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## Student Union explains budget allocations

By MEGAN DOYLE  
News Writer

The total budget for the Student Union hit nearly \$850,000 for the 2010-11 academic year, but big-name, high-budget performers like Lil Wayne will not be coming

to campus anytime soon, according to Student Union representatives.

Student Union treasurer Sarah Hurtubise oversees the allocation of Student Union funds to student government, the Student Union Board (SUB) and other student groups.

SUB received \$239,000 for programming this year, and student government was allotted roughly \$34,000, Hurtubise said. While these numbers differ greatly, Hurtubise said there are many factors behind fund allocation decisions.

"Sometimes there are mis-

understandings about why student government does not get as much money as SUB," Hurtubise said. "SUB obviously is great at programming, and student government always is on top of policy and awareness and making sure everything runs smoothly for the student body."

SUB director Julia Sutton said despite having a large budget, the range of events SUB plans throughout the year limits the amount of money the programmers can spend on the major spring concert.

"We love taking suggestions

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## Coaches make difference in South Bend

By LAURA McCRYSTAL  
News Editor

Brian Kelly and Charlie Weis have more in common than simply having held the position of Notre Dame head football coach: Both were inspired by personal family experiences to found organizations in South Bend.

In 2003, Weis and his wife Maura founded Hannah and Friends, a nonprofit organization to improve the lives of children and adults with special needs. They began the organization in recognition of their daughter, Hannah, who has developmental disorders.

The Weis family currently lives in Kansas City, Mo., but continues its involvement with Hannah and Friends, which is still located in South Bend.

Brian Kelly and his wife Paqui founded the Kelly Cares Foundation to support initiatives in education, women's health and community. Paqui, a two-time breast cancer survivor, said the foundation's focus includes breast cancer awareness and research.

The Kellys started their foundation in 2008, while Brian was Cincinnati's head football coach, but Paqui said it has grown and developed since moving to South Bend.

"We did do a lot this past



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year," Paqui said. "I feel like this is our first kickoff year."

Hannah and Friends has also expanded in the past year, since the September 2009 opening of its 30-acre farm in South Bend. The farm offers programming and residential opportunities for people with special needs.

Sharon Bui-Green, Hannah and Friends' executive director, said the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities remain highly involved with the organization.

"Football is what probably had most alums and most people in the community find out about Hannah and Friends,"

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Top photo: Tiffani Amberg, left, Rachael Gates, center, and Matt Coleman pose at the Hannah and Friends Farm.

Bottom photo: Brian Kelly wears a hat with a breast cancer awareness ribbon at the Oct. 9 game against Pittsburgh.

## Lease fair provides off-campus information

By EMILY SCHRANK  
News Writer

Students who are considering moving off campus can explore their living options today at student government's Lease Fair.

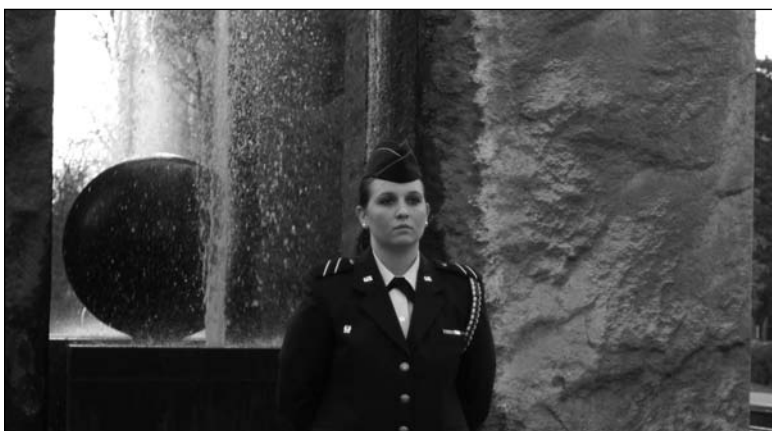
"We decided to have a Lease Fair largely in part because we think students are unaware of what's out there in terms of off-campus housing," junior Emily LeStrange, the Off-Campus Concerns Senate chair, said. "We wanted to create an event where students could learn about lease agreements and get some information about what living off campus is like."

LeStrange said the Lease Fair will feature 16 landlords and leasing agencies, including Irish Crossings, Kramer Properties and Stadium Club.

"Students can meet with

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## ROTC OBSERVES VETERANS DAY



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Sophomore Air Force ROTC cadet Erin Chastain stands at the Clarke Memorial Fountain in observance of Veterans Day Wednesday.

## Panel addresses state of humanities

By REBECCA MORIARTY  
News Writer

In a Wednesday panel discussion, professors discussed perceptions of the humanities as a declining field that is becoming less attractive to college students.

The panel, sponsored by the Nanovic Institute, was titled "Humanities in peril: does Notre Dame have an answer?"

Susannah Monta, associate

professor of English, moderated the panel. In her opening remarks, she said the perceived crisis in humanities is not necessarily negative.

"Crisis can also mean a turning point," Monta said. "We must not stop at the colloquial understanding."

John McGreevy, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said the existence of a crisis in the humanities depends on how one examines the question.

"This crisis both exists and

does not," McGreevy said.

It is real because there are fewer opportunities for graduate students in this area of study and fewer students are enrolling in humanities courses, he said. However, there is also no crisis because degrees in the humanities still provide an excellent base for students looking to enter the fields of law, medicine and business.

Overall, the panelists agreed the humanities are

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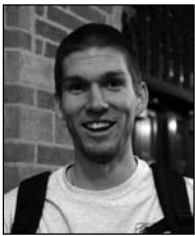
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*sophomore Walsh*

“To be in the Question of the Day.”



**Audrey Vitter**  
*sophomore Badin*

“Get an A on my physics test.”



**Kurt Nowak**  
*senior Duncan*

“To get snow.”



**Jim Jennings**  
*freshman Morrissey*

“To beat Utah.”



**Jimmy Simonse**  
*junior O’Neill*

“To swing on a star and carry moon beams home in a jar.”



**Kenneth Schlax**  
*senior Keenan*

“That my mom has an awesome birthday!”

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**Juniors Will Thwaites and Elizabeth Davis sit at the Waste Free Wednesday table at South Dining Hall Wednesday night, collecting the names of students who had no wasted leftovers at dinner to put them into a raffle to win 100 Flex Points.**

## OFFBEAT

### Woman harassed drivers by repeatedly braking

ABERDEEN, N.J. — Authorities accused a New Jersey woman of repeatedly harassing drivers on the Garden State Parkway by braking repeatedly, causing other motorists to tailgate. Karen Born, 52, was free on \$27,500 bail, charged with harassment, falsely incriminating others and filing false reports to law enforcement.

State Police Sgt. Brian Polite told the Asbury Park Press that state troopers issued a warrant for Born’s arrest after 22 incidents of alleged harassment over the summer.

Polite said Born would call police after the other driver pulled over and claim the other driver was harassing and stalking her.

It was not clear whether Born had retained an attorney.

### Woman sentenced for taking meter-reader scooter

MISSOULA, Mont. — A transient who stole a Missoula meter-reader scooter and took it on a brief joyride before crashing it into a parked car has been sentenced to a year under the supervision of the Department of Corrections. District Judge Dusty Deschamps sentenced 43-year-old

Carey Sterling on Tuesday. However, he ordered her to remain jailed until she can pay \$500 in restitution and \$240 in court costs.

Sterling has been in custody since her arrest in May on the felony theft charge. She was unemployed at the time of her arrest.

Sterling told the judge she is eligible for about \$3,000 in benefits that she hasn’t applied for, partly because she hadn’t lived in one place long enough to file the paperwork and because she has been in jail.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The film “October Country” will be shown today at 6:30 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The film offers a moving portrait of contemporary working class life as the family struggles to overcome the demons of the past and create the opportunity for a better tomorrow.

The lecture, “How the Catholic Church’s Teachings on Abortion, Sex, and Marriage are Pro-women” will take place today at 7:30 p.m. Catholic Pro-Life author and speaker Erika Bachiochi will give the lecture in the Stapleton Lounge of Le Mans Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

RecSports will begin accepting entries for Interhall Basketball and GFS Basketball through today. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To enter, bring a completed Entry Form and your team fee to the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center front desk.

Professor of Political Science, Binghamton University, Patrick Regan, will present the lecture, “Do Interventions Start Civil Wars?” today at 12:30 p.m. in room C-103 in the Hesburgh Center. Regan’s work covers a range of issues such as the militarization of societies, determinants of human rights violations, negotiations in international conflict resolution, the onset of civil war, and interventions in civil wars. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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SENATE

# Group debates election changes

By MEGAN DOYLE  
News Writer

Student Senate discussed changes to the process for allegations made against candidates in student body elections on Wednesday, with senators unanimously passing a resolution rearranging the election committee that reviews these allegations and determines sanctions when a rule is broken.

Oversight chair Paige Becker and Judicial Council president Marcelo Perez explained the original system and the proposed changes to the senators.

“What we are addressing through these changes is what happens when, during an election someone, files an allegation against someone who is running for office,” Becker said.

Before this amendment, the election committee was comprised of 29 hall election coordinators appointed by hall presidents for each dorm. These coordinators met when an allegation was made to decide if it was valid and should be reviewed. They passed valid allegations to an executive committee of six election coordinators.

The executive committee would then hear from the accused and the accuser. If the committee found the allegation to be true, its members would decide on a sanction.

Perez said the changes to the system would make it clearer and easier. Most of the allegations made are about candidates who break rules campaigning, and most sanctions usually involve cuts in campaign funding, Perez said.

“One of the problems with this



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

**The Student Senate discusses the student body election process in a meeting Wednesday.**

system is that hall election coordinators are not always appointed in time for the Freshman Class Council (FCC) elections,” Becker said.

Allegations also fell through in the past because not enough members of the election committee could meet on short notice, Perez said.

“Inefficiency can really be important to this process because during these campaigns, time is of the essence,” Becker said.

To address these problems, the new body will constitute one election committee made of seven voting members chosen through an interview process. It will also include two non-voting members as the Senate Liaison to the Judicial Council and the Oversight committee chair.

“These committee members will be selected from the student body at large and cannot hold any other student government position,” Becker said. “What we want is someone from the student body at

large who has separation from the elections.”

The Student Senate will still be able to appeal a decision made by the election committee.

“The Senate’s purpose is to check the election committee,” Becker said. “The election committee’s purpose is to make fair and knowledgeable decisions on the details on an allegation.”

Hall election coordinators will still run elections within each dorm, Becker said.

Knott Hall senator Alex Kasparie said the Oversight Committee looked into all possibilities to adjust the system.

“As a member of the Oversight Committee, I would like to say that his resolution has been a long time coming,” Kasparie said. “We have put a lot of effort into making sure that this is the most effective and fair amendment we could propose.”

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# SGA addresses College readership, renovations

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
Saint Mary’s Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) discussed the Le Mans Hall basement renovation and the Saint Mary’s Readership Program at Wednesday’s meeting.

Student body president Rachael Chesley started the meeting by talking about a meeting with the designer who will be leading the project to renovate Le Mans Hall.

“We presented her with all the ideas we talked about last week,” Chesley said. “There are a lot of possibilities that can be done down there.”

Different ideas have included a television area, pool table and ping-pong table. Chesley said the basement would be split into eight zones, and SGA’s next steps would be to brainstorm what should go in those zones and to choose a theme color for the area.

“We want it to be a really fun area that is engaging and interactive,” Chesley said.

SGA will create a committee to discuss what should be done in Le Mans and they are trying to adhere to a particular time frame, she said. Chesley said they hope to have the project completed when students return from Spring Break. To meet that deadline, SGA will finalize the ideas at the beginning of

spring semester.

“First, we want to have the color we want down there,” Chesley said. “Then, after the color we pick the finish that we want down there. It’s a huge room so it all has to kind of connect still and off of that we have to think of furniture.”

In addition to the discussion of the basement renovations, the Board also spent time reviewing the campus’ readership program, which SGA sponsors to supply students with free copies of USA Today, The New York Times and The South Bend Tribune.

“We want to bring awareness to the program because it is a great thing we have here on campus so we looked at what other colleges are doing,” Chesley said.

The Board discussed hosting “coffee-house style” meetings with professors at Dalloway’s — the campus clubhouse — and having the professor pick an article and present it to students. Chesley said students know about the free access to newspapers on campus, but they don’t always realize SGA sponsors it.

The Board also talked about giving out prizes to students are “caught reading.” Students seen reading the newspaper could be given prizes by members of SGA, Chesley said.

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# Lease

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different landlords and learn about their leasing policies and see what properties they have available for rent for the next academic year,” she said. “They’ll be able to compare what certain properties offer and what others don’t in order to come to a more informed decision about off-campus housing.”

LeStrange said it is important to learn what to look for when signing a lease.

“We want to show students that it’s important to ask questions

about the landlord’s renting policies before signing a legal and binding contract with him or her,” she said.

Student government decided to host the Lease Fair because many students start making decisions about living off campus with friends during the fall semester, LeStrange said.

