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Sophomore directed FFA

Moya returns to ND after leading Future Farmers of America



Photo courtesy of Paul Moya

Sophomore Paul Moya spent a year as the national president of the National FFA, formerly the Future Farmers of America, traveling through the country to speak at student conventions.

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Most Notre Dame students spend the academic year on campus studying, attending athletic events and socializing with their friends — unless the student is Paul Moya.

The sophomore spent 2009 traveling across the country, speaking to thousands at leadership conferences and rubbing shoulders with government officials and corporate titans such as Bill Ford of Ford Motor Company.

Moya, 22, took a leave of absence from the University

to serve as the national president of the National FFA, the national organization formerly known as the Future Farmers of America. The National FFA is the largest student youth organization with 507,000 members across the country. As national president, Moya directly represented over 500,000 individuals.

"The FFA is a phenomenal youth leadership organization that does a great job at providing skills for students," Moya said. "As president, I was happy to have the opportunity to give back to the organization."

Moya said he first got

involved with the FFA through the chapter at his high school in New Mexico. He became a dedicated member of the organization and deferred enrolling at Notre Dame for his freshman year in 2006 in order to serve as the president of the New Mexico FFA chapter.

"I spent over 320 days traveling this past year," he said. "The FFA has over 1,500 corporate sponsors and it's the national officers' job to go to the sponsors and show them how their contributions to the organization are changing students'

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Director of Libraries to leave the University

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Associate News Editor

Director of Hesburgh Libraries Jennifer Younger will step down from her position at the end of the academic year to take a new position with the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA), the University announced Monday.



Younger

"We are indebted to Jennifer for the vital role she has played in the many advances in the Hesburgh Libraries over the past 13 years," Provost Tom Burish said in a University press release. "She has provided the leadership and made the strategic decisions that have enabled the Libraries to experience substantial growth and improvement."

Younger, who has held the position since 1997, was praised by Burish for advancing access to electronic materials, renovating the lower level of the Hesburgh Library and expanding the University's collections.

"Since 1997, it has been my great pleasure to have led the Hesburgh Libraries in a period of sustained growth and success, made possible by expanded University support and the achievements of an outstanding library facul-

ty and staff," Younger said in a press release. "We have been inspired by the extraordinary vision of [University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh] 40 years ago in building a great library for Notre Dame."

Younger's vocational change comes on the heels of a petition for Library reform that garnered 1,200 student signatures during the fall semester. The petition, which was organized by graduate student David Morris, called for an increase in the number of collections and the Library faculty, as well as the renovation of the entire building.

"It provides a fresh start, allowing us to find a scholar-librarian who will fully support our mission and who will implement the strategic plan for the Library that is being drawn up by the Provost's Office," Morris said of the University's search for a new Library director.

Younger will take a new position in the CRRA, where she has represented Notre Dame. The CRRA is a collaborative effort between 11 member schools to help increased partnership and share electronic resources.

"I am very pleased to continue my involvement in this collaborative initiative to share resources with scholars in all fields interested in the Catholic experience," Younger said in the press release. "As a founding mem-

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NDSP reports pair of sexual assaults

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) is investigating an assault reported early Sunday morning, according to an e-mail sent to the student body Tuesday.

The e-mail said a student was walking near the area of Pasquerilla West, Pasquerilla East, Knott and Siegfried Halls when the suspect approached her from behind and pushed her against the tree. The victim said the suspect attempted to kiss her, but she broke free and returned to her dorm.

The suspect was described as

a male wearing a gray sweatshirt with the hood pulled over his head and face and blue jeans. He was estimated to be about 6-foot-1 and 6-foot-5, the e-mail said.

NDSP is also looking into a sexual assault that occurred in December, when a student reported being forcibly fondled by another student, the e-mail said.

NDSP was recently made aware of the matter, which was not directly reported to NDSP. Anyone with information is asked to contact NDSP investigations section at 574-631-5555.

Triathlon Club sparks interest

By KRISTIN DURBIN
News Writer

Although its founders encountered a few obstacles throughout the club approval process, the Notre Dame Triathlon Club had a good year, said junior Karl Kingery, co-president of the newly formed club.

Kingery, an experienced triathlete, and junior Brian Sheridan, co-president of the club, came up with the idea of creating a group dedicated to training for triathlons last year.

"Brian approached me with the idea because he knew I had done triathlons in the past," Kingery said. "I

thought it was a great idea, so we went through all the hoops with the Student Activities Office and got it working."

During the process of gaining approval for the club, Kingery and Sheridan enlisted junior Kyle Nickodem to fill the position of club secretary.

After garnering a sizable amount of student interest at Activities Night in the fall, the club officers said they were enthusiastic about the club's first year.

"About 130 people signed up at Activities Night, and a lot of people showed up at the first meeting, too," Kingery said. "I think some people were turned off to the

club because we can't actually compete for Notre Dame."

Kingery said he hopes the club can become a member of the Collegiate U.S. Association of Triathlons (CUSAT) within the next two or three years, which would allow club members to officially compete as a team in triathlons.

"RecSports requires that clubs be at tier three to compete against other schools," Kingery said. "Since we're not at tier three yet, we have to wait a few years before we can compete."

Despite its current non-competitive status, the Triathlon club holds four

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INSIDE COLUMN

Bracket business

More than 4.7 million brackets were submitted on ESPN's online March Madness Bracket Challenge, none of which are still perfect as the Sweet 16 field rounded out on Sunday night.

At the top of the leader board, a man who I am quite convinced, more than likely, did not sit down and watch a single game of college basketball this entire season, is J. Lorenz, or jlrnz5. His ESPN profile wall is full of congratulatory comments from



Molly Sammon

Sports Production Editor

people he has never met, offering plenty of praise, plenty of jealous remarks and a handful of comments that referred to him as God. Congratulations, J. Lorenz. Congratulations at being one of the following: really good at coin flipping, or really uninformed about men's college basketball.

I knew, and I assume many Notre Dame students knew as well, that it was going to be a long month of March as soon as Carleton Scott's 3-point attempt at the buzzer was unsuccessful in the loss to Old Dominion.

There is one person on record who has a perfect bracket so far: 17-year-old Alex Hermann, a high school senior from south Chicago who has been studying all season long and memorizing plenty of statistics so he could correctly predict the first two rounds. Hermann is autistic with high performance levels in mathematics and memory. At the halfway point in the tournament, he's well on his way to the one in one trillion chance that he successfully formed a perfect bracket.

He was not fooled by the Kansas Jayhawks confidence. He did not listen to all of the reporters who claimed the Big East would be taking over the tournament, and he saw talent in Cornell, even though everyone knows not to count on the Ivy League in college basketball.

Who did he award the coveted championship to? The Purdue Boilermakers, of course. A few weeks ago, I would have thought he could not have been more off, but after judging how the last two rounds went, I am reluctant to say that was a bad call on Hermann's part. With Robbie Hummel injured and an overtime nail-biter to get them to the Sweet 16, the Boilers have a tough road ahead of them if they wish to still be playing in April.

Aside from successfully selecting each winner thus far, Hermann has also accomplished something else I would never have guessed anyone could do. For my entire life, I've been a Notre Dame fan in Purdue territory, fiercely cheering against the Boilers.

For the first time in my entire life, I'm pulling for the Boilermakers.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Sammon at msammon@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE WEIRDEST INJURY YOU'VE EVER HAD?



Priscilla Nyankson

freshman Ryan

"I dislocated my shoulder while arm wrestling."



Bobby Reichle

freshman Keenan

"I cut my knee open and didn't realize it until I was almost up Devil's Tower."



Nick Genty

sophomore Duncan

"I dislocated and broke my shoulder at the same time."



Chris Samuelson

freshman O'Neill

"I fractured my left hand by getting into a car accident by running over a refrigerator."



Katie Ritter

freshman McGlenn

"Osteitis Pubis. You don't even want to know what that is."

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



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Junior forward Devereaux Peters, front left, and senior center Erica Williamson, front right, lead Notre Dame's celebration after the Irish beat Vermont in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Tuesday night at the Purcell Pavilion. The team will next head to Kansas City and the Women's NCAA Sweet 16.

OFFBEAT

Study shows food in the Last Supper grew over time

Has even the Last Supper been supersized?

The food in famous paintings of the meal has grown by biblical proportions over the last millennium, researchers report in a medical journal Tuesday.

Using a computer, they compared the size of the food to the size of the heads in 52 paintings of Jesus Christ and his disciples at their final meal before his death.

If art imitates life, we're in trouble, the researchers conclude. The size of the main dish grew 69 percent; the size of the plate, 66 percent,

and the bread, 23 percent, between the years 1000 and 2000.

Supersizing is considered a modern phenomenon, but "what we see recently may be just a more noticeable part of a very long trend," said Brian Wansink, a food behavior scientist at Cornell University.

Former inmate gets 15 years for trying to break into jail

VIERA, Fla. — A Florida man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for violating his probation by trying to break into the Brevard County jail.

A judge sentenced 25-

year-old Sylvester Jiles of Cocoa on Monday. He was convicted in January of trespassing on jail property and resisting an officer.

Authorities say Jiles tried to climb a 12-foot fence at the Brevard County Detention Center in August. He was caught and hospitalized with severe cuts from the barbed wire. He had been released a week earlier after accepting a plea deal on a manslaughter charge. "ty theft," NYPD Deputy Commissioner Paul Browne told The Associated Press on Friday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Shakespeare at Notre Dame will present "Galileo" tonight at 8 p.m. at the Philbin Studio Theater in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is open to the public, and tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for faculty, staff and seniors and \$5 for all students.

Penelope Crawford, a guest fortepianist, will be in concert on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Chorale Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The event is open to the public, and tickets are \$13 for general admission, \$10 for faculty, staff and seniors and \$5 for students.

The Hawai'i Club will host a Hawaiian Luau on Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Stepan Center. The event is open to the public, and tickets are on sale at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office.

A lecture, "Ancient Slavery and 19th-Century Abolition," will be held Thursday at 5 p.m., location to be determined. The event is free and sponsored by the Ph.D. in Literature Program.

John Mackey, the Chairman and CEO of Whole Foods Market, will speak as a part of the "Ten Years Hence Speaker Series," on Friday from 10:40 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in Mendoza College of Business. The event is free and open to the public.

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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Physics professor participates in Hubble Telescope project

By JILL STINCHCOMB
News Writer

Physics Professor Peter Garnavich is part of the largest Hubble Telescope project undertaken to date, allowing him to examine distant galaxies and far-away supernovae.

The telescope allows astronomers to gather data about galaxy evolution and cosmology as it can discern light that has traveled for bil-

lions of years across the universe.

"This is a huge project by NASA to get the maximum information possible since the Hubble was repaired last May," Garnavich said.

He said the telescope repairs improved the infrared camera on the Hubble telescope, giving it a larger viewing field as well as better camera quality. This allows the camera to see much further than it previously could.

The project will look at more than 250,000 distant galaxies.

Garnavich said the project will maximize time on the telescope by looking at the sky above the ecliptic poles, ensuring neither the sun nor the earth interferes or blocks the sky during the allotted time.

The application for time on the Hubble telescope is very competitive, Garnavich said.

"Only one in every 10 proposals are accepted," he said.

The more orbits a proposal requires, the less likely it is to be accepted, he said. Any project requiring more than 100 orbits is much less likely to be accepted.

Even though the group requested 902 orbits, its proposal was approved because the project is a part of the Multi Cycle Treasury program, spreading the project over multiple years.

The length of the project is also significant because it will look at pictures from the

same spot in the earth's orbit from year to year and compare differences.

The team will look for several significant changes, including supernovae and the accretion of mass into the black holes at the center of galaxies.

"With this project, we will be looking at the most distant supernovae and galaxies ever seen," Garnavich said.

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Lecture discusses 'occasions of grace'

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

With some Catholics in a state of "disenchantment and disillusionment," scholar Colleen Mary Mallon said Catholicism is currently at a crossroads.

Mallon spoke to members of the Saint Mary's College community Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall. Mallon is assistant professor of Theology at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

Her lecture, "Near Occasions of Grace: The Gift and Task of Thinking Catholic," discussed several components of Catholicism including Catholic theological tradition as well as intellectual distinction.

In order to remain faithful in this time of uncertainty, Mallon said Catholics must live responsibly and creatively.

"The life of the mind is a place where grace happens and that the wholeness of grace, the gift of God's own life for nothing but love comes to us as an integral, embodied and critical intelligence," she said. "That is, the livingness of divine love is a gift that animates our choices even as these choices are fully our own, our path."

According to Mallon, beliefs can be seen through actions.

Actions, she said, allow one to understand more deeply what it is he or she believes.

"If you want to know what I really think and believe, watch what I do," Mallon said.

Mallon relayed an account she once had with a student who had recently lost some friends in a terrorist attack in her homeland of Iraq. Mallon said although this student was struggling, she was able to come to an understanding of the situation because of grace.

