

THE OBSERVER

The Independent Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

VOLUME 44 : ISSUE 82

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

NDSMCOBSERVER.COM

Officials appoint new University librarian

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

University officials appointed Diane Parr Walker to the position of University librarian, according to a Thursday press release.

Walker is currently deputy university librarian at the University of Virginia. She will begin her position at Notre Dame on June 25.

"Diane Walker is a superb administrator who has the experience, vision and leadership skills to transform the Hesburgh Libraries into a model research library of the

21st century," provost Tom Burish said in the release. "She is a proven innovator who understands how to manage the complex challenges imposed by rapidly changing technology and the demands of traditional scholarship."



Walker

Walker has worked at the University of Virginia library for 26 years and has been in her current position since

2003, the release said.

"It is an honor to be invited to lead the libraries at this time of high expectations and of great opportunity," Walker said in the release. "I look forward to joining the community and together with them building the Notre Dame library for the future."

The University librarian is responsible for the administration, well-being and development of the University Libraries, its faculty and staff, collections of books, manuscripts, research materials, services and other activities, according to Section 11 of the Academic

Articles governing the University.

Walker will take over for assistant provost Susan Ohmer, who was named interim University librarian on May 18. Former University librarian Jennifer Younger left at the end of the 2009-10 school year for a position with the Catholic Research Resources Alliance, according to a March 22 University press release.

"I am grateful to assistant provost Susan Ohmer for her skillful and dedicated service as interim director of libraries, as well as for the hard work of the search com-

mittee that identified, recruited and evaluated candidates for the position," Burish said.

Ohmer said she likes Walker for the position.

"I can say that the libraries of the University of Virginia are models for us and that we are very excited to have someone who was important to their success coming to the Hesburgh Libraries," she said. "I am enthusiastic about the choice."

David Morris, a graduate student and one of the principal organizers of the student petition for library improve-

see LIBRARIAN/page 4

Food Security Council creates plan of action

LaSalle Square

a picture of poverty in South Bend

28% of residents make less than \$15,000/year
50% of residents make less than \$28,000/year

50% are food-stamp eligible

BRANDON KEELEAN | Observer Graphic

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

The West Side Food Security Council — a coalition of 16 community leaders and six Notre Dame students — met Jan. 28 to create a plan of action in

addressing the problem of food insecurity in South Bend.

Student government's eND Hunger campaign, an initiative of the student body president Catherine Soler and student body vice president Andrew Bell's

see FOOD/page 4

Professor examines gender

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

A study conducted on boys and girls demonstrated differences in social interactions. When the boys were asked to have conversations with one another, they set their desks so that they didn't have to look at each other. The girls put all the chairs together and invited everyone in.

"I'm talking about whether men and women, maybe pertaining to evolution, use different conversation techniques," professor James J. McKenna said during his lecture on gender differences, held in the LaFortune Ballroom Monday night.

McKenna said there is a sort of human telepathy. Every second of the day, humans work to understand relationships

see LECTURE/page 4



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Professor James J. McKenna discusses gender differences in his lecture Monday night.

Study abroad applicants receive decision letters

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

A world of possibilities was opened to Notre Dame sophomores Friday, as the Office of International Studies [OIS] mailed out decision letters regarding study abroad programs for the 2011-12 academic year.

Sophomore Augie Bossu, who was accepted to study in Bologna, Italy, in the spring of 2012, said he was happy to hear such positive news at the same

time as many of his friends.

"The anticipation and hearing everyone else find out [was great]," he said. "I was getting nervous, but it was a relief and I am really excited."

Bossu said anticipation for the decision letter has been building since the application was due Nov. 15, climaxing in the week before the results were released.

"[I was nervous] when I originally filled out the application back in November, but over break I almost forgot about it," he said. "It was almost too long of a wait. This past week I was

getting more nervous as people were talking about it on campus. The buzz came back."

Sophomore Jenny Lesko was accepted to be one of the first Notre Dame students to study abroad in Dakar, Senegal, in the spring of 2012. She said while she isn't familiar with the program, she is ecstatic to be studying in Africa for the semester.