“Some houses are coveted by students and can be swept

up pretty quickly if you’re not thinking about your senior year plans yet,” she said. “I also think it’s a time when students are considering their abroad options and may be thinking about living plans for junior year too.”

LeStrange said student government sees the Lease Fair as a community event, which

is central to their beND community outreach campaign.

“The Lease Fair is another way student government encourages students to explore housing options in the community, with the hope that we can strengthen the South Bend community by integrating ourselves deeper in our surroundings,” she said.

“South Bend has a lot of great places and people to rent from, and this event allows students to get to know them.”

The Lease Fair will take place today from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom and will feature a variety of giveaways.

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*“We want to show students that it’s important to ask questions about the landlord’s renting policies before signing a legal and binding contract with him or her.”*

Emily LeStrange  
chair  
Off-campus Concerns

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not compelling for students due to a lack of understanding about what the field encompasses and a lack of vibrant humanities programs.

Film, Television and Theatre professor Peter Holland said the humanities remain strong at Notre Dame because of the University’s Catholic identity. Humanities courses such as theology and philosophy are in the College of Arts and Letters, making them all interconnected.

McGreevy said Notre Dame’s philosophy and theol-

ogy requirements highlight the University’s commitment to the humanities.

“Our requirements make humanities more important at Notre Dame, which is unusual when viewed nationally,” McGreevy said.

History professor Felipe Fernandez-Armesto said it is especially important to emphasize the interconnectedness between disciplines in the humanities. Universities could increase unity between areas of study by eliminating departments, he said.

“We must focus on the unity of knowledge,” Fernandez-Armesto said.

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# Emanuel plans to formalize intentions

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel plans to make official this weekend what everyone already knows: He’s running for mayor of Chicago.

An Emanuel campaign aide confirmed the plans to The Associated Press on Wednesday evening. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity because he didn’t want to pre-empt Emanuel’s announcement planned for Saturday.

Emanuel resigned from the White House last month and has since been gathering signatures, raising funds and campaigning throughout the Chicago area.

He plans to make his announcement at Coonley Elementary School on Chicago’s North Side, which is in the same congressional district Emanuel once represented, the aide said.

Candidates who want to run in the February election must submit petitions with more than 12,000 signatures by Nov. 22.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley announced in September that he wouldn’t seek a seventh term.

Since then, a slew of candidates have surfaced as potential successors.

Those that have formally announced their candidacy include are City Clerk Miguel del Valle and former Chicago school board president Gerry Chico.

Many others have said they are preparing a run or received backing from interest groups.

Former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun has opened a campaign office on the city’s South Side, Democratic U.S. Rep. Danny Davis received an endorsement from a coalition of black leaders and supports of State Sen. James Meeks have been circling petitions around the city.

# Funding

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from students, but most of campus does not realize how expensive a lot of talent can be,” Sutton said. “Most of the suggestions we receive are more than our entire budget. Lil Wayne, for example, is about four times our entire budget.”

SUB treasurer Pat Sturm said in addition to funding a larger annual spring concert, the SUB budget covers AcoustiCafe, Antostal, campus entertainment like The White Panda concert, the Collegiate Jazz Festival, weekly movies, the Notre Dame Literary Festival and other special events. Money is also spent on guest speakers, cultural events and football ticket lotteries.

“Our budget and the University do not really formally limit us, but we

have a mission to promote viable on-campus programming,” Sturm said. “It would be great to put all our money toward a big concert, but we find it better to provide programming throughout the year.”

Programming events that appeal to all types of students is a priority for SUB, and those events cost money. The Collegiate Jazz Festival and the Notre Dame Literary Festival cost around \$20,000 each, Sturm said.

“Obviously a large portion of what we spend is directed toward our big concert in the second half of the year,” Sturm said. “That concert is about 30 or 40 percent of our budget. Then we have other programs that get a different portion of that money, too.”

SUB’s budget breaks down to about \$25 per person in student activity fees, Sturm said.

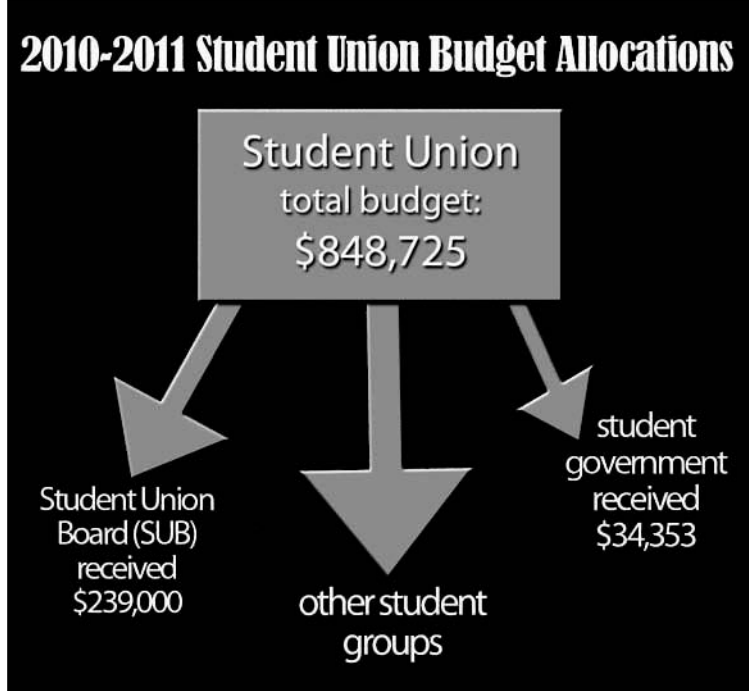
“We have a dual mission because we would like to be doing the biggest concerts we could with what we are given,” Sturm said. “But we have some programs that have been around a long time that need money as well.”

Student body president Catherine Soler said Notre Dame’s Student Union structure, which splits funds between SUB and student government, is unique in comparison with other schools.

“It has been interesting this year when we communicated with our counterparts at other universities to see what they receive financially,” Soler said. “Some state schools may have larger budgets but they are not split up the way we are.”

When Soler and student body vice president Andrew Bell were elected to their offices last spring, the first step to putting their platform into practice was considering how their ideas fit their budget.

“The budget definitely comes into perspective when you want to do large scale programming like the Eddy



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*“It would be great to put all our money toward a big concert but we find it better to provide programming throughout the year.”*

Pat Sturm  
treasurer  
Student Union Board

Street Commons Block Party or DeBartolo lounge renovations,” Soler said. “An important component of those decisions is just being responsible with the funds.

Student body executive controller Caitlin Pulte, who oversees student government’s budget, said student government also manages the funds for the weekend

Transpo routes and newspapers available on campus. Transpo costs about \$15,000.

“Transpo is 100 percent worth that piece of the budget,” Pulte said. “Students pack the buses every weekend and really appreciate the service.”

The student government budget also includes office expenses and advertising for student government events. One event typically demands around \$200 for posters and other advertisements around campus, Pulte said.

“I think our budget works for what we want to do,” Pulte said. “We put on different kinds of events than SUB.”

The Financial Management Board (FMB), led by Hurtubise, allocated the total Student Union budget in April. FMB distributed money between clubs, class councils, student government, the Student Union Board (SUB) and other organizations. Each group requested a certain amount of funding based on its plans for the upcoming year.

“Every spring all these groups fill out a budget proposal,” Hurtubise said. “They identify what they think they will spend on different events all year long, what they want to budget for each of their divisions, what their ideas and what the numbers from last year were.”

After the fall semester, the Board will review the budgets again and reallocate some of the funds for the

spring semester.

“If, in the winter, we see that a group did a great job with their budget all semester and did not overspend or under-spend we take that into serious consideration,” Hurtubise said. “We then go through a reallocation process in January that might give some groups more funding for the spring semester.”

Of the total amount distributed by FMB, Sturm said 85 percent came from student activity fees included in tuition, 12 percent from The Shirt proceeds and 3 percent from endowment returns.

SUB received more funding from FMB than any other single group this year. Only the sum of funds allocated to all student clubs exceeded the amount SUB received.

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Julia Sutton  
director  
Student Union Board

Sutton said. “We are geared toward the largest amount of people so we make more use of our funds. Our scope is a lot larger than any other group.”

SUB encourages its programmers to make use of the resources available to them, Sturm said.

“The great thing about SUB is that we have a lot of freedom to do what we think

is best for the student body, and do it in a creative fashion,” Sturm said.

Programmers walk the line between quality and quantity, Sutton said.

“We want to do something for everyone, but we do not plan something unless we would want to go to the event ourselves,” Sutton said.

Hurtubise said there is not enough money to give every student group the full amount of money they would like.

“In the spring, everyone comes in new and excited to put on all these great events,” Hurtubise said. “We want to give everyone the full amount they request but we do not have the money to go around for every group to do everything they want to do.”

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# Charity

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Bui-Green said. “But once they found out about us ... it became greater than football.”

Earlier this month, Bui-Green said Dillon Hall residents spent a day at the Hannah and Friends farm for community service and students from Pasquerilla East Hall participated in a “ladies’ night” with adult residents.

“People just have an innate desire to help others, and us being so close to campus I think students continue to do that,” Bui-Green said.

Bui-Green said Maura Weis still checks in with Hannah and Friends’ staff on a weekly basis and visits frequently.

“We’re still a very mom-and-

pop organization that they’re actively participating in,” she said.

In 2011, Maura and Hannah Weis plans to move back to South Bend. The Weis family decided the move would provide Hannah with consistency and allow her to participate in Hannah and Friends’ programming, Bui-Green said.

The Kelly Cares Foundation, like Hannah and Friends, involves a large commitment from its founders.

Paqui Kelly said since moving to South Bend, she has spent an increased amount of time working with Kelly Cares.

“I think previously it seemed more that I would be at the events, but now it’s more of a grassroots, where I’m pretty

much the base that goes with the Kelly Cares Foundation,” she said. “At this point it is full time ... but it’s a great and

rewarding new venue for me.”

Kelly Cares hosted fundraisers this year through golf outings, Football 101 events with Coach Kelly and other speaking events.

Paqui said part of the inspiration to begin the foundation

came from feeling blessed during her own battles with breast cancer. She benefited from early detection and proactive healthcare and had the support of family and friends throughout her treatments.

“I learned some things [during my own treatments] and I think at the end of the day you see those lights come and you say, ‘what should I be doing?’” she said.

Breast cancer awareness is a major aspect of the Kelly Cares mission. As part of this initiative, the foundation sold pink wristbands during the month of October.

“We just hope that in spread-

ing that word, that in itself will help save people’s lives,” she said.

Kelly Cares also works in other areas, such as education. The foundation has already donated to Notre Dame’s Hesburgh Library and the Robinson Community Learning Center in South Bend.

The foundation will issue a press release early in 2011 announcing more initiatives, which Kelly said are not yet finalized.

Beyond football and coaching records,

Bui-Green said it is important that football coaches make an impact in the larger community.

“[Weis’] legacy had made a tremendous impact on so many people,” she said. “It makes me really proud to be a part of his organization.”

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*“We’re still a very mom-and-pop organization that [the Weis family is] actively participating in.”*

**Sharon Bui-Green**  
executive director  
Hannah and Friends

# Cracks found in Discovery fuel tank

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA discovered cracks in Discovery’s fuel tank Wednesday, an added problem that will complicate trying to launch the space shuttle on its final voyage this year.

The two cracks — each 9 inches long — were found on the exterior of the aluminum tank, beneath a larger crack in the insulating foam that covers the 15-story tank. The cracks are in an area that holds instruments, not fuel.

NASA spokesman Allard Beutel said engineers believe the tank can be repaired at the launch pad, although it’s never been tried before. It’s unclear, though, whether the work can be done in time to meet a Nov. 30 launch attempt.

Discovery was grounded Friday by a hydrogen gas leak that cropped up during fueling Friday. It was the latest in a weeklong string of technical and weather postponements. A 20-inch crack in the foam was discovered soon after the last countdown was halted.

NASA managers said at the time they did not know if the foam crack itself would have postponed liftoff. But on Wednesday, officials said they will not attempt another launch until the foam and tank are patched.

The space agency has been cautious about fuel-tank foam ever since a slab broke off during Columbia’s 2003 launch and pierced the left wing. The shuttle was destroyed during re-entry.

Discovery — NASA’s oldest and most-traveled shuttle — must be flying by Dec. 6 or so, otherwise the flight to the International Space Station will be off until approximately February. That’s because the Russians need to launch a new station crew in mid-December, creating a blackout period for a visiting shuttle. Then early next year, there is a series of unmanned supply ships, as well as a span of unacceptable solar angles.


The cracks in the ribbed section of the tank — the so-called central intertank region — were discovered as workers removed pieces of the damaged foam for analysis. This region joins the upper oxygen and lower hydrogen chambers that make up the rust-colored tank.

Since that section contains only instruments, no explosive fuel would have leaked, had the shuttle launched with the defects.