"I watched how the act of struggling to make meaning is a holy practice, where grace meets us and helps us to stretch to limits we cannot obtain without the accompaniment of the sacred spirit of God," Mallon said.

Mallon also discussed globalization and its effect on the Catholic faith. She spoke about four theological global flows attached to globalization. These flows are the theology of liberation, feminism, ecology and human rights.

"The sinking of these global theological flows through the local water table into the roots of our social lives has met with both reception and resistance," she said. "While some have experienced these ... as rivers in dry land, others have experienced these as contaminated waters."

During her lecture, Mallon asked the audience to participate in a discussion. She told the audience to consider two groups of scientists. The first group gathers around a telescope and is scanning the night sky, searching for something. The second group is gathered around a crater. She asked the audience to discuss which of the groups of scientists were more like Christians.

After a short discussion, she explained that the group of scientists that best approaches the Christian search for God was the group who was studying the crater.

"Christian faith does not primarily concern the human search for God but is ultimately a human answer to God in search of human beings," she said.

Mallon said Catholics have an important task that must be faced.

"This is our task: The work of bringing what we say and believe as Roman Catholics into congruency and alignment with how we actually behave," Mallon said.

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Border Angels founder draws large audience

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

A large crowd gathered to hear Enrique Morones, activist and founder of the non-profit organization Border Angels, examine human rights Tuesday at Vander Venet Theatre at Saint Mary's.

Morones discussed immigration reform and legal options for future immigrant workers. He looked at border control in the United States and talked about the history of Border Angels, a non-profit organization that supports humane treatment of immigrants and Operation Gate Keeper, a border security operation established in 1994.

"Operation Gate Keeper built a wall between the United States and Mexico, and that wall has led to the death of thousands of people," Morones said. "There have been 10,000 people who have died since Operation Gate Keeper."

Border Angels was founded in 1986. The organization consists of volunteers who seek to stop unnecessary deaths of individuals traveling through areas located near the United States and Mexican border.

Morones told stories of people who tried to cross the border but were unsuccessful because of this wall and other conditions. He said we do not hear about these deaths in the media.

"We can all name who replaced Paula Abdul on American Idol and

who won the gold medal and who won the Academy Award, but none of you can name any of these people who have died," Morones said.

A high percentage of deaths resulted from extreme heat and cold weather conditions, Morones said. Some were also due to racial discrimination crimes, he said.

Morones discussed the Minutemen, a group of citizens who see themselves as protecting this country from illegal immigration, but Morones said they are a racist group that has committed

hate crimes for years.

"Racist groups are very dangerous and these people have taken an issue with immigration. It is troubling," Morones said.

Border Angels has worked hard to stop the hate crimes committed by the Minutemen and other racist groups, Morones said.

"When the Minutemen came to California in July of 2005, we planned actions against them to shut them down and we were successful," Morones said. "We try to be an example with Border Angels."

Morones said he believes the United States needs immigration reform in order to provide more legal options for future immigrants.

"If you are passionate about an issue, you need to do something about it. Ordinary people can do amazing things," Morones said. "I would like the wall to come down, and it will come down in my lifetime. We want a pathway to legalization."

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Council approves new Student Union Board

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the four resolutions passed in the March 18 Student Senate meeting and approved new Student Union Board leaders at its meeting Tuesday night.

The resolutions passed by Senate include a nomination of two student representatives to the Rector Approval Committee for Residence Halls and resolutions regarding diversity on campus, non-monetary aid to Haiti and seating arrangements for students at home football games.

Student body president Grant Schmidt highlighted the resolution involving diversity on campus. The resolution called for an examination of resources given to Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS).

"We want more resources given to MSPS so that it can better fulfill its mission," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said the issue is important because many individuals often find the support given to minority students on campus "frustrating."

Schmidt said Senate had another "very important request" for the University that involved the ongoing crisis in Haiti.

Student government chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin said Senate proposed options for providing alternative versions of aid to Haiti, in addition to sending money.

"We're looking at potentially enrolling some displaced Haiti college students here at Notre Dame in fall 2010," Brellenthin said.

Schmidt also discussed the addition of five new leaders to the Student Union Board (SUB).

Sophomore Norbert Hootsmans and junior Marie Wicht were both unanimously approved by COR to serve as co-directors of programming for SUB.

"I really want to incorporate SUB with other parts of the University," Hootsmans said. "This collaboration will help because every year we look at what isn't here and we create new events."

"SUB helps people to grow in community and not just as students," Wicht said. "I want to make SUB more appealing and more accessible for the student body."

Juniors Mackenzie Keller, Patrick Sturm and Patrick Berry were also approved by COR for director of publicity, director of finance and director of operations for SUB, respectively.

Schmidt then discussed the potential student government involvement in a baseball game between the South Bend SilverHawks and the Notre Dame baseball team, which will take place at Stanley Coveleski Memorial Stadium April 5.

"For the last three years, our Notre Dame team has played the South Bend minor league team and I want to know how COR thinks we can support this," Schmidt said.

In response, members decided student government will purchase about 200 tickets to give away to students and provide a shuttle bus to the stadium. The tickets will be provided on a first-come-first-serve basis. For students who do not receive a ticket from student government, tickets can be purchased at the stadium for \$4.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Police sent to control drug traffickers

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Jet planes loaded with 450 federal police officers arrived in this city, known as Mexico's murder capital, on Tuesday to bolster a federal force struggling to control violent drug traffickers.

The law-enforcement surge boosts the number of federal agents in Ciudad Juarez to 3,500 and comes on the same day U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and top-level security officials met with Mexico's leaders and pledged to help tackle the problem.

More than 2,600 people were killed last year in Ciudad Juarez, a city of 1.3 million across the border from El Paso, Texas. At least 500 people have died this year.

Britain to launch space agency

LONDON — Britain's first space agency will begin operating next month in an effort to coordinate U.K. space activities while raising the country's profile in the global space economy, officials said Tuesday.

With an initial operating budget of 230 million pounds (\$346 million) — modest compared with NASA's yearly \$19 billion — the government said the new UK Space Agency would nevertheless create tens of thousands of jobs while developing a recession-defying industry that up to now has received little attention.

The country's 6 billion pound (\$9 billion) space industry "is one of Britain's real success stories," Business Secretary Peter Mandelson said. "Year-on-year it provides more jobs both directly and indirectly to the U.K. work force."

NATIONAL NEWS

Miss. judge won't force school prom

JACKSON — A Mississippi school district violated a lesbian student's rights by banning her from bringing her girlfriend to the prom, a federal judge ruled Tuesday, but he stopped short of forcing the district to hold the event.

U.S. District Judge Glen H. Davidson denied an American Civil Liberties Union request for a preliminary injunction that would have forced the Itawamba County school district to sponsor the April 2 prom and allow Constance McMillen to escort her girlfriend and wear a tuxedo.

Davidson did say he will hold a trial on the issue later, but he did not set a date and any ruling would likely come too late to force the district to hold the prom when it was originally scheduled.

Davidson's order says the district violated McMillen's constitutional rights by denying her request to bring her girlfriend and wear a tuxedo, and ACLU Mississippi legal director Kristy Bennett called that a victory.

Tattoo indicates possible hate crime

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. — A teenager accused of murder in the hate crime stabbing of an Ecuadorean immigrant had tattoos depicting a swastika and a symbol he said represented "white power," witnesses testified Tuesday.

The defendant, Jeffrey Conroy, was watching the HBO prison drama "Oz" in April 2008 when he decided it would be cool to get tattoos, said Keith Brunjes, who described himself as Conroy's best friend. Over the course of several weeks, Brunjes applied a star tattoo to one of Conroy's arms, a lightning bolt on the other arm and the swastika on the outside of his upper right thigh.

LOCAL NEWS

Search continues for Purdue student

FISHERS, Ind. — Police used helicopters and divers in searching a suburban Indianapolis area for a missing 19-year-old Purdue University freshman.

Fishers police say the last cell phone activity from Patrick Trainor of Indianapolis occurred about 1:30 a.m. Sunday near Geist Reservoir after he left a home nearby.

Divers on Tuesday searched a retention pond while an Indiana State Police helicopter searched remote areas around the reservoir, but found no sign of him.

White House responds to suits

Multiple state attorney generals allege health care overhaul is unconstitutional

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The White House says it isn't worried that 13 state attorneys general are suing to overturn the massive health care overhaul, and many legal experts agree the effort is futile.

But the lawsuit, filed in federal court seven minutes after President Barack Obama signed the 10-year, \$938 billion health care bill, underscores the divisiveness of the issue and the political rancor that has surrounded it.

Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum led the effort to file the suit that claims Congress doesn't have the constitutional right to force people to get health coverage. It also says the federal government is violating the Constitution by forcing a mandate on the states without providing resources to pay for it.

"To that I say, 'Bring it on,'" said White House domestic policy chief Melody Barnes, who cited similar suits filed over Social Security and the Voting Rights Act when those were passed. "If you want to look in the face of a parent whose child now has health care insurance and say we're repealing that ... go right ahead."

McCollum, a Republican running for governor, has been talking about suing to overturn the bill since December. This month he invited other attorneys general to join him. So far South Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, Michigan, Utah, Pennsylvania, Alabama, South Dakota, Idaho, Washington, Colorado and Louisiana have agreed.

All the attorneys general are Republican except James "Buddy" Caldwell of Louisiana, a Democrat, who said he signed on because Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal asked him to and he felt the effort had merit.

The lawsuit, filed in Pensacola, asks a judge to declare the bill unconstitutional because "the Constitution nowhere author-



Idaho Gov. C.L. Otter speaks to reporters Tuesday at his Boise office regarding the state's decision to sue the federal government over health care reform legislation. AP

izes the United States to mandate, either directly or under threat of penalty, that all citizens and legal residents have qualifying health care coverage."

Robert Sedler, a constitutional law professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, said the effort isn't going anywhere.

"This is pure, pure political posturing and they have to know it," he said.

But South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley disputed that characterization, saying his state will have to cut education and other programs to make up for increased Medicaid costs under the overhaul.

"This isn't about attorneys general trying to break into the realm of telling what needs to happen with health

care reform," he said. "This is attorneys general saying you went too far with unfunded federal mandates. You exceeded your power under the Constitution."

Not so, said Bruce Jacob, a constitutional law professor at Stetson University in Florida, who said the suit seems like a political ploy and is unlikely to succeed.

"The federal government certainly can compel people to pay taxes, can compel people to join the Army," he said.

Some states are considering separate lawsuits — Virginia filed its own Tuesday — and others, including Missouri, may join the multi-state suit. Still others are looking at other ways to avoid participating, like passing legislation to block requirements in the bill.

McCollum predicted his suit would eventually end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The health care bill "is not lawful," he said. "It may have passed Congress, but there are three branches of government."

The lawsuit claims the health care bill violates the 10th Amendment, which says the federal government has no authority beyond the powers granted to it under the Constitution, by forcing the states to carry out its provisions but not reimbursing them for the costs.

Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire, a Democrat, said she strongly disagrees with Attorney General Rob McKenna's decision to sue, calling the lawsuit an effort to "gut the bill."

CHINA

Government thwarts censorship detour

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google's attempted detour around China's Internet censorship rules was met with countermeasures Tuesday by the communist government, which blocked people on the mainland from seeing search results dealing with such forbidden topics as the pro-democracy movement.

China's maneuver, as well as its public rebuke of Google's decision to stop censoring searches for the government, rattled some of the company's investors, advertisers and users.

The chief concern is whether Google poisoned its business in one of

the world's most promising Internet markets. One analyst critical of Google's move predicted the maneuver will cause the company's stock to fall by as much as \$50 — or about 10 percent — in the coming weeks.

The stock fell \$8.50, or 1.5 percent, to \$549 Tuesday.

Last month, Google said it no longer felt comfortable complying with the country's demands that it censor Web content deemed objectionable by the communist rulers. On Monday, Google began sending Web searchers in mainland China from the China-based Google.cn to Google.com.hk, based in Hong Kong. The former British colony has an open Internet, and Google is

not legally required to censor results there.

But that end-run doesn't prevent China's government from using its Internet filters — known as the Great Firewall — to block some search results and Web sites from being seen in the mainland.

On Tuesday, a search request from within mainland China about the 1989 Tiananmen democracy protests returned a notice that the "page cannot be displayed." It also caused the Web browser to disconnect for several seconds. Under the old google.cn, a similar query usually returned a list of sanitized sites about Tiananmen Square.

Club

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one-hour practices a week, with each practice focusing on a different triathlon event. Each club officer also unofficially leads a different aspect of practice based on their athletic specialties.

"I lead the swim practices because I swam here freshman year," Kingery said. "Brian and Kyle are big runners, so they lead those practices."

Kingery also said the current treasurer, freshman Tyler Saucedo, specializes in virtually everything involved in the club's practices.

Kingery said the club has attracted students from vastly different skill levels, from students who have never done a triathlon to people who have completed Ironman equivalent competitions.

