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Coalition discusses public safety, relations

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

The Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) discussed student safety and relations between students and community members during a Wednesday meeting at Notre Dame's downtown offices.

CCAC is made up of representatives from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's, representatives from South Bend city offices and agencies and other South Bend residents.

Student body president Catherine Soler said student government has been working to improve relations with the

community with the revamping of the Off-Campus Council.

"We have revamped it to be more community friendly. What we're going to do is have at least six off-campus students be neighborhood ambassadors," she said. "[They will] be responsible for a certain area in the community where students live. Their main job will be to communicate."

Soler also said student government is looking to build the relationship between students and local business through the Students for South Bend Discount Program.

"We're entering phase two. We have 35 participants now," she said. "We're trying to get a

little more and really push the promotions."

South Bend resident Matt Costello said the relationship between students living off-campus and the community remains strong.

"Things are still going really well in terms of partying and the peaceful neighborhood," he said.

Mark Kramer of Kramer Properties voiced concerns of student safety for those who make the decision to live off-campus.

"I've got a concern that we've got cases involving students in Irish Row held at gunpoint.

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Notre Dame and South Bend community members discuss safety and community relations at Wednesday's CCAC meeting.

ND clubs support students

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

With finals approaching, many students will begin to receive packages of study snacks and treats not only from their family, but also from their hometown's Notre Dame Club.

The Notre Dame Clubs, located in major areas around the country, are largely made up of alumni. Aside from the highly anticipated finals packages, many students do not know the scope of what these clubs actually do.

Susan Darin Hagan, an administrator of the Notre Dame Club of Pittsburgh, said that their send-off event for incoming freshmen each summer is key to teaching students about the Club's existence.

"We try to connect with students at the very beginning of their experience," Hagan said. "That way the students start realizing there is such a thing as an alumni club and it's active."

For sophomore Jill Giunco, the send-off she attended for the Notre Dame Club of the Jersey Shore helped ease some of her fears about attending school in the fall.

"I really felt more comfortable about the ND community after seeing other kids in the same position as I was," Giunco said. "I even met some people I'm still friends with today."

Hagan said the Pittsburgh club's most popular service is the buses that they provide for the five

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'Thrown into a new job'

Doyle reflects on days as student body president

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Years before he was appointed Vice President for Student Affairs, Fr. Tom Doyle operated under a different title at Notre Dame — student body president.

"I remember I was just a kid from a small town in Washington state. After I was elected, I was worried I was not presidential enough. I talk slow and I have sort of folksy ways about me," Doyle said. "I remember for the first couple of months trying to be what I thought was presidential but it

was so hard for me because I was not good at it. I was not good at not being myself."

Doyle served as student body president during his senior year at Notre Dame from 1988 to 1989, and his experience as an undergraduate leader stuck with him as he returned to campus to work for the University.

"Whenever you are thrown



Doyle

into a new job or new profession, there is not a platonic form of student body president or leader or priest. That role needs to become part of who you are. Coming back here to Notre Dame, I assumed a new role and have to constantly remind myself that I have to be the best version of me I can be," Doyle said.

Dealing with the administration as a student prepared Doyle to be an administrator himself.

"I found that the administrators really cared a lot about students," Doyle said. "As I

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TRASH TO CLASS



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Junior Kristin Mannion models a jacket, which a student made from a curtain, at the GreeND Annual Green Fashion Show Wednesday night in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Professors connect via Twitter

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Economics Professor Eric Sims started class one day last winter with a practical joke, poking fun at the search for the next Fighting Irish head football coach by stating he was interested in a job at Northwestern University. What was unique about this joke, however, was how he presented it.

Sims used the popular social networking website Twitter to "Tweet" his joke. The social networking website allows participants to Tweet thoughts, post links and hold conversations, 140 characters at a time. Users can also "follow" other Twitter users. Sims is one of several professors on campus who uses the website as a tool to stay connected with students and the community outside the classroom.

Sims said one of the benefits of the website is its interactive nature.

"It became something to post ideas or funny things. It is also a way to meet up with people on staff. It is a great way to get news," he said. "Some students follow it, but it is really just my thoughts on the world. It is a way for me to stay connected."

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU DO TO KEEP WARM?



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Niall
Cochrane.”*



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*senior
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*“Cuddle with
Erika and Dave
Flemming.”*



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with the
Grinsteinners”*



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*senior
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“I don’t...”



Niall Cochrane

*freshman
Keough*

*“I wear my
snowboarding
jacket.”*

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



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Juniors Elizabeth Davis and Jason Lovell sell candygrams as a service project for the Junior Class Council in South Dining Hall. Candygrams will also be sold today and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center.

OFFBEAT

NYC bees turn red from cherry juice

NEW YORK — A bunch of Brooklyn bees have been coming home looking flushed.

New York City beekeeper Cerise (seh-REEZ’) Mayo was puzzled when her bees started showing up with mysterious red coloring. Their honey also turned as red as cough syrup. She tells The New York Times a friend joked that the bees were imbibing the runoff at Dell’s Maraschino Cherries Company, in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. Mayo — whose first name means “cherry” in French — raises bees in that neighborhood and across the water on Governor’s Island.

Tests confirmed the bees were riddled with Red Dye No. 40 — the same food coloring found in the cherry juice. Bee expert Andrew Cote tells the newspaper that bees had been creating a big nuisance at the factory.

The solution? Put up screens or provide a closer source of sweet nectar.

Pa. woman rescued from pickup stuck in tree top

EVANS CITY, Pa. — Rescue crews had to use ropes and ladders to retrieve a western Pennsylvania woman from her pickup truck after it ran off a road and landed in tree tops about 30 feet above ground in a ravine.

Police say they’ll be citing 33-year-old Dana Bowser for

driving too fast for conditions on Route 68 near Evans City. That’s about 25 miles north of Pittsburgh.

State police say Bowser lost control near a culvert that carries the highway over Connoquenessing (kaw-nuh-kwah-NESS’-ing) Creek. Police say Bowser told them the road was icy.

Rescue workers say Bowser was conscious and able to communicate with workers. Most importantly, they say she didn’t panic as they worked to reach her in the precarious position.

She was taken to Butler Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Pasquerilla East Hall’s annual signature event “**Silent Night, Silent Auction**” will take place **today** from 6 to 9 p.m. Attendants can bid on Christmas baskets with the proceeds going to St. Margaret’s House and Building Tomorrow. The event will be in the **Ballroom of LaFortune Student Center**.

Ragnhild Nordas, senior research of the Peace Research Institute in Oslo, will give a lecture called “**Religion and Intrastate Armed Conflict**” tomorrow. The lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the **Hesburgh Center** and is presented by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

The annual **Jingle Jog** will begin **today** at 7 p.m. in front of **South Dining Hall**. The race is a 5K and is sponsored by teh Alumni/Student Club.

The **Undertones Christmas Concert** will take place **tomorrow** at 8 p.m. at the **Washington Hall Main Stage**. Tickets are \$5 a piece and can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office or from any of the Undertones.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Choir presents “**Handel’s Messiah**,” tomorrow at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and \$3 for students.

Recsports will offer a free class, “**Poolates®**,” this **Sunday** from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Poolates® is soothing to the mind and spirit and gentler on joints and muscles than land-based exercises.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group debates alcohol issues

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Student Senate debated improvements to alcohol education and made further changes to the process for undergraduate elections Wednesday.

Senators reported feedback from their dorms about the way program such as “College HAS Issues” and Peers Inspiring Listening, Learning and Responsible Socializing (PILLARS) educate students about drinking.

Student body vice president Andrew Bell said student government would like to improve alcohol education.

“We bring these issues up because we now have a Campus Life Council (CLC) task force that is addressing the culture of drinking on campus, and we thought a good place to start would be alcohol education,” Bell said. “We are looking at an overview of the way students learn about drinking.”

Some senators said students in their dorms felt overwhelmed by the amount of alcohol education at the beginning of their freshman year but did not see much education after first week of school. Siegfried senator Kevin McDermott said freshmen found the “College HAS Issues” seminar to be repetitive.

Senators also suggested ways to expand alcohol education.

Carroll Hall senator John Sanders said more education

on Indiana State laws would be especially relevant to students at Notre Dame.

Cavanaugh senator Tegan Chapman said her dorm asked about the signs of alcohol poisoning, and Farley senator Leslie Tatlow was concerned about medical amnesty.

“A lot of the girls in my dorm wanted to know what to do if a friend is sick [after drinking] but you are worried about getting in trouble,” Tatlow said.

Chief of staff Nick Ruof said a formal medical amnesty policy was not put into place last year after student government discussed the issue with the administration.

“What we came to realize is that in a ResLife meeting [the administration] takes into consideration the entire situation,” Ruof said. “You should be worried about your friends’ health over getting in trouble.”

Student government will continue to look at alcohol education and try to improve, Bell said.

The Student Senate also passed a resolution to change several clauses in the constitution on undergradu-

ate elections. Oversight chair Paige Becker and Judicial Council president Marcelo Perez presented the changes to the senators.

The Senate passed a resolution earlier this month to create an Executive Committee to deal with allegations made against candidates for election.

One of the most significant changes to the constitution related to campaigning on election day.

Previously, the Judicial Council could sanction a candidate if a supporter posted the voting link in a Facebook status on the day of an election, Becker said. Now, the link will only be accessible through an e-mail to students.

“One of the positive things we felt about this change was that the link to the voting website only goes out to the student body through an e-mail from Judicial Council,” Becker said. “Candidates are not allowed to provide this link to anyone else.”

Changes were also made to reformat and clarify parts of the constitution. The resolution passed with 25 votes in favor.

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Andrew Bell
student body

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Students attend forum, discuss suggestions

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s College Student Government Association (SGA) held an open forum Wednesday to allow students to voice their opinions and share ideas.

The forum, held in the SGA Office, offered students a chance to discuss suggestions for the future as to enhance their experiences at the College.

SGA also offered a suggestion basket in the Noble Family Dining Hall this week to allow students who were unable to attend the forum to voice their opinions.

“We wanted to make sure that the student body knew that we were open, visible, [and] we wanted to hear from them,” student body president Rachael Chesley said.

A handful of students attended the forum, but SGA discussed the suggestions that were left in the Dining Hall.

Karen Borja, a senior at the College and president of the Saint Mary’s Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA), attended the forum.

“You guys are doing a really good job this year and I’m really impressed,” Borja said.

Borja also voiced her concern about the allotment of funding this academic year.