Beutel said it’s possible NASA may have unknowingly launched shuttles in the past with these type of cracks in the tank. If it wasn’t for the cracks traveling up to the surface of the foam this time, they would have gone unnoticed, he noted. The tank is discarded once a shuttle reaches orbit and breaks up while plunging back through the atmosphere.

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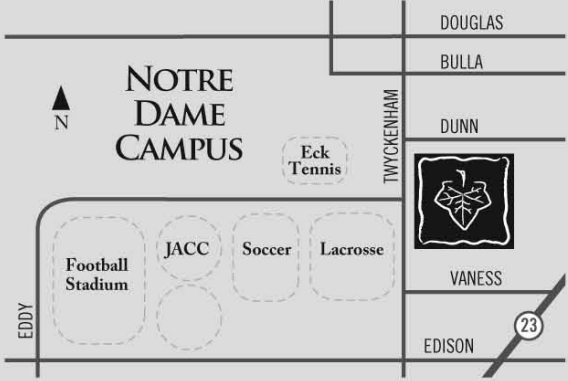
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# Federal grand jury indicts 'Barefoot Bandit'

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The 19-year-old "Barefoot Bandit," who is accused in a two-year string of thefts from Washington state to the Caribbean, was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Seattle.

Colton Harris-Moore was indicted on charges including interstate transportation of a stolen aircraft and being a fugitive in possession of a firearm, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced.

"The grand jury action today

is an important step in holding Colton Harris-Moore accountable for his criminal conduct," said U.S. Attorney Jenny A. Durkan.

Harris-Moore faces up to 10 years in prison each for four of the counts. He remains in a federal detention center in SeaTac, Wash., and is scheduled to be arraigned on the indictment Nov. 18.

A message left with Harris-Moore's attorney, John Henry Browne, was not immediately returned.

After a two-year run from

the law, Harris-Moore was caught July 10 in the Bahamas, a week after authorities say he crash-landed an airplane stolen from an Indiana airport. Bahamian authorities launched an extensive manhunt for the teenager and arrested him as he tried to flee in a boat.

Harris-Moore's story caught the attention of the nation. A fan club on Facebook boasts more than 23,000 members. Executives from movie and television production companies inquired about his story.

The self-taught pilot is suspected in more than 70 crimes across nine states since he walked away from a halfway house in April 2008, many of them in Washington's bucolic islands.

Harris-Moore was deported by the Bahamas to the U.S. after pleading guilty to illegally entering the island nation east of Miami. The U.S. embassy paid a \$300 fine on his behalf.

He was returned to Washington state a few days after his arrest.

The grand jury focused on

four different incidents. In one, Harris-Moore is accused of stealing a Cessna from Idaho and flying it to Washington state in September 2009. He's also accused of stealing a boat from Washington and sailing it to Oregon in May of this year.

Prosecutors also say Harris-Moore stole a .32 caliber pistol in Canada and carried it to the United States.

Harris-Moore is nicknamed the "Barefoot Bandit" because police say he wore no shoes during some of the thefts he's accused of committing.

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## Smart ends testimony against kidnapper

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Elizabeth Smart testified Wednesday that the street preacher accused of kidnapping her in 2002 frequently prayed that the teenager would fulfill her marital duty of having sex — something she said was "about the farthest thing" from her prayers.

Smart took the stand a third day and gave a spirited rejection of Brian David Mitchell's defense contention that he suffers from an escalating mental illness and holds extreme religious beliefs that lead him to think he is directed by God.

Mitchell was a crude, vulgar, self-serving person who used religion to justify his actions, including her kidnapping and rape over nine months, she said, calling him a hypocrite.

"He was his number one priority, followed by sex, drugs and alcohol, but he used religion in all of those aspects to justify everything," Smart said in a clear voice, confidently expressing her own religious knowledge.

"Nine months of living with him and seeing him proclaim that he was God's servant and called to do God's work and everything he did to me and my family is something that I know that God would not tell somebody to do," she said. "God would never tell someone to kidnap her at knifepoint from their bed, from her sister's side ... never continue to rape her and sexually abuse her."

Smart finished her testimony Wednesday morning after about 30 minutes of cross-examination by a defense lawyer for Mitchell, who's accused of taking her from home knifepoint on June 5, 2002, when she was 14.

Mitchell, 57, is charged in federal court with kidnapping and unlawful transportation of a minor across state lines. If convicted, he faces a life sentence.

Now 23, Smart was found in March 2003 with Mitchell on the streets of a Salt Lake City suburb.

In previous testimony, she said during those nine months that she endured almost daily rapes and was forced to drink alcohol, use drugs and view pornography.

On the night of her kidnapping, Smart said Mitchell led her to a mountainside camp above Salt Lake City, where she was stripped of her red pajamas and dressed in white robes before being forced to marry

him in a quickie ceremony Mitchell performed himself.

Mitchell also repeatedly threatened that Smart, her family, or anyone who tried to help her would be killed if she ever tried to escape.

Smart said she did reach out for help on one of the trips she made with Mitchell and his now-estranged wife, Wanda Eileen Barzee, from their campsite.

"Ms. Barzee took me into the bathroom at the Hard Rock Cafe and I tried to scratch 'help' into the bathroom stall," Smart said.

Much of Wednesday's testimony centered on Mitchell's use of faith and his writing, "The Book of Immanuel David Isaiah," a rambling tome that outlines his own brand of religions that mixed Bible teachings with the early doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and New Age philosophers.

Smart said she had read the book and Mitchell had spoken of it with her but that she had never heard him discuss his controversial ideas about faith — including polygamy — with anyone else.

During a short cross-examination, Smart was asked by federal public defender Robert Steele whether Mitchell's use of prayers and blessings seemed familiar to her own practice of Mormonism.

Smart said there was some similarity, but Mitchell used spoken prayers to manipulate her and Barzee, including to have sex.

"The things that he would say in his prayers were things that I would never have said," she replied.

"He would say, 'Please bless me,' [Smart], that I would be able to cope with my wifely duties and be able to rise to the occasion and fulfill my wifely duties. That is about the farthest thing from my prayers."

Prosecutors also began questioning other witnesses Wednesday, including the Salt Lake City homicide detective who questioned Mitchell about Smart's identity in a downtown library.

Following up on a tip about a girl whose eyes matched those in a picture of Smart, Detective Jon Richey said he asked Mitchell if the veil across the young girl's face could be removed so he could verify that she was not the missing girl.

The trial resumes Monday because of the Veterans Day holiday and is expected to last into December.



# Tugboats tow disabled cruise ship back to U.S.

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The food on the disabled cruise ship Carnival Splendor is cold and the lines to get it stretch for hours.

And with the pool and casinos closed and rooms pitch black and stuffy, the nearly 4,500 people and crew on board passed the time with live music, scavenger hunts and trivia contests as they are slowly towed to San Diego.

The bar is also open and offering free drinks.

Two tugboats were pulling the 952-foot ship back to the U.S. The journey could take at least until late Thursday.

The ship entered cell phone range on Wednesday and the crew set up a bank of eight Satellite phones, allowing passengers mostly cut off from communication since an engine fire disabled the vessel on Monday to finally reach loved ones — and provide the first details of the conditions on board.

Among them was David Zambrano, who phoned his employer, Denver TV station 9NEWS, and said people were trying to keep their spirits up by singing, socializing and playing cards.

Rooms in the interior of the ship were dark, and passengers propped open their doors to let in air and emergency lighting from the hallways, Zambrano said.

"So really, all we're doing is just kind of hanging out on a boat waiting for the next mealtime," Zambrano said.

Mealtime requires a two-hour wait for cold food, he said. Navy helicopters flew in Spam, Pop Tarts and canned crab meat and other goods for the passengers and crew.

"It's almost like a diet cruise because we've been eating salads and fruit and small sandwiches," Zambrano said.

Carnival CEO Gerry Cahill said the challenges on the cruise ship are unlike any others his company has faced in its 35-year history.

"The conditions on the ship have been challenging and we are very, very sorry for the discomfort and the inconvenience that our guests have had to deal with in the past several days," Cahill said at a news conference in San Diego. "They signed up for a great cruise vacation and obviously that is not what they received."

Gina Calzada, 43, of Henderson, Nev., said her diabetic sister, Vicky, called her Wednesday morning on her cell phone and started sobbing. She said she has not been able to take her insulin for her diabetes because she is not eating enough.

She told Calzada all that she had eaten was some bread, cucumbers and lettuce. "I told her where are the Pop Tarts and the Spam? I thought they brought in 70,000 pounds of supplies," Calzada said. "She said I haven't seen that."

Alvarez and her husband saved up for months to take the cruise to celebrate their wedding anniversary of more than 20 years and her 48th birthday, which was on Nov. 4. They had not been able to take a vacation for years because Alvarez was caring for their aging mother, who died in June.

"She said it stinks of rotten food and smoke," Calzada said. "It's dark, and it's cold."

Her sister then passed the phone to her husband because she was crying too hard, Calzada said. He told Calzada that when he went looking for food for his wife, a crew member told him to give her a Tic-Tac.

"That really made my brother-in-law upset," Calzada said.

Cahill said he did not have information about Alvarez to immediately comment.

Passengers were being entertained with bands and board games, and were being offered free drinks at the bar and the option of sleeping out on the deck, he said.

The Splendor left Long Beach on Sunday for a seven-day trip to the Mexican Riviera. The ship was 200 miles south of San Diego and about 44 miles off shore when the engine room fire killed its power.

No one was hurt, but those on board were left without air conditioning, hot water or Internet service. Most telephone service had been knocked out. The ship's auxiliary power allowed for working toilets and cold water, Carnival spokesman Vance Gulliksen said.

Dawn Gill said her son Daniel Gill board the ship with his wife, Kendall, and the Phoenix couple had been celebrating their honeymoon.

"Once we knew there were no injuries, and there's no pirates or terrorist attack, and there's no imminent danger kind of thing, it's just inconvenience," said Dawn Gill. "We're laughing it's like, it had to be Dan and Kendall's wedding, it just had to be, and it's going to be great conversation at Thanksgiving when the family gets together. Just what a great way to start out, it's got to go up from here."

The U.S. Navy resupplied the ship on Tuesday with thousands of pounds of food and other supplies ferried by helicopter from the USS Ronald Reagan, an aircraft carrier diverted from maneuvers

# Plan curbs social security

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a politically incendiary plan, the bipartisan leaders of President Barack Obama's deficit commission proposed curbs in Social Security benefits, deep reductions in federal spending and higher taxes for millions of Americans Wednesday to stem a flood of red ink that they said threatens the nation's very future.

The White House responded coolly, some leading lawmakers less so to proposals that target government programs long considered all but sacred. Besides Social Security, Medicare spending would be curtailed. Tax breaks for many health care plans, too. And the Pentagon's budget, as well, in a plan designed to cut total deficits by as much as \$4 trillion over the next decade.

The plan arrived exactly one week after elections that featured strong voter demands for economic change in Washington. But criticism was immediate from advocacy groups on the left and, to some extent, the right at the start of the post-election debate on painful steps necessary to rein in out-of-control deficits.

The plan would gradually increase the retirement age for full Social Security benefits — to 69 by 2075 — and current recipients would receive smaller-than-anticipated annual increases. Equally controversial, it would eliminate the current tax deduction that homeowners receive for the interest they pay on their mortgages.

No one is expecting quick action on any of the plan's pieces. Proposed cuts to Social Security and Medicare are making liberals recoil. And conservative Republicans are having difficulty with options suggested for raising taxes. The plan also calls for cuts in farm subsidies, foreign aid and the Pentagon's budget.

The document was released by Democrat Erskine Bowles, a former Clinton White House

chief of staff, and Republican Alan Simpson, a former senator from Wyoming.

Acknowledging the controversy involved, Simpson quipped to reporters: "We'll both be in a witness protection program when this is all over, so look us up." Said Bowles: "This is a starting point."

Controversial or not, Bowles said serious action was demanded. He declared, "This debt is like a cancer that will truly destroy this country from within if we don't fix it."

The government reported separately Wednesday that the deficit for last month alone was \$140.4 billion — and that was 20 percent lower than a year earlier. The red ink for all of the past fiscal year was \$1.29 trillion, second highest on record, and this year is headed for the third straight total above \$1 trillion.

Current deficits require the government to borrow 37 cents out of every dollar it spends.

Still, the plan was rejected as "simply unacceptable" by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., a top Obama ally.

The White House held its fire. Said spokesman Bill Burton, "The president will wait until the bipartisan fiscal commission finishes its work before commenting." He called the ideas "only a step in the process."

The Social Security proposal would change the inflation measurement used to calculate cost-of-living adjustments for benefits, reducing annual increases. It immediately drew a withering assault from advocates for seniors, who are already upset that there will be no inflation increase for 2011, the second straight year.

The plan would also raise the regular Social Security retirement age to 68 by about 2050 and to 69 in 2075. The full retirement age for those retiring now is 66. For those born in 1960 or after, the full retirement age is now 67.