"I am so excited. I called about 10 people when I got in, I was so happy," Lesko said. "I don't know much about the program yet. I like trying new things out."

Lesko said the destination and

the freedom of the program is what she is looking forward to the most.

"I've always wanted to go to Africa. It's been a dream of mine," she said. "It won't be so structured, but that is good for me."

Bossu said the travel opportunities offered by studying in Bologna are what he is most excited for in his study abroad experience.

"I definitely plan on travelling through Europe to see friends. I am just excited about all the possibilities because it is just so easy

to get around everywhere in Europe," he said. "I haven't really planned anything yet, I just know it's going to be so easy to go wherever you want."

Lesko said she was anticipating the cultural opportunities at her disposal in Dakar.

"I am really looking forward to the field trips and staying with the host family. Apparently there is a lot of art and music," she said. "It's a huge city, about a million people, so there is a lot of stuff to do."

see ABROAD/page 4

THE OBSERVER

P.O. Box 779, Notre Dame, IN 46556
024 South Dining Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Matt Gamber

MANAGING EDITOR

Madeline Buckley

BUSINESS MANAGER

Patrick Sala

ASST. MANAGING EDITOR: Sam Werner

ASST. MANAGING EDITOR: Laura Myers

NEWS EDITOR: Laura McCrystal

VIEWPOINT EDITOR: Michelle Maitz

SPORTS EDITOR: Douglas Farmer

SCENE EDITOR: Jordan Gamble

SAINT MARY'S EDITOR: Ashley Charnley

PHOTO EDITOR: Dan Jacobs

GRAPHICS EDITOR: Blair Chemidlin

ADVERTISING MANAGER: Lillian Civantos

AD DESIGN MANAGER: Jane Obringer

CONTROLLER: Jeff Liptak

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR: Joseph Choi

OFFICE MANAGER & GENERAL INFO

(574) 631-7471

FAX

(574) 631-6927

ADVERTISING

(574) 631-6900 observad@nd.edu

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

(574) 631-4542 mgamber@nd.edu

MANAGING EDITOR

(574) 631-4541 mbuckley@nd.edu

ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITORS

(574) 631-4324 swerner@nd.edu, lmeyers2@nd.edu

BUSINESS OFFICE

(574) 631-5313

NEWS DESK

(574) 631-5323 obsnews.nd@gmail.com

VIEWPOINT DESK

(574) 631-5303 obsviewpoint@gmail.com

SPORTS DESK

(574) 631-4543 observersports@gmail.com

SCENE DESK

(574) 631-4540 jgamble@nd.edu

SAINT MARY'S DESK

acharn01@saintmarys.edu

PHOTO DESK

(574) 631-8767 obsphoto@gmail.com

SYSTEMS & WEB ADMINISTRATORS

(574) 631-8839

THE
OBSERVER ONLINE
www.ndsmcobserver.com

POLICIES

The Observer is the independent, daily newspaper published in print and online by the students of the University of Notre Dame du Lac and Saint Mary's College. Editorial content, including advertisements, is not governed by policies of the administration of either institution. The Observer reserves the right to refuse advertisements based on content.

The news is reported as accurately and objectively as possible. Unsigned editorials represent the opinion of the majority of the Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editors and department editors. Commentaries, letters and columns present the views of the authors and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Viewpoint space is available to all readers. The free expression of all opinions through letters is encouraged. Letters to the Editor must be signed and must include contact information.

Questions regarding Observer policies should be directed to Editor-in-Chief Matt Gamber

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

The Observer (USPS 599 2-4000) is published Monday through Friday except during exam and vacation periods. A subscription to The Observer is \$130 for one academic year; \$75 for one semester.

The Observer is published at:
024 South Dining Hall
Notre Dame, IN 46556-0779
Periodical postage paid at Notre Dame and additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER
Send address corrections to:
The Observer
P.O. Box 779
024 South Dining Hall
Notre Dame, IN 46556-0779

The Observer is a member of the Associated Press. All reproduction rights are reserved.