Saucedo said he agreed, and said anyone who is

interested in triathlons to find out more about the club.

"If people are trying to get in shape for summer triathlons, join the club," Saucedo said. "If you haven't done one or are just interested, come to practices, too."

In addition to functioning as a triathlon-training group, the club members participate in the biathlon held each fall on campus and hope to host a biathlon on campus next spring, providing SAO approves the club's budget, said Kingery. The club is

currently selling shirts for \$15 as a fundraiser for the group.

Kingery said he hopes to find a triathlon for students to compete in individually sometime in April.

"Our main goal is competing, even if it is hard to find triathlons happening now," Kingery said. "But I have high hopes for next year."

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Karl Kingery
Triathlon Club president

Moya

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lives."

Moya was in Washington for President Barack Obama's inauguration last January and even spoke at a ball the night before. He and his fellow officers spent their days in the nation's capital in meetings with officials including the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the secretary of the United States Department of Education.

"It wasn't just a handshake and go," Moya said. "How else would a 21-year-old walk in to the U.S. Department of Education and carry on an hour-long meeting?"

The mission of the National FFA is to provide leadership opportunities to students. Moya frequently delivered motivational speeches at student conferences across the nation.

"Throughout the year, we had to go through a huge amount of training to deliver those speeches," he said. "We had motivational speakers and business leaders teach us how to deliver an effective speech."

Moya said there were times when he would realize the pressures of his position.

"There were times when I was about to give a 25 minute address to 20,000 students that I would need to be pinched," he said. "There was an incredible amount of pressure but there was also incredible opportunity to inspire the next generation of leaders."

Moya said the responsibility he felt to these students is what motivated him on a daily basis.

"I kept going knowing that everyday was an opportunity to impact the world a little bit," he said.

All of Moya's training paid off. In addition to continuing his speaking endeavors, he was invited to and spoke at leadership conference for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation last year.

After retiring from his position as national president in October, Moya said returning to student life at Notre Dame in January was slightly surreal.

"It's definitely interesting to be in one place for more than

three days at a time," Moya said. "I'm a business major and doing all these things in the business world this past year has added more relevance to the classroom."

Moya is pursuing a degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business and plans to graduate in 2012. Until then, he said he has no plans to leave Notre Dame for extended periods of time, except when he has motivational speaking engagements.

"I'm taking a step back from the corporate side and am going to do more service oriented projects," he said. "I feel blessed. I want to go serve in communities that really need it."

Overall, Moya said his year as national president was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, which changed the way he views the world.

"This past year has been a whirlwind in so many ways and I transformed so much," Moya said. "I grew more in one year than I have grown in the last five."

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ber of the CRRA, Notre Dame has played a key role in creating global access to the vast array of materials held by Catholic institutions in North America."

CRRA board member

Artemis Kirk, who is the university librarian at Georgetown, said the CRRA was fortunate. Younger would be able to devote more of her time to the organization.

"Jennifer has been the driving force behind the creation of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance, and all of its members are indebted to

her for her leadership," Kirk said. "We're delighted that she can devote even more of her energy and expertise to strengthening the alliance, and we appreciate Notre Dame's commitment in understanding the importance of the CRRA."

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NASDAQ	2,415.24	+19.84	
NYSE	7,478.76	+59.74	
S&P 500	1,174.17	+8.36	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10,774.15	0.00	
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Companys			
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Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.46	+0.17	3.68
13-WEEK BILL	-7.14	-0.10	0.13
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Dow reaches two-week high

Even after lackluster reports on housing market, stocks continue to rise

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors are starting to believe that the stock market is on the verge of another big rally.

The Dow Jones industrials rose almost 103 points Tuesday, their biggest gain in more than two weeks. The day's economic news was tepid as the National Association of Realtors reported a drop in homes sales last month that wasn't as steep as forecast. But analysts said many investors, after seeing the Dow at new highs for 2010, were afraid of missing out on further gains.

The report on housing was typical of recent economic numbers that have been somewhat better than expected but that still point to a weak economy. Sales of previously occupied homes fell 0.6 percent last month to an annual rate of 5.02 million. The drop was less than expected.

For now, the sales numbers aren't hurting hopes that the economy can recover even if the housing market is still sluggish. The Commerce Department is expected to report new home sales for February on Wednesday. A month ago, investors shrugged off an 11.2 percent drop in that reading.

The market's continuing advance has been welcome but analysts are divided over whether stocks have run too far or if they have more to gain because of improvements in the economy. The recent gains have been mild in contrast to those of 2010 when triple-digit gains in the Dow were frequent as the index soared higher from a 12-year low.

Even many traders who have doubts about how solid the advance is, expect it to continue until something pops the optimistic mood.

"You can't deny the trend. Definitely the trend is higher," said Doreen Mogavero, president of



Michael Pistillo, left, of Barclays Capital shouts quotes to Joel Lucchese of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company Inc. on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday.

brokerage Mogavero, Lee & Co. in New York. She said investors are optimistic about the health of corporate earnings for the January-March quarter.

"Things seem to be moving along in the right direction. So to that end I think people are feeling better."

But Mogavero is cautious because the advance has come on light trading volume, which signals that not many investors are willing to put money into the market.

The Dow rose 102.94, or 1 percent, to 10,888.83, its biggest point and percentage gain since March 5. The Dow has risen 10 of the past 11 days and is at its highest level since Sept. 26, 2008. It has risen 147

points, or 1.4 percent, in two days.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.36, or 0.7 percent, to 1,174.17. It also stands at an 18-month high.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 19.84, or 0.8 percent, to 2,415.24, a 19-month high.

The rise in stocks sent bond prices lower and yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.69 percent from 3.66 percent late Monday.

The dollar rose against most other major currencies. Gold rose.

Crude oil rose 31 cents to \$81.91 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Stocks rose Monday after

House lawmakers on Sunday approved a health care overhaul bill that will extend health insurance to 32 million Americans. Drug and hospital companies rose in part because of the prospect of increased demand.

Joe Saluzzi, co-head of equity trading at Themis Trading LLC, said the market has continued higher because traders are placing short-term bets, not because they believe stock prices are too low. That makes the advance difficult to justify, he said.

"Look at the daily charts. They just grind higher. We call it the sausage factory. At the end of the day it tastes great but nobody knows how it's made," Saluzzi said.

IN BRIEF

Bailed-out execs to face pay cuts

WASHINGTON — The top earners at five big companies still living on federal bailout money will take a 15 percent pay cut this year, the Obama administration's pay czar says — yet many will still make millions.

Kenneth Feinberg also said cash salaries would be capped at \$500,000 this year for the vast majority of the top executives at the five companies. Any further compensation has to be in stock.

Still, he said, 69 of the 119 executives covered by the restrictions will take home pay packages worth more than \$1 million.

The announcements Tuesday were the administration's latest effort to deal with outrage over lucrative pay provided to executives of bailed-out companies while the public struggles with stagnant wages and high unemployment.

Taxpayers can still expect to lose tens of billions on the rescues of the five companies: American International Group, GMAC Financial Services, Chrysler Financial, Chrysler and General Motors.

Feinberg said his review refuted companies' complaints that pay restrictions would drive away top talent. Inside the five companies, 84 percent of the top executives covered by last year's pay limits have stayed put, he said.

"These statistics undercut the argument that if you don't pay more, people will leave," Feinberg said. "They are not leaving."

Interest rates rise in bond market

NEW YORK — Interest rates rose in the bond market Tuesday following lackluster demand at a government auction of two-year notes.

The weak showing for the \$44 billion sale is raising concerns that demand will falter for government debt. That would hurt prices and drive up yields, which move in opposite directions.

If fewer investors seek Treasuries, the government will be forced to pay higher interest rates to attract buyers. Most recent auctions have been strong, however.

The auction's bid-to-cover ratio, which is a measure of demand, was 3 percent. That was below the 3.33 seen at an auction last month and the 3.13 ratio at an auction in January.

The yield on the two-year note that matures in February 2012 rose to 0.99 percent in late trading from 0.98 percent Monday. Its price fell less than 1/32 to 99 25/32.

Court lifts media ownership restrictions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal court has at least temporarily lifted government rules that blocked media companies from owning a newspaper and a broadcast TV station in the same market.

The decision Tuesday by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit lifts the Federal Communications Commission's "cross-ownership" ban.

That restriction had remained in effect under a stay issued by the court in 2003 as it has tried to sort out legal challenges to attempts by two previous FCC chairmen, Republicans Michael Powell and Kevin Martin, to relax the rules.

The decision comes as the current FCC, now under Democratic control,

gears up for its next congressionally mandated review of its media ownership rules. Those rules, which the agency must review every four years, include the cross-ownership ban and limits on the number of television and radio stations that one company can own in a market.

In the meantime, some media companies already own newspapers and television stations in the same market because they were grandfathered in when the rules were first put into place in 1974.

The current court case began when Powell tried to lift the cross-ownership ban in large media markets and raise the caps on TV and radio station ownership. That effort drew legal challenges from public interest groups that

said he had gone too far and from media companies that said he had not gone far enough.

The Third Circuit sent the matter back to FCC, telling it to rewrite the rules. And that led Powell's successor, Martin, to try to ease the cross-ownership ban in big media markets — drawing more legal challenges from both sides.

The court, however, held off on deciding those cases because the agency had said it wanted to reconsider Martin's actions. Yet the FCC has made no progress on that front and has instead punted the issue to the upcoming review of the media ownership rules. Tuesday's court decision allows Martin's relaxed rules on media ownership to take effect.

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Scholarship on sexual orientation

At the recent "Beyond Fruits and Vegetables" forum, students complained that Notre Dame's professors teach almost nothing about sexual orientation.

We agree. We think it's time for the faculty — in their capacity as experts and educators — to join Notre Dame's ongoing conversation about LGBTQ issues. Student government and the Office of Student Affairs — especially Core Council and the Gender Relations Center — are already doing great things in these areas. Why should Notre Dame's professors lag behind?

Informed political and ethical judgments require solid and up-to-date knowledge. Professors are the best possible sources about cutting edge academic research — in this, as in other areas. In fact, isn't that why universities employ professors in the first place?

That's where this column comes in. For the rest of this semester, a different Notre Dame professor each week will write a column about sexual orientation using the most up-to-date research in her or his discipline. Each column will provide an entertaining but up-to-date introduction to one important area of scholarship.

These columns will not be venues for professors to air their personal opinions about politics, ethics or anything else! Rather, columnists will write as professional experts about the scholarship on sexuality and sexual identity in their own disciplines.

As a taste of what's to come, here are some topics currently being researched in the humanities and social sciences.

Anthropology: Anthropologists are working on ethnographies of gender identity and development across cultures, the role and status of homosexuality in modern times, the historical and the archeological records and a broader understanding of the ways in which humans express their sexuality. Recently anthropologists are interfacing with physiological and neurological studies in creating transdisciplinary approaches to under-

standing human sexual behavior and identity.

Film Studies: This discipline:

- ◆ looks at the work of GLBT filmmakers and at representations of GLBT people;
- ◆ considers GLBT reception of films;
- ◆ analyzes the queerness of dominant culture and dominant reception;

Rather than a marginal area of study, queer studies is a methodology and approach that film scholars bring to bear on a wide range of film practices.

History: Historians research the lives, identities and attitudes towards LGBTQ people, from ancient Greece and Rome through the 20th century, in Europe, the Americas, Australia, Asia and Africa. The behavior, gender identities or sexual orientations we now label "bisexual, lesbian, gay, transgender or intersex" have existed throughout time, and in nearly all societies. Yet, scholars continually discover how variable attitudes towards same-sex loves and transgender identities have been, from outright encouragement to fierce suppression. Nor have these attitudes or practices necessarily "liberalized" as societies grew more "modern."

Political Science: Topics from the social science branch include:

- ◆ Attitudes toward gay people and gay rights;
- ◆ Attitudes, actions, and impact of GLBT individuals — as citizens, voters, candidates, office-holders;
- ◆ Legislative or judicial policy-making on gay rights;
- ◆ LGBT political movements, interest groups, communities;
- ◆ Intersectionality (the related impact of race, sex and sexual orientation on attitudes, voters, politicians);
- ◆ The so-called "culture wars."

As usual in political science, most research considers gays and gay rights not only as important topics with unique dynamics, but also as cases. E.g., scholars analyze the gay rights movement as one example of a political movement, applying and testing the same theories about origination and impact used to analyze other political movements.

Psychology: Current research on LGBT-

related issues ranges from neuroscience to clinical. Some examples:

- ◆ The genetic basis for non-straight sexual orientations;
- ◆ Brain differences in people of different sexual orientations and gender identities;
- ◆ Same-sex sexual and pair-bonding behavior in other animal species;
- ◆ How factors from homophobia to extended family affect children with gay or lesbian parents;
- ◆ Gay and lesbian teenagers;
- ◆ How to help gay and lesbian couples improve their relationships.