“I want my money to go towards things that I want to see on campus,” Borja said.

Borja asked the Board if they would be willing to consider

allowing allotments in the Spring semester as well as the fall.

“Since you brought it up, it’s definitely something we will discuss,” student body vice president Laura Smith said.

Chesley read the suggestions from the suggestion basket and the Board talked about the issues. Student attendees also participated in the discussion.

Chesley said the suggestions requested changes and additions to campus.

“I think a lot of people looked at this like a wish list too, like a Santa wish list,” Chesley said.

One suggestion was the addition of more bike racks on campus.

“These are great ideas to jumpstart next semester,” Chesley said.

In addition, SGA discussed printer availability on campus.

“In Trumper [Computer Center], only one of the printers is ever working,” senior class president Kelly Lyons said.

Students said the College should offer more printers for the student body’s use.

“To have one printer servicing our entire school is a little absurd,” junior Jamie Schmidt said.

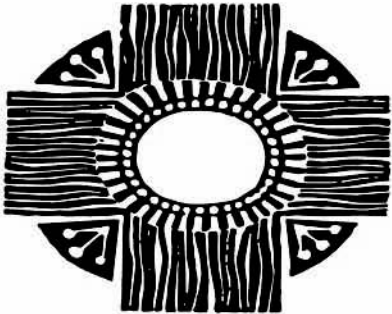
SGA plans to discuss students’ ideas further at their next meeting and throughout the Spring semester. SGA will hold a Dec. 8 meeting.

“Our meetings are always open,” Chesley said.

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Madrigals return to College for 38th year

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
St. Mary’s Editor

The holidays are a time of tradition, and Saint Mary’s College has celebrated the Christmas season with its Madrigal Christmas Dinners for the past 38 years.

Nancy Menk, a Saint Mary’s music professor and musical director for the Madrigal singers in the show, said the dinner show is a “festive” occasion.

“People come back year after year for the show,” Menk said. “It becomes part of their Christmas tradition for some.”

The shows will be held in Regina North Lounge in Regina Hall Dec. 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.

According to Menk, Regina North has been “transformed” for the dinners.

“It’s completely redecorated. There are wreaths and garlands and it is bathed in candlelight,” Menk said. “It looks like a Renaissance banquet hall.”

The Renaissance theme of the event is carried throughout the show and the menu. “Welcome, welcome, every guest, welcome to our music feast. Music is our only cheer; fill both soul and ravished ear,” the event’s invitation reads. “The performers

strive to make it as authentic as possible, Gwen O’Brien, Saint Mary’s director of media relations, said.

“This holiday favorite ‘transports’ guests to a medieval castle where a grand meal is served as the master of the house greets his guests, jugglers perform and groups of singers burst into song,” O’Brien said.

“The Saint Mary’s College Madrigal Singers — joined by the Early Music Ensemble from Andrews University — perform music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance in a 21st century reenactment of the Renaissance feasts hosted in the great baronial halls throughout England during the 12 days of Christmas,” O’Brien said.

The event includes dinner and a show, put on mostly by students, she said. It will feature the Saint Mary’s women’s choir, theater students and Andrews University students will play period instruments.

The singers and actors have been preparing since October, O’Brien said.

“It’s a good chance for students to learn earlier pieces ... sing a cappella and perform undirected,” Menk said.

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got cases involving students in Irish Row held at gunpoint. That's a real concern. We're talking about safety," he said. "When you read and hear about that, that is scary. I just wonder what you can do to prevent that."

Captain Robert Hammer of the South Bend Police Department said students need to be vigilant when they spend time off campus.

"The biggest message to everyone, especially students, is they pay attention to security, locking doors and leaving lights on," he said. "Know the area you are in, and don't go out alone."

He said students often are not

accustomed to living in areas with safety issues such as South Bend.

"There are a lot of things kids haven't been exposed to that are in the environment they are now living in," Hammer said.

Tim Sexton, Notre Dame Assistant Vice President of Public Affairs, said the University is working to create a system of off-campus safety.

"We've been trying to grow a neighborhood watch program. We're hoping that there is reinforcement that we are paying attention," he said. "We want things to change."

Sexton said students must continue to be alert in their time off-campus.

"I think there is awareness you need to take responsibility for," he said.

The Coalition discussed the issue of students walking back

to campus instead of taking a taxicab. The group found this was a contributor to off-campus safety issues.

Carolina Arroyo, Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, said cabs sometimes overcharge students, deterring them from taking a taxi back to campus.

"If students can take a cab and know they won't get overcharged, I think that will help the safety issue," she said.

City Council Member Buddy Kirsits said the CCAC would strive to work towards a secure community.

"The goal of this group is safety. It's about making students and residents safe," he said.

The CCAC's next meeting will be Jan. 26, 2011.

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Student body president Catherine Soler speaks at Wednesday's Community/Campus Advisory Commission meeting.

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people who follow him on the website, at least 10 to 20 are current or past students. In addition to students, Sims said he has one follower with a high profile on campus.

"Brian Kelly follows me on Twitter. He follows 91 people and has around 20,000 followers. I am one of the 91," he said.

Senior Brad Adamo, who follows Sims, sees Twitter as an excellent way for students to stay connected with professors over the course of their academic career.

"It's difficult to stay in touch and or build a relationship with professors in general and even more so after you've finished taking their classes," he said. "I think that Twitter is a great way to interact with professors outside of the academic sphere."

Marketing Professor Carol Phillips believes the social networking site also possesses a value to her career.

"I use it mostly for business. I have a consulting business, and I Tweet about things I am interested in," she said. "It allows me to have a much bigger community of people who are interested in the things I am interested in."

Phillips, who has been using the site for two years and has 5,000 followers, said students should consider opening a Twitter account for future employment opportunities.

"Showing an ability to use social media such as Twitter is important to employers. Twitter is about extending your network," she said. "I've met people I wouldn't have met another way."

Mark Galano, a junior who follows Sims on Twitter, said he believes the website will prove important for social and employment purposes in the

future.

"I do believe Twitter will be a powerful networking tool as far as staying in touch with old friends as well as making new business opportunities," he said. "The way Twitter works is somewhat like a ripple effect, because you start to follow followers of your followers and people you follow."

Phillips said though Twitter is important for business networking, she has not had success with the website as a classroom tool.

"I have found students at Notre Dame aren't as interested in it," she said. "I have students that follow me, but I don't use it exclusively for class."

Adamo said a reason students may not see much purpose in Twitter academically is its similarity to pre-existing technology.

"Twitter is definitely an expedient way to disseminate information but I don't know if it would be any more effective than e-mail," he said. "Then again, it could be interesting to have to Tweet a discussion question. I think it's definitely worth a try."

Sims said Twitter is becoming an important source for current events.

"It condenses thoughts and information from a lot of people in a small space. There are webs of connection," he said. "People aren't trying to hide stuff. All the news sources have one, and it's a great pool of information."

In addition to the usefulness of the site for her career, Phillips said the enjoyable nature of the website is part of the reason she continues to use it.

"It is really fun. I check it before I check my e-mail. My husband knows to reach me he should Tweet and not e-mail," she said. "Anyone can follow me."

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year breaks.

"I think the students like it, but I know the parents love it," Hagan said. "Cleveland is on the way to Pittsburgh, so I'll even have students from Cleveland asking if they can pay the full amount and be dropped off along the way."

Another service the Pittsburgh club provides for the parents is assisting them in buying tickets for football games. Hagan said parents are only offered tickets for certain games, so the club tries to help them find tickets if they would like to visit the University a different weekend.

Another main event for the Pittsburgh club is its networking evenings. The club brings in professionals from various fields to meet current students, Hagan said.

"It's not solely to find jobs but really more to make some contacts,

maybe pass out a business card and get some questions answered," Hagan said.

Katherine Piscopo Stein, president of the Notre Dame Club of Long Island, said her club also tries to help students with networking.

"If students want internships or jobs, we encourage them to contact us," Stein said. "It really depends on what the student needs, but we'll do what we can."

The Notre Dame Clubs are also involved in organizing the University's Summer Service Learning Programs. Hagan said this is one of the most time-consuming activities the Pittsburgh Club organizes.

"We tailor our SSLP to the actual students and what their desires are," Hagan said. "We spend time convincing places to allow our students to come in and work for eight weeks."

For the Long Island Club, Stein said most of their SSLP students are Long Island natives.

"We can't really dorm someone

here so in the past we've usually gone with students who have a place to stay," Stein said.

Additionally, the Long Island Club sponsors pizza breaks during study days and activities for students to participate in while at home, Stein said. These events in New York take place not only over the summer but also over breaks.

"Two years ago when Notre Dame [basketball] played St. John's, we did a big event since it was over winter break," Stein said. "All the current students were invited."

While still at school, students are looking forward to pizza from the clubs during finals week. Sophomore Chris Carr said he enjoys receiving packages from the Notre Dame Club of Detroit during finals.

"It's just a nice thing to get rid of some of the stress from finals and studying," Carr said.

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think about myself now, I hope I am as good at understanding and navigating for students as an administrator as my administrators were for me."

Doyle said he also learned how to handle criticism during his time as student body president.

"It is not such a terrible thing to have people critique or disagree or take issue with what you are doing or the way you are doing it," he said. "You have to be convicted that you are following the values that you think are important to you and the promises you have made."

Doyle began his career in student government as the president of Grace Hall during his junior year. Michael Paese, a friend of Doyle's, suggested the two run for student body president and vice president despite their limited student government experience.

"We were outsiders. We were not student government insiders," Doyle said. "We did not know how everything ran. But we kept talking about it."

Despite his misgivings, Doyle and Paese turned their conversations into a campaign. During the weeks leading up to their election, the team campaigned by knocking on the door to every room in every residence hall.

Doyle said he and Paese saw the 1988 presidential election between Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush as an impor-

tant part of their own term. The team led a voter registration and education drive, which registered over 2,000 students to vote, and held debates on election issues.

"It was our insight that Notre Dame is the premier Catholic university in the country," he said. "Notre Dame and Notre Dame students should be at the forefront of issues that affect our country."

Doyle said many of the same issues mattered students during his term are still important for the current student body. Current student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell focused on community relations after a spike in student arrests and tensions with South Bend police at the beginning of the year, and problems between students and police plagued Doyle's administration as well.

"One of the things that we had to deal with in the fall was police and student issues as well. The issue was that they were using dogs to break up the parties," Doyle said. "I only wish that we were as effective as this year's student government at being a good broker and convoy between the South Bend police and the student body. These issues will come up again and again."