TODAY'S STAFF

News

Ashley Charnley

Emily Schrank

Melissa Flanagan

Graphics

Brandon Keelan

Photo

Coleman Collins

Sports

Eric Prister

Andrew Owens

Andrew Gastelum

Scene

Adriana Pratt

Viewpoint

Meghan Thomassen

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU HAD TO DESCRIBE THE SUPER BOWL IN A SONG, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Margaret Preuss

*freshman
Pasquerilla East*

*"Green and
Yellow"*



Eddie Linczer

*freshman
Siegfried*

*"Black and
Yellow"*

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



NICOLE TOCZAUER/The Observer

A snowman stands in Stonehedge on North Quad. A recent blizzard dumped over a foot of snow on campus, making the South Bend area's total exceed 90 inches for this winter.

OFFBEAT

N.D. team exposed to raccoon pulled from tournament

GRAND FORKS — A raccoon has ended a North Dakota team's bid for a fourth consecutive regional championship in high school wrestling.

The Carrington High School team was pulled from Saturday's tournament when officials discovered the athletes had been exposed to a live raccoon.

Grafton Police Sgt. Anthony Dumas says the team picked up what members thought was a dead raccoon on the way to the tournament in Grafton and stowed in the storage area of their bus. Dumas says when the compartment was opened later, the raccoon

"just trotted away."

The animal didn't scratch or bite anyone, but it's not known whether it had rabies.

The Grand Forks Herald reports school officials brought the team home as a precaution. Health officials say there's no risk to athletes who competed against Carrington.

Surf and turf: Dead cow washes up on Seattle shore

SEATTLE — Authorities in Seattle say bovine met the shoreline when beachfront residents found the body of a 400-pound cow washed up by the surf.

Seattle Animal Shelter enforcement supervisor Ann Graves says animal control

officers received a report Thursday that the carcass of an adult cow had beached in West Seattle.

The tide later moved it in front of a home.

A Seattle Police Department Harbor Patrol vessel towed the cow to a boat ramp Saturday, where it was loaded onto a rendering truck. Graves say it had no ear tag or other identification.

It's not clear how it got in the water. Graves say it could have been dumped by owners after it died naturally.

The beached bovine was first reported by West Seattle Blog.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Research Assistant Reneta Dimitrova will present the next installment in the Environmental Fluid Dynamics Seminar Series today at 11 a.m. The lecture is titled "Numerical Modeling of Atmospheric Flow and Air Quality in Urban Areas". The lecture will take place in 258 Fitzpatrick Hall.

The AME Seminar: "Sequential Design and Control Optimization of Coupled Systems" will take place today at 3:30 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo Hall. Diane L. Peters will be presenting on "smart" products and their potential to dramatically transform the world we live in.

Siegfried Hall's annual Day of Man will take place this Wednesday. Throughout the day, the men of Siegfried will be stationed outside at various locations throughout campus, wearing only shorts and flip-flops in order to raise awareness for the homeless. Each Rambler will be collecting donations to benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Monica Mody, the 2010 Nicholas Sparks Prize Winner, will be reading a selection of her work at the Hammes Bookstore on Wednesday from 7:30-9 p.m. The reading is free and open to the public.

The Student Body President/Vice President Debate will take place Wednesday at 9 p.m. The debate will be in the Main Lounge of LaFortune Student Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com

CORRECTIONS

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 14 LOW -3	HIGH 10 LOW -3	HIGH 14 LOW 0	HIGH 13 LOW 9	HIGH 25 LOW 20	HIGH 29 LOW 29

Student to hold walk for autism

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

The Autism Speaks U Saint Mary's chapter held its kick-off event Monday.

At the event, senior Katrina Mesina spoke to students about the club and what she hopes to achieve in its future.

Autism Speaks is a national organization dedicated to raising funds for and educating people about autism.

"Autism Speaks really exists to raise funds and awareness for autism," Mesina said.

She hopes to do just that by having the Saint Mary's chapter's first walk for autism on April 17.

All students, faculty and staff of Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross as well as members of the community are invited to attend the event, Mesina said.