Better-off beneficiaries

would receive smaller Social Security payments than those in lower earning brackets under the proposal, and the amount of income subject to Social Security taxes would be increased.

"The chairmen of the Deficit Commission just told working Americans to 'Drop Dead,'" AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said in a statement.

From the right, anti-tax activist Grover Norquist — whose opinions carry great weight among Republicans — blasted the plan for its \$1 trillion in tax increases over the coming decade. But Bowles and Simpson say eliminating costly tax deductions could bring income tax rates way down.

For every \$1 of new revenue, the plan demands \$3 in spending cuts, and that was acceptable to panel member Tom Coburn, a Republican senator from Oklahoma. "If we do the cuts, I'll go for it," he said. "We may have to go for some revenues at some point."

The entire commission is supposed to report a deficit-cutting plan on Dec. 1, but panel members are unsure whether they'll be able to agree on anything approaching deficit cuts of the size proposed. And even if they could, any vote in Congress this year would be nonbinding, Simpson said.

This is not a proposal I could support," said panel member Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill. "On Medicare and Social Security in particular, there are proposals that I could not support."

The release of the plan follows midterm elections that gave Republicans the House majority and increased their numbers in the Senate. During the campaign, neither political party talked of spending cuts of the magnitude offered Wednesday, with Republicans proposing \$100 billion in cuts to domestic programs passed each year by Congress — but with no specifics.

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INSIDE COLUMN

## Farewell Lyons Hall

It's horrifying to think that the number of times I'll be walking under the Lyons arch and scanning into the building I've called home is limited to the five remaining weeks of this semester.

**Molly Sammon**

There are plenty of things I'll miss about that place: hav-

*Assistant  
Sports Editor*

ing my closest friends down the hall, down the stairs, being next door to the Rock and Joey, the stuffed Lion.

There are also plenty of things I won't miss: the closet-sized dorm rooms, heaters with a deafening clang that all seem to go off at the same time and the dated, brownish glow of the interior decoration that characterizes any building older than my grandparents.

Though the benefits of sororitized living outweigh any negatives that come with the age of the building, I'm sure there are many reasons Lyons is ready to see me go.

I should start off by apologizing to each of my neighbors for my alarm clock every morning. I know it's amazing that I cannot ever hear it, even though I'm sure it would wake up most people on campus if it were placed on the 50-yard line of Notre Dame Stadium. For this, a sole apology will have to suffice, so I am sorry for any morning aggravation this may have caused you guys in Lyons, and possibly a few in Morrissey too.

I should also apologize for that time I put my popcorn in the microwave for five minutes instead of two because I accidentally pressed the wrong button and my slightly dyslexic brain did not pick up on the error. I guess this was less of an inconvenience to you guys as it was to the Notre Dame Fire Department that had to spend a good amount of their day sifting through the layers of smoke that enveloped the first floor and part of the second. For that event I am sorry, and I never did try making popcorn again.

This might also be a good time to say sorry about the time I left my grab n' go in the trash can too long, or the drying racks I've left in the hallway too long, for all the late nights where I forgot my ID card and stayed inside the foyer banging on the door until someone woke up. I'm sorry for my New York Times subscription that clogs up the mailroom. I'm sorry for stealing the leftover salad from the Mara Fox dinner without asking anyone if that was okay.

One thing you guys can thank me for is for single-handedly disproving the old tale that you have to marry the person you kiss under the Lyons arch — I can't afford to have that many weddings.

Looking at off-campus houses lately and all the paperwork, check-writing, research, kissing-up to parents or landlords and paying my own bills, I've come to realize that I've had it pretty easy in Lyons.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

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## David Bowie is dumb . . .

I've been lying to myself about it for a long time, but I can't deny it any longer: David Bowie is a terrible singer, a terrible songwriter and a terrible musician. I tried to nod along with the critical consensus that

**Brooks Smith**

*Marc Bolan*

this ridiculous poser is some sort of genius of 20th century rock, but the more of his music I heard and the more of his personal life and professional decisions I learned about, the more I thought he was an overinflated jerk.

For instance, his decision to work with Brian Eno on a couple albums. "Well that's all well and good," you may say, "I don't know much about that Eno fellow after all." Basically, Brian Eno is the producer you call when you are a pretentious wanker and want to "art up" your music to give it some semblance of lasting significance. Other artists who have worked with Eno in the past: well-known pretentious wankers U2 and Coldplay, and solo pretentious wanker David Byrne (whose pretentious wankerness was reined in by the earthy grooves and commitment to pop of his breakthrough band, Talking Heads).

As you might have predicted, Eno's influence on Bowie led him to make two of his worst records, "Low" and "Heroes." These albums have become recognized as two of the biggest scams in rock history: in an era of two-sided LPs, only the first side of "Low" or "Heroes" contained "rock songs;" the second side was entirely padded with instrumental filler. By writing enough for one album and mixing a diluted concoction of "rock" and instrumental filler on both of these albums, Eno and Bowie sold a single album for the price of two.

Even more troubling was his associa-

tion with the glam rock scene of the early 1970s, which I would liken to the hair metal craze of the 1980s in terms of lasting artistic value (to say nothing of fashion sense). The unfortunate foregrounding of style over substance in a sub-Warholian attempt at pop subversion was the primary characteristic of most glam rockers, and Bowie was no exception: he happily painted his face with glitter in odd and inadvisable ways in order to attract attention to his product while diverting public discussion from the quality of his product to the quantity of his makeup.

Let me be very clear on one point: Bowie's flirtations with androgyny and bisexuality are not to be deprecated for their stylish glamorization of alternative sexualities, an important step in mainstream acceptance of the LGBTQ community even if Bowie was merely hauling to the surface a hitherto merely implied tradition in rock and roll (among its honorable precedents, the immortal Little Richard and the revolutionary Velvet Underground) rather than making a great break with history. What irritated was the unmistakable stench of commercial calculation about his brazen appropriation of elements of gay culture — his decidedly non-altruistic motives for sparking this revolution in mainstream acceptance.

Those two periods — glam-rock poser and art-rock poseur — cover most of his 'golden boy' period when he could do no wrong. After that he moved to some fairly dreadful disco simulations and has since spent his career misguidedly attempting to incorporate the various strains of dance and club music of the 80s and 90s into his music, which his defenders call artistic evolution and I call commercial desperation. He had lost his touch for the zeitgeist, and he

would never regain it, fortunately enough for the survival of honest rock and roll unmediated by artistic pretensions.

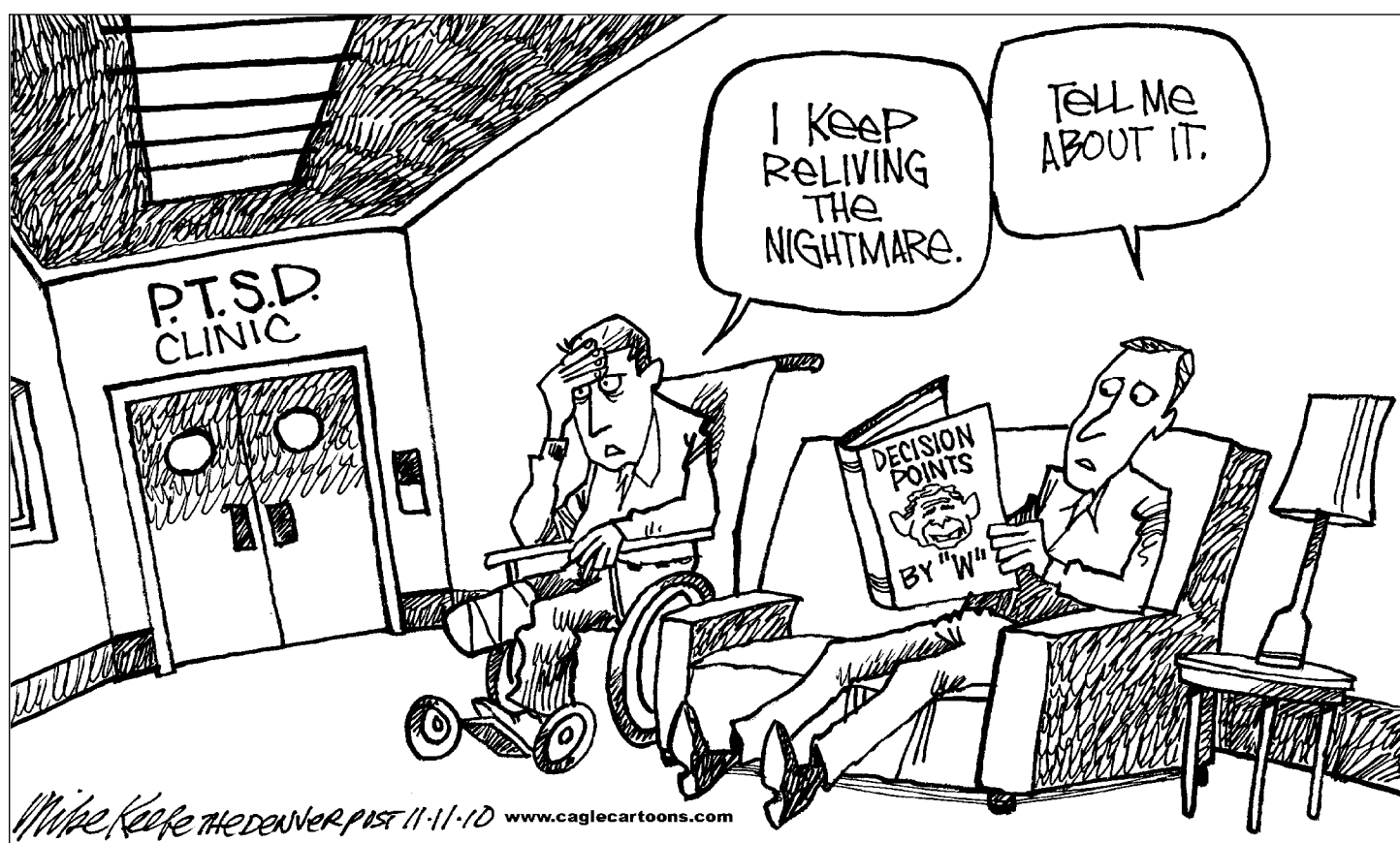
I can't think of another icon on Bowie's level who recorded so few indelible tracks (perhaps 1-2) and so many dispensable competent simulations of "pure pop" (as distinguished from actual pure pop). Maybe Elton John, who never got pretentious about the honorable functionality of his music no matter if his lyricist, did. Even properly located in the sizeable pantheon of the mildly overrated "classic rock" stars (Stones, Led, Dylan) Bowie is a cut below the rest, musically and thematically. His real genius was for a pompous theatrical flair that had little to do with rock and roll and everything to do with self-promotion.

None of this is to disparage the many intelligent, informed and well-meaning people who have found happiness in Bowie's music, of course. But popular consensus is no fit barometer of musical quality, not even among the intelligent, informed and well-meaning. After all, many of the people fitting that description also fall into Coldplay's fan base. Which speaks not to the gullibility of the intelligent (a well-known quantity), but to the targeted savviness of both artists' self-promotion. Pretension is nothing new in pop music, but at least the Killers know bad poetry goes down a little easier with over-the-top ear-candy hooks. And at least the irritating country-arena rockers Kings of Leon are straightforward about their sexuality.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."*

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**  
32nd United States president



# The courage to say ‘I’m sorry’

“Declan Sullivan was entrusted to our care, and we failed to keep him safe. We at Notre Dame — and ultimately I, as President — are responsible. Words cannot express our sorrow to the Sullivan family and to all involved.”

**Kate Barrett**

*Faithpoint*

With these simple, straightforward words Fr. John Jenkins offered a poignant and courageous apology to the Sullivans, and indeed to the world, for his open statement flew through the Internet and around a wide cross-section of news outlets almost immediately. Perhaps from a cynical point of view, his initiative was somewhat foolhardy, opening himself up to blame or even litigation; or, as sometimes happens, others would ascribe ulterior motives even to his most authentic words.

How many of us have ever had to make such a public and painful apology? Though any truly heartfelt apology demands of us honesty, humility and a genuine desire to make amends, thankfully most — or all — of us will find that we never confront the need to accept responsibility for another’s death. In such a situation, we cannot offer any recompense, any compensation for who and what Declan’s parents and sib-

lings and friends have lost. At best we might console ourselves, as perhaps Fr. Jenkins has, in the hope that such an acknowledgement could bring some moment of comfort to those who loved Declan most dearly.

In Declan’s death, we captured a glimpse of what we should all know, but mostly forget: how infinitely precious is each human life. We’ve probably all been in conversations over the last two weeks in which we or others have commented on our new attentiveness to one another, on the blessings of simply living in this community, on our appreciation for friendships and family members. We can’t live every moment of every day in the kind of intensely heightened awareness we’ve experienced for the last 14 days. But we can certainly spend the time to recall daily, and be grateful for, the gift of our lives and the people with whom God has surrounded us. We can certainly spend the time to recall daily, and be grateful for, the fact that God at every moment loves us more than we can imagine. Can this two-fold awareness allow us to be brave — even foolish — in the kindness with which we treat each other, in our readiness to forgive freely? Can we be brave to the point of foolishness in our willingness to reach out more generously,

in the humility required to make a genuine apology when needed?