Sociologists study sex in relation to society, including:

- ◆ How sexual orientations are understood in Western as well as non-Western cultures;
- ◆ The relationships between gender and sexuality;
- ◆ Social influences on the development of sexual identities;
- ◆ Gay men and lesbians in families;
- ◆ The political dynamics of organizing gay rights movements around the world, including how these movements influence public opinion, policy, society, culture, and the construction of gay identity.

Spanish Film and Literature: Current scholarship analyzes the place of homosexuality in Spain, particularly since General Francisco Franco's fascist regime fell in 1975. Some of the most innovative work focuses on authors and film directors like Garcia Lorca, Luis Cernuda and Pedro Almodóvar.

Do Notre Dame faculty specialize in all of these areas? Hardly. Should a Notre Dame education therefore omit the latest research on sexual orientation? We don't think so!

With thanks to the many faculty members who shared information about their disciplines.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A college degree is not a sign that one is a finished product but an indication a person is prepared for life."

Fr. Edward A. "Monk" Malloy
President Emeritus of Notre Dame

The party line

Last Sunday, historic health care legislation passed in the House of Representatives and was sent to President Obama's desk. As the final votes came in, the tally was a clearly partisan 219-213, without a single Republican voting for the bill. As a personal supporter of health care, I was elated at its imminent passage, but not without some sense of concern with the way it had to be codded through the Senate and House with partisan reconciliation and party line votes the only viable political conclusion for success. After all, Medicare and Social Security were both passed with at least some bi-partisan support and were much larger pieces of "social engineering" than the current bill represents.



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

The idea of reconciliation itself is not as troubling to me, as it provides substantive protection on crucial budgetary, deficit and debt issues from the filibuster, a procedure that has seen increased use by both parties over the last 20 years. In the same way that both parties have increased its obstructionist use of the filibuster, both parties have used the reconcilia-

tion for their own ends as well. Republicans, especially those decrying reconciliation as the "nuclear option" are especially motivated to play down their own use of reconciliation in passing tax cuts in both 2001 and 2003 that increased both the deficit and debt substantially.

What is concerning, however, is the way in which reconciliation had to be used for measures on a bill which by all means is quite moderate (the Blue-dogs took care of that), includes increases in payments to primary care physicians (a suggestion by Chuck Grassley, the Republican senator from Iowa) and, in its final form, looks very similar to the program which Mitt Romney passed in Massachusetts.

How is it that no serious effort was made early on by the Republican Party to meet half or even a quarter of the way in the debate on reform? How is it that bi-partisanship seemed to die so quickly under the weight of the media and special interests? There are at least three big pieces to this puzzle. First, the mentality of the senate and congress has shifted substantially in the last two decades. Sen. Evan Bayh, the Democrat from Indiana, in his open letter detailing his choice to retire at the end of this current term, spends a great deal of time discussing the newfound lack of congeniality in the Senate and between caucuses. At

one time, senators seemed to take themselves much more seriously as men who were working together to make America better through compromise than as men working at odds to keep the other party from destroying our country. With 24-hour media, increased transparency, and the Internet, it is difficult for Congressmen to ever take a break from their next attack, lest they look too friendly with the enemy in front of constituents.

Second, the gerrymandering of districts has created an environment where most Congressmen have little to fear from opposing party challengers. While there are certainly congressmen that have possibly sacrificed their own careers for the sake of passing the bill, this number is probably a minority of either party's total representatives. Politico only came up with about 20 representatives that were truly going to have to defend their yes votes, and all of them hail from marginally blue districts, or districts that are even historically conservative. How to draw these districts in a politically tenable manner may be a difficult, if not impossible question.

Finally, the importance of state primaries should be reexamined. Originally, they were intended to take the power of candidate selection from back rooms and party bosses. Now, however, they more or less guarantee

both political parties a spot in every single election, even districts where a much more vibrant and moderate election could come from two contenders from the same party. Currently, candidates are forced to push to the extremes to win the traditionally hardcore voters from their own party, and then push centrist again to appeal to voters at large. This creates an extreme option from both parties, rather than even one moderate from either party. If a single primary were used in each state to select two candidates for a runoff, representatives would not have to pass party purity tests to make a general election; they would merely need to appeal to their district's electorate at large.

The unintended consequences of this bill, for good or ill, will not appear for years down the road, but the lesson to be learned immediately is that congress simply does not cooperate in a way that seems viable for long term legislative success, and will not be truly effective as long as it continues to be party extremists from safe districts.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There is no excuse

Last week I witnessed firsthand the ignorance, bigotry, and cowardice that persists on this campus. My disappointing experience can be summarized as follows.

I was walking with a friend, who happens to be gay, to an off-campus location to enjoy ourselves on St. Patrick's Day. My friend was wearing a festive outfit which some might consider "flamboyant." A group of Notre Dame students approached us and as they passed, one of them muttered, "Faggot." Not one of his buddies spoke up against him. My friend tried not to show a reaction, but it soon became clear that this exchange had ruined his night. He opted to return back to his room rather than put himself in a situation where he could become a target of further disparagement.

In the two and a half years I have been at Notre Dame, not once have I witnessed such an overt display of hatred. It seemed to me that throughout the "non-discrimination clause" debate, the student body as a whole was largely accepting of the GLBTQ community. Each year this petition garners thousands of signatures, most of

which come from students. However, in speaking with my friend about this issue, I have realized that ignorant views permeate the minds of more students than I had realized.

While I still believe that the majority are not so bigoted as to use a pejorative term against a stranger based on his clothing, I know that many harbor homophobic sentiments which they often do not hide well. This prejudice is unacceptable.

Cliché as it sounds, peer pressure is one of the most effective agents of change for social mores. I urge the students here to make it a point in their daily lives to rise above discrimination.

Regardless of your beliefs on the morality of homosexual behavior, there is no excuse for discriminating against homosexuals as individuals. I hope that this campus can work toward this goal and learn to be welcoming to GLBTQ students. They have as much a right as anyone else to be here, and we need to treat them accordingly.

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 March 23

A plea to a mostly competent student body: True Reform

As a survivor of testicular cancer I feel that I have a unique perspective on the issue of health care reform. I was lucky enough to survive three rounds of chemo and two surgeries only to receive two titles. The first title, "the uni-baller" is a fun little ditty my friends like to pull out at parties. Obviously a winner and an overall crowd pleaser. (If you didn't laugh at my self-deprecation you either have no soul and/or are probably a ginger.) The second title, however, is much more serious. Seeing as I survived this tango with testicular cancer, I inherited the title of "pre-existing condition." Ironically, this title means that the same private insurance which helped save my life will help to make health care completely unaffordable to me as a private citizen, unless I receive it as compensation from an employer. As you can imagine this is a sobering reality which helps me to recognize the NEED for a reformed health care and health insurance system.

Now before you write me off as a communist, hell bent on destroying American capitalism, note that I openly admit that it was my parents' private insurance which helped save my life, and it was my parents' fiscal conservatism which allowed them to procure an excellent insurance plan. Also seeing as I am a staunch subscriber to the pragmatic benefits of capitalism, I can assure you that I don't want to throw money at the severely wounded, almost defunct, federal spending structure. Frankly, as an American taxpayer I am insulted by Congress' most

recent "reform" bill, which merely exacerbates the existing problem by not addressing the underlying cost drivers of the care delivery and incentive system.

My plea to you, as the leaders of tomorrow (trite phrasing, I know), is that you educate yourself not with the dogmatic seepage which spews so freely from the mouths of political hacks, but with information provided by the true experts who are largely ignored in this intellectually advanced endeavor. If you fail to understand the true problem, this great nation will accelerate down the dark hole of debt and despair, regardless of any proposed solution offered by partisan politicians. The impact of Congress' decisions is not limited to your Mommy or Daddy's bank account (or mine for that matter), but has a real, and lasting effect on people with illnesses and pre-existing conditions like myself. Until you grasp the reality of the situation and educate yourself to a sufficient level of competence, please refrain from insulting the millions of Americans who have to live with my same fears by publically and vociferously uttering your callous and ignorant opinions of the vastly complex health care delivery system.

Aidan Fitzgerald
 senior
 off-campus
 March 23

A sedentary complaint

As I sit in O'Shaughnessy Hall for class I have to wonder who committed this atrocity. What atrocity you ask?

Well my friends, it is the incredibly small size and comfort level of these desks. I had these same desks in elementary school and last time I checked I am not still 4-foot-8 inches and studying basic arithmetic. This is a top notch university, why am I sitting in an elementary school desk? Some of the desks on campus are

great (i.e. the big rooms in DeBartolo, even some in the Pasquerilla Center), but the ones in O'Shag are just bad. I would like to cast a general vote of no confidence for whoever is responsible for this travesty.

Patrick McHugh
 senior
 off-campus
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SHE & HIM'S

Volume Two: *Simply Delightful*

By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

"Volume Two," the long awaited She & Him album, has finally arrived. Well, maybe not long awaited, but certainly highly anticipated. Since the group's debut album in 2008, the question has been whether or not the duo of Matt Ward and Zoey Deschanel would continue their musical partnership beyond one album. When the announcement of their new album hit the Internet, fans let out a sigh of relief. The first album left listeners pleasantly surprised and the second doesn't disappoint.

The album starts out with "Thieves." The song is about remaining somewhat depressed following a breakup. Deschanel wrote: "Sometimes lonely isn't sad." The lyrics are definitely interesting when placed next to the lyricist's own life. For quite a bit of time, she dated Ben Gibbard of Death Cab for Cutie before settling down and marrying the singer this past September. It doesn't seem like she's all that lonely. In many ways, it is as if she is singing to and for the listener instead of singing about herself. It's a great song because it portrays sadness in a very hopeful way. It's definitely a solid opener to the album.

One of the most interesting aspects of

the album is the way the cover songs seem to fit so seamlessly into the rest of Deschanel's original lyrics. One of the most enjoyable covers is "Ridin' in My Car." It's so fantastic because it adds vocals from Matt into the mix. The two join together for an extremely pleasant duet. The best part of it is that they're not singing together as a duet, but rather it should be imagined as the two of them driving in separate cars just singing to themselves. It provokes inspiration as far as imagery is concerned and blends in very well with the rest of the album.

The other cover, "Gonna Get Along Without You Now," is a great addition to the album. The word choice fits Deschanel so perfectly and yet it wasn't even written with her in mind. The 1950's feel suits her voice as well. She really delivers on a song driven mostly by vocal melodies.



While cover songs have always been a signature of She & Him — (including their Smiths cover in "500 Days of Summer") — the songs really showcase the talent that both musicians have.

"Home" is one of the most straightforward and direct songs on the album. There are many songs about the concept of home, but this one truly captures what home is. The lyrics don't waste any time; California is the very first word and it's clearly what Deschanel views as home. Despite the link to her own home, she still manages to make the song universal. The best line in the song is: "It doesn't get better than home now does it." She says it in a manner that is so simple and relaxed that it truly does feel like home. Home is often also equated with love and Deschanel doesn't neglect that at all. She writes: "I want to be where your heart is home." The music is just as good as the lyrics in its simple message and simple choice of melody.

Without a doubt the best song on the album is "In the Sun." It has the same advice that a mother would give, but it sounds so much more appealing in Deschanel's voice. She sings, "we all get the slip sometimes every day" and reassures the listener that everything's going to be okay. The

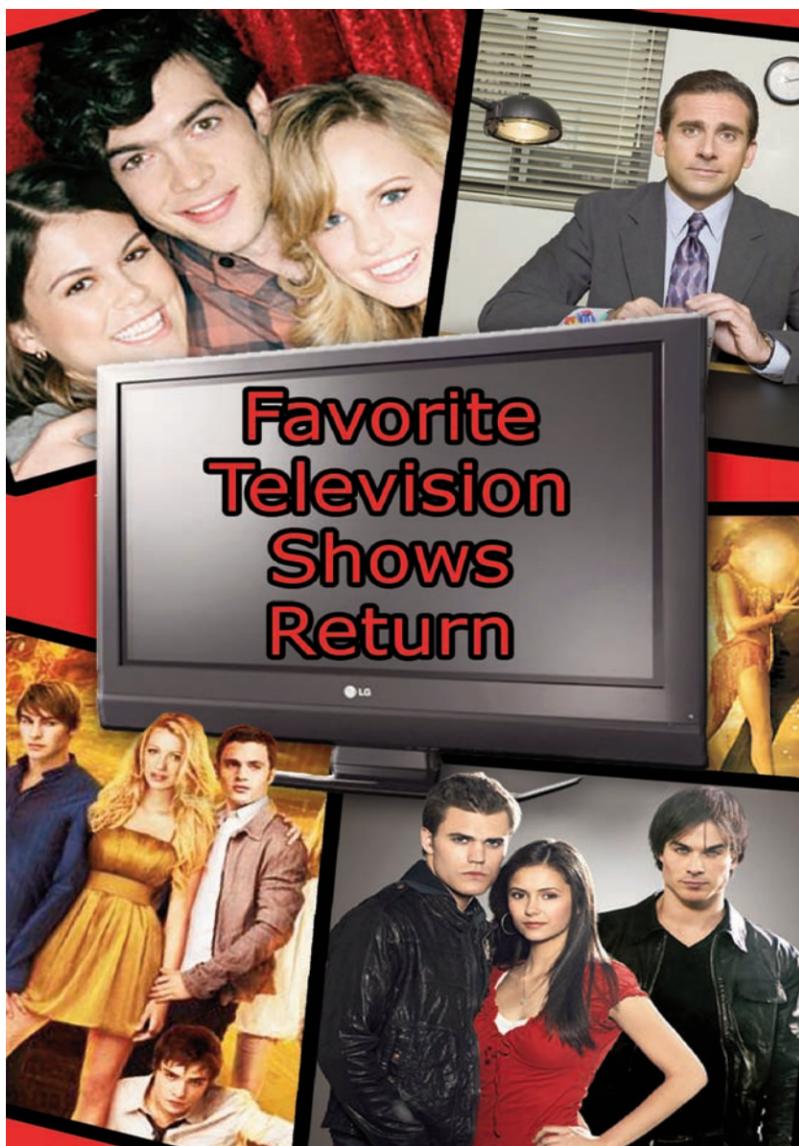
resounding chorus of "It's alright! It's okay!" is undeniably happy. It is also accompanied by one of the most pleasant music videos in the history of music videos. If you had any reason to wonder, now why would I ever be a fan of Zoey Deschanel, then you simply must watch this video. She sings and dances and just about charms the pants off anyone who watches.

