 8-1, shut out St. Francis and Ursinus, 9-0, and won a close one over Carthage. One more match was scheduled against Wheaton, but it was canceled due to rain. The one loss came in a close match to Wesleyan, 5-4, and Campbell made it clear the Belles want more out of themselves.

"I believe that our players want another chance at them, which is the attitude we need to have," Campbell said. "To say that we are satisfied would not be correct."

The Belles had a solid tournament all around as a team, but Junior Jillian Hurley stood out. Hurley went 10 matches without losing, winning all five of her individual matches at the No. 1 spot and all five of her doubles matches with partner Mary Therese Lee.

Despite having only one senior on the squad, Campbell said the Belles showed a great

deal of maturity in quickly picking themselves up after the loss to Wesleyan to beat Wartburg.

"A veteran team seems to do a better job of taking each match individually and getting up for those matches," Campbell said.

After the strong showing in Orlando, the Belles need to continue to improve heading into league play.

"We still have to get much better

and raise our expectations individually and as a team," Campbell said. "We certainly must realize that we can still improve physically, mentally, and emotionally. We have some tough teams in our conference and have some strong non-conference matches ahead of us."

Up next for the Belles is a matchup Saturday with Indiana Wesleyan, a team that beat them last year.

"We need to use that as motivation and expect to play our best against them," Campbell said.

Dale Campbell
Belles coach

"We still have to get much better and raise our expectations individually and as a team."

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MEN'S GOLF

Fortner leads Irish to second title of season

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fought through horrible weather Friday to claim first-place in the inaugural Brandon Dunes Championship in Bandon, Ore.

The Irish entered the tournament favored among the seven teams entered.

The weather wreaked such havoc upon play that the tournament was shortened from 54 to 36 holes. The Irish opened the tournament with a round of 317 Thursday, good enough to put the team in first place. A

tournament-best round of 305 in the second and final round sealed the victory, with Notre Dame finishing 12 strokes ahead of second-place Idaho.

"I was proud of the way our team accepted the target on our backs and went out in ridiculously difficult conditions ... rain coming in sideways, hail at times and wind gusting over 40-50 mph at times to earn a win," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

The win marked the second title the Irish have claimed this year, along with the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Oct. 6.

"Our second win was a great boost for our team as a

whole," Kubinski said. "To come back at this point in our season and earn a victory gives our guys that great feeling again."

Senior Doug Fortner led Notre Dame, claiming individual medalist honors for his first career win. Fortner opened the tournament with a first-round 77, putting him in third place. A second-round 73 landed Fortner a

final score of 8-over and the victory, and it also earned him recognition as the Big East's golfer of the week.

"[Fortner] came back this semester working harder than he ever has," Kubinski said.

"The results are no surprise to me."

Senior Josh Sandman finished two strokes behind Fortner to claim third place. Sandman shot an even-par 72 in the second round, tying for the lowest round in the tournament.

Sophomore Tom Usher claimed ninth-place at 16-over, and sophomores Max Scodro and Chris Walker rounded out the Irish scoring by tying for 19th place.

Notre Dame tees off next on March 26-28 in the Spring Break Championship in Delray Beach, Fla.

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big first serve, penetrating ground strokes and counters better than he did even a year ago. More than anything he has a real presence on the court and great determination.”

The Irish fell behind early when USF (5-6) earned the doubles point to take an early 1-0 lead.

The Irish avoided the sweep with a win at No. 3 doubles as Anderson and fellow junior Dan Stahl defeated Frank and Romain Deridder, 8-2.

“The loss to South Florida was difficult,” Bayliss said. “Casey Watt was unable to play, as he awoke vomiting due to food poisoning. We had to move everyone up a spot, but still were in a position to win. David Anderson led 4-3 in the third set and we had chances to win at both No. 1 and No. 2 doubles.”

With Watt out, Havens fell at

No. 1 singles by a score of 6-2, 6-3, to Wael Killani, while Adderley defeated Stahl at No. 2 singles, 6-3, 6-4.

Freshman Blas Moros got the Irish on the board with a 6-4, 6-4 win at No. 5 singles.

Junior captain Tyler Davis was able to pull the Irish within one with a three-set win at No. 6 singles, and then sophomore Sam Keeton tied the score at three with a win at No. 5 singles.

In the second match of the weekend, the Irish were able to defeat No. 19 Florida State (8-3) by a score of 4-3 after rallying from another 3-0 deficit.

The Irish again dropped the doubles point and the No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches before taking the match.

“The doubles was exciting,” Bayliss said. “We came back from a break down at No. 1 to win 8-6. [Watt’s] presence made a huge difference.”

Havens and Watt were able to earn a win at No. 1 doubles but that was the only win the Irish would earn in doubles for

the day.

Stahl was able to defeat No. 55 Clint Bowles at No. 3 singles, 7-5, 6-4.