For maybe we have something to learn here: that reconciliation might contribute to healing more than will retribution or revenge; that ties forged in the midst of sorrow might bring us more consolation than will the hot despair of blame or vengeance. An apology doesn’t signal an end, but a beginning to what is so commonly called a “new normal,” and for the Notre Dame community, the beginning of a new relationship with a family and a son of Our Lady who will be a part of our lives in a unique, inseparable way that we never could have predicted as recently as the morning of Oct. 27, 2010.

As our worship calendar winds to an end over the next two Sundays, the Scriptures we will hear proclaimed turn their attention to the end-times, to what the world might be like when God returns to realign our misguided priorities, to clear away and destroy all that keeps us from him. Yet again we can believe and take hope in the certainty in the midst of grief, of confusion and even in the midst of the trials which will attend the end of the world, that for those who put their trust in God, “not a hair on your head will be destroyed.” Even in events we cannot possibly comprehend,

in decisions and moments we would transform again and again if only given the opportunity, we must seek to find the truth and the love of God through his promise of eternal life; through our belief that God knows and shares in human sorrow; through our trust that even in death God remains with each one of us, loving us both intimately and infinitely.

Even when we know without a doubt that we must apologize, we can always think of reasons not to say we’re sorry, most of them based on fear: of rejection, of renewed anger, even fear of a lawsuit or other recrimination. If we have the courage to offer a heartfelt apology, however, we may have taken the first step, however tiny, toward healing a rupture, toward including rather than excluding God in the movements of our lives and relationships, toward letting the immeasurable mercy of God transform our lives as individuals and as a community.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Fixing the necessities

I love Notre Dame with every fiber of my being. The education is top notch, football games are a blast, the religious aspect is wonderful, the campus is beautiful and the general Notre Dame community is very welcoming and open. However, I do have a problem with one aspect of Notre Dame: allocation of funds.

It seems like every other day there is a new building or dorm being built or extravagant upgrades around campus. All I want is for Notre Dame to spend some cabbage on things that actually need fixing. Off the top of my head, I can name a few.

First of all, could we please, please, PLEASE fix the water that comes down South Quad to Fisher and Pangborn? I just want to be able to turn on my sink and not have to use water that tastes and smells like eggs. Every time I brush my teeth and rinse my mouth out I feel like my teeth are going to fall out. Instead of buying random black poles to put around campus for seemingly no reason, could we just fix the water? It is the most basic of necessities and it drives me nuts that it is still so terrible. The worst part is, even if you have a Brita water filter, the sinks are so shallow that the filter does not fit under the faucet!

Another problem that I know is plaguing everyone on campus is the awful printers in the DeBartolo hallways. I can’t even count how many times I have been late to class because the printers break right as I am trying to print my documents. When I do finally give up and leave the printers someone always yells, “They’re printing now! They’re fixed,” and then the printers only print one document and freeze again. My heart can’t take the ups and downs of the hallway printers! On the other hand, it does tend to spice up an otherwise boring day.

Speaking of DeBartolo, it seems like every stall in the bathrooms has locks that do not go all the way into the doors so the doors just fly open while I’m trying to do my business. If I am unfortunate enough to not have a bookbag to hold the door closed, I have to awkwardly hold a leg or hand up to keep the door closed. I’ve heard complaints from the women-folk as well. Why, oh why, can’t we have bathroom stalls that lock?

These are just a few of the complaints I have about campus, but I’m sure others have many more. These are very basic problems that should be fixed by a university with an endowment as large as ours. I have managed to last these past three years here with only minor annoyance, but please Notre Dame, spare future domers the torture of smelly water, awful printers and stall doors that fly open while business is being conducted.

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Nov. 5

## UWIRE

# Don’t know? Don’t care? Don’t vote.

Election season is over, but a circus of any kind always leaves some confetti in its wake. Regardless of the fact that there are no more votes to cast, comments about big oil, marijuana and Meg Whitman’s infamous housemaid are still speeding through campus.

Many people find this talk annoying. We’ve made the decisions, after all. Can’t we walk down Trousdale Parkway in peace?

But if those who have already voted are exasperated, consider the feelings of the people who didn’t vote. Many students are as apathetic as ever, but a lot of non-voters are likely experiencing some guilt.

On top of the professors who urge us to vote, there’s always that one friend who won’t shut up about politics. And, well, there was that one time the president practically begged us to vote right in front of Doheny Library. That was kind of a big deal.

Non-voters of USC, have no fear: This column isn’t going to give you any more grief.

In an ideal world, all members of a democracy would be public policy experts, swatting aside propaganda and casting educated votes. Unfortunately, that’s not the world we live in. The midterms we’re familiar with come with blue books. We have jobs and extracurriculars; many of us probably can’t remember the last time we cooked a decent meal (or did laundry, for that matter).

Now, none of this presents a challenge to the politically inclined. If you love elections, following the candidates is fun. It’s just like any interest. Cinema students have homework like everyone else, but they still make it to premieres, right?

The thing is, if politics isn’t your thing, it’s homework — plain and simple. People don’t like to do homework. For some of us, the following happens: either we don’t do it or we end up turning out a less-than-exhaustive effort.

**Maya Itah**

*Daily Trojan*

Voting works the same way. A lot of people who weren’t that interested in the first place get told to vote right and left so they eventually give in, only to find that no amount of pamphlets will compel them to care about mortgage laws. Some people even mark in random bubbles — “Hey, at least I voted, right?”

Not exactly. Voting is a privilege, and it comes with additional obligations. If you commit yourself to voting, you commit yourself to looking beyond commercials and doing your own research. You commit yourself to gaining at least a basic command of the issues.

If you happen to be among those people who don’t care — and can’t force themselves to care — don’t vote. Just don’t. Don’t feel guilty, don’t make excuses and don’t succumb to pressure, well-meaning as it might be. Perhaps you’re not being the most responsible citizen out there, but no one is perfect. Democracy means having the right to not vote, too.

Before someone starts throwing metaphorical tomatoes at me, I would like to emphasize that I’m not discouraging people from voting. It’s an incredible opportunity to be part of something bigger than yourself. However, it’s also one that must not be taken lightly. If you’re going to commit, go for it. Your state — and your country — need you.

But if you’re going to choose whichever name sounds cooler? By all means, carry on studying for your own midterms. There’s something honest and responsible about admitting that you haven’t done enough research to understand the issues. A misinformed vote is worse than no vote at all.

Just remember that you’re forfeiting the best right in the United States: the right to complain.

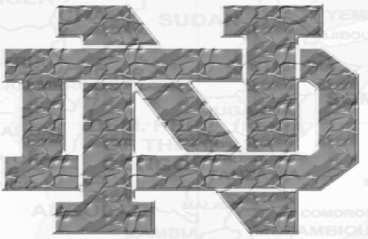
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# Express yourself.

## Write a Letter to the Editor.

LECTIO LIVE:  
WORLDS COLLIDE



celebrates Notre Dame's  
History and Culture

By MARIELLE HAMPE  
Scene Writer

For an evening of song, readings and open-mike performances, check out “Lectio Live Worlds Collide: An Artistic Celebration of Culture and History” at Notre Dame Thursday. “Lectio Live” presents differently themed monthly cabarets for students and faculty featuring performances by first-year students.

On campus

**Who:** Lectio Live presented by First Year Studies  
**What:** Worlds Collide: An Artistic Celebration of Culture and History at Notre Dame  
**Where:** Reckers  
**When:** Thursday 8 to 10 p.m.  
**How much:** Free

This month’s “Lectio Live” was organized by Ricky Ramon, an academic advisor for first-year students. The theme of “Worlds Collide” was inspired by Ramon’s experience as a first-year student in 1995. Reflecting on his experience as a first-year student, Ramon recalled that “there really were not any venues for students of color to express their artistic talents.” “There was definitely no venue just for first-year students,” he said. “I dedicated this Lectio Live to students who are underrepresented here at Notre Dame. I wanted to give them a space to perform and tell the rest of our Notre Dame community why they are special and why their history and culture is important to everyone here.” “Lectio Live” is a coffee-

house setting for first-year students. Students can interact with faculty, participate by performing or relax and watch the musical performances and readings. All “Lectio Live” events are informal and are the first-year version of Acoustic Cafe. “Worlds Collide” aims to celebrate many of the different cultures found in the Notre Dame community. Any audience member who comes should expect “an evening of entertainment from faculty, student organizations and first-year students that primarily reflect our underrepresented minorities,” Ramon said. In addition to first-year performers, this month features the talents of Voices of Faith, the Filipino American Student Organization, Mariachi ND and Coro Primavera. Ramon asked these groups to par-

ticipate because “they represent the student population in such a great way.” Voices of Faith is a choir group that has about 40 choristers of different faith backgrounds. The Filipino American Student Organization was founded in 1986 and participates in a variety of campus events to promote an awareness and appreciation of Filipino culture. For a bit of flavor from Mexico, Mariachi ND will provide exciting and rhythmic instrumental music. Mariachi ND provides flavorful Mexican music featuring violins, guitars, trumpets and vocalists. The music frequently shifts between syncopation and on-beat rhythm, and the various instrumental parts starkly contrast with each other. The result is a dynamic sound representative of the culture and

heart of Mexico. Coro Primavera is a musical group that includes students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College and Holy Cross College. Coro Primavera typically sings at various Sunday night dorm Masses in Spanish. Fourteen first-year students volunteered to perform a variety of unique events ranging from dancing and singing to readings of poetry and short stories. The monthly performances of “Lectio Live” intimately connect students to each other and to other faculty members. This month’s program of “Worlds Collide” celebrates the history and diverse culture of Notre Dame from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday night at Reckers. The event is free and open to the public. Contact Marielle Hampe at [mhampe@nd.edu](mailto:mhampe@nd.edu)

sure to be a  
spectacle



Ankur Chawla  
Scene Writer

Sci-Fi masterminds the Brothers Strause (“Alien vs. Predator,” “The X-Files”) are the directors and producers behind the thriller “Skyline” opening in theaters this weekend. The company providing the visual effects, Hydraulx, has an even shinier résumé having done movies such as “Avatar,” “300,” “Iron Man 2” and “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.” It is sure to be a spectacle. The film follows the events preceding and following odd lights descending on Los Angeles. People are drawn to the site like moths towards a light, where alien forces threaten to remove human popula-

tion off the face of the earth. The trailer begins by showing families fast asleep, with the location and time flashing across the screen much like a documentary. Suddenly, beams of light shine down from the sky, waking up the unsuspecting citizens of L.A. Suddenly, UFO’s begin circling skyscrapers and abducting individuals and a TV report mentions all major cities are having a similar encounter. Sequences of epic plane battle scenes and frantic running close out the trailer, and definitely got me pumped to go see it. Eric Balfour (“24,” “The Spirit”), Scottie Thompson (“NCIS”) and Donald Faison (“Scrubs”) star in the Sci-Fi thriller. With the abundance of TV actors, relatively few recognizable faces make an

appearance but it will be refreshing seeing Turk out of his scrubs and on the big screen. Honestly, this movie looks like “Cloverfield,” if it were actually made with professional cameras, a tripod and incredible studio special effects. So in other words, “Cloverfield” except good with a little bit of “Signs” mixed in. Look out for my review of it on Monday for my thoughts or see it yourself and tell me what you think. Check out the trailer and other movie info at <http://www.iamrogue.com/skyline> The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Ankur Chawla at [achawla@nd.edu](mailto:achawla@nd.edu)



# Weekend events calendar

thursday



**HIGH School**  
**DPAC**  
**9 p.m.**  
**\$3 with student ID**

Screenwriter and Notre Dame alumnae Stephen Susco ('95) will be present at DPAC's 9 p.m. screening of her film "HIGH School." This stoner comedy follows the attempts of an all-A student to get the entire student body to test positive for drug use in order to cover up his own first foray into illegal substances. Tickets are \$3 for students.

friday



**"A Night of One Acts"**  
**LaFortune Ballroom**  
**8:30 and 10 p.m.**  
**Free**

If you have a short attention span and cannot sit through a full-length play, why not just try a fraction of a play? As part of Notre Dame's Fortnight Productions, "A Night of One Acts" presents a collection of three one-act plays, each with its own student director, cast and plot. Free tickets are available in the Ballroom before the show.

saturday



**'Despicable Me'**  
**Debartolo 101**  
**8 and 10:30 p.m.**  
**\$3**

After standing for four hours at the final football game, relax by watching the SUB movie, "Despicable Me." This charming animated comedy's protagonist is, oddly, a villain. The film tells the journey of the evil man as he starts to be affected by the love he sees between three orphan girls that he originally was using for his evil master plan.

sunday



**ND Concert Bands**  
**DPAC**  
**3 p.m.**  
**Free**

Wind down the weekend with some culture by attending the Notre Dame Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band fall concert. The concert bands have toured internationally and domestically, and this concert in particular is part of their preparations for their year-end performance in Cleveland.