"Volume Two" exceeds the expectations of those who enjoyed of "Volume One" and if we're lucky Volume Three will be soon to come.

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"Volume Two" She & Him

Record Label: Merge Records
Noteworthy Tracks: "Thieves," "In the Sun," and "Home"



Scene Staff Report

"Dancing With The Stars" (Mondays, 8 p.m., ABC)

"Dancing With The Stars" premiered Monday with a new season and an all-star lineup. Controversy already surrounds the season as Kate Gosselin, infamous mother of "Jon and Kate Plus Eight," is a contestant. Football player Chad Ochocinco also promises to be an exciting contestant to watch, dancing for the first time outside the end zone. If his Cha Cha from Monday night is any indication, he will be a fierce competitor. From Buzz Aldrin to Pamela Anderson, Pussycat Doll Nicole Scherzinger to Bachelor Jake Pavelka, the season promises to be full of stellar moves and swinging hips.

"Gossip Girl" (Mondays, 9 p.m., The CW)

It was hard to feel the xoxo when Gossip Girl made a flat return on March 8, but fortunately the drama and fashion picked up the pace in the last two episodes. You have to wonder though, how many times can Rufus realistically denounce his daughter? Obviously she's a screw-up, but can we just move on already? Also, Chuck's mama-drama is not all that interesting and the coupledom of the series is getting a little too predictable. Something major is needed to revive this weakening power-hour of teen television. An unexpected pregnancy might be the only thing left that can bring a little life to the Upper East Side.

"The Office" (Thursdays, 9 p.m., NBC)

Everyone's favorite mockumentary television show returned on March 4 with "The Delivery," an hour-long episode devoted to the birth of Jim and Pam's baby. Now more than halfway through its

sixth season, "The Office" has struggled to find its way this year. Between the sale of Dunder Mifflin's Scranton branch to Sabre and the hurried relationship between Jim and Pam, "The Office" has lacked a little bit of its original off-beat and hilarious humor. A welcome storyline is the awkward but sweet romance of Erin and Andy. Here's to hoping that this once great show soon finds its footing again.

"10 Things I Hate About You" returns March 24 (Thursdays, 8 p.m., ABC Family)

The second season of the series, inspired on the film of the same name, picks up right where it left off last season after snarky Kat ditched school with bad boy Patrick to stand up in protest of the school's new policies that encroached upon student privacy. But, uh-oh, now she is upset to learn it might affect her chances of getting into her dream college. Meanwhile, Bianca has her own problem when she discovers her kiss with stupid but cute Joey was caught on videotape potentially endangering her social standing and position on the cheerleading squad with queen bee Chastity. Will nerdy but endearing Cameron eventually win Bianca over? And will Kat and Patrick ever become a real couple?

"Vampire Diaries" returns March 25 (Thursdays, 8 p.m., The CW)

The last time we saw the gang of Mystic Falls, Va., there was a lot of death, a lot of fire and a lot of The CW-worthy angst. Heroine Elena and the vampire brothers Damon and Stefan Salvatore teamed up with Bonnie and her Grams, both witches, to open the tomb that had imprisoned vampires since the Civil War. Damon found out that his beloved Katherine was not among the withered vampires in the tomb. He was not a happy camper — so the series returns to find him hooking up more than a freshman at DomerFest. Look for a guest stint by Melinda Clarke (Marissa's mom on "The O.C.") as Damon's latest conquest.

Dear Academy:
Why I **WON'T** Be Watching
THE OSCARS next year



Oh how you disappoint me ... No, I'm not another Avatar-obsessed junkie feeling jilted by the fact that you didn't give this year's grand

Shane Steinberg
Scene Writer

prize to the "Pocahontas" rip-off, or some pretentious film buff trashing mainstream Hollywood and proclaiming Sundance as my life-blood.

I understand that this is a business. I don't need reminding that money and not integrity drive your decisions, or that your voting system is inherently flawed, or that politics — no, I'm not Monique writing under an alias — lie at the heart of every golden statuette you give out. And I don't need you chiming in with a "please calm down, sir" which I'm sure, if you were actually reading this, you'd be already doing as you ready yourself to turn the page and yet again turn your back on the problem that you've gotten oh so good at ignoring. Let's think of that four-hour blip you call an awards show as your preemptive hack of an answer to this letter (rant?

Ode to your terribleness?), and this letter as my answer to you. So on March 7 you put on the 82nd annual Oscars. Please allow me to retort.

Dear Academy, does it strike you as odd that of the last 10 films you've deemed to be the "Best Picture," only three of them have been in the top five best reviewed films in their respective year? Or that, if you want to look at your process as a democratic one "for the people" (come on, who are we kidding here?), only one of those pictures was the highest rated by viewers in its respective year? Doesn't it seem weird to you that while many of your esteemed members cast votes in various other awards shows/film critic circles/festivals, your results are often far different than those of the same awards shows/film critics circles/festivals that your members vote for?

Perhaps they all have a change of heart sometime after they cast their previous votes, or maybe they're conspiring (against what?), or maybe it's your system ... just maybe. Maybe it's that up until this year's Oscars you've gone with an instant run-off system

that more often than not awards films that, let's face it, even without the statistical data to back it up (because you refuse to release that data), don't receive the most favorable votes. In your system (the same system that's probably older than Larry King), a film with 20 first place votes

cast by Brutus and the crew but with 80 last place votes beats out a film with 19 first place votes and 81 second place votes. Dear Academy, I ask you: Is that really the best picture? Or to be more precise, let me ask this with a more direct example: Was "Crash" really better than "Capote" or "Brokeback Mountain?"

But wait! Alas, you've fixed you're system! You've ... Wait, you've added five more films to the best picture category? Bigger is better (lucrative) in the movies isn't it? Just like how a huge tub of popcorn is always better or how you now need 3-D glasses to feel like you're really in the movie as opposed to at the movies? Let's take a closer look at this though. You say you want to generate more exposure for films that otherwise wouldn't be nominated for the top prize and might get overlooked. Well I'm sure everyone rushed to theaters to see all 10 movies, but I digress.

Dear Academy, I'm sure you meant all the best, and I'm sure someone pitched the move to 10 films by saying "bigger is better," but based on this year's show, I have a slight revision to that statement: You're not bigger, you're obese. Perhaps the move was a socially conscious one. Perhaps you thought making people wish your Fat Albert version of an awards show would end already was your way of joining the fight against obesity. Well, how about instead of doing that, you trim the fat, cut the films that don't deserve to be nominated (they get attention anyway based on other nominations) and make the whole experience less bloated, confusing and to make use of a word commonly dreaded in critic reviews, overlong. If you're really concerned with exposure for smaller films how about you nominate the ones that deserve to be nominated (at least find a better balance of films), and establish a couple of categories that successfully achieve that noble goal and are in fact awards season staples: best newcomer (actor/actress), best debut feature, and maybe even a best festival circuit film.

Dear Academy, do you think you're running a political campaign? Why is it that so many ads have to be put in the trades, or that lobbying goes on in Hollywood, or that some studios spend as much money promoting their films come awards season as they do actually making their films? Don't feel like you need to answer that though, because I realize it's not entirely your fault nor can you really do anything about it. But I ask this: Isn't the film itself lobbying/advertising/promoting enough? Some films are seen and some are not, but all (at least in a few categories), are supposed to be seen by your voting members, so why is it that so much money, lobbying and politics go on to determine who is the best actor/actress or what film is the best? This is not Washington D.C. This is not McCain v. Obama. These are the movies. And I guess that's why I'm so ticked off. Yes it's a business, but what is film really about? Is it just a business, or did the Spielbergs and Day-Lewis pursue this for another reason? Why do we spend the \$10 to go to the movies? What is it about the movies that invokes such awe in us and inspires such interest that

we sit down in the millions each year and celebrate the accomplishments of those who entertain us?

Answer that ... I mean truly answer that, and you'll see that your awards show, an annual coming together meant to celebrate the best in film, has become lost in something that I don't think you meant for it to get lost in. Why does Sean Penn (a dear friend and favorite of the Academy) win for "Milk" when Mickey Rourke's iconic, mesmerizing performance in "The Wrestler" got shut out after winning at almost every other awards show? Why is it that 2007's "4 Months, 3 Weeks, 2 days," one of the top-rated films of all-time (97 on Metacritic.com), but a film nonetheless about abortion, didn't even receive a nomination?! How is it that after basically sweeping the entire awards season, Israel's "Waltz with Bashir," gets snubbed in favor of a far inferior yet much less touchy Japanese film about a violinist? And how do you explain this year's foreign film snub? "The White Ribbon" won Cannes, was proclaimed as an instant masterpiece by many a critic but was passed up in favor of a much milder film ("El Secreto de sus Ojos") that after seeing I can safely come nowhere close to "The White Ribbon." And there's A LOT more where that came from. Favors, lobbying, politics and the insatiable desire to eke out an extra buck in lieu of actually awarding the films deserving of awards is what runs the Oscars. Deny me that, or say that it's not a black-and-white world, but really, when you've got the facts (as you do) and you take a long moment to stand back and take a look at it all (especially in the Best Picture and Best Foreign Film departments), are you really awarding the "best films"?

Dear Academy, your system is broken, so fix it. Surely you must realize, even if you think I am wrong or a lone rebel fighting a lost cause by throwing punches at the air, something about the Oscars has gone awry. Viewership is down, sponsors are reluctant to go all-in, profits are steadily declining and you're losing your grip on your target audience. Having realized that you're standing in a slowly but surely burning room, you're scrambling, finally, to fix it, for which as a lover of film, I thank you. I realize, and others fed up with you should be civil and realize this too, that this is a business, and that the key to your show is finding an ideal balance between the business side of things and the side of things that makes film so wonderful and worth every bit of the price of admission. But you have stuck to your failing ways, only to see the Oscars fall into limbo, and for that, as I said at the very beginning, you've disappointed me, and many others. The scene has been set, the crew ready and the director has cued the cameraman to zoom in to a close-up shot of you, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, so fix the Oscars. Action!

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NBA

Arenas may get three months



Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas arrives in court in Washington to answer to a felony gun charge Jan. 15. Prosecutors recommended a three-month sentence for Arenas Tuesday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prosecutors are portraying Gilbert Arenas as a thuggish intimidator who tried to pressure his teammate into a cover-up, as they argue for a three-month jail sentence for the NBA star on a weapons charge.

Arenas' lawyer says his client is "a peaceful man" who played a misguided prank and has already been severely punished for bringing guns into the Washington Wizards locker room. He says the more fitting punishment is probation and community service.

Both sides staked out their positions Tuesday in court filings, ahead of Friday's sentencing in D.C. Superior Court.

Arenas pleaded guilty Jan. 15 to one felony count of violating the District of Columbia's strict gun laws, a charge stemming from a locker-room confrontation that followed a card-game dispute between Arenas and teammate Javaris Crittenton during a Dec. 19 flight to Washington. Authorities say Arenas threatened to shoot Crittenton in the face and blow up his car. Two days later, Arenas brought four guns to the locker room and put them in a chair by Crittenton's locker with a sign saying, "Pick 1." Crittenton then retrieved his own gun and showed it to Arenas.

Prosecutors wrote that the locker-room incident "was not a spur-of-the-moment joke," but rather a calculated attempt by Arenas to defend his supremacy among his peers.