Doyle said the current officers deserved praise for smoothing tensions between campus and its neighbors in South Bend.

"Especially with a lot of the off-campus issues, the reason that we have found a bit of a détente with law enforcement has to do with Catherine and Andrew and how they have

been leaders among their peers," Doyle said.

Doyle dealt with practical problems on campus as well as larger issues in the community. His administration set up the first campus 24-hour space outside the dorms, rented more portable toilets for football tailgaters and surveyed students on the University's alcohol policy.

An editorial printed in the April 4, 1989, issue of The Observer said Doyle and Paese were "a tough act to follow."

Doyle said his position was taxing, but his year with Paese taught him the value of working with a trustworthy partner.

"If you are going to do anything that is going to be stretching or challenging, make sure you do it with somebody whose deepest values align with yours," Doyle said.

Doyle and Paese built their success on a friendship that remains after almost 25 years.

"[Paese] was a smart, articulate, fast-talking Italian from the East Coast, and I was a much slower, simple, nice guy from a little town in Washington state," Doyle said. "In a lot of ways we could not have been more different from each other, but together we made a pretty good team."

Despite the lessons Doyle learned during his term, he joked that the immediate rewards of his election were not what he expected.

"As student body president, I thought my social life would improve," he said. "Being elected was not worth it for the

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European police pursue WikiLeaks founder

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — WikiLeaks was on the defensive on several fronts Wednesday, scrambling to remain on the Internet and post more U.S. diplomatic documents while its fugitive founder Julian Assange was targeted by a European arrest warrant on Swedish rape charges.

Amazon.com Inc. prevented WikiLeaks from using the U.S. company's computers to distribute embarrassing State Department communications and other documents, WikiLeaks said Wednesday. The WikiLeaks site was unavailable for several hours before it moved back to servers owned by its previous Swedish host, Bahnhof, which are housed in a protective Cold-War era bunker.

At the same time, Swedish officials intensified legal pressure on Assange by asking European police to arrest him on rape allegations that have shadowed him for weeks. Swedish Director of Public Prosecution Marianne Ny said that the European arrest warrant had been issued for Assange in connection with the allegations filed against him in that country.

Amazon's move to kick WikiLeaks off its servers came after congressional staff called the company Tuesday to

inquire about its relationship with WikiLeaks, Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Connecticut independent, said Wednesday.

"The company's decision to cut off Wikileaks now is the right decision and should set the standard for other companies Wikileaks is using to distribute its illegally seized material," Lieberman said in a statement. He added that he would have further questions for Amazon about its dealings with WikiLeaks.

The White House said Wednesday it was taking new steps to protect government secrets after WikiLeaks release of thousands of sensitive U.S. diplomatic cables. Officials said national security adviser Tom Donilon has appointed a senior aide to identify and develop reforms needed in light of the document dump.

The White House also spurned a call from Assange for Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to step down if she had any role in directing U.S. diplomats' spying on other foreign leaders. "Mr. Assange's suggestion is ridiculous and absurd, and why anyone would find his opinion here relevant is baffling," said spokesman Tommy Vietor, adding Clinton was doing an "extraordinary" job. The White House says U.S. diplomats do not engage in spying.



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Where's Tiger?

When people looked ahead to the 2010 schedule and saw Augusta, Pebble Beach, St. Andrews and Whistling Straits, the speculation of a calendar year grand slam began. His performances in 2000 at Pebble and St. Andrews were as close as one can get to attaining perfection in golf. Tiger, himself, probably saw this as his best chance to win all four majors in the same year. His goals for this 2010 season were put on the shelf on the night of Thanksgiving 2009.

Joe Wirth

Sports
Production
Editor

Last Thursday marked the one-year anniversary of Tiger Woods' infamous car crash. Since that night Woods' personal life has spent more time in the tabloids than the Kardashians'. Prior to Thanksgiving 2009, Tiger Woods was one of the most liked, and certainly most famous, athletes in the world. This incident, and the revelations that came after, caused the most dramatic fall from grace of any athlete in recent memory. Prior to running his car over a neighbor's fire hydrant, he was marketing gold. He was the face of Buick, Accenture, Tag Huer and Nike, among others. In the aftermath, Nike is the only sponsor that has stuck with him. In the past year we have witnessed him choreograph a half-hearted apology in front of a national television audience, a failed Nike commercial with his deceased father narrating the script and his loss of credibility in the eyes of the American public.

What made him so great was his mental strength. Golf can be the most unnerving sport, but he always kept his cool and seemed to be able to control the uncontrollable. He was able to do things with a golf ball that other professionals only dreamed about. The question was not if he would break Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 major championships, but when. This incident changed all of that. For the first time since turning professional, he went through a season without recording one victory. Some speculated life between the ropes would be his sanctuary, a place where he could find some sense of normalcy in his chaotic life. His return at the Masters this year was one of the most anticipated sporting events of 2010. There were some glimpses that he would return to form. He came in fourth in both the Masters and the U.S. Open. There were other times, however, that the only way you could tell that it was Tiger playing was by the swoosh on his hat. There was the manhood-robbing 18 over he shot at the Bridgestone Invitational and not qualifying for the final two events of the FedEx Cup.

In the past, he had his competition beat before they reached the first tee. Now, for the first time in his career, he seems mortal and more beatable than ever. The consensus among most golf experts is that he will return to form in the upcoming 2011 season. He is Tiger after all — if anybody can come back from those depths, it is he. With time and dedication he will put his professional life back together. The question is, is he willing to put in that same time and dedication to piece his personal life back together?

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Comprehensive immigration reform

When it comes to the issue of illegal immigration, there are many different voices with valid points trying to talk over each other at the same time. Everyone is concerned about aspects that really matter.

How can you tell the family that has been affected by drug war violence that the border is not an issue? How can you tell millions of people to just up and leave? How can you stop people from trying to get their own piece of the American

Dream? There are real issues at stake and many good people stuck in the crossfire, but we need to have a solution soon if we want to move forward.

Many are calling for strong border security, and those concerns are very valid. Countless tons of drugs, countless illegal immigrants, and countless weapons cross the border every single day. This is causing stress on the nation, financial and social stress on border towns and states and creates danger for Mexicans and Americans. Day after day we hear of the unspeakable drug violence in Mexico and fear that it might spill over to our side. Living in fear is not tolerable, and having essentially a war take place next door is not sustainable. Border States have seen rising murder and kidnapping rates as criminals from the south permeate the rich drug markets of the

north. The federal government has a duty to enforce our borders and protect our citizens from foreign violence, but they have failed to do so, which is why states are desperately trying to correct the problem themselves with legislation like Arizona's SB1070. Border security needs to be solved before any other type of solution can be implemented. Otherwise, our children are going to have the same issues we are having now, but worse.

Many are calling for amnesty, because America needs the workers and there is sympathy for hard working immigrants who come to this country to prosper, and those concerns are valid. There are many Mexican and South American people who cross the border illegally that have honest intentions. They come to escape poverty and oppression, just as many of our ancestors did. Their illegal status opens them up to exploitation as well as a constant anxiety over being discovered and deported. These people need to be addressed and not forgotten or ignored. In the old days, immigrants simply signed their name in a book at Ellis Island and immediately were left to fend for themselves. How is this much different from modern illegal immigrants? Often these hardworking immigrants contribute to society and take the harder, unskilled jobs that are not desirable. This keeps wage inflation low and improves the nation's overall quality of life. America is built with the labor of hardworking immigrants, and as their children grow up in our systems and schools they will achieve higher levels in our society

than their parents. What we need is a way to legalize and keep these good people in the country, and kick out the bad ones.

Comprehensive immigration reform requires that these two sides be addressed simultaneously. We need to be hard line on border security. Military presence on the border, a great wall of America, or other ways to stop the influx must be implemented immediately. Continuing the status quo of easily crossed borders will bring violence and financial and societal stress to even more unsustainable levels. We need to also address the people already here and show our compassionate side and fiscal reasoning. We should issue amnesty to those with a good track record, but with caveats since they still have broken our laws. Citizenship can be earned quickly with military service or by the slower traditional method. Just because you live next door does not mean you should have an easier time to immigrate to this country than the millions of others who wish every day they could move here. Illegals should not be able to continue to cut in line in front of those who follow our laws and have to wait months and years for approval.

Immigration and border security will continue to be an issue until we address these two subjects head on.

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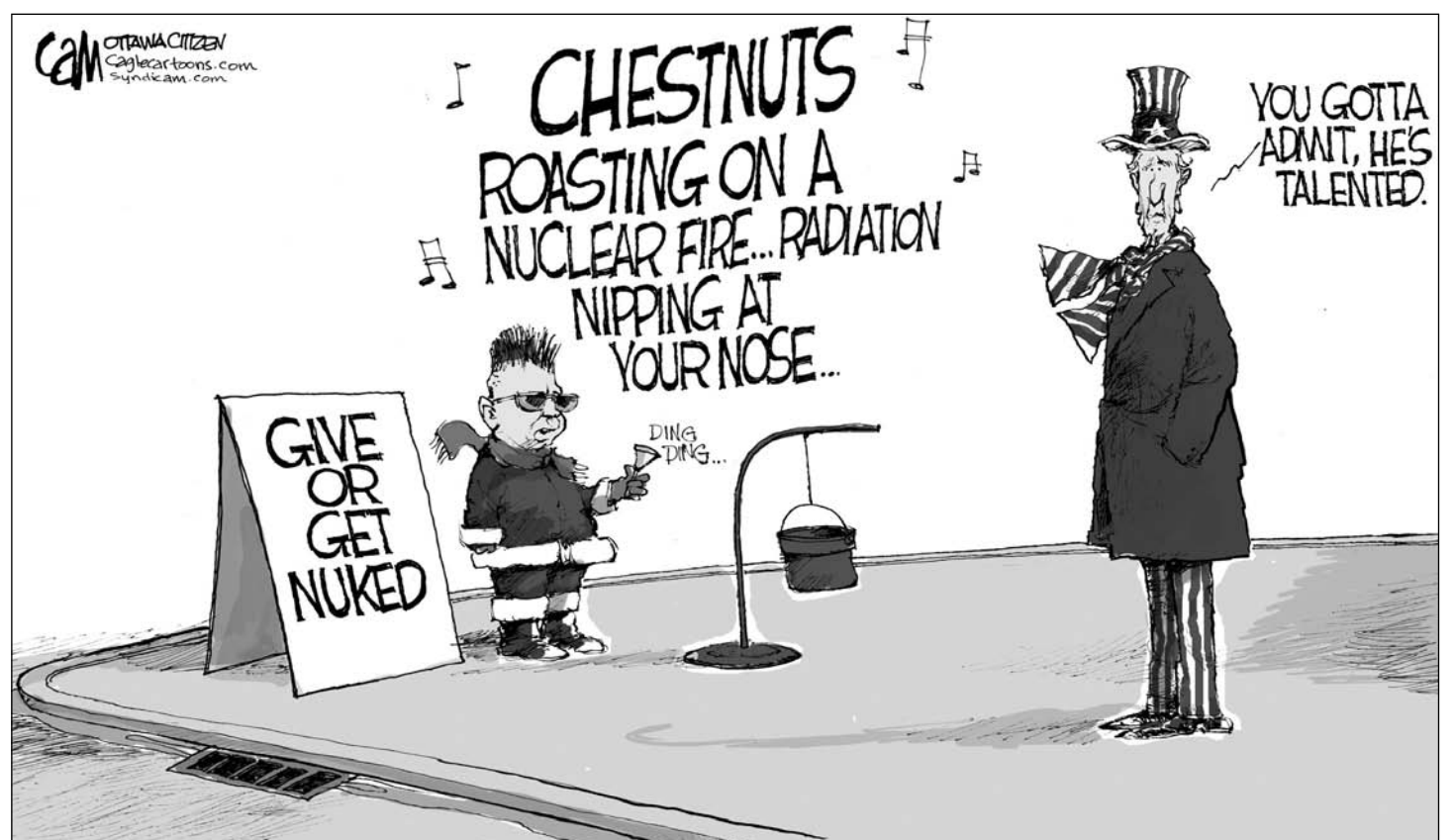
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Mark Easley