By COURTNEY COX  
Scene Writer

Raquel and Nathan, sophomores, perfected formal attire with matching looks that are classy without being stuffy. The duo wears black and white gym shoes that allow them to dance the night away and show off all their favorite moves uninhibited by the discomfort of high heels. Matching can be tricky for formal affairs and often brings to mind prom pictures of guys with awkward pink cummerbunds, but Nathan pulls off their coordinating color scheme by making it fun and wearing red suspenders.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Syracuse avenges last season’s exhibition loss

Associated Press

There won’t be any congratulatory phone calls and e-mails from stunned Le Moyne alumni, and most of the TV highlights will feature orange-and-white-clad Syracuse players draining long shots from all around the Carrier Dome.

Division II Le Moyne shocked Syracuse a year ago in an exhibition game, and the memory never faded as the Orange exacted a measure of revenge on Tuesday night.

Scoop Jardine, James Southerland and Dion Waiters each had 13 points and No. 10 Syracuse hit 11 of 16 from beyond the arc to beat the Dolphins 91-48.

“We’re ready to go,” Jardine said. “We got a lot of open shots, a lot of good looks. Our defense picked up and we made our 3s.”

It was the second and final tuneup for the Orange, who beat Kutztown 96-60 a week ago. Syracuse opens the season at home against Northern Iowa on Friday night.

“These two games couldn’t have been better. You don’t always win these exhibition games,” Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said with a wry smile.

“These games really got us prepared to execute our offense.”

Kris Joseph  
Syracuse forward

“At this stage, we’ve made pretty good progress.”

Chris Johnson hit six 3s and led Le Moyne with 23 points, and Nate Champion had nine points.

Kris Joseph had 12 points for Syracuse, and Brandon Triche and Mookie Jones each had nine as Syracuse outrebounded the smaller Dolphins 43-20, 11-0 on the offensive glass in the second half.

Johnson, Le Moyne’s leading returning scorer, hit the game-winning 3 in the closing seconds that beat the Orange 82-79 a year ago. There was no chance of anything like that happening again on this night.

Despite a solid, disciplined performance by the Dolphins, who returned two starters from last season’s squad that went 18-10, Syracuse assumed control with a barrage of 3-pointers in the first half.

Joseph, Southerland, and Jones each hit two from beyond the arc as Syracuse made 6 of 10.

“I’m just trying to be more consistent hitting my shots,” said Joseph, who was 4 of 5 from the floor. “We’re ready.

These games really got us prepared to execute our offense and execute our defensive strategy.”

After Johnson’s 3 from the right corner moved Le Moyne within 27-21 with 6:57 left, Southerland swished a 3 from the left side and Jones hit another from the left corner to key a 10-0 run.

Southerland’s second 3 made it 40-23 with 1:48 left as Syracuse gained a 41-25 half-time lead.

The Orange opened the second half with a 14-0 spurt as they extended their long, imposing zone defense. Fab Melo’s block down low sent Triche on a fast-break layup and Jardine set up Joseph for a two-handed slam dunk for a 55-25 lead at 16:36.

Boeheim started the same five as he did a week ago: Jardine, Rick Jackson, Joseph, Triche, and the 7-foot Melo at center. Ten players logged at least 16 minutes and four played 30 or more as the Orange reserves contributed 48 points.

“We know they can make plays, but a lot of those shots were contested shots,” Le Moyne coach Steve Evans said. “I thought we hung tough for a while, but the fact that they can come with a second wave and a third wave, we just kind of ran out of gas and I think it showed.

“We tried to run the clock down and run some set plays,



Syracuse’s James Southerland, right, pressurs Lemoyne’s Can Ozkander during the first half of an exhibition game Nov. 9.

but they’re so long it just makes it difficult,” Evans said. “If they’re playing zone and you’re afraid of getting pounded inside, pick your poison. There’s not really a scouting report when you’re as much of an underdog as we are. You’ve got to hope they miss shots, but when they started making shots and then the penetration started, you start looking up at the scoreboard. That’s when it gets tough.”

It was the first and only exhibition game for the Dolphins, who host Queens in their regular-season opener on Saturday.

Le Moyne was picked to finish 13th in the Northeast-10 Conference in the preseason coaches poll.

Though the Dolphins were humbled, they left the Carrier Dome smiling a little bit.

“They started to extend it (the zone) out, trying to push us farther and farther away,” said Johnson, who converted a four-point play in the waning minutes. “Luckily, I stayed hot. This is just giving me a lot of confidence. If I can do this against a team like Syracuse, I can do this against anyone in our conference.”

NFL

Jets receiver may face hostile welcome at Cleveland game

Associated Press

Braylon Edwards is going back to Cleveland and knows Browns fans are excited to see him again.

Not because they like him, of course, or even miss him.

Mostly because they still can’t stand him.

“I think the boos will be serious,” the New York Jets wide receiver said Wednesday. “I don’t think they’ll be cheering. I think everybody will be against me, but so what? That’s life.”

Especially for a guy who might be the most hated former Cleveland athlete not named LeBron James.

“At the end of the day, we’re here to play the Browns,” Edwards said. “My personal war with Cleveland, that’s secondary.”

But, even a few hours after

the Jets pulled off a 23-20 overtime victory Sunday in Detroit, Edwards was already thinking about Cleveland.

“And before I take off and forget,” he wrote on his Twitter account, “all you C l e v e l a n d browns fans, 17 is coming back and you better bring ya damn popcorn.”

Yep, Cleveland Browns Stadium will surely be rockin’ as soon as Edwards steps on the field.

“I’m prepared for this,” he said. “I think I’ve been very professional when dealing with situations in my career. I don’t think it will bother me at all. It may bother you guys more than

it bothers me.”

Edwards began his career with the Browns and spent four-plus tumultuous seasons with them before coach Eric Mangini traded him to New York early last season — a few days after Edwards was accused of punching a friend of James outside a Cleveland nightclub.

“The biggest thing for me is I couldn’t show how excited I was at the

time,” Edwards said. “I just thought that it would be unprofessional to do a dance in his office as he’s telling me. ... When he told me that, it was just, I couldn’t get out of Berea

“I think the boos will be serious ... but so what? That’s life.”

Braylon Edwards  
Jets wide reciever

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Pirate Quotations

Jack Sparrow: “Do us a favor... I know it's difficult for you... but please, stay here, and try not to do anything... stupid.”

Will Turner: Where's Elizabeth?  
Jack Sparrow: She's safe, just like I promised. She's all set to marry Norrington, just like she promised. And you get to die for her, just like you promised. So we're all men of our word really... except for, of course, Elizabeth, who is in fact, a woman.

Jack Sparrow: You seem somewhat familiar. Have I threatened you before?

Will Turner: I make a point of avoiding familiarity with pirates.

Tia Dalma: Would you do it? Hm? What would you... Hm? What would any of you be willing to do, hm? Would you sail to the ends of the Earth and beyond to fetch back witty Jack and him precious Pearl?

Jack Sparrow: Mr. Gibbs.  
Gibbs: Captain.  
Jack Sparrow: We have a need to travel upriver.  
Gibbs: By "need," do you mean a trifling need? Fleeting? As in, say, a fancy?  
Jack Sparrow: No, a resolute and unyielding need.

Jack Sparrow: I thought you were supposed to keep to the code.  
Gibbs: We figured they were more actual "guidelines"



## PGA

## Woods posts successful round at Australian Masters

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Tiger Woods hit the ball as well as he has all year, except on the greens.

In his final title defense of a forgettable year, Woods opened the Australian Masters with a 2-under 69 and was four shots behind the early leaders Thursday at Victoria Golf Club.

Woods missed only two greens in regulation, both times saving par from a bunker. But he took 19 putts on his outward nine, and had to hole a 7-foot par putt on the final hole to avoid his second three-putt bogey.

Alistair Presnell and Adam Bland each at a 6-under 65, one shot clear of a group that included PGA Tour winner Andre Stolz. Geoff Ogilvy, who was a member at Victoria as a teenager, opened with a 72.

"That was probably the highest score I could have shot," Woods said. "I gave myself a lot of looks early. I just didn't keep leaving them short. The only bogey I had was a three-putt."

Woods hit driver only on the par 5s, opting to play for position with a 2-iron and occasional 3-wood as he did a year ago at Kingston Heath when he won for the first time Down Under. Woods captured his 82nd title worldwide last year, and finished off another strong season with seven wins.

Twelve days later, he was in a car accident outside his Florida home that led to revelations of infidelity.

Woods has said he's not looking at his trip to Melbourne as the completion of a year that cost him his marriage and his golf game, rather it was a tournament he was trying to

win.

Even after a perplexing round on the greens, he felt he was on track.

"I could have easily been 4, 5, 6 under," Woods said. "I don't know what the guys are going to do this afternoon, but I'm right there."

He certainly was in play.

Woods missed only two fairways — with a driver on the par-5 18th that forced him to pitch out sideways from the trees, and a 3-wood that he pulled into the bunker on the eighth, which has been converted to a par 4 for the Australian Masters.

Perhaps his most impressive swing came on the par-5 17th, when he hit a low cut with a driver some 25 yards beyond Robert Allenby, leaving Woods a 2-iron to about 30 feet above the hole. He narrowly missed that eagle attempt.



Tiger Woods speaks at a press conference after a round at the Australian Masters Pro-Am in Melbourne Wednesday.

## TITLE IX

## Case resurfaces with complaints

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The National Women's Law Center filed complaints against 12 school districts Wednesday alleging they failed to offer equal opportunities for female athletes.

NWLC officials say they believe statistics from 2006 indicate the districts violated Title IX, the federal law prohibiting gender discrimination in federally funded education programs. The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights will investigate the complaints.

The school districts are Chicago; Clark County, Nev.; Columbus, Ohio; Deer Valley, Ariz.; Henry County, Ga.; Houston; Irvine, Calif.; New York City; Oldham County, Ky.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Wake County, N.C.; and Worcester, Mass.

Determining whether Title IX violations exist is more complicated than looking at raw numbers because the statute can be satisfied in one of three ways: if the percentage of athletes who are girls is about the same as the student body; if the school has continually expanded opportunities for girls; or if the school meets its female students' interest in participating in sports.

Several of the school districts noted that participation numbers didn't necessarily mean that girls lacked the opportunity to play a sport if they chose.

"There are equal opportunities for girls to participate in our school district and it is something that is really important to us," said Irvine's Cassie Parham, assistant superintendent and a former athlete. "The opportunity to be an athlete certainly exists."

In the 12 districts, the percentage of girls playing sports was lower than that of the student body. The gaps ranged from 8 percentage points in New York to 33 in Chicago.

The NWLC found the gap increased in most of the districts from 2004 to '06, indicating that

opportunities had not been expanding. It also said the districts didn't field teams in all girls sports sanctioned by their state, suggesting that interest was not being met.

"On the face of it, it looks pretty difficult to say, 'Our students are unique. They're not really interested in playing the sports that other students are playing all around the state,'" NWLC Co-President Marcia Greenberger said on a conference call.

The general counsel for the Oldham County Board of Education, Anne Courtney Coorsen, emphasized the numbers cited are four years old. She said the participation gaps in the district have shrunk since 2006.

"Unfortunately, representatives from the NWLC chose not to contact the district to obtain current data and discuss Title IX compliance prior to filing their complaint," she said.

Wake County spokesman Michael Evans said the district offered all sports sanctioned by North Carolina's sports governing body.

"We leave it up to the schools to determine whether they're going to field a team or not, based on student interest," he said.

The NWLC selected one school in each of the 12 Office for Civil Rights regions based on the 2006 data, the most recent available.

"The numbers are so stark and the gaps are so big, they show they have a lot of explaining to do," NWLC senior counsel Neena Chaudhry said.

The New York City Department of Education noted in a statement that the Public Schools Athletic League has added double dutch, lacrosse and golf in recent years.

Houston's Marmion Dambrino, the district's first female athletic director, said the schools would work closely with the Office for Civil Rights to ensure they were in compliance.

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## NFL

# Favre rests after big overtime win



**Vikings quarterback Brett Favre answers a question in a news conference Wednesday in Eden Prairie, Minn.** AP

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — And on Wednesday, Brett Favre rested. Again. And the Chicago Bears might want to take note.

Favre's career-high 446 yards passing last Sunday led Minnesota to a season-saving overtime victory over the Cardinals, and some Vikings said afterward they saw a difference in their 41-year-old quarterback.

"This week I've seen in Brett what I haven't seen since last year, when it comes to energy that comes across from him," tight end Visanthe Shiancoe said then. "It definitely showed."

Asked Wednesday whether he felt more energy in the run-up to the Arizona game, well, Favre shrugged the question off like he was sidestepping a pass rush.

"Say we lost in OT, I doubt he says that," Favre said, referring to Shiancoe's assessment.