"In the confined quarters of an airplane, a younger, junior player disrespected the defen-

dant in front of the entire team," Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Kavanaugh wrote. "On a team where the defendant is the highest-paid player, was the face of the franchise, and is known for particularly outrageous conduct, the defendant believed he had no choice but to respond."

In arguing for jail time, Kavanaugh noted that Arenas lied repeatedly about why the guns were in the locker room. Arenas first claimed he brought them to work because he wanted to get them out of the house and away from his three young children.

Also, on the day after the confrontation, Arenas told a member of the Wizards' management that Crittenton wasn't even in the locker room when the guns were displayed, according to prosecutors. Minutes later, Arenas asked an unnamed teammate to forward a text message to Crittenton, Kavanaugh wrote. The message instructed Crittenton about what he should tell NBA officials.

"Ur new story. U were n the training rm when u got out there were 3 guns on ur chair with a note. That said pick one. Send that to javaris ill take all the Blame," Arenas wrote, according to prosecutors. "Ill come up with the story. But that all he needs to say. If we hav to talk to the nba office."

A spokeswoman for Arenas' lawyers declined to comment on the allegation. She said the defense would respond to the government's sentencing memorandum at Friday's hearing.

Prosecutors also cited Arenas' prior conviction for

carrying a concealed weapon in California in 2003 and his joking antics in the wake of the incident. They said any claim by Arenas that he was ignorant of D.C. gun laws is false, citing a November 2009 team meeting on the subject.

As part of the plea deal with Arenas, the government said in January it would not seek more than six months in jail, although the judge can give Arenas anywhere from probation to the charge's maximum term of five years. The sentencing guidelines for someone with Arenas' record call for a sentence of six to 24 months, although the guidelines also allow for probation.

In Tuesday's filing, prosecutors also proposed that Arenas serve three years' probation and perform 300 hours of community service in addition to the three-month jail term.

A survey of similar cases over the last two years in the district indicate that about half of the defendants convicted of Arenas' crime receive some amount of jail time. Crittenton received a year of unsupervised probation after pleading guilty in January to a misdemeanor gun charge. He did not have a prior guns-related conviction.

Arenas' lawyers held nothing back in making the case for their client, filing a memorandum that runs 122 pages and includes numerous character-reference letters, with Arenas' father, Alana Beard of the WNBA's Washington Mystics and ESPN's Dave McMenamin among those offering their support. There are no letters from any of Arenas' current or former Wizards teammates, coaches or management.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Butler Bulldogs rely on team continuity



Butler's Matt Howard, right, shoots over a Wright State defender during the Horizon League Championship in Indianapolis.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — When Matt Howard arrived at Butler, he was just trying to fit in.

There were nuances and playbooks to learn, and upperclassmen were trying to teach him how to win the Butler way.

Now, after spending one season adjusting and another re-teaching those lessons to his young teammates, the junior center is reaping the benefits of college basketball's rarest commodity — continuity.

"When you get used to people, you can get into a rhythm," Howard said Tuesday before leaving with his teammates for the West Regional semifinals in Salt Lake.

He certainly knows what to expect from his teammates now.

What Butler has done over the past two seasons defies the conventional wisdom of today's game. At a time when one-and-done recruits dominate the national stage and mid-major programs rely heavily on seniors, Butler has gone down a different road.

It did not lose a single player off last season's roster, and coach Brad Stevens has used the same starting lineup — Howard, Gordon Hayward, Shelvin Mack, Ronald Nored and Willie Veasley — for 61 of the last 66 games. That's three sophomores, a junior and one senior. The only time

Stevens changed the lineup was because of injuries.

And they got even more playing time together on last summer's trip to Italy, which means the Butler five have started the equivalent of 2½ to three seasons together.

The dividends are priceless.

"As a point guard, it really makes it easy when you know where everybody is going to be and what everyone is going to do," Nored said. "You still have to work on things at practice, but it makes it a lot harder as a point guard when you don't know where they're going to be."

Butler can see the results.

A year ago, with three freshmen and a sophomore starting, the Bulldogs struggled in February and March and wound up losing to LSU in the first round of the NCAA tournament. In November, when Nored was trying to play his way back from a stress fracture in his left leg, the Bulldogs lost twice in California.

Since Nored's recovery, the Bulldogs (30-4) have been virtually unbeatable.

They have won 22 straight games, the Horizon League regular-season and tourney titles and on Saturday reached their third regional semifinal since 2003. They haven't lost since Dec. 22 at Alabama-Birmingham, and a win Thursday over top-seeded Syracuse would move Butler within one victory of returning home for the Final Four.

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15 Oregon State	18
16 Alabama	21
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19 North Carolina	17
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USA Today/NFCA Division I Softball Poll

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3 Missouri	4
4 Florida	3
5 Michigan	7
6 Georgia	6
7 UCLA	5
8 Arizona State	9
9 Stanford	10
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11 Georgia Tech	12
12 Oklahoma	11
13 California	13
14 LSU	16
15 Texas	15
16 Florida State	18
17 Ohio State	17
18 Louisville	14
19 Tennessee	20
20 Oklahoma State	25
21 Illinois	21
22 La.-Lafayette	19
23 North Carolina	NR
24 Texas A&M	23
25 Massachusetts	24

AVCA Division I-II Men's Volleyball Top 10

team	points
1 Stanford	149
2 Pepperdine	136
3 Cal State Northridge	119
4 BYU	105
5 Hawaii	82
6 Long Beach State	72
7 Southern California	69
8 UCLA	34
9 Penn State	27
10 UC Santa Barbara	12

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Mississippi State's Alexis Rack, right, answers questions alongside teammate Mary Kathryn Govero during a news conference about Tuesday's NCAA second round college basketball game against Ohio State in Pittsburgh.

Lady Bulldogs top Buckeyes 87-67

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Alexis Rack drove through and around Ohio State's slow-to-react defense for 30 points and seventh-seeded Mississippi State upset the second-seeded Buckeyes 87-67 on Tuesday night to reach the NCAA women's tournament round of 16 for the first time.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed by as many as eight points in the first half, only to use their quickness, adept ball movement and outside shooting to seize control with an 18-0 run that turned a 32-26 deficit into a 44-32 lead. They never looked back in avenging a second-round

loss to the Buckeyes a season ago.

Mississippi State (21-12) plays Florida State (28-5) on Sunday in Dayton.

Ohio State star Jantel Lavender, harassed all night by Chanel Mokango, scored 17 points — many after it was far too late. The 6-foot-4 Lavender repeatedly had trouble posting up as the 6-5 Mokango used her long reach and quickness to deny passes or, when Lavender handled the ball, to pressure her into taking hurried or off-balance shots.

Mokango scored 19 points herself, Armelie Lumanu added 17 and Mary Kathryn Govero

scored 15 by making 5 of 6 from 3-point range. The Lady Bulldogs were 12 of 22 from beyond the arc to 10 of 15 for Ohio State, the nation's best 3-point shooting team.

The Buckeyes' fast-growing frustration showed when team leader Samantha Prahalis tore at her shorts in anger after fouling out with nearly five minutes remaining, taking any chances of a desperation comeback with her. The 20-point loss was Ohio State's worst in the tournament since 1996.

Ohio State (31-5) became the second No. 2-seeded team to lose in as many nights, joining Texas A&M. It's only the third

time since the women's bracket expanded to 64 teams in 1994 that a pair of 2-seeds lost, the other seasons being 2002 and 2007.

A year ago, the Lady Bulldogs led the Buckeyes 58-54 in Columbus with 6:43 remaining, but didn't score again as Ohio State scored its final 10 points on free throws to win 64-58. Rack said Monday she didn't have many memories of that disappointing loss and, on a neutral floor, it was Mississippi State that pulled off the comeback this time, making 55.7 percent of its shots (34 of 61) to Ohio State's 46.3 percent (25 of 54).

IN BRIEF

Dolphins' RB Ronnie Brown charged with DUI

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

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

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

Nets' chief executive defends argument with fan

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The chief executive of the New Jersey Nets says he has no regrets about arguing with a fan who wore a paper bag over his head during yet another loss by the team.

CEO Brett Yormack said in a statement Tuesday he wanted to let the fan know he didn't agree with the way he was expressing his opinion.

Yormack approached the fan during a 99-89 loss to Miami on Monday night. He asked why he was wearing the bag. When the fan told him because the Nets were so good, Yormack exchanged words and pointed a finger at him. The fan held up his tickets, and Yormack walked away.

The Nets are nearing the record for fewest wins in an NBA season. Yormack said despite the frustrations he will continue to stand up for the organization.

NFL changes overtime rules for playoff games

ORLANDO, Fla. — Sudden death has gotten a little less sudden in the NFL playoffs.

The league on Tuesday changed its overtime rules for postseason games. Starting next season, if a team wins the coin toss and then kicks a field goal, the other team gets the ball. If that next series ends with another field goal, play will continue under the current sudden-death rules.

If the team winning the toss immediately scores a touchdown, however, the game is over.

Team owners voted 28-4 on Tuesday in favor of the proposal at the NFL meetings. Minnesota, Buffalo, Cincinnati and Baltimore opposed the change.

Passage was helped by commissioner Roger Goodell's support and by a spate of statistics indicating the coin toss had become too prominent in determining OT winners.

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MLB

Edmonds drives in five runs in Brewers win

Ichiro's catch saves Mariners; Cain pitches Giants to victory over White Sox; Royals, Cubs tie; Padres top Rockies

Associated Press

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Jim Edmonds drove in five runs and Dave Bush pitched six innings to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 10-2 win over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday.

Edmonds hit a three-run homer off Jeremy Sowers in a four-run first inning and a two-run single off Jensen Lewis in a five-run second. The 39-year-old Edmonds, a 16-year veteran with 382 career homers and eight Gold Gloves in the outfield, is on a minor league contract after sitting out last season.

Bush allowed one run and five hits, becoming the first Brewers pitcher to work six innings this spring.

Sowers gave up six earned runs, five hits and two walks in one-plus inning. The left-hander has been hit hard in two outings after being sidelined early in camp with a strained shoulder.

Mariners 6, Angels 4

Ichiro Suzuki is getting a head start on another Gold Glove.

The right fielder made an outstanding catch during the second inning of the Seattle Mariners' victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday. With his back to the plate, the

Japanese star robbed Jeff Mathis of extra bases with a tumbling grab on the warning track. The crowd gasped, then cheered.

The remarkable play spared struggling starter Ryan Rowland-Smith from further damage beyond the eight hits and four runs he allowed in five innings.

Franklin Gutierrez had a two-run double for the Mariners.

Angels right-hander Ervin Santana was scratched from the start with elbow inflammation.

Giants 6, White Sox 1

Matt Cain pitched into the seventh inning in an impressive start, leading the San Francisco Giants to a victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday.

Cain yielded three hits and an unearned run in 6 2-3 innings, helping San Francisco improve to a majors-best 16-6 this spring.

Pablo Sandoval and Bengie Molina each had two doubles and drove in a run for the Giants, who finished with seven doubles.

Gavin Floyd pitched four innings for the White Sox, and was charged with six runs and nine hits.

Cubs 5, Royals 5

Kansas City starter Luke

Hochevar gave up one run in five innings Tuesday as the Royals and Chicago Cubs played to a tie.

The game was called after five innings. It was the Royals' third tie this spring.

Hochevar gave up five hits, walked none and struck out three. Ryan Dempster allowed two runs and four hits while striking out six in 5 1-3 innings, the longest outing by a Cubs starter.

Brayan Pena hit a tying, two-run homer for the Royals in the sixth off Carlos Marmol.

Derrek Lee had a two-run double for the Cubs. Aramis Ramirez, who had not played since March 13 because of a right triceps injury, had an RBI single.

Padres 9, Rockies 6

Nick Hundley hit a two-run homer in San Diego's five-run sixth inning, helping the Padres to a win over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday.

Tony Gwynn had three hits and scored three runs for the Padres, who finished with 14 hits. Chase Headley had two RBIs.

Troy Tulowitzki, Carlos Gonzalez and Chris Iannetta homered for the Rockies. Jason Hammel pitched five-plus innings, yielding five runs and seven hits.



Padres pitcher Kevin Correia warms up before his start against the Rockies Tuesday. Correia gave up four runs on nine hits.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Xavier rallies to notch upset over Vanderbilt

Undefeated Connecticut beats Temple by 54 points to advance to Sweet 16, extend winning streak to 74

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — No watching and wincing this year. Amber Harris is taking Xavier places in the NCAA tournament where it hasn't gone in a long time.

With each clutch basket, she reminded them of what they missed in last year's madness.

The 6-foot-5 forward with power moves and a soft touch extended the Musketeers' season Tuesday night with two minutes of the brilliance. Harris made the go-ahead layup with 12.3 seconds left, and third-seeded Xavier held on for a 63-62 win over Vanderbilt in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Down by 10 midway through the second half, the Musketeers (29-3) let the Atlantic 10's player of the year take over.