Elephant in the Room

EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Life is a risk."

Diane Von Furstenberg
Belgian fashion designer

Singing in tune

A full orchestra tuning their instruments prior to the start of a concert sounds utterly peaceful to my ears. Violins, cellos, flutes, horns and a host of other instruments adjust their pitches in preparation for a night of music. The brass, the upper and lower strings, the wind and the percussion instruments “tune up” to make one perfectly harmonious and beautiful sound.

From my seat in a concert hall, I often find myself with large eyes and a slight grin in awe of the sound and sight on stage. How is it that a multitude of instruments all comprised of varying materials and components create a united sound of heavenly bliss?

During this liturgical season of Advent, we prepare ourselves for the calm and silent night when Christ the Lord is born into our world. Churches across the globe will be filled with trumpets and song for the newborn Savior. We will praise God with the voice of the angels proclaiming, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth

peace among those whom he favors.”

The Christ-child born on that night fulfills God’s promise of a king to save the nations. He will rule over a kingdom where peace and goodness alone prevail.

Before jumping ahead on the calendar, let us rewind to the second reading for this coming Sunday, the second week of Advent:

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 15: 5-6)

Even in the midst of stressful academic weeks and pre-Christmas festivities, these verses provide us a simple approach to the Advent season. We are a multitude of people comprised of various talents, tastes, habits, and limitations. Oftentimes, we desire to serve own wants first, yet we must think of others needs before our own. We must attune our hearts and minds to the way and the will of the Lord.

Sometimes we only need a little tweaking to align our lives with God’s song of unity and peace. Take what does not look

or sound so beautiful in your life and make a minor adjustment, like the instruments of an orchestra. Here are a few suggestions among countless opportunities on campus for finding peace in the Advent of Christ’s coming:

- Focus on forgiveness. Attend reconciliation at the Basilica or seek forgiveness from a friend. Examine your own life for ways you can repent.

- Bestow goodness on others. In gratitude for the gifts you have been given, find an opportunity to pay forward an act of kindness. The Center for Social Concerns is sponsoring a coat drive through Dec. 10.

- Pray in silence. Bring peace to your heart by attending a campus-wide Lucernarium prayer service in Lewis Hall Chapel on Monday night at 10 p.m. If you cannot make it, gather around the Advent wreath in your dorm chapel at your own time.

- Live in joy. Sing together with friends and support the Holy Cross Missions in Uganda by attending Christmas at the CoMo, a music concert by the Celebration Choir on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Undoubtedly it is a difficult time to draw our attention away from the stress and pressures of the next few weeks. That makes just one half-hour opportunity focusing on God and the coming of Christ all the more rewarding.

An orchestra that neglects to tune its instruments plays a dastardly out-of-tune performance. A people that disregards the Advent weeks of preparation risk losing the peaceful sound reverberating on Christmas night.

We bring peace on earth when we act with one accord and one voice, as one people. Our campus will be ready for the joyful spirit of Christ’s coming, if we make adjustments to our instruments during the Advent season. Then we can carry on the peaceful spirits to our homes and churches as Christ’s birth draws near.

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A letter for Declan

Dear Fr. John Jenkins,

I am writing to you today with the hope of suggesting a way for our great University to honor one of its fallen students, Declan Sullivan. After his tragic death on campus in October, I have spoken to several members of the Notre Dame family about the possibility that the University might name the street near the practice field after him, in remembrance of Declan. The possibility dawned on me when I learned of a similar tragedy that previously occurred. It recently became aware to me that Melissa Cook Stadium on Notre Dame’s campus is named after former Notre Dame student Melissa Cook, who played softball while she was a student here and was tragically killed by falling scaffolding in Chicago eight years ago.

Unspeakable tragedies such as Declan and Melissa’s should give way to two things. They should force us to take a step back and remember how sacred and fragile life is, while also reminding us to cherish and make purposeful every subsequent day that we are given. Secondly, they should force us to examine why such a tragedy took place, how it could have been prevented and how we must do everything in our power to ensure that such an event will never take place again. Apart from these things, all we can really do in instances of such tragedy is support each other, grieve and remember and celebrate the beautiful lives that were.

If there is anything I have learned from my 21 years in this world, and especially my three-plus years at this University, it is that life is beautiful and sacred. I have found myself increasingly in awe of life itself, and consequently in equal shock when a life so young and vibrant is cut short for no apparent reason. By all accounts, Declan Sullivan was a brilliant and vivacious young man with an admiration for and understanding of life beyond his years. It is of paramount importance that in response to this tragedy we all remember, honor and celebrate the life of Declan Sullivan.

I am as aware as anybody that much has already been done to remember Declan. I’m sure the Mass of Remembrance, The Observer’s tribute and the gold helmets adorned with the initials “DS” worn by our football team all made Declan smile, and that they were much appreciated by his family. There is no doubt in my mind that each of these

acts was with the loving intention of remembering and celebrating Declan’s life. I have also heard of other possible actions that may be taken in Declan’s memory, including a scholarship in his name. My reason for writing is simple. Declan was a student at this University and thus will forever be a part of Notre Dame. Yet sadly, he will never get the opportunity to walk across a stage and receive a diploma from the University of Notre Dame. He will not get the opportunity to go out into the world and use his many talents and his Notre Dame education for the betterment of himself and others. Declan has tragically been denied so many opportunities in what appeared to be such a bright future; therefore, there should be no shortness of things that we as his brothers and sisters in Notre Dame are willing to do to make sure that he is forever part of Notre Dame. Naming a street running through the University in Declan’s honor should by no means be the last thing we do in Declan’s honor. However, naming a street after Declan Sullivan is a simple and lasting gesture we can take to forever make Declan a part of the Notre Dame campus, a campus he once called home. After all, Declan typified the Notre Dame spirit — why shouldn’t he become a part of it?

Since Declan’s death, we have all been aware of the exhaustive media coverage, the criticism and the finger-pointing associated with it. Much of this criticism has been about Notre Dame, our practices and the University staff and administrators. I only bother to mention it at all because I fear that it may have shifted attention away from Declan himself. The fact of the matter is, Father, that what happened on that afternoon isn’t really about anyone at Notre Dame other than Declan himself. And so it is with remembrance and celebration of Declan in mind that I implore you to consider permanently naming the stretch of road between the outdoor practice fields and the Guglielmino Athletics Complex “Declan Sullivan Way” in his honor. You alluded to our faith as members of the Notre Dame family that Declan is now in the loving embrace of the Lord — let him also be forever in the hearts and minds of all those that pass through Our Lady’s University.

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Dialogue and hospitality

Last week these pages included coverage of the “Contending Modernities” research initiative and its opening conference in New York. But the conversation that “began” there is hardly new to Notre Dame. The address given by Fr. Jenkins was part of a longer contribution to interreligious scholarship and dialogue led by another Notre Dame theologian, Fr. David Burrell. A self-described “Mediterranean person,” Fr. Burrell is an emeritus Professor in Theology and Philosophy, and he served at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem for over 25 years. He was recently the central figure of a small colloquium held in the Catholic center at Northwestern University, in Evanston, IL.

Over a year ago, before I came to Notre Dame, I had been told to meet Fr. Burrell. My flight into Chicago from home made the quick jaunt to Evanston easy, so I dropped by the colloquium. It was organized by Garrett Methodist seminary, and it allowed any interested to listen as Burrell shared his thoughts on the foundations of interfaith dialogue. In conversation with him were a professor of Jewish philosophy from Northwestern and an Islamicist from Loyola Chicago. Their discussion was thoughtful and serious, but the terrain was well-trod — medieval discussions of creation, differing conceptions of the Messiah and views of post-secularity (post-Christianity?)

Fr. Burrell is a warm and gregarious man with a seemingly endless reserve of stories from his work across the globe: Jerusalem, Bangladesh, and Uganda are just three of the places I remember. A brief personal statement at the beginning of the colloquium’s bulletin nar-

rates the development of the “triadic” thinking (Christian-Muslim-Jew) from his earlier focus on Christian-Jewish exchange. It charts a course through Rome, Cairo and South Bend. Burrell, as a world-class intellectual and Holy Cross priest, troubles the old distinction between experience and textual authority (see Chaucer’s Wife of Bath). So the colloquium was instructive, as a fellow Notre Dame student pointed out, not only because of what he had to say, but how he said it; how, after a long history of interaction with Muslims and Jews, one speaks to another faith.