At the kick-off event, Mesina explained why autism was an important cause.

"One in every 110 children and one in every 70 boys in the United States will be diagnosed with autism this year," she said. "One shocking fact that I always like to tell people is that that's more than AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined. Not to say that it's more important, but that's how prevalent this is."

According to Mesina, the cause of the disease is still unknown, and therefore no cure has been found.

Mesina became involved with Autism Speaks in high school when she participat-

ed in her first walk.

"I went with a group with, I want to say, like 30 kids in my class and we had a blast," she said. "So every year we went back, and for me it kind of developed into something more."

Mesina has been a team leader for walks in the past, and is excited to lead the Saint Mary's chapter's team in April.

Mesina said she and her family have participated in the walks for her cousin, and many other members of the club have personal ties to autism as well.

"I've been walking for her and a lot of the other girls in Autism Speaks have per-

"A lot of the other girls in Autism Speaks have personal connections, too. It's really cool that we can bring it on to campus."

Katrina Mesina
senior

sonal connections, too," she said. "It's really cool that we can bring it on to campus."

According to Mesina, the club has a goal of raising \$10,000 with the 2011 walk. Prior to the actual event, the club will host different fundraising events including selling lip-gloss and sunglasses.

On the day of the walk, Mesina hopes to have a variety of different events for children with autism to participate in. The festivities begin at 10:30 a.m., where Sodexo will provide breakfast. The walk itself will begin at noon. Lunch will be served from 1 to 2 p.m.

Mesina encouraged everyone to participate in the walk, adding that all of the proceeds will go directly to Autism Speaks.

The cost for participating in the walk is \$10.

Contact Alicia Smith at
asmith01@saintmarys.edu

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses course revisions

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed how to improve alcohol education in the mandatory freshman course, Contemporary Topics, at its meeting Monday.

Contemporary Topics, a two-cycle course that all freshmen are required to take during their six-cycles of physical education, spends part of its curriculum discussing alcohol and drug use, specifically at Notre Dame.

"One of the conclusions we're coming to is that a lot of alcohol education is front-loaded in your first year at Notre Dame," junior and student body vice president Andrew Bell said.

Because of this, Bell said student government is planning to look closely at alcohol education on campus and determine what's relevant and what's not, as well as what can be reiterated beyond freshman year.

Alexa Arastoo, chair of Diversity Council, said the binder of assigned readings for Contemporary Topics should include more information on low-risk drinking and how students can stay in this range if they choose to drink.

"There's no point of just demonizing it throughout the

entire lesson when kids are going to do it," she said.

Fisher Hall senator Skip McShea said the section on drink equivalencies should be reformed.

"I think the drink equivalencies should be expanded a lot," he said. "A lot of people really don't know what they're drinking."

Similarly, Arastoo said the section on the amount of alcohol in common mixed drinks is irrelevant to freshmen who don't go to bars. She recommended instead that the binder include shot equivalencies between different types of hard alcohol.

Mike Oliver, co-chair of Hall Presidents Council, said one of the biggest problems with alcohol education in Contemporary Topics is most freshmen do not actually do the assigned readings for the class.

He suggested finding ways to make the readings more appealing.

"I think if the first couple pages were striking statistics and graphs it'd be such a better way to catch someone's eye," Oliver said.

Student body president Catherine Soler said one way of combating this might be to make the classes on alcohol education similar to those on diversity, which are student-led

by an undergraduate who has experience with the topic.

Toward the end of the class, students break up into small groups and have their own discussions. Students are then required to write a reflection paper on the issue for the next class.

Kelsey Behan, student liaison to senate, said having a student lead the discussion would be a major improvement.

"I think it'd be great to have someone who is closer to our age," she said. "It gives us someone you can relate to."

Soler also said it might be helpful if the binder included a laminated page with tips for drinking responsibly that students could take out of the binder and keep after the class ends.

"For example, what to do if your friend gets sick, with contact information on the back," Soler said.

Sr. Mary Donnelly, rector of Pangborn Hall, said they need to figure out not only get the information out to students, but also convince them to read it.