"Amber does have a knack for making a shot when we've got to have it and helping us down the stretch to get a win," coach Kevin McGuff said. "She certainly did tonight."

The Musketeers will take a 20-game winning streak into its Sacramento Regional semifinal against Gonzaga on Saturday, their season extended by an improbable comeback on their home court. The

Musketeers hadn't been to the round of 16 since former coach Melanie Balcomb led them to the Elite Eight in 2001, before moving on to Vanderbilt.

Back in the building, Balcomb almost led the Commodores (23-11) to a big upset.

Instead, their last two shots rattled off the rim.

"I just turned and ran the other way," said Harris, who began hugging players at mid-court.

Vanderbilt led most of the game behind the steady play of All-SEC point guard Jence Rhoads, who had 20 points and seven assists. Harris missed last year's tournament while recovering from knee surgery, and wouldn't let this season come up short again after three straight early NCAA flameouts.

Harris scored Xavier's six points in the final 1:22, all on point-blank shots off moves to the basket. After her layup put the Musketeers ahead, Vanderbilt had two chances to win it.

Lauren Lueders missed from the top of the key, and the long rebound went to Rhoads at the left of the basket. She put up a soft shot that hit both sides of the rim before slipping off as the buzzer sounded, sending Xavier players into a tearful huddle at mid-court.

"I knew I had to get it up quick because I only had few seconds, if that," said Rhoads, who was 8 of 18 from the

field. "It felt good when I released it, but I guess I just shot it too quick."

Even the Musketeers seemed stunned that they'd pulled it off.

"There was a sigh of relief," center Ta'Shia Phillips said. "It really hasn't hit me yet."

Credit Xavier's dynamic front-line duo for pulling it off.

The 6-foot-6 Phillips had 15 points and 17 rebounds, getting the best of the scrums under the basket. Harris finished with a game-high 21 points, going 10 of 18 from the field.

After her shot fell off the rim, Rhoads fell to her knees on the floor, soaking in how close the Commodores had come to a third straight berth in the round of 16.

"That was a tough way to lose," Balcomb said. "That was one of those games you hate to see either team lose."

Xavier looked to be headed for a stinging loss on its home court because it couldn't make a 3-pointer, leaving the Musketeers a two-dimensional offensive team with Harris and Phillips. Xavier missed 17 of its first 18 shots from behind the arc, with Katie Rutan — who set the school's freshman record for 3s this season — missing on her first seven tries.

McGuff left the struggling freshman in the game down the stretch, and she regrouped and knocked down three in a row, sparking the comeback. Rutan's final 3 cut Vanderbilt's lead to 60-57 with 2:01 to go.



Connecticut's Tiffany Hayes shoots over Temple's Natasha Thames in the Huskies' 90-56 rout over the Owls Tuesday in Norfolk, Va. AP

"It's hard," McGuff said. "You're talking about a freshman with a chance to help her team make the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament. But she's a unique player with a unique mindset. That's why I left her in there."

Harris took it from there.

Connecticut 90, Temple 36

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma hugged his former assistant before their teams met in the second round of the NCAA women's tournament.

Once the game started, affection gave way to near perfection by the Huskies.

UConn was flawless at both ends of the floor against Temple, romping on Tuesday

night. It was the top-seeded Huskies' 74th win in a row, the longest streak in NCAA Division I women's history, and one of the most impressive.

It may also have been one of the least enjoyable for Auriemma since it came against a team coached by second-year Owls coach Tonya Cardoza, one of his assistants for 14 years.

But Cardoza and the eighth-seeded Owls (25-9) never had a chance.

Moore hit 3-pointers on the Huskies' first two possession, they ran off 20 points in a row in 6 minutes after Temple closed within 13-5 and finished the half on a 20-1 burst.

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NHL

Zajac, Parise each net two goals in Devils win

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Travis Zajac and Zach Parise each scored twice and Ilya Kovalchuk had a goal and three assists to lead the New Jersey Devils to a win over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday night.

Paul Martin also scored for the Devils, and Martin Brodeur made 19 saves to reach the 40-win mark for the eighth time. No other NHL goalie has had more than three 40-win seasons.

The Devils jumped over the Penguins and into first place in the Atlantic Division. New Jersey and Pittsburgh both have 90 points, but the Devils have one more win than the Penguins and have played one fewer game.

Antoine Vermette, Jakub Voracek and Kristian Huselius scored for Columbus.

The Devils' dormant power-play came alive and produced New Jersey's first three goals.

The Devils grabbed the lead at 13:01 of the first period when Parise pounded home Jamie Langenbrunner's rebound for New Jersey's first man-advantage goal in seven games. The Devils failed to

connect on their previous 17 power-play attempts.

Sharp stops by Brodeur at the start kept the Blue Jackets off the scoreboard. Brodeur turned aside Rick Nash's shot from the slot before making a sprawling save on Derick Brassard.

The revived power play struck again when Martin scored 1:14 into the second as the Devils grabbed a 2-0 lead. Martin fired in the rebound of Patrik Elias' shot for his second goal in four games since returning to the lineup after missing 59 game because of a broken arm.

Vermette scored at 3:40 on a slap shot from just inside the blue line that rocketed past Brodeur's glove to make it 2-1.

Kovalchuk scored the Devils' third power-play tally at 12:32, picking the short side to beat Steve Mason from the bottom of the left circle. It was his first goal in five games and sixth in 17 games with New Jersey.

Zajac scored the next two on deflections at 15:40 and 19:07 as the Devils expanded their lead to 5-1. Voracek closed out the scoring in the second period with 20 seconds remaining.

NHL

Bruins extend lead with shutout win



The Thrashers' Eric Boulton, left, takes a right hook from the Bruins' Shawn Thornton during Boston's 4-0 victory over Atlanta Tuesday.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — David Krejci scored a goal and assisted on another, Tuukka Rask blanked Atlanta for the second time this season, and the Bruins kept up their mastery of the Thrashers with a crucial 4-0 victory Tuesday night that extended Boston's lead for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Bruins moved three points ahead of the Thrashers in the playoff race, snapping Atlanta's four-game winning streak.

Krejci put the Bruins ahead less than 10 minutes into the opening period, then set up Milan Lucic's goal that made it 2-0. Miroslav Satan scored off a deflection with just 4 seconds left in the second, and Steve Begin put it out of reach with a goal early in the third.

Rask stopped a penalty shot and made 28 saves in all to beat Atlanta for the third time this season, including a pair of 4-0 victories. The Bruins have won 10 in a row over the Thrashers, whose last win against Boston came on Dec. 29, 2007.

Atlanta had outscored opponents 18-9 during its winning streak, which improbably moved the team that traded Ilya Kovalchuk just before the Olympic break back into the thick of the playoff race.

But the Thrashers had no answer for Rask, who has won all three of his starts against Atlanta with a 0.97 goals-

against average.

His biggest save came on Colby Armstrong, who had scored four goals in Atlanta's last four games. Going in on a breakaway with the Thrashers trailing 2-0, the winger was hooked from behind by Dennis Wideman and awarded a penalty shot. But Armstrong failed to convert, his attempt at the upper right corner turned away by Rusk's quick glove.

The Bruins went ahead at 9:25 of the opening period thanks to good work along the boards by Krejci. He worked the puck behind the Atlanta net before sliding it back to Michael Ryder, who popped out in front to lure away the defense in front of goalie Johan Hedberg. Krejci slipped out on the other side, took a return pass from Ryder and stuffed the puck past a helpless Hedberg.

Krejci set up Boston's next goal at 7:59 of the second. Lucic circled alone in front of the net, took a pass from his teammate and ripped a shot over Hedberg's glove hand to double the lead.

The real killer for the Thrashers came just before the end of the period. Patrice Bergeron won a faceoff, sliding the puck back to Zdeno Chara just inside the blue line. The big defenseman fired it toward the net, where Satan deflected it past Hedberg with 4 seconds remaining before the second intermission.

NBA

Granger, Pacers beat Pistons; Kuester ejected

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Danny Granger scored 32 points and the Indiana Pacers snapped a nine-game road losing streak with a 98-83 victory over the Detroit Pistons Tuesday night.

Indiana is just 20-46 against the rest of the NBA, but beat Detroit in all four meetings this season — the first time the Pacers swept a season series with the Pistons.

Detroit was officially eliminated from the playoff race with the loss, ending an eight-year streak of postseason appearances.

Brandon Rush scored 20

points for Indiana, while Troy Murphy added 10 points and 12 rebounds. Tayshaun Prince led the Pistons with 14.

The Pistons lost starting point guard Will Bynum in the first half with a back bruise, then coach John Kuester was ejected for arguing a call in the third quarter.

Indiana led by double figures in the first quarter, but only held a 52-49 advantage at the half. The Pacers regained the momentum in the third, moving the margin to 13 in the aftermath of Kuester's ejection.

The Pacers led by 11 going into the fourth and were never seriously threatened down the stretch.

NCAA

Title IX arguments still persist

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A wrestling coach sees Title IX being used to discriminate against men. The man who wrote the original legislation thinks it's working well with the numbers of both men and women playing college sports up greatly over the past four decades.

The head of an athletic department in the mighty Southeastern Conference says the biggest problem with meeting gender equity is what he calls the elephant in the room: College football.

"We have 330 varsity athletes, 110 are on the football team," Vanderbilt vice chancellor David Williams said Tuesday night. "So if you want me to get to 50-50, that means I have slots for 55 men other than football."

Williams spoke during a panel discussion of whether the law requiring gender equity in college sports needs to be reformed or is simply being misinterpreted. Former U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh defended the law he helped pass in 1972 and agreed with Williams about football the most powerful of all college sports.

Middle Tennessee State wrestling coach Bryan Knepper argued against what he called unintended consequences of men losing teams at schools trying to meet Title IX.

He cited men forced to play club level sports because of cuts in wrestling, track and field, swimming and other sports. He noted Division I has only 17 men's gymnastics pro-

grams left, and he gave examples of programs like a wrestling program at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee that recently lost its team despite a \$1 million endowment offer.

"Now a law intended to be one to not discriminate based on sex is actually allowing it. You can cut men's programs and basically discriminate against them in order to make it equal. That's not true equality," Knepper said.

Bayh denied that, noting how three times as many wrestling programs were cut between 1984 and 1988 when Title IX was not being enforced by the Reagan administration.

"There are more men participating now today than there were at the beginning of Title IX," said Bayh, who represented Indiana in the Senate between 1963-81. "I don't know how you can say it's discrimination."

Williams was the only panelist able to discuss Title IX from the position of having made decisions based on trying to meet the federal law.

He worked at Ohio State and

saw how that Big Ten school met gender equality by starting a women's crew program. To meet one requirement of Title IX, he had to cut men's soccer a few years ago and added women's swimming and bowling. That women's bowling team in 2007 won Vanderbilt the only national championship in school history.

"We had to add women's sports. Then you have to deal with the budgetary situation. The university says, 'We're not going to give it anymore money,'" Williams said in defending the move.

Williams also noted that his daughter swims for Brown, a university that has 36 sports offering no scholarships compared to the 16 varsity sports Vanderbilt has with scholarships.

Money is out there. Williams was part of the SEC's negotiating committee that worked out a 15-year deal with ESPN reportedly worth more than \$2 billion to televise the league's sports in 2008. Vanderbilt will be receiving \$18 million to \$20 million a year under that package.

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"I think our guys were a little bit more confident today," Schrage said. "We hit a lot less fly balls today than we did all season."

The win comes on the heels of a disappointing weekend against Michigan State (12-4), when the Irish dropped all three contests, 13-0, 7-4 and 3-0.

"I was really disappointed in how we played over the weekend [against Michigan State], in fact I was embarrassed at how we played over the weekend," Schrage said. "There is one thing I know, and that is how to work hard and hustle and that is what I want our team to do."

Getting the starting nod for Notre Dame was junior

right-hander Ryan Sharpley, who was on a strict pitch count and lasted only 2 2/3 innings. Sharpley only allowed three hits and two earned runs with two strikeouts and five walks.

"Sharpley is a guy that we are trying to work in slowly. I thought his first two innings were good and that he got tired in the third," Schrage said.

Sharpley is rehabilitating from a labrum injury that sidelined him for the entire 2009 season.

Ball State (6-14) started with senior right-hander Brad Piatt,

but he only lasted one inning after giving up two earned runs and two hits with two walks.

The real damage for the Irish came in the second inning when Cardinals freshman right-hander Michael Sandman entered the game in relief. Notre Dame quickly dropped six runs in a third of an inning, starting with an inning-opening triple from catcher Cameron McConnell. McConnell was 1 for 3 with an RBI on the night.

"[Senior infielder David] Mills and [senior centerfielder Ryne] Intlekofer set the tone right off the bat, and to go up by 8-0 after two innings, we have not done that all season, so I was happy about how we came out," Schrage said.