But then, as if he had finished checking his receivers and just fired the ball to the open man, Favre offered his acknowledgment that taking the previous Wednesday's practice off might have provided him some extra freshness.

"That was the hope. I felt like going in, the few days that I did practice, my arm felt a little more alive. I had a little more pep in my step," Favre said, before beginning to back off a bit. "I don't know. I kind of felt that same I did the previous week."

However he feels minute to minute, Favre rested again Wednesday. He said he was fatigued during that comeback against the Cardinals. And discussing the left foot that still has two small fractures in it, Favre said he's still surprised it's not giving him more trouble.

"It's OK. Of course, after a game it always feels worse. It's still swollen, but at least I'm able to function enough on it that Monday and Tuesday and maybe Wednesday I try to stay off of it as much as possible," Favre said. "Get it back to where it feels tolerable. I'm surprised with a broken foot that it doesn't feel as bad as it probably should."

As Favre goes, so go the Vikings — and maybe the grim days have passed.

With all the hubbub over coach Brad Childress's job security and standing in the locker

room after his decision to dump Randy Moss, Favre has recently flown under the radar — a rarity for the guy who has made constant headlines again this fall for his age, his injuries and the alleged inappropriate messages sent to a former New York Jets employee two years ago.

Over the last week or so, Favre has seemed as loose as he's been during this so-far tense and trying season. While backup quarterback Tarvaris Jackson took questions in the locker room last Wednesday about his relief appearance in the New England game, Favre sneaked into the pack and posed as a reporter to ask, "How'd your hamstring feel on that long scramble?"

Favre walked away with a kid's grin on his face.

The grin returned last Sunday after the Vikings (3-5) pulled out a much-needed victory headed into Sunday's game against the Bears (5-3).

"I'm optimistic that we can build off of it. Don't expect 400 yards every week, but a lot of guys had their hand in our success. That's a good thing," Favre said.

Before practice, he talked about his comfort level with the hurry-up offense that helped spur the Vikings to victory. The menu of plays is reduced in those situations, and the quarterback has more control over what to run.

Just the way Favre likes it.

"We always think that the plays we call would be better, just like people sitting at home," Favre said.

The less-is-more approach can certainly be helpful in a league that can sometimes seem over-coached.

"If you're running one route and one route and route over and over and over again, you would think that it would be hard to screw it up," Favre said, adding: "I think that's why over the years I've been fairly successful in that type of offense. ... There's just this comfort level of I don't have to worry where guys are lining up."

Childress, whose occasional clashes with Favre over the offense have become national news and weekly water-cooler fodder, was pleased by the result and expressed confidence in the 20-year veteran's familiarity with the no-huddle approach.

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NFL

# Moss speaks after second Titans practice

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Randy Moss says he's sorry things didn't work out in Minnesota and that he isn't upset with the Vikings or coach Brad Childress for waiving him.

The well-traveled receiver insists he isn't in town — his third NFL city this season — to start trouble.

Moss spoke Wednesday for the first time since Minnesota waived him Nov. 1. Wednesday was also Moss' second practice with the Titans, the only NFL team to put in a claim for the player with 153 career touchdown catches.

"I made Minnesota my home. I loved being there, and it just didn't work out," Moss said. "Just I had my own beliefs in what I believe, and coach had his. Am I bitter or mad that he let me go or the organization? No. You never know what the future holds. Right now I'm a Tennessee Titan. I'm here to do whatever coach (Jeff) Fisher wants me to do."

Moss began his media session with a statement, but did take four questions — the entire exchange lasted 3 minutes, 4 seconds. Two questions concerned what effort the Titans can expect from him play to play. Moss asked the reporter what he expected from him, and the reporter said he didn't know what to expect.

"I don't know what to expect neither," Moss said.

It was a change for Moss, who blew off the media in Minnesota several times and drew a \$25,000 fine from the NFL. He last spoke publicly Oct. 31 after his last game with the Vikings, a 28-18 loss to New England. He refused to take questions, instead going on a bizarre rant gushing about the Patriots and coach Bill

Belichick and criticizing Vikings coaching.

Childress told his players the next day Moss was being waived, and the team actually put him on waivers a day later on Nov. 2. Tennessee claimed him 24 hours later.

Moss began his statement Wednesday telling his family that everything was going well with him — though his family was not in attendance.

"I've been through a lot in the last couple of weeks," Moss said. "Like I said, I've got these broad shoulders. I can carry a lot of weight. I feel good about the acquisition of coach Fisher getting me here. The process of getting here has been kind of crazy."

That it has, and it's why Moss can become the first player in NFL history to catch a touchdown pass with three different

teams in a single season with his first TD reception for Tennessee. The 13-year veteran started the season with New England before the Patriots traded him to Minnesota on Oct. 6 only to be waived less than a month later.

"I said it before, I didn't want to go to Minnesota and mess anything up," Moss said. "I guess everybody blamed me for it. I'm going to say it again. I'm not coming here to start no trouble. I'm just coming here to work every day and hopefully win."

Moss, who arrived in town Sunday, is in a much different situation in Tennessee. The Titans (5-3) are tied atop the AFC South, and Fisher is giving Moss a fresh start in Tennessee. That pass play in New England where Moss has been accused of not running while drawing a pass interference call? Fisher said receivers sometimes lose the flight of the ball.



Titans wide receiver Randy Moss participates in practice with his new team Wednesday in Nashville.

"He's automatically guilty because it's a lack of effort," Fisher said of Moss. "He's going to work out. He's working hard out there. I expect him to play hard in the ballgame."

Fisher said Moss will play Sunday against Miami (4-4) and is listed as a starter. Fisher noted Moss participated in most of the offense at practice Wednesday.

One reason Moss might be enjoying himself is the Titans also like to have a little bit of fun while they work.

They had rookie safety Robert Johnson put on Moss' No. 84 jersey and run onto the practice field with TV cameras and photographers shooting away, thinking it was the star receiver. Moss jogged out a few minutes later, pulling his helmet on with his usual red gloves instead of the blue Johnson wore.

"I think some of the veteran DBs put him up to it," Fisher said. "It was a good imitation. He just had the wrong colored gloves."

Moss has immediately impressed his latest teammates. Kenny Britt, who will

miss Sunday's game at Miami, wants to learn how Moss catches go routes with his hands while the other receivers struggle to pull them into their bodies.

"He made it so easy," Britt said.

Moss caught balls mostly from backup Kerry Collins, a teammate for a year when both were in Oakland. Young watched practice with his sprained left ankle, but Fisher said they hope Young is back on the field Thursday.

The Titans only hope Moss debuts just as he has in each of his previous first games with a new team. He has scored at least one touchdown and is averaging 122 yards.

Collins said the Titans are seeing the great attitude and work ethic Moss brings along with his desire to win. That ratchets up the expectations across the board.

"We all should raise the bar just a little higher with him here," Collins said. "He's a dynamic player. He can be a game changer and be the kind of guy that can turn the game on one play."

MLB

# Rolen wins third career Gold Glove

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The new version of the Big Red Machine plays some pretty slick defense, too.

Cincinnati third baseman Scott Rolen won his eighth Gold Glove on Wednesday, one of three Reds players to be honored following the team's first playoff appearance in 15 years. Second baseman Brandon Phillips and pitcher Bronson Arroyo also were among the National League recipients announced by Rawlings.

It's the first time Cincinnati has had more than one winner in a season since the days of the Big Red Machine, when catcher Johnny Bench, second baseman Joe Morgan, shortstop Dave Concepcion and center fielder Cesar Geronimo won four straight years from 1974-77.

"I think our defense won a lot of games this year," Rolen said.

St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina and Philadelphia outfielder Shane Victorino each garnered their third Gold Glove in a row. Colorado shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and outfielder Carlos Gonzalez joined Arroyo as first-time winners.

"It was definitely a shock," Arroyo said. "Honestly, it never even crossed my mind once throughout my entire career."

Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols won for the second time (2006), and speedy Houston center fielder Michael Bourn was a repeat winner.

"Michael's second Gold Glove comes as no surprise to anyone who has watched him play," Astros general manager Ed Wade said. "You see the ball leave the bat, and you say, 'No way that one gets caught,' and then Michael runs it down. Some guys make plays look tougher than they are. Michael makes the impossible catch look routine. It's nice to see his hard work get recognized."

Phillips also won in 2008 before Orlando Hudson took the NL award at second base last year.

Rolen was selected for the first time since 2006. His eighth Gold Gloves rank third at his position behind Hall of Famers Brooks Robinson (16) and Mike Schmidt (10).

On a conference call with all three Reds winners, the 35-year-old Rolen joked that he and general manager Walt Jocketty had already discussed a six-to-eight-year contract extension for "unlimited dollars" so he could chase Schmidt and Robinson.

"I think Mike Schmidt was the best third baseman to ever play the game," Rolen said. "To be with those guys obviously is an amazing compliment."

Cincinnati tied for the major league lead with a club-record .988 fielding percentage, a big reason the resurgent Reds won the NL Central before losing to Philadelphia in a first-round playoff sweep. They committed only 72 errors, 17 fewer than the previous team record set last year.

"Having a great defensive infield is such a bonus," Arroyo said. "To have the year that we had defensively definitely contributed to us making the playoffs."

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# Collins

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he said. “I have a National Championship ring from ’88. I think if that happens, I’ll walk away. I wouldn’t want to tempt fate. I’m so proud of that ring, I can’t tell you.”

While that championship ring is emblematic of the success of a single season, Saturday’s game represents a lifetime of dreams fulfilled for the kid who used to watch Pirates games on television and listen to the announcer in the background.

“I thought the coolest thing to be when I was a kid was a public address announcer,” Collins said. “From the first time I ever heard a voice at old Forbes Field at Pittsburgh, where the Pirates played — you couldn’t see where that voice was coming from, you just heard it on the speakers. I thought that was the neatest thing.”

Collins’ journey to the record books began in 1982 when he was still doing his first stint as the hockey PA announcer. Two days before the start of the regular season, Collins received a call from then-sports information director Roger Valdiserri. Crosiar had decided to call it a career, and Valdiserri needed a replacement for the first game of the season against Michigan.

Collins aced the “audition,” the first coast-to-coast, primetime television broadcast of a regular season college football game, and kicked off a career that has

spanned eight coaching tenures and generations of Irish fans.

“One of the nicest things in recent years is people have become more familiar with who I was or my voice,” he said. “I’ll get an email, a couple each year, saying that they watch all the home games on NBC and listen to my voice in the background because it makes them feel like they’re back home.”

Collins said the key to his success has been the ability to separate his love as a fan from his responsibilities as an announcer. Collins brings a professional attitude to every game, as he provides context to the action on the field without getting in the way.

“There are some PA announcers who think they are part of the entertainment,” he said. “I like to say I’m professionally enthusiastic. I am not a cheerleader. I have to ride the wave of the fans. If we are losing, that’s when my job is very difficult.”

But there are tricks to the trade. Collins has developed a few subtle techniques over the years to “breathe life into the crowd,” including emphasizing the down and distance on critical third and fourth down plays for the opposition. Yet his most recognizable contribution is one that Irish fans have associated with the game day experience for years.

“It was about 15 years ago,” Collins said. “The only thing I can remember was it was a big game. I don’t even remember who it was. The team comes out of the tunnel, and I blurted out at the top of my voice, ‘Here come the Irish.’”

Collins was also responsible for giving longtime friend and Indiana State Police Sergeant Tim McCarthy a permanent slot opening the fourth quarter with a safety quip, which had previously been announced whenever time allowed.

“He’s a professional’s pro,” McCarthy said. “He’d be very hard to replace. The man’s got the brains, he’s got the know-how, and he’s got a great voice for stadium announcing. I don’t think people realize how much he has to prepare himself for each

game.”

In between swiping cards at South Dining Hall, Collins puts in the hours each week before a home game mastering pronunciations and going through depth charts. Reflecting on his career, Collins said his favorite player pronunciation was Jerome Bettis, and the most exciting player he ever watched was Raghib “Rocket” Ismail.

While the success Bettis and Ismail brought with them seems like a distant memory to Irish fans, Collins is confident Notre

Dame will return to the pinnacle of college football — and that he will be in the Stadium to announce it.

“I am positive we’ll be back for Notre Dame football,” he said. “I don’t make up stories, but Coach Kelly is on the right track. He knows where we are, where we have to go and the route we have to take. I truly believe that. Those days are coming back.”

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Mike Collins views statistics during the Oct. 30 game against Tulsa, his 170th football game as a Notre Dame announcer. The Irish fell to Tulsa 28-27.

# Ridderwall

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crowd, No. 3 Michigan jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead over No. 2 Notre Dame. Here, it was the Irish who bounced back, scoring five unanswered goals — including two from Ridderwall — to win 5-2.

“We just knew that if we kept working hard we were going to score some goals and that’s exactly what happened,” Ridderwall said. “After that first one, I think the whole team believed that we were going to score some more.”