I came away with no solutions, and there are always limitations to such discussions. But if my time listening and talking to Fr. Burrell taught me anything, it is the need for unceasing hospitality. I see continuities between Burrell and another priest, Louis Massignon. Also an active scholar, Massignon established a mission to Muslim Egypt in the early 20th century that exemplified the welcoming-without-knowing essential to radical hospitality. Massignon was instrumental in the writing of Nostra Aetate, which gives shape to the Church’s interaction with other faiths. This kind of hospitality, which cannot anticipate because it does not fully know, also marks the season of Advent just begun. We celebrate the coming of a Messiah strange and, perhaps, unthinkable. But such hospitality can only be cultivated with long and intentional engagement. So may the research initiatives begin anew even as we recognize the history of dialogue and hospitality here at Notre Dame.

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Christmas Carols:

Treasures and Travesties



While driving to school after Thanksgiving break, my friend and I noticed a decidedly happier car atmosphere. Was the

plethora of baked goods I had crammed into my backpack responsible? Partly, yes. However, it was the constant stream of holiday cheer pumping out of the car speakers that sent us into a caroling frenzy. During this drive of four-plus hours, I heard nearly every Christmas carol, ranging from the fantastic to the immediate-scan worthy. This diverse array of songs led me to craft a list: the songs that are Christmas favorites, and the ones that will surely induce holiday displeasure.

The Worst:

“The Christmas Shoes,” NewSong (2001)
This melodramatic tune tells the utterly ridiculous story of a boy who wants to buy shoes for his near-death mother. Because if there’s one thing a dying person needs, it’s a new pair of shoes (obviously). This is like a Lifetime movie set to music.

“Grown Up Christmas List,” Amy Grant (2002)
A favorite amongst middle-aged women, this song describes the outrageously sappy desires of Amy Grant. This list includes world peace, relief for a world in need and every other cliché you can think of. Headlining

my very own grown up Christmas list is more FlexPoints and a worldwide radio ban on this song.

“I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus,” Jackson 5 (1970)

As the name suggests, this incredibly annoying carol is told from a child’s point of view, as he stumbles upon his adulterous mother under the mistletoe with a shameless Santa Claus. Strange narration from a young Michael Jackson adds to the song’s unsettling nature.

The Best:

“All I Want for Christmas Is You,” Mariah Carey (1994)
Bells, lively background singers and a wailing Mariah Carey — everything about this holiday gem is perfect.

“Winter Wonderland,” Dean Martin
Classic and simple, this song deserves a place on any holiday playlist. Unfortunate covers by Selena Gomez and Jason Mraz only highlight this version’s jazzy brilliance.

“Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy,” David Bowie and Bing Crosby (1982)
Bowie and Crosby’s harmonious classic provides a dose of Christmas sentiment without overdoing it (take note, Amy Grant).

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Love him or hate him, Michael Bublé can sing. And his jazz-infused style is perfect when it comes to Christmas songs. In 2003, Bublé released a Christmas EP called “Let It Snow,” featuring his jazzy renditions of six classic Christmas songs. Bublé’s “Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow,” “The Christmas Song,” “Grown-Up Christmas List,” “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” and “White Christmas” are beautifully done and should immediately be added to your Christmas playlist.

“Let It Snow” is easily one of the most joyous Christmas songs in the book. Bublé is perhaps a little more mature-sounding than what we’re used to as he slides between notes, but it loses nothing in translation. Backed by a small jazz combo, the song highlights Bublé’s skillful musicality and always-smooth voice.

“The Christmas Song” is, as its title suggests, perhaps the ultimate Christmas classic. Every recording artist with any Christmas spirit in them has done their own

version, including the original recording by Nat King Cole. It’s hard to compete with that kind of pedigree. But Bublé’s version is beautiful and charming, staying true to the song’s roots while still adding much of his own style. Give it a listen, and all you’ll want to do is stoke the fire, grab a mug of hot chocolate and curl up with someone special. And that’s not a bad thing.

“The Grown-Up Christmas List” is less famous than some of the other Christmas songs on the album. Perhaps it’s due to lack of familiarity, but “Grown-Up Christmas List” isn’t as good as the rest of Bublé’s album. However, Bublé still sounds wonderful and the song is a welcome addition at Christmas time.

“I’ll Be Home for Christmas” is infectious from its first note. More melodic than other versions of the song, Bublé’s is stunningly beautiful and infused with a little Christmas magic.

Bublé’s jazz standard take on “White Christmas” is one of the less remarkable songs on the EP. However, his voice is smooth as always and the song is a welcome addition to any Christmas playlist.

The album closes with a live version of “Let It Snow,” which includes a little audience participation on the chorus. It doesn’t have the same cheerful, comforting sound of the studio version that opens the album, but showcases Bublé’s real vocal talents.

Bublé’s “Let It Snow” is certainly not the ultimate Christmas CD. But rather than trying to redo every Christmas song ever made, he selects a nice, small group that suit his voice and musical style extremely well. He changes the songs enough to make them fitting for him, but maintains the integrity of the original, and beloved, classics. “The Christmas Song” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” are remarkable, to say the least. So whether you’re a jazz fan or not, whether you loved his rendition of “Feeling Good” or loathed it, spice up your Christmas music with something from “Let It Snow.”

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Music Rewind:

Michael Bublé jazzes up Christmas classics on

“Let it Snow”
“Let it Snow”
“Let it Snow”



By CHRIS COLLUM
Scene Writer

Cee Lo Green has already proven his worth as a chart-topping soul man with Gnarls Barkley, the duo he formed with indie producer Danger Mouse that produced the smash hit “Crazy.” He returns for “The Lady Killer,” his first full-length since Gnarls Barkley’s two albums, in much the same fashion — with a runaway, smash-hit soul song.

“Forget You,” as it is known in its censored form, is a gleefully foul-mouthed kiss-off to an ex-lover set to a fantastic R&B backing track that features a hip-swaying beat and a backing gospel choir in the chorus. The sometimes playful, sometimes remorseful lyrics — “I guess he’s an Xbox and I’m more Atari / But the way you play your game ain’t fair” — are delivered, of course, in Green’s pitch-perfect falsetto.

This track is produced by The Smeezingtons, a coalition whose other hits include “Nothin’ on You” by B.o.B and Bruno Mars, “Billionaire” by Travie McCoy and “Right Round” by Flo Rida. Besides being the album’s highlight, “Forget You” is also the song that has propelled Green into the spotlight once more.

Upon its release the unedited version of the song immediately went viral online, and the song charted as high as No. 9 on the Billboard Hot 100. The song’s official video has close to 27 million views. A mash-up version of the song with Kanye West’s “Gold Digger” subsequently became extremely popular. A cover version by Gwyneth Paltrow was recently featured on the hit TV show “Glee.” The song has also become a dorm

room party staple in recent months.

While “Forget You” is such an excellent song, one might assume that it runs the risk of overshadowing the rest of the album. This, however, is simply not true, for two reasons. First of all, each track on this album has the potential to become a Top 40 smash courtesy of Green’s incredibly good vocals and eleven other incredible good backing tracks.

And that’s the second reason each song is a standout in its own right: no two tracks really sound alike; each song has its own distinctive character. From “Bright Lights Bigger City,” which is propelled by ‘80s synths and a funky guitar sample, to “Fool For You,” a piano-driven soul number that appropriately features Philip Bailey of Earth, Wind & Fire, each song sounds like an instant classic in its own right.

That being said, the album rarely strays from the same themes of spurned romance and regret seen in “Forget You” or “No One’s Gonna Love You” or “It’s OK,” the album’s ELEMENT-produced second single. This can make the album feel a bit stale towards the middle, despite the instrumental diversity, and can call the album’s title into question.

Green’s assertion in the album’s introduction that “When it comes to ladies ... I have a license to kill” rarely seems to come into play in the album’s lyrical subject matter. The intimate “Bodies” reflects this theme certainly; however, he seems to be rejected by the ladies more often than he seduces them.

But maybe that’s just overthinking the concept. Besides, despite Green’s clever lyrics on songs like

‘The Lady Killer’ Cee Lo Green

Label: Elektra

Best Tracks: “It’s OK,” “Wildflower,” “Forget You”



“Forget You,” the focus of this album isn’t lyrical. Its purpose, simply stated, is for Green to nail gorgeous melodies over lush instrumentation, and that he does time and time again. In the aforementioned “Bodies” he soars for the higher end of the spectrum as he proclaims, “They say that chivalry is dead,” in the chorus.

Overall, “The Lady Killer” is a fantastic solo effort by Cee Lo Green that shows without question that he is the “King of Soul” at the moment. Despite his success with this genre, however, he said in a recent interview that he plans to return to hip-hop next, rejoining his old Atlanta-based group Goodie Mob, friends and sometimes-collaborators with Outkast, also from Atlanta. Whether he ever returns to the type of music he’s been making for most of the last decade or not, “The Lady Killer” and its viral single “Forget You” will certainly be remembered as a creative high-water mark for Green — equally important as Gnarls Barkley’s “Crazy.”

This album comes with highest recommendations for anyone who enjoys classic R&B and soul or who has heard “Forget You” and found it entertaining.

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With Christmas fast approaching, it’s understandable to panic about those last couple days of class, those rough final papers and the all-consuming final exams. With so much school business going on, how can anyone be bothered to find that perfect gift for everyone on his or her holiday list? To aid all busy students in their quest, I have compiled a list of the top ten gifts (in no particular order) from the world’s greatest retailer ... Skymall.

Courtney Cox

Scene
Writer

The Big Foot Garden Yeti Sculpture:

A threatening garden statue to scare squirrels away or the perfect dorm accessory? You decide.

Darth Vader Toaster:

No, it’s not called the Darth Vader toaster because the physical machine looks like Darth Vader. It’s called the Darth Vader toaster because it burns Darth Vader’s face into your toast.

Largest Crossword Puzzle:

With 100 full pages of clues, this 7’x7’ crossword puzzle is great for the friend who has a lot of wall space as well as a lot of free time.

House of Bounce Fortress:

Because renting just doesn’t cut it. It’s sure to be a hit at all the dorm parties.

Burg Watch Phone:

Cooler than the iPhone and Droid combined. You absolutely will not look ridiculous having a conversation with your watch.

The Siamese Slanket:

For those lucky enough to be friends with one of those Notre Dame couples buy them this off-brand Snuggie-for-two and kill two birds with one stone!

Broddingnagian Sports Chair:

May make the receiver look insignificant, but it’s just hilarious enough to pass as a good gift.

Travel UV Toothbrush Sanitizer:

Because traveling without a freshly sanitized toothbrush just isn’t an option.