Anderson again played a key role in the match at No. 4 singles, coming out on top this time in a three-set victory.

“David knotted the score at 3-3 by winning a difficult third set over Conner Smith, a great ball striker,” Bayliss said. “That left things in the substantial left hand of Sam Keeton, who showed remarkable poise for someone in his position. He handled the pressure very well, breaking serve three consecutive times to clinch. He played aggressively the entire match and was able to finish at the net often.”

Keeton was able to clinch the victory for the Irish at No. 5 singles with another three-set victory.

The Irish will next travel to Montgomery, Ala. for the Blue Gray National Classic, with their opening match Thursday.

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ND WOMEN’S GOLF

ND finishes ahead of two top-25 opponents

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame continued to improve its game at the LSU Tiger/Wave Classic at English Turn Golf and Country Club in Louisiana over the weekend.

The Irish finished 13th in a field that included many of the country’s most elite programs, including tournament winner No. 3 Auburn.

The team’s performance is certain to help in the rankings as they came out ahead of No. 4 Purdue and No. 21 Louisville.

“We’re coming along,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “We’ve certainly got some talent and we’ve had some good individual performances.”

The Irish shot a 310 in the opening round and followed it up with a 314 and 300

respectively on each of the two following days. Sophomore Becca Huffer led the Irish, shooting 224 total for a 15th-place finish.

Senior Annie Brophy showed improvement throughout the tournament, leading the team with an even-par 72 performance on the final day of competition.

The Irish have taken advantage of the recent mild weather in South Bend by holding their first outdoor practice of the year Tuesday. With two tournaments remaining before postseason play, the players will look to sharpen their skills with more routine practice.

Notre Dame next takes to the course for the Betsy Rawls Invitational in Austin, Texas on March 26.

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Susan Holt
Irish coach

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two per event. This will be the third consecutive season in which the Irish have qualified 12 fencers for the championship round. Other teams sending 12 fencers on to the next round include Penn State, Princeton, Harvard and St. John’s.

Ohio State, which defeated the Irish by a narrow margin at nationals in 2008, will also be strongly represented next week.

Notre Dame has shown both consistency and steady improvement throughout the year, defeating top competi-

tors within the region such as Northwestern and Ohio State on numerous occasions.

“I am happy that our team is progressing and that there has been very good cooperation between upperclassmen and the younger fencers throughout the season,” Bednarski said.

However, the road to the championship is never easy and with the success they

have had this season the Irish will rely on their training not only this week but on an entire season’s worth of experience in order to make a final, decisive push to the finish.

“The competition is stronger, but we are stronger,” Bednarski said. “Also we’ve had a good season, we’re No. 1 in the country.”

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Janusz Bednarski
Irish coach

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scored in the first three minutes of the second quarter to open up a 5-2 advantage. Though the Pioneers added one shortly after, the Irish were no easier on the second Denver goalie, finding the back of the net twice more before halftime in order to head into the break with a comfortable 7-3 lead. Notre Dame came out of the locker room determined to keep its momentum and did just that, slotting home two more goals in the first five minutes of the second half.

Before the Irish could run away with the game, Denver scored three times before the third period ended, and then once more early in the fourth quarter. Faced with a suddenly tenuous 10-7 lead, Notre Dame reeled off four goals in just over five minutes to close the day’s scoring.

ing. Krebs, junior midfielder Zach Brenneman, and Rogers each recorded hat tricks for the Irish, while four other players scored for Notre Dame, including two goals from Hicks, who recorded a point for the 24th consecutive game. He leads the team with 16 points and 12 goals on the season. Igoe, freshman midfielder Steve Murphy, and Earl each had one goal.

As has been a trend this season in both wins and losses, the Irish dominated the stat sheet, taking 37 shots to Denver’s 23 and winning 14 of 24 faceoffs, all by senior midfielder Trevor Sipperly, who has won more than two-thirds of his faceoffs in the last three games.

Notre Dame returns to action on Saturday, hosting Ohio State at 1 p.m. in Arlotta Stadium.

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Tournament.”

Coyne said the final 10 minutes of the Cal game hinged on the team’s execution, as will the rest of the season.



“At the end of the day, it’s

all about executing,” Coyne said. “It doesn’t matter what you think or what you feel, you have to go out there and get the job done.”

The Irish return to the field when they travel to Boston to face Boston University Saturday.