Last season, both teams struggled in the early going, though

Michigan rebounded late in the year to win the CCHA tournament despite finishing seventh in the regular season standings. Now, the Irish travel to Ann Arbor this weekend as both teams are trying to re-establish themselves as fixtures at the top of the college hockey world. Ridderwall said part of what makes the rivalry so special is playing in the hostile atmosphere that Yost Arena provides.

“It’s not hard to get ready for these kind of games,” Ridderwall said. “You know what you’re getting yourself into, but you also know how great it can be if you’re successful. I think it’s very motivating going into Yost and playing Michigan.”

Jackson said he thought the

environment only helps his team.

“It’s always a challenge playing at Yost because it is an intimidating place, but I’ve always felt our teams relish playing there,” he said. “It’s an exciting place to play.”

As for preparation, Ridderwall said looking back on past success against the Wolverines, such as his overtime goal in the Frozen Four, gives him a boost of confidence, but that other subtle reminders never hurt.

“In the weight room, our strength coach Tony Rolinski isn’t scared to sing the Michigan fight song in your ear while you’re trying to clear the bar.”

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Observer File Photo

Senior Calle Ridderwall escapes from the Michigan defense last season on Feb. 27. The Irish take on the Wolverines this weekend to continue their rivalry.

# Salvi

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the next youngest in the family after Brian, has seen action on special teams in two Notre Dame games this season. Chris transferred from Butler upon the conclusion of his freshman year and proceeded to walk on for the Irish.

“Chris was a very talented high school player, but he wasn’t an all-star recruit,” Brian said. “So just for him to transfer and make it on the team as fast as he did, I mean now he’s getting playing time. We’re staring down No. 24 and watching every move he makes to see how he does. When he’s made the few tackles he’s made in Notre Dame Stadium and his name goes over the PA system, we lose it.”

The youngest of the Domers, Will is looking to bring the interhall title to Dillon.

“Watching Will is a lot of fun because he’s really good,” Brian said. “It’s fun to watch him play because when he plays wide receiver and corner, I know he’s going to make plays.”

Though the brothers will spend the weekend playing on one of college’s football’s most revered stadiums, their love for football started in their backyard. The brothers fondly remember the games they made up in their backyard as kids.

“My oldest brother is nine years older than me, so whenever we would play any game he was kind of the mediator,” Will said. “We

made up so many games because we wanted to play football, but we didn’t have enough kids to play a real game.”

One game the Salvi brothers invented is the Interception Game.

“Basically we ran routes, and you get points for interceptions, points for touchdowns,” Will said. “We always played tackle, we never played touch football.”

The Salvis have a history of success riding with them into the Stadium.

“There’s another family on my dad’s side of the family that has four boys, so every year we play football against each other on Thanksgiving in the Turkey Bowl,” Brian said. “For about seven or eight years, our family has won.”

All three boys are predicting that their family will continue to win, even at Notre Dame Stadium.

“ND wins a close game by less than a field goal,” Brian said. “Dillon wins 21-7. I’m very confident that Will will

play extremely well.”

Playing in the Stadium will only be a first-time experience for Will, as Brian was a member of the Stanford team that won the interhall championship in 2007.

“Just to be there is cool in

the first place, even if the stadium is empty other than the people in the gold seats,” Will said. “It’s cool to see a big bowl around you while you play, and hopefully there will be a big turnout with a lot of people. The more people, the more fun [the game will be].”

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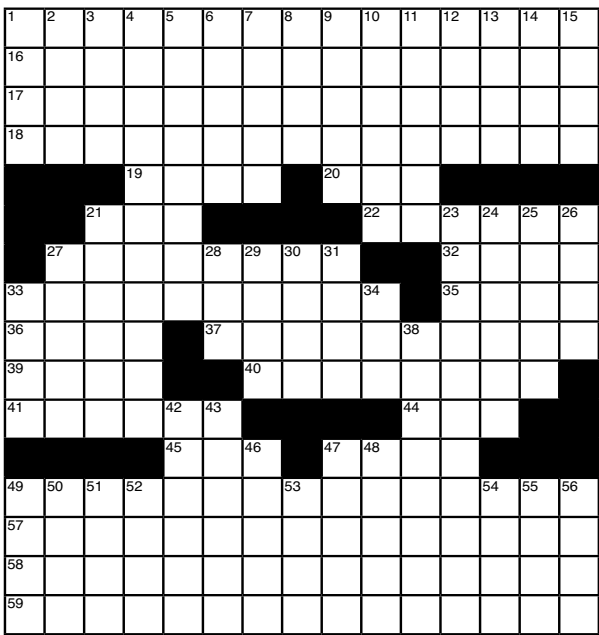
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't push your luck when it comes to your position or status. You cannot let your emotions take over, ruining what you've worked so hard to acquire. Focus more on quality and getting things accomplished. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** It's up to you to make a move. If you wait around for someone else to do something, you will end up in a stalemate. Taking the lead will work in your favor and show others you mean business. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Show what you have to bring to the table, if you don't want a deal you are working on to fall through. A little creative input will grab someone's attention. Love is on the rise. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Someone will be watching your every move. Don't get nervous, just be yourself. A change of pace will be required if you want to show your capabilities and invite new opportunities, leading to a better position and future. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Show your fun side to both peers and friends. You have much to be thankful for and will gain praise and recognition if you are personable. Network, share your ideas and be willing to take charge of whatever situation arises. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Legal issues may arise and receiving good advice will be necessary in order to make a sound decision that doesn't cause you future upset. A social event will allow you to obtain input from someone with the experience you need. ★★★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't count on anything or anyone to do what they say. An emotional episode at home will leave you preoccupied, when you should be focusing on how you earn your living. A past acquaintance may be able to help you out. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** It never hurts to throw a little mystery and intrigue into the mix. Getting out with people who offer mental stimulation and inspire you to expand your ideas should be on your agenda. Change is heading your way. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may feel aggressive due to frustration. Try not to let your impatience get the better of you. Keep things simple and your emotions intact. Don't let unexpected alterations at home cause you to make a move before you are ready. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Gauge what everyone around you is doing before you make your move. Keep your past experience fresh in your mind so you don't make a mistake, altering the dynamics. It's important not to let your feelings overrule what you know is the right thing to do. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A serious look at your lifestyle, health and wealth will be required if you want to take a step toward greater security and stability in your life. Listen to someone with experience. Good fortune can be yours. ★★

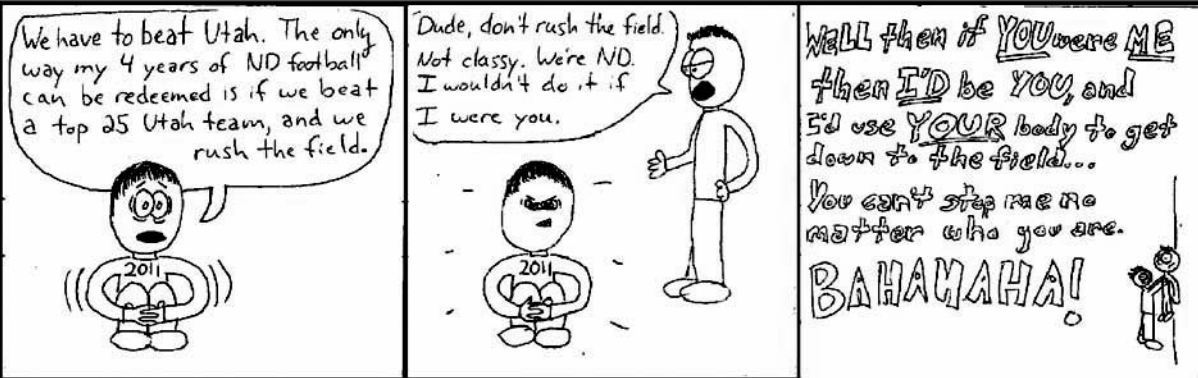
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** This is a give and take day where equality will be what counts. An opening will be offered that can lead to financial improvement in your life. Self-improvement projects will pay off. Discipline must be maintained. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are quick to make a decision and quick to change your mind. You are open and receptive to new ideas but like to run your own show. You are proactive, progressive and productive.

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FOOTBALL

# Announcer breaks football record

*Voice of Notre Dame ready for 171st game*

By CHRIS MASOUD  
Sports Writer

Catholics vs. Convicts. The Game of the Century. The Bush Push.

Public address announcer Mike Collins has seen it all during his tenure as the voice of Notre Dame Stadium. And while Saturday's matchup against Utah doesn't have quite that hype surrounding it, Collins is anticipating its arrival nonetheless.

The Pittsburgh native will cue the microphone for his 171st consecutive home game announced, breaking the record held by former football PA announcer Frank Crosiar. Although Collins wraps up his 29th season in the PA box, he has no signs of slowing down.

"Let's be honest about it — I want to stay until Notre Dame's in the BCS championship game," he said. "I have a National

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Mike Collins prepares to announce the Irish home game against Tulsa on Oct. 30. This weekend will mark his 171st game in Notre Dame Stadium.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

# Brothers share time in Stadium

By MEGAN GOLDEN  
Sports Writer

Three Salvi brothers will experience their dreams come true this weekend, as they transport their football talents from the backyard to Notre Dame Stadium.

The middle of five boys, Brian Salvi is a graduate student who currently attends Notre Dame Law School and plays quarterback for the Running Rebels, a team in the Notre Dame Graduate, Faculty and Staff Intramural Football League.

"Brian plays quarterback in his league, and it's 7-on-7," Dillon sophomore wide receiver Will Salvi said. "It's great watching because I love 7-on-7. It's all passing the whole game, and he makes plays."

Irish junior safety Chris Salvi,

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HOCKEY

# Notre Dame and Michigan rivalry continues on the ice

By SAM WERNER  
Sports Writer

It's still gold helmets vs. winged helmets, "Go Irish" vs. "Go Blue" and the Notre Dame Victory March vs. Hail to the Victors.

As fierce as the rivalry between Notre Dame and Michigan is on the gridiron, it's equally as intense on the ice.

As CCHA rivals, the Irish and Wolverines have played annually since Notre Dame rejoined the

conference in 1992. But it's only been recently, since coach Jeff Jackson has made the Notre Dame a player on the national scene, that the rivalry has picked up steam.

Notre Dame's accomplishments are still modest compared to the banners that hang in Michigan's Yost Arena. The Wolverines have won nine conference championships and nine NCAA titles, while Notre Dame has just two CCHA titles to its name, from 2007 and 2009.

The rivalry entered its modern era three seasons ago in neither South Bend nor Ann Arbor, but in Denver. The fourth-seeded Irish, who barely snuck into the NCAA Tournament and were playing in their first Frozen Four, were taking on No. 1 Michigan in the national semifinal. Notre Dame jumped out to a surprising 3-0 first period lead with goals from Calle Ridderwall, Mark Van Guilder and Ryan Thang, chasing Wolverine goalie Billy Sauer.

"Being aggressive from the

beginning and trying to outwork them every shift was huge," Ridderwall, now a senior on the Irish team, said. "And that carried over to the rest of the game."

Michigan, a team always known for its offensive potency, fought back and the third period ended with the teams deadlocked 4-4. 5:44 into overtime, Ridderwall, who entered the game with just three goals on the season, scored his second of the game to propel the Irish to their first ever NCAA Championship

game.

"That was my greatest hockey moment ever," Ridderwall said. "It's one of those moments that I'm going to look back to the rest of my career as a hockey player and even after that."

A year later, the Irish and Wolverines met again in a playoff situation, this time at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit with the CCHA title on the line. Backed by an overwhelming maize and blue

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ND VOLLEYBALL

# Sciacca concludes career

By MICHAEL TODISCO  
Sports Writer

It takes a special kind of talent to start for all four years on a collegiate varsity sports team. Count senior volleyball star Kellie Sciacca among that group.

In the four years that Sciacca has been with the program, she has taken part in every one of the team's 113 matches, and her historic four years at Notre Dame have been flush with accomplishments and honors.

The middle hitter has been named a top Northeast Region Performer by the American Volleyball Coaches' Association (AVCA) in each of her seasons, and just recorded the 1,000th

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Senior middle blocker Kellie Sciacca prepares to block against Northern Iowa on Nov. 7.

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FENCING

# Irish athletes head to Paris for Worlds

By MICHAEL TODISCO  
Sports Writer

Before the season even begins for Irish, many members of the team are off reminding the world of Notre Dame's dominance in the sport of fencing. Both former and current Irish fencers are competing in the International Fencing Federation's (FIE) World Championships, hosted in Paris, France.

Current team members, sophomore Courtney Hurley and junior Ewa Nelip, competed in the women's epee individual championships which finished Monday. The

pair was also joined by Courtney's older sister and former Irish fencer, Kelly Hurley.

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said he views the results of the competition as indicative of the friendly sisterly rivalry between Kelly and Courtney, where big sister reigned supreme.

"I saw Courtney in practices starting as a child, always chasing her sister who was just a bit better and older," Bednarski said.

In this competition, Kelly again bested her little sister, although both siblings had impressive finishes. Kelly

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