Basho Sumo Wrestler Statues:

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NCAA FOOTBALL

NCAA rules Newton eligible for championship game

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Heisman Trophy favorite Cam Newton can focus on playing for the SEC championship instead of worrying about pay-for-play.

The NCAA ruled Wednesday that Auburn's quarterback won't be punished for the payment scheme concocted by his father, Cecil.

Instead, the younger Newton will lead the second-ranked Tigers into the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday against South Carolina — with a shot at the national title on the line.

The NCAA cleared Newton to compete without conditions, saying it was Cecil Newton and "an owner of a scouting service" — former Mississippi State player Kenny Rogers — who violated amateurism rules.

The NCAA became involved during the summer in investigating the pay-for-play scheme that was discussed during Newton's recruitment. Two Mississippi State boosters accused Cecil Newton and Rogers of trying to get up to \$180,000 for Cam Newton to play for the Bulldogs while the quarterback was being recruited out of junior college last year.

"Based on the information available to the reinstatement

staff at this time, we do not have sufficient evidence that Cam Newton or anyone from Auburn was aware of this activity, which led to his reinstatement," Kevin Lennon, NCAA vice president for academic and membership affairs, said in a news release.

The question of how much Auburn and Cam Newton knew about the scam has dogged the 12-0 Tigers since news of the recruiting scandal became public last month.

The NCAA and Auburn moved swiftly this week to bring at least some resolution.

The sports governing body concluded Monday that a violation had been committed by Cecil Newton and Rogers. A day later — following NCAA bylaws — Auburn declared Newton ineligible and then requested his eligibility be reinstated.

But Lennon seems to have left the door open for future discipline. The NCAA would not say Wednesday that the case is closed, referring to its statement that notes reinstatement likely occurs "prior to the close of an investigation."

Still, it was good news for Auburn.

The ruling at least temporarily allays weeks-long fears that the Tigers would lose the player who has helped propel them from a middling SEC team last year to a

never-say-die powerhouse with a shot at the title.

It also temporarily eases concerns that Auburn's 12 wins — and any titles — would wind up being vacated if the NCAA had found that Newton had been ineligible because of violations committed before signing with the Tigers on New Year's Eve 2009.

"We are pleased that the NCAA has agreed with out position that Cam Newton has been and continues to be eligible to play football at Auburn University," Jay Jacobs, Auburn's athletic director, said in the NCAA release.

The NCAA said Wednesday that Auburn and NCAA enforcement staff agreed that Newton's father and an owner of a scouting service worked together on the scheme. The NCAA did not name Rogers.

Auburn has agreed to limit Cecil Newton's access to its athletic program and Mississippi State has dissociated itself from Rogers, who worked for a sports agent.

"The conduct of Cam Newton's father and the involved individual is unacceptable and has no place in the SEC or in intercollegiate athletics," said Mike Slive, Southeastern Conference commissioner. "The actions taken by Auburn University and Mississippi State University make it clear this behavior will not be



Cam Newton celebrates after Auburn's victory over Georgia early this year. He will be eligible for this week's SEC Championship.

tolerated in the SEC."

It wasn't immediately clear what access Cecil Newton would have at Auburn, and school officials said they would have no immediate further comment.

The Newtons' attorney, George Lawson, told WSB-TV of Atlanta on Nov. 18 that he is "1 million percent" certain that Cam Newton did not take any money. Lawson says if Cecil Newton discussed money, his son "knew nothing" about it.

"No money has been offered to

Cam Newton. Cam Newton hasn't asked for any money," Lawson said in the report. "Cam Newton, Cecil Newton and Jackie Newton have participated in the ongoing NCAA investigation. They have been truthful and candid with the NCAA." Jackie Newton is the quarterback's mother.

Rogers' attorney, Doug Zeit, told The Associated Press that he had received a letter from Mississippi State on Wednesday morning stating that Rogers has been dissociated from the school.

NFL

Running back Hillis leads resurgent Browns

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — His hog-nosed facemask is unlike any in the NFL, just one of the many things separating Peyton Hillis from the pack of running backs.

With a straight-ahead, stop-me-if-you-dare smashmouth style, Hillis has emerged as an unstoppable force in his first season with the Cleveland Browns, who acquired him in a trade never envisioning he would emerge as their best offensive threat.

Soft-spoken off the field, Hillis is downright demonic when he's gets the ball.

"Dude's a beast," said Browns linebacker David Bowens.

Thus, the facemask.

"It looks like it has tusks," Hillis says in a distinct, Southern twang in describing the unique cage that protects the face of this football-crazed

city's newest star. "It brings me back to my college days at Arkansas. It's ugly, but I like it."

Cleveland has fallen for Hillis the same way he drops line-backers.

At 6-foot-1, 240 pounds, he's a hulking hunk, who on the brink of surpassing 1,000 yards, has quickly made the Browns' female fanbase forget about quarterback Brady Quinn's model looks. Quinn, by the way, is the one Cleveland traded to Denver in March for Hillis.

Hillis is also a guy's guy. Dressed in rattlesnake-skinned cowboy boots, jeans, a camouflage jacket and a tattered baseball cap, Hillis is the antithesis of many pro athletes right down to his favorite hobby — hunting 400-pound, wild boars in the woods back home.

"You get a team of boys together, a bunch of dogs, you lay 'em (the boars) up against a

tree and shoot 'em or cut 'em," Hillis explains matter-of-factly. "Pretty simple."

Bringing down Hillis, on the other hand, is anything but easy.

Knees churning, cleats kicking up dirt and grass, he's a terror to tackle. On his way to rushing for 131 yards in Sunday's win over Carolina, Hillis powered over an unfortunate Panthers safety at the 2 before going in for this third touchdown, and 11th this season, joining Hall of Famers Jim Brown and Leroy Kelly as the only Cleveland backs to score that many.

But Hillis isn't only three yards and a cloud of debris and dust. He's remarkably agile and has perfected a hurdle to elude defensive backs who try to cut out his legs.

"Not only does he bulldoze people," Browns center Alex Mack said, "he can jump over

them, too."

Hillis will enter Sunday's game in Miami with 905 rushing yards and 414 receiving yards on a team-high 46 catches.

The Browns thought Hillis could help them. They had no idea he would carry them.

"I thought he would be pretty good and a great addition, but he's been outstanding," coach Eric Mangini said. "He just shows up, works like crazy. He's a great guy, loves being here and plays his heart out every week. He runs people over, catches everything we throw to him, blocks well."

"Yeah, he's made for Cleveland."

And Cleveland seems made for Hillis.

The buckle of the Rust Belt, it's where generations of families spent their work weeks in factories and steel mills and their Sundays in front of the TV

or down on the shores of Lake Erie watching the beloved Browns. Of course, times have changed, but there remains a strong identity to athletes who give it their all without complaint. It's a lunch-pail town.

And that's something Hillis sensed as soon as he arrived. He felt the pride, the passion and the connection between himself and the fan base.

"I feel like I can relate to fans on a personal level," said Hillis, whose No. 40 jersey is popping up all over Northeast Ohio. "They're hard-working people, they love football and they don't ask for much. They just want to see their team play. This city's hungry for a winning team."

On Sunday, there were banners hanging over the railings of Browns Stadium honoring the new hero. "Peyton's Place" read one. "House of Hillis" was another.

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NBA

Horford, Hawks
soar past Grizzlies

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Al Horford scored 20 points and the Atlanta Hawks beat the Memphis Grizzlies 112-109 on Wednesday night after learning star Joe Johnson will have elbow surgery and miss four to six weeks.

The Hawks had six players score in double figures, including a season-high 16 points off the bench by Josh Powell, to overcome the loss of Johnson, the team's four-time All-Star and top scorer. The Hawks have won four straight.

Mike Bibby, who had 15 points, hit three 3-pointers in the last 5 minutes after Memphis by one. Bibby's last 3, with 17 seconds remaining, came after Horford and Josh Smith grabbed offensive rebounds to extend a long possession.

Rudy Gay led Memphis with 23 points, including a 3-pointer and another basket in the final 10 seconds.

The Hawks announced at the start of the game Johnson will have arthroscopic surgery to remove a "loose body" from his right elbow.

An improbable layup by Mike Conley, with the ball dropping from the top of the backboard with 4:38 remaining, pulled the Grizzlies within 95-94. Bibby answered with a 3-pointer for Atlanta before drawing a charge on Conley seconds later.

Conley had 22 points. Zach Randolph, with 19 points and 19 rebounds, and Pau Gasol, with 16 points and 10 rebounds, had double-doubles for the Grizzlies.

Jamal Crawford had 16 points and eight assists for Atlanta. Marvin Williams had 15 and Smith had 13.

Johnson said the elbow has caused discomfort "off and on" this season.

"It just got unbearable yesterday," Johnson told The Associated Press.

Maurice Evans, who started for Johnson, had nine points.

The Hawks were looking for someone to fill the scoring void left by Johnson's absence. The first-half surprise was Powell, who had 14 points while making 7-of-8 shots from the field. Powell's previous season high for a full game was 10 points.

The Grizzlies led 44-43 before Powell began a hot streak in which he scored 10 points in the final 4:41 of the second period to give Atlanta a 63-57 halftime lead.

The Hawks stretched the lead to 86-76 at the end of the third quarter. The Grizzlies opened the final period with eight straight points to cut Atlanta's lead to two points.

Smith was charged with four turnovers in the third period as Tony Allen had a string of three straight steals. After Allen's second steal of Smith's pass, Smith hustled and blocked Allen's layup. Allen responded with his third steal from Smith for a basket.

MLB

MLB grants 105 ADHD
exemptions for drugs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball granted 105 exemptions for otherwise-banned stimulants in the last year because of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, virtually unchanged from the previous year's total.

MLB and the players' union released the report Wednesday, covering a period that ended with the World Series.

The ADHD figure has stayed about the same for four years. There were 108 therapeutic use exemptions in 2009, up from 106 TUEs in 2008 and 103 in 2007. Baseball management says the level of ADHD among young males is higher than for the general population.

"My reaction is the same as last year and the year before that," said Dr. Gary Wadler, chairman of the committee that determines the banned substances list for the World Anti-Doping Agency. "It seems to me almost incomprehensible that ADHD is so pervasive in baseball to a degree that it requires medicine."

A frequent critic of baseball's drug-testing program, Wadler said "these numbers really cry out for transparency in the TUE process in baseball — a good look-see at the process, not just the numbers."

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, said MLB was encouraged "by the low number of positive" tests. "We're always cautious that we're not missing anything."