After earning the 8-0 lead, the life seemed to fall out of the Cardinals, as the closest they got the game was 11-5, which would be the final.

Sophomore left-hander Ryan Richter took over for Sharpley and pitched 4 1/3 innings of relief to keep the game out of reach for Ball State. Richter gave up three earned runs on six hits.

Senior right-hander Billy Boockford cleaned up the last two innings of the game without giving up a hit or a run.

The Irish next take the field this afternoon at 5:05 p.m. at Eck Stadium against Illinois-Chicago.

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"There is one thing I know, and that is how to work hard and hustle and that is what I want our team to do."

Dave Schrage
Irish coach



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Former Irish safety Sergio Brown performs the cone drill in front of NFL scouts at Notre Dame's Pro Day at the Loftus Center on Tuesday. Brown completed the drill in 6.67 seconds.

Pro Day

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rent Notre Dame players, including sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist and sophomore wide receiver Michael Floyd, among others. They shouted encouragement to their former teammates throughout the workouts.

Kelly speaks at Hall of Fame

Kelly spoke Tuesday at the College Football Hall of Fame Gridiron Luncheon series and answered several questions about the team's spring practices. Kelly said there are a number of things the team needs to learn.

"Their attention to detail is not

where it needs to be," Kelly said. "Their discipline is not where it needs to be. They need to care about themselves and their football players a lot more. I'm tired of hearing about the next NFL player to come out of Notre Dame, quite frankly. They need to understand who we are. We're the Fighting Irish. We're creating an atmosphere that's a little bit different than what they're used to, so we've got those things to work on."

Kelly also confirmed several position changes, including freshman Theo Riddick's move from running back to slot wide receiver. Other changes include sophomore offensive lineman Lane Clelland moving to defensive end and junior fullback Steve Paskorz moving to inside linebacker.

According to Kelly said sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist has continued to make good progress recovering from knee surgery after tearing his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) last fall.

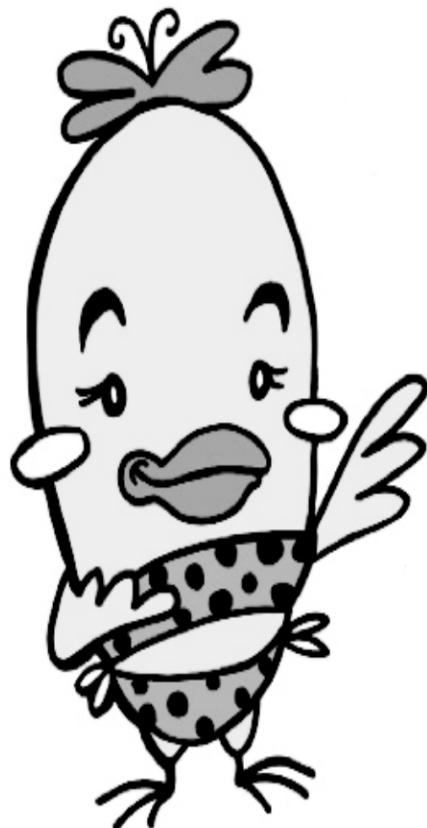
"We'd be really close to playing with him. Obviously we're going to be smart. He'll play all of our seven-on-seven routines, he'll be in all of our one-on-ones," Kelly said.

"We'll put a big funnel around him to make sure that nobody gets near him but he's got to get out there and take snaps. He's got to learn the offense. He's got to earn the starting job. He's done a great job of putting himself in position to do all that."

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Irish players huddle together following Notre Dame's 84-66 victory over Vermont on Tuesday. The team advanced to the Sweet 16 in Kansas City to face No. 3-seed Oklahoma.

Diggins

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start, her defense was outstanding. After we spotted them the 10-point lead, I thought our defense really played well."

Despite Diggins' performance, the Catamounts (27-7) would not be intimidated in the first half. Taking full advantage of its size, Vermont successfully established itself in the post early in the game. Backed by the lights-out shooting of May Kotsopoulos, the Catamounts jumped to a 20-10 lead with 11 minutes remaining in the first half.

"I think our game plan was have them get up 10 points and then we would come all the way back," senior guard Lindsay Schrader said. "They're physical. They made their shots, and it seemed that in the first half they could not miss."

Sparked by junior forward Devereaux Peters, the Irish picked up the slack on the defensive end. Forcing turnovers, affecting shots, and grabbing

rebounds, Peters enabled Diggins to direct the transition offense and lead a 13-3 Irish run.

"It's amazing when we sub and we come in with Devereaux Peters, who would be starting for almost every other team that we play," McGraw said. "It really excites the team and the crowd, and I think it's demoralizing for the opponent. She sees that as her role, to really wreak havoc defensively, and she did a great job of that again tonight."

Diggins' 31 points were the most scored by a freshman in Irish history, eclipsing the previous high of 29 points held by Schrader. Schrader added 14 points and 11 rebounds, her sixth double-double of the season.

While pleased with the increased output on offense, McGraw said she was most impressed by the poise and maturity Diggins brought to the court. While possessing the rare ability to score at will, Diggins plays through the team's offense, not her own.

"She is wise beyond her years," McGraw said. "She rec-

ognized that she was doing a lot of scoring, and then you saw her trying to drive and look for the post presence to get everybody involved. She wants a team that everybody feels like they're contributing, and she can make that happen."

Quick to defer any praise, Diggins said the crowd played a significant role in her success and Notre Dame's emergence late in the first half. Diggins acknowledged the fans several times during the Irish comeback, who responded to her dominance with cheers all night.

"It's amazing we had the opportunity to play at home in the first two rounds," Diggins said. "Our fans really came out and supported us. That sixth man was key tonight in really pumping us up. They were anxious to explode, so once we started to run, the roof blew off the place."

The Irish travel to Kansas City to take on No. 3-seed Oklahoma in the Sweet 16 Sunday.

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Eagles

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Notre Dame on your own home field," Marrone said. "It's really good for team morale."

The Irish shut the Eagles down offensively in the first game of the day, a 9-0 rout that lasted only five innings.

Junior Jody Valdivia pitched the first contest and earned her 13th straight win for the Irish.

Offensively, the Irish took early control of the game.

"They threw a couple of different pitchers at us, but we hit them all and scored in almost every inning," Marrone said.

Junior Sadie Pitzenberger had three hits, including a triple, and senior Heather Johnson drove in four runners before the conclusion of the second game to lead the Notre Dame offense.

In the second game, the Eagles fought back harder offensively, but Irish pitchers Brittany O'Donnell and Shannon Kelly held Eastern Michigan to three runs and five hits as the Irish won 9-3.

O'Donnell earned the win, her fifth of the season, after giving up two hits in five innings of work. During that time the Irish were able to take a comfortable 9-0 lead.

The two innings in relief by Kelly, a junior, marked her first appearance on the mound this season.

"[The Eagles] were tough and scrappy," Marrone said. "They don't have big power hitters, but they find a way

to score runs, whether it's scoring bases and stringing hits together."

Though Eastern Michigan took an early lead, the Irish responded quickly with home runs by sophomore Kristina Wright and senior Christine Lux, her seventh of the season.

"[Eastern Michigan] threatened until the very end," Marrone said. "Our pitchers and defense did

great, but they did a great job keeping us on our toes."

Next up, the Irish will play another doubleheader Wednesday at home against Toledo beginning at 4 p.m.

"Weekday doubles headers are very tiring, they're long days, but it's always fun to play at home," Marrone said. "That's the reward for it."

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Coyne said this year's Vanderbilt team will be as good as it has been in the past, so the Irish will have to step up.

"[Vanderbilt] is pretty deadly on attack," Coyne said. "They like to pack in on defense, so we will have to convert on the offensive end."

Coyne said she is confident in her defense's ability to shut down the strong Vanderbilt attack.

This week in practice, the Irish have continued to build on the aspects of their game that were weaknesses early in the season, Coyne said.

"We haven't seen our best performance so far this sea-

son," Coyne said. "There are still aspects of our game that we can continue to improve upon."

Coyne also said the similar strategies of Boston and Vanderbilt will create an advantage for the Irish since they have been exposed to that style and have been successful.

In terms of expectations, Coyne said hers are "the same as always: win."

"It's a big game," Coyne said. "There are different components to this season, and the Vanderbilt game is an important one."

The Irish will face off against the Commodores today at 2:30 p.m. in Arlotta Stadium.

**Tracy Coyne
Irish coach**

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FOOTBALL

Former Notre Dame players work out for scouts at Pro Day

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

National Football League scouts converged on the Loftus Sports Center Tuesday afternoon as 14 former Irish players worked out on Notre Dame's Pro Day.

Former Irish wide receiver Golden Tate drew plenty of attention during his workouts. Tate, wearing golden shoes, performed the 60-yard shuttle in 11.67 seconds

and ran a wide variety of routes during position-specific drills. He made most catches without incident, but had to dive for one ball and bobbled it twice, catching it before it hit the ground.

Tate said after the event that he was happy with his performance.

"It was good to get out there and show the scouts that I can catch and run a little bit," Tate said.

Former Irish safeties Sergio

Brown and Kyle McCarthy showed off their speed at the event, recording 40-yard dash times of 4.44 seconds and 4.52 seconds, respectively.

The day began with players performing the 40-yard dash, various cone and agility drills and the 60-yard shuttle for scouts.

Wideouts and running backs performed position-specific drills first, as Tate, Robby Parris and James Aldridge, as well as 2008 players David Grimes and Asaph Schwapp ran reps for the scouts.

Next up were linebackers Scott Smith and Toryan Smith, followed by defensive back drills featuring Brown and McCarthy. Former safety Raeshon McNeil was also present, but injured his hamstring during the 40-yard dash and did not participate in the drills.

Offensive linemen Paul Duncan, Sam Young and Eric Olsen and defensive lineman Morrice Richardson followed.

After the workouts, several players lifted weights for scouts.

Duncan, Richardson and Schwapp each recorded at least 30 repetitions at the bench press, with Schwapp recording the most at 34.

Former Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen, who had surgery in January on his injured toe, was on hand for the workouts but did not participate. He will hold a separate Pro Day and throw for scouts on April 9.

Also present were several cur-

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

How Sweet it is

Diggins' 31 lead Irish to K.C. for round of 16

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

During Notre Dame's first-round victory over Cleveland State Sunday, freshman guard Skylar Diggins made a career-low one field goal in four attempts. After the game, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she wished Diggins would take more shots.

What a difference a game can make.

Diggins finished with a career-high 31 points on 13-for-21 shooting Tuesday night, leading No. 2-seed Notre Dame (29-5) to a second round victory over No. 10-seed Vermont. Diggins added a career-high seven steals and six assists to help secure a berth in the Sweet 16 in Kansas City.

"I thought Skylar was absolutely terrific today," McGraw said. "She came out from the tip and decided that we were going to the Sweet 16. She got us off to a great

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Junior forward Becca Bruszewski drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 84-66 win over Vermont in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Tuesday.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish open home slate with sweep

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame opened its home schedule by scoring 18 runs in a doubleheader sweep of Eastern Michigan, as the Irish posted wins of 9-0 and 9-3 at Melissa Cook Stadium Tuesday.

"I thought we came out really strong today," junior infielder Erin Marrone said. "It was nice to be able to score a lot of runs, score first and come out with a ton of energy."

After playing 20 consecutive games on the road to open the season, Marrone said the Irish (19-5) were glad to be back home.

"We love our stadium and our fans, and I think for a lot of players, you really get to feel the spirit of playing for

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BASEBALL

Bats come alive in home win

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish awoke from their long winter's slumber against Ball State Tuesday with a breakout performance on offense, racking up 12 hits and in an 11-5 victory.

"Part of it was hustling on and off the field, and part was being more aggressive on the bases early in the game and try to take the game to somebody rather than have them take it to us," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Notre Dame (8-11) was finally able to drive the ball rather than pop it up into the air, which Schrage said was key to their offensive performance.

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Irish senior outfielder David Mills rounds third base during Notre Dame's 11-5 win over Ball State Tuesday.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Squad faces No. 19 Commodores at home

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

Coming off a big overtime win over Boston last weekend, the No. 11 Irish will look to continue their winning streak against No. 19 Vanderbilt today.

Although the Commodores (5-3) are a nonconference opponent, they are in the same national region as Notre Dame (4-1) and an important matchup in determining seeding for the NCAA tournament.

The Irish have been playing Vanderbilt for several years and have developed a strong rivalry, as both teams are

typically ranked.

Even though Vanderbilt has lost three games, those losses came against three top 10 opponents — No. 3 North Carolina, No. 6 Duke and No. 10 Stanford. They also have two wins against ranked opponents in No. 9 Boston and No. 14 Penn State. The Commodores will be a tough task for the Irish, as they have proven to be in years past.

"We haven't played them well for the last three years," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "But we had a big win over them in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last year."

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