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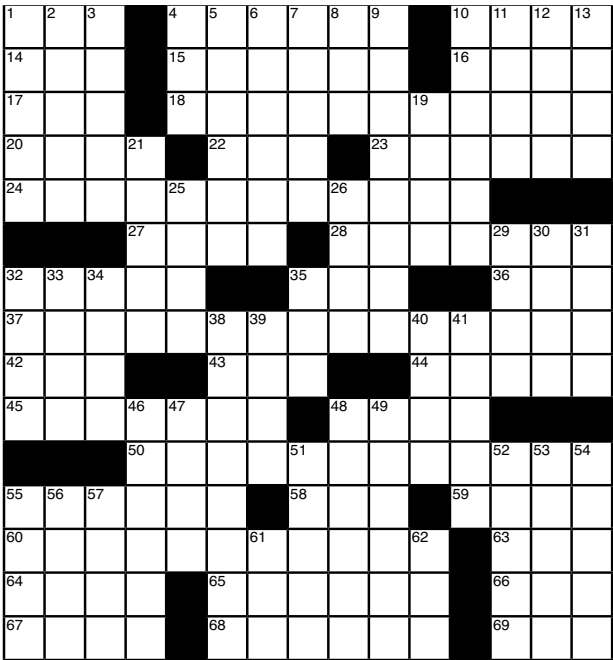
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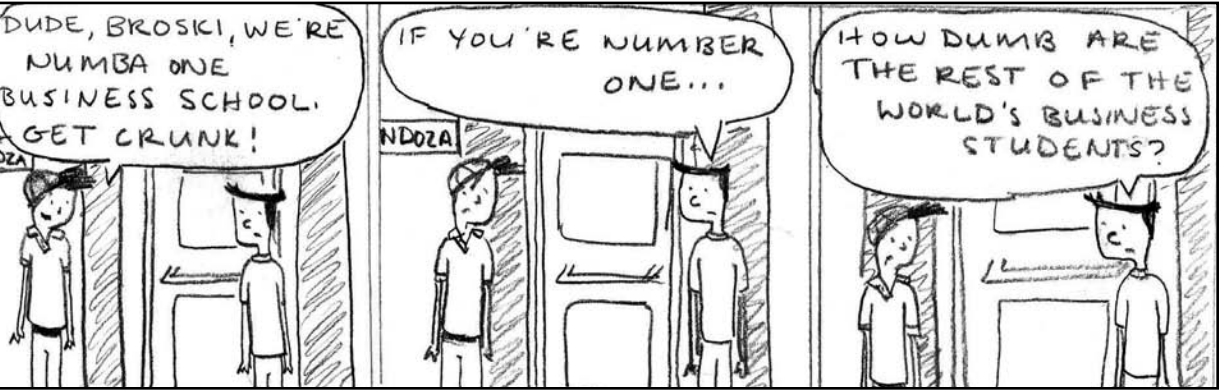
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Judah Friedlander, 41; Lauren Graham, 43; Victor Garber, 61; Bernardo Bertolucci, 70

Happy Birthday: Learn to relax and enjoy what life has to offer. Your impulsiveness will only get you into trouble this year, so think first in order to avoid costly personal and professional mistakes. Don't let someone limit what you can do for others. Let no one stand in your way or cause you to neglect your relationships or obligations. Your numbers are 8, 15, 25, 27, 32, 38, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Nothing will be too much trouble for you. Do not travel off the beaten trail. Stick to what you know and what you promised to do. Love is in the stars but, if it's with someone who's married, take a pass. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep your thoughts to yourself and avoid any unnecessary dealings with officials, authority figures, banks or hospitals. Concentrate on what you can do for others. Don't limit the possibilities because you lack confidence. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's the presence you have when you are passionate about something that will attract some interesting offers. You have the potential to make a difference but you cannot do it alone. Call upon people who owe you favors. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let anyone force you to take on a responsibility that clearly does not belong to you. Avoid meddling in other people's affairs or letting someone interfere with yours. An older relative may need your help. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be ready to make a commitment or to show someone you care about that you are serious. Plan your next vacation or get involved in an interest course. Activities that require physical endurance or competition will lift your spirits. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone looking for a handout may be taking advantage of you. Taking on someone else's misfortune will not solve the problem and it will cause you grief. Listen and make suggestions but don't pay for someone else's mistakes. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partnership problems can be expected. Keep a close watch but don't make a move just yet. You have to get all the facts and work out a game plan. You will do best if you put your efforts into something creative or a job that can bring you benefits. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your ideas, coupled with the new connections you've made, will enable you to promote your talent and a project into which you have put so much time and effort. Sudden good fortune is heading in your direction. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on home, family and being the best you can be. If you don't want to invite criticism or negative responses, don't procrastinate or fail to honor your promises. Property enhancement or a geographical move looks favorable. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make some changes that will help set you apart from the competition. Don't let emotional matters disrupt your plans or your productivity. A lesson you learned in the past will help to keep you on course now. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Before you settle back and accomplish little, finish a job or project that needs completing. Rely on past experience to guide you. Change is required and, if you do your homework, you will know exactly what's required. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It's time to make changes that will lead to greater financial independence. Start saving and stop spending foolishly. If the price ticket for socializing is too high, suggest a night at home with someone you enjoy. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You have lots of energy, are strong and are intent on getting your way. You have vision and welcome anything new and unusual.

JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK
MIKE ARGIRION

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

INGGO
GHILT
REDUSS
REALOP

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DUSKY RIGOR MORTAR JACKAL
Answer: When the geologist made an important discovery, he became a — "ROCK" STAR

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

I'll go see my friend the mayor. Permit denied.

ONE WAY TO SOLVE A KNOTTY PROBLEM.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

New home, more wins

Arlotta Stadium opens with three hat tricks

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame christened Arlotta Stadium in style with a 14-7 win over Denver Tuesday, and in doing so, the Irish snapped their two-game skid. Seven different players scored for the Irish in a victory that was one of Notre Dame's most comfortable of the season.

The Pioneers (3-4) opened the scoring with a goal just a few minutes after the opening faceoff, but the Irish (4-2) used goals by senior attack Neal Hicks and sophomore attack Sean Rogers to take a 2-1 lead just more than five minutes into the game. After Denver tied the game, Notre Dame senior attack Colin Igoe scored, and then senior midfielder Grant Krebs and junior midfielder David Earl each

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MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Junior midfielder Zach Brenneman makes a move during Notre Dame's 14-7 victory over Denver Tuesday. Brenneman was one of three Irish players to record a hat trick in the game.

FENCING

ND takes Midwest Regional

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame dominated the Midwest Regional over the weekend to bring its record to 68-0 for the combined men's and women's teams. The performance allowed the top-ranked Irish to send the maximum-allotted 12 fencers to the national tournament.

"We fenced pretty well during regionals, we have some gold medals and others but the most important thing is that we qualified 12 fencers," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It will be very interesting. It's an unusually hard field so we can expect a lot of excitement and drama."

In the championship round, the men's and women's teams may each qualify up to six fencers and no more than

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame rebounds from loss with win over California

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame dropped a 12-8 heartbreaker to then-No. 20 Dartmouth over break but rebounded with a comeback 14-12 victory over California Saturday.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said she was upset over the loss but was proud of the Irish (3-1) in the way they adjusted to a different West Coast game

at Cal.

"We weren't ready to play," Coyne said of the loss. "[Dartmouth] came in really inspired."

Despite being disappointed by a "flat" performance on the attacking end of the field, Coyne said she was happy with the way the defense and goalkeeping played against the Big Green.

The adversity did not stop with the loss, as the Irish were forced to adjust to a dif-

ferent style of play when they visited California. A handful of calls that did not go their way, a hectic pace that they were not quite used to and a three-goal deficit with 10 minutes to play pinned the Irish up against a wall. But they did not crumble, and Coyne said she was pleased with the way the Irish handled themselves.

"I was really happy with the win," Coyne said. "Our players showed a lot of character."

With 10 minutes remaining, the Irish called a timeout to reorganize. From there, the game was "never in doubt," Coyne said.

The Irish managed to pull the game to a tie, then Notre Dame scored first in overtime and never looked back.

"After the timeout, we calmed down," Coyne said. "We were more composed and handled everything better."

Coyne also attributed the win to a stern focus on the

team's goals rather than individual statistics.

If history repeats itself, the Irish will use the win over California as a springboard into the heart of their schedule.

"In the past, the California game has been a spark to a good season," Coyne said. "I feel good about our chances to win the Big East and advancing through the NCAA

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish record split over break

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish split their two matches over Spring Break, as they fell to Big East rival South Florida before recovering with a victory over Florida State.

In the loss on March 13, Notre Dame (7-7) rallied from a 3-0 deficit to tie the match at 3-3 before junior David Anderson lost to Peter Frank 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, at No. 3 singles.

"David Anderson has come on strong for us as the season has progressed," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "He has added good all-court skills and can finish at the net, something that was problematic for him as a freshman. He has a

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer

Junior David Anderson returns a shot during Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Wisconsin on Feb. 28.

FOOTBALL

Blue-Gold Game will cap spring practices

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame announced the dates for Brian Kelly's first spring football practices as Irish coach Tuesday.

Notre Dame will practice 15 times over five weeks beginning March 26. Kelly and the Irish will practice every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday through the Blue-Gold Spring Football Game on April 24.

The team will have April 2-3 off due to Easter weekend.

Weekday practices will be at 3:15 p.m., and Saturday practices will be at 9 a.m.

The 81st annual Blue-Gold

Game will kick off at 1:30 p.m.

Included in the 15 practices is the 2010 Notre Dame Football Coaches Clinic, which will be held April 16-17. Participants at the clinic will watch the Irish in two practices, and participate in other activities with Kelly and the Irish coaching staff.

Along with Kelly's first coaching on a Notre Dame field, of particular interest to Irish fans will be the status of sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist. Crist suffered a torn ACL during Notre Dame's 40-14 victory over Washington State on Oct. 31.