Manfred emphasized the standards were determined by Smith, not MLB.

There were just two positive tests for steroids in the second full year of the sport's toughened drug program, according to Dr. Bryan Smith, MLB's independent drug-testing administrator. Cincinnati pitcher Edinson Volquez and Florida catcher Ronny Paulino were suspended for 50 games each.

Without saying who tested positive for what, Smith identified the substances as Clomiphene and Oxandrolone.

Among 3,747 tests for major leaguers, up slightly from last year's 3,722, there were 15 positives for stimulants, including 13 for Adderall and one each for Clobenzorex and Phentermine. They were presumably initial positive tests, which don't result in discipline.

NHL

Shootout goal lifts Predators over Blue Jackets

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Longtime Columbus nemesis Steve Sullivan scored the only goal in the shootout to lead the Nashville Predators past the Columbus Blue Jackets, 4-3 on Wednesday night.

Sullivan, who has 43 points in 44 career games against Columbus, notched the goal while going second in the shootout. Pekka Rinne, who had

28 saves in regulation, made stops on Jake Voracek, Rick Nash and Antoine Vermette — who had two goals — in the shootout.

Colin Wilson, Sergei Kostitsyn and Kevin Klein scored goals and Martin Erat had two assists for the Predators.

Kris Russell supplied a go-ahead goal for Columbus in the third period.

The Predators led 2-1 heading into the third, fell behind 3-2,

and then tied it on Klein's goal with 8:22 left.

It was more of the same for Nashville, which always seems to find a way to beat Columbus — and usually with Sullivan and/or Erat playing a major role. The Predators are 41-13-4-1 against the Blue Jackets, going 24-4-2 in the series since 2006-07.

Erat has 40 points in his last 40 games against the Blue Jackets.

Columbus, down 2-1 heading into the third period, scored the next two goals. Russell found the net on a hard wrister from the high slot 2 minutes into the period.

After an Erat blast caught the corner junction and just missed going in for the Predators, the Blue Jackets took a 3-2 lead when Nash made a great individual effort and Vermette collected his second garbage goal. Nash went strong to the net,

muscling his way between two defenders to get off a point-blank shot on Rinne. The goalie got a piece of it, but Vermette was there to punch in the go-ahead goal.

Nashville then knotted things again on what appeared to be an innocent shot. Klein collected the puck near the blue line, skated laterally for an instant and then fired a hard, low shot that goalie Steve Mason lost in the traffic in front of the net.

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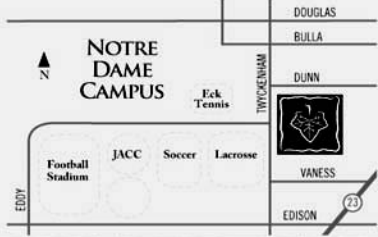
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For the Notre Dame swimmers, the U.S. Nationals will also be challenging to test the waters of their swimming potential.

"We have just been continuing to practice like normal," Maxwell said. "Our team has been focusing on getting better every day. We haven't been doing anything specifically for this meet; we have just been trying to improve our overall performance."

Because the meet is a national invitational event, the swimmers had to meet certain standards to be able to take part in the three-day event.

"There will be several teams

at this meet including club and college teams," Maxwell said. "One of our toughest opponents will be Cal. They have a very good swimming program."

The meets that will take place this weekend will offer ample opportunity for both the swimmers and divers to go up against excellent competition and to get a lot of events in during the three days.

"We want to use this meet to get lots of swims in and evaluate where we are at this point in the season," Maxwell said. "All of the events will be very interesting to watch because the level of competition is higher than that at a dual meet."

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McGraw

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on the night.

Five minutes later, freshman Kayla McBride hit two free throws to make the score 65-59.

"The gamer in us kicked in. The heart finally showed up. We wanted to win," Diggins said. "I think in the first half we were playing light and then finally we started to pick it up like we needed to get up."

But the six-point difference was as close as the Irish would get.

Notre Dame and Baylor (8-1) were tied at seven points each after nearly six minutes when the Bears went on an 8-2 run to make it 15-9. Baylor continued to pull away and led 38-24 at the end of the first half.

Diggins' 21 points led the Irish. She also had five assists and four steals on the night and played 39 of the game's 40 minutes.

"She is obviously our go-to player," McGraw said. "She played like an All-American today and had a great game in a big game on the road. I am just proud of the way she played and really kept us in the game. She did everything thing she could to win the game for us."

The Irish had a significant difference in fouls, 27-12, and put the Bears into the double bonus in both halves.

Junior forward Devereaux

Peters ran into foul trouble early, with two fouls after just four minutes of play. She stayed on the bench for the rest of the first half.

Junior guard Erica Solomon fouled out with 2:47 to go in the game after a nine-rebound performance to lead her team. Junior guard Natalie Novosel fouled out with 36 seconds left after scoring 12 points and grabbing four steals.

Solomon has become a major presence for Notre Dame after her performance in the WBCA Classic over Thanksgiving earned her all-tournament honors.

While Notre Dame was guarding Griner, Baylor redshirt sophomore forward Brooklyn Pope became the go-to player for the Bears. She finished with 20 points and 14 rebounds on the night.

"I think definitely in the first half [Pope] took advantage of that and she drove a lot," Diggins said. "We were playing off of her and she got a whole lot of layups in the first half. I think that was huge for them. In the second half we tried to contain her a little bit, but I think we dug ourselves a deep whole by not guarding her."

Notre Dame faces Purdue Sunday at the Purcell Pavilion in a game that will be nationally televised on ESPN2. Tip off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

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Junior forward Erica Solomon drives on a Morehead St. defender during a 91-28 Irish victory Nov. 15 in the Purcell Pavilion.

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YUE WU/The Observer
Senior center Ben Ryan crashes the net against Michigan State Nov. 19 in a 6-2 Irish victory over the Spartans in the Joyce Center.

Ryan

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experience have helped them work together to set up scoring chances.

"We're really just focused on seeing the ice and making plays rather than the system and where we're supposed to be because we're already acclimated to that," Ryan said.

So far this year, Ryan has played primarily with freshman left wing Anders Lee, who leads the team with nine goals. The senior has also seen ice time with classmate Calle Ridderwall, who has seven goals on the year.

"As long as somebody's putting the puck in the net I'm sure that [Ryan] is happy," Jackson said. "I think he's been really well-balanced in his game."

Part of that all-around style has manifested itself in the faceoff circle. Heading into the season, Ryan was expected to take a lot of the key draws for the Irish after the graduation of Kevin Deeth. So far this season, Ryan has won 51.5 percent of his faceoffs.

The Irish struggled in the circle earlier in the season, which Jackson credited to freshmen adjusting to Division I hockey. Ryan said he has been working with freshmen centers T.J. Tynan and David Gerths to improve their faceoff percentages.

"You have to be able to realize where you are on the ice," Ryan said. "Taking an offensive zone draw is totally different than the [defensive] zone. Offensive zone, you're willing to try some things, take some chances, because the puck's not necessarily coming right back down your throat again because you're in the o-

zone, but in the d-zone you can't go in there trying to win it clean because if you lose it clean, they're probably getting a shot on net."

Ryan is also one of three senior alternate captains this season, no easy task on a team that features 12 freshmen.

"With all these freshmen that came in in the fall, I just thought back to what it was like when I was a freshman, what I was going through," Ryan said. "We're right there to help these guys out."

These next two weeks will pose an especially interesting challenge for the senior leadership on the Irish roster, since they not only have to contend with a road trip to No. 6 Miami this weekend and a home series against Northern Michigan after that, but the freshmen's first final exams are looming around the corner.

"We just kind of encourage the guys to have fun at the rink because when you're here it's time to maybe goof around a little bit," Ryan said. "It's serious, but you get to goof around a little bit and let things go because as soon as you leave here it's right back to the books."

Ryan also said he has enjoyed the murderers-row schedule Notre Dame has faced recently — with consecutive series against No. 11 Michigan, Michigan State and No. 7 North Dakota, leading up to this weekend's showdown against the RedHawks — because it would help the Irish prepare for the gauntlet that is postseason play.

"It's good to have this experience early in the season because it teaches you that you can't have any off nights," Ryan said.

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Florida

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their winter break trip.

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Benishek said the Belles got some good workouts in over the Thanksgiving break that will help them prepare for the Calvin Invitational.

"They were in the water during break," Benishek said. "The extra time will be good for some of them, but the rest will also serve them well. We will have some chances at this invitational for improvement before heading to Florida."

Saint Mary's will participate in the Calvin Invitational starting today before heading to Florida Jan. 7-14.

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Information Session: MONDAY, DECEMBER 6th
HAYES-HEALY 125 @ 5:30PM

Meet Professor Juan Vitulli of the Department of Romance Languages and Literature, teaching in Toledo 2011.

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**

1 Bucko

4 Berlin cry

7 George Washington and others

14 Burning issue

15 ___ Greene, "The Godfather" gangster

16 "The poison of life," per Brontë's Rochester

17 With 27- and 35-Across, a Halloween riddle

19 Set apart

20 Online store option

21 "Punk'd" cable channel

22 Club for swingers

23 Bar, at the bar

25 Poet's Muse

27 See 17-Across
- 32 Coral reef dwellers

33 Prefix with comic

34 Check out

35 See 17-Across

38 Be sociable

41 Bottled spirit

42 Go for the gold?

43 With 60-Across, answer to the riddle

48 Soft drink brand

49 Fresh

50 Seat holders

51 Italian TV channel

54 Sniffer's supply

58 Bibliophile's concern

60 See 43-Across

61 Dovetail with

62 "Tell ___ story"

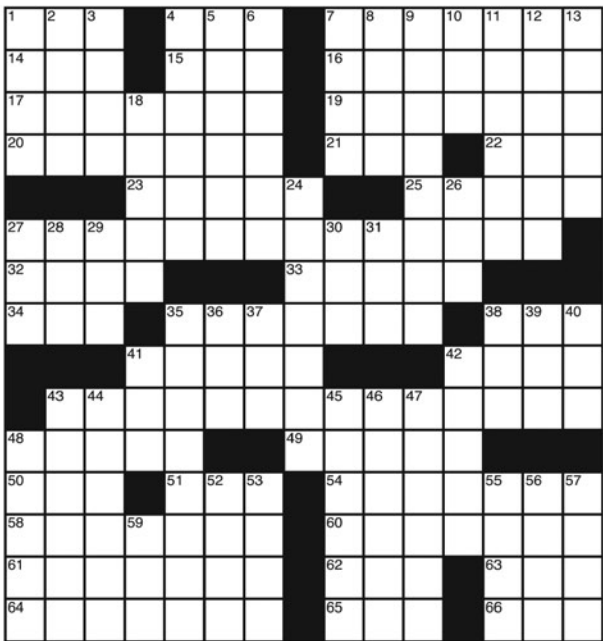
63 New York or Wisconsin, in D.C.
- 64 Yankee manager who wore #37

65 African menace

66 Base ___

Down

- 1 Bryn ___ College
- 2 "Off the Court" autobiographer
- 3 Elaine ___, George W. Bush's only labor secretary
- 4 In the center of
- 5 Math groups
- 6 Be told about
- 7 Spilling point
- 8 Staff symbol
- 9 "That issue is in the past"
- 10 Capital of the U.S.?
- 11 Reach for rudely
- 12 What you will
- 13 Mind
- 18 Lock
- 24 QBs, often
- 26 Kia model
- 27 "Whaddaya know!"
- 28 "Whaddaya know!"
- 29 Ring cry
- 30 Sign of a winner
- 31 Bomber pilot in "Catch-22"
- 35 Pre-election activity
- 36 Chemical suffix
- 37 "My dear fellow"



Puzzle by David J. Kahn

- 38 War stat

39 Barnard's ___, locale in "Great Expectations"

40 Crossed (out)

41 Understood

42 Debbie who won three swimming gold medals at the 1968 Olympics
- 43 Picaroon

44 Like some job training

45 Washington city, river or tribe

46 Nurses take these

47 Top-of-the-world topper

48 Feudal domains
- 52 Learning method

53 Hydroxyl compound

55 In order

56 Projecting edge

57 2000 Hugh Jackman movie

59 Component of bronze

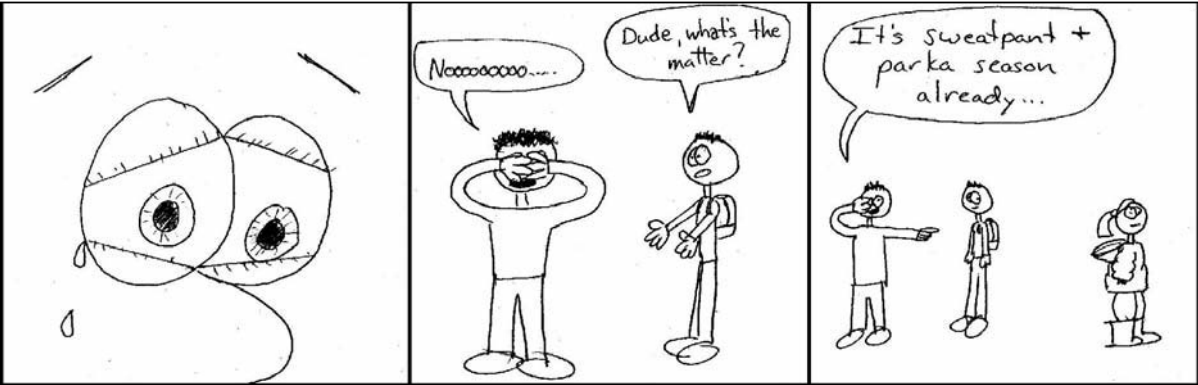
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sarah Silverman, 40; Nestor Carbonell, 43; Bette Midler, 65; Woody Allen, 75

Happy Birthday: Advancement is within reach and should bring you the benefits you've been wanting for some time. Don't be afraid to give a gentle nudge to someone you care for and want more response from. Set your sights high and don't stop pushing until you have reached your goals. Your numbers are 2, 9, 14, 35, 32, 37, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a step back and see what everyone around you is going to do before you make a commitment. You will be taken advantage of if you are too willing to volunteer your services. Keep your thoughts private. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Originality will ensure that you captivate your audience and get the response you are hoping for. Travel in order to communicate in person. Don't move too quickly on an investment that interests you. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): With an extra push and a set budget you can turn a service you can provide or skill you have into a lucrative endeavor. Keep things small, build slowly and you will get ahead. Your entrepreneurial ideas will capture interest. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotional moments can be expected if you are dealing with personal or relationship issues. Listen carefully before deciding what to do. Focus on helping others and being compassionate, loving and understanding. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make plans to do something energetic. You need a challenge. Don't let someone's criticism get you down. Buying and selling property can help you cut your overhead. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Being torn between what everyone wants you to do and what you want will make it difficult for you to satisfy the ones you love and stay true to yourself. Ask someone with greater life experience for help. A sudden change of plans can be expected. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be emotional and stifled by the people around you. Revisit what's happened in the past -- you cannot let things go on the way they have. Talking matters through calmly will allow you to salvage the relationship or terminate it without any regrets. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Something you've wanted to do for a long time will come to mind. Embrace the moment and follow through. Your actions will lead you in a direction that helps you improve your financial position. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make a difference if you go above and beyond the call of duty. You will enhance your reputation and receive proposals from people who can use what you have to offer. Leave ample time to get where you need to go. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's what you do, not what you say, that will count. Adaptability, coupled with charm, diplomacy and hard work will ensure you are successful in your pursuits. Your ability to stay calm and fix whatever goes wrong will show your leadership ability. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): There is something you have to offer that will bring in the extra cash you need. Good fortune is heading in your direction. A favor or gift can be expected. Someone who wants help may try to take advantage of you. Say no and move on quickly. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have trouble trying to get your point across. Expect someone to divulge information that will make you appear incompetent. You will have to overcome any negativity that comes your way by proving that you know what you are doing. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are intuitive and charming. You will overreact, embellish and change your mind if it will help you get your way. You aren't afraid to stand alone.

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

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Answer: THE

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: SLANT IDIOT LAVISH MISHAP
Answer: The garbageman was popular because the neighbor said he was — AT HIS "DISPOSAL"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



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

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Too much to Bear

No. 2 Baylor defends home court as No. 16 Irish fall 76-75 to Brittany Griner, Bears

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

In the end, Brittney Griner and No. 2 Baylor proved to be too much for Notre Dame.

The six-foot-eight center played all 40 minutes and scored 21 points as she and the Bears defeated the Irish 76-65 in Waco, Tex.

It was the third loss to a top-15 team for No. 16 Notre Dame (5-3) this season.

"It is disappointing because we thought we played our game for about 15 minutes, and they are a great team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in a post-game press conference. "They are a Final Four team and I thought they just really hung together when we made our run and showed a lot of poise."

After being down by as many as 22 points in the second half, Notre Dame went on a 12-0 run to close the gap to 56-49 with just under 10 minutes to go. Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins scored eight points during the run and finished with 21

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Freshman forward Natalie Achonwa drives into the lane against Morehead St. Nov. 15 during a 91-28 Irish victory in the Purcell Pavilion. The Irish fell to No. 2 Baylor 76-65 Wednesday in Waco.

ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish split up for two meets

By KATHARINE MACK
Sports Writer

The Irish will be splitting up this weekend to participate in two extremely competitive meets that will test Notre Dame's mettle.

The Irish swimmers will head to Columbus, Ohio, to take part in the U.S. Nationals swim meet, while the Notre Dame divers will head to Iowa City, Iowa, for the Hawkeye Invitational.

The Hawkeye Invitational is a three-day event that will span from Friday through Sunday. The U.S. Nationals are also a three-day event, stretching from Thursday through Saturday.

The Hawkeye Invitational will be comprised of a competitive field of diving teams. Iowa, Denver, Illinois, Northern Iowa, South Dakota State, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Notre Dame and Ohio State.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles to swim in fall finale against Calvin

Squad coming off invitational in Chicago

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Belles are coming off a fifth-place showing at the Phoenix Invitational hosted by the University of Chicago earlier this month, and will now round out the Fall semester portion of their schedule at the Calvin Invitational this weekend.

"We are looking for strong swims out of everybody at the Calvin Invitational," head coach Mark Benishek said. "I am looking for everyone to give 100 percent effort in the pool, even whether they get their best time or just off their best time."

The Phoenix Invitational featured the host No. 15 University of Chicago, which won the Invitational easily with 1252 points, with the next closest team having 464. The Belles finished with 296.

Saint Mary's did have some strong finishes on the weekend with sophomore Katie Griffin finishing third in the 100-yard backstroke. Griffin also finished seventh in the 100-yard butterfly for the Invitational.

"Overall it was a pretty good meet," Benishek said. "We weren't competing for a

month or so, so to come out with those performances was a step in the right direction. We saw some great times, and some of the girls had beat their best times in practice so we're continuing to improve."

Sophomore Audrey Dalrymple also had an impressive swim for the Belles at the Phoenix Invitational, finishing seventh in the 200-yard backstroke, and eighth in the 400-yard individual medley.

Dalrymple noted that there are only 14 girls on the team this year and said she found the small roster to be a mixed blessing.

"We only have 14 girls on the team this year. It's unfortunate because we have a lot of talent but just do not have the numbers to beat some of the teams in our conference," she said. "The size of our team is also a blessing because we are extremely close and help motivate each other to focus on our individual goals for the season."

Saint Mary's will get a chance to face some of its MIAA competition this weekend at the Calvin Invitational before heading to Florida for

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HOCKEY

Ryan stands out as a senior



YUE WU/The Observer

Irish senior center Ben Ryan gets around a Michigan State defender during a 6-2 victory Nov. 19 in the Joyce Center. Ryan has two goals and 14 assists through 15 games this season.

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Senior center Ben Ryan may not be lighting the lamp as much as he has in years past, but that doesn't mean he hasn't been finding his way onto the score sheet.

Through 15 games, Ryan has only two goals, but has already racked up 14 assists, just two short of his career high.

"You know, I think in some

ways he's changed his game in a positive way from a leadership perspective," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of Ryan. "I don't think he feels he has to be the guy who puts the puck in the net all the time."

For his part, Ryan said he hasn't necessarily changed his style of play, but rather just adapted to the situation in which he found himself. He pointed out that during his freshman and sophomore years, when he scored 10 and 12 goals, respec-

tively, he played most of his minutes with Erik Condra, one of the team's top playmakers.

"I think it's kind of natural," Ryan said of his transition to set-up man. "I don't think it's necessarily me changing my game up. It's more the players I'm playing with now."

Ryan's 14 assists are second on the team only to senior line-mate Ryan Guentzel's 15. Ryan said his and Guentzel's years of

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