"Whatever we can do to make this more concise," she said. "We need to try to draw their attention in."

Contact Melissa Flanagan at
mflanag3@nd.edu

SMC to hold social work week

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

To inform, to learn and to volunteer — those are the goals of Saint Mary's Social Work Week.

This week, the Social Work Department will highlight its diverse field of study with various events held each day, including a speech today by Laura Recio, a registered play therapist supervisor of Counseling Solution in Spes Unica at 9:30 a.m.

The importance of social work week has its grounding in teaching students about what they can achieve with a social work degree.

"Students learn that they can work in diverse settings, including hospitals, medical centers, schools, congressional offices, mental health centers, colleges and businesses," Dr. Frances Kominkiewicz, director of the Social Work program, said.

However, the week benefits all students, not just Social Work majors.

"Social work is essential in the way we live our lives today. Typically people link social workers to Child Protective Services and Welfare offices, but social workers are everywhere, and their positions can be found under almost every career heading," Alma Bravo, a jun-

ior Social Work major, said,

Wednesday, students can learn how to de-stress with a lesson in origami art in the Saint Mary's Student Center atrium from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, Becky Ruvalcaba, the executive director of South Bend's LaCasa de Amistad will speak from noon to 1 p.m. in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall.

According to Kominkiewicz, LaCasa de Amistad is a non-profit organization that provides services to the Hispanic community.

Friday wraps up the week with a breakfast outside of the Social Work suite on the second floor of Spes Unica from 9:30 to 11 a.m., and a speech on Gerontology by Andrea Verteramo in conference rooms A and B of the Noble Family Dining Hall at noon, Kominkiewicz said.

According to Leonard Sanchez, professor of Specialist and Social Work, the events have something for everyone.

"There's a social worker in everybody," Sanchez said. "Human relations, integrity, competence — it's what our department is about, but it goes beyond that. We show how to give to each other and the community."

Sanchez said the week is being held to encourage people to take action within the

little time they have at Saint Mary's.

"Four years may seem like a long time to the students, but it flies," Sanchez said. "We teach that everyone can make a difference in the world, even if only a small difference. We aren't trying to change the world all at once — just our little piece of South Bend."

Sanchez said he hopes to show students they can make a difference, and that their "presence counts."

"People want to do something, they just don't know how. Social work week bridges that impossible gap," Sanchez said.

Kominkiewicz said the importance of the event is for all students, but for the first years especially.

"First-year students find that they learn a great deal about Social Work as a major and as a profession. Feedback indicates that social work week was most helpful to them in deciding to become a social work major," Kominkiewicz said.

All students are encouraged to attend the week's events in an effort "to make Saint Mary's stronger in the community," Sanchez said. "It's the little things you do for others that moves mountains."

Contact Caitlin Housley at
chousl01@saintmarys.edu



Win an iPad!

Donate blood at one of these blood drives and you will receive a free custom Notre Dame t-shirt and be entered into our weekly February raffle to win an iPad!

St. Edwards Hall
Thursday February 10
11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sign up for an appointment online at <http://bit.ly/NDEds>

Rolfs Sports Rec Center

Tuesday & Wednesday, February 16-17 11:00 am – 5:30 pm	Thursday February 18 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
---	---

Sign up for an appointment online at <http://bit.ly/RolfsBldDrive> or call RecSports at 631-6100



SOUTH BEND MEDICAL FOUNDATION
www.GiveBloodNow.com

NOTICE
Participation in the blood drive requires participation in a national research study involving testing to detect West Nile Virus in blood donations.
If you have questions, or would like more information about the research study, please contact the South Bend Medical Foundation.

Please recycle The Observer.
The koala bears thank you.

Librarian

continued from page 1

ments, said Walker would be a positive addition for the library.

“This appointment appears very promising,” he said. “Diane Parr Walker’s record at the University of Virginia — involving renovation projects and the building of a new special collections library — indicates an ability and willingness to advocate for the library that has been lacking in previous Notre Dame library directors.”

Morris said her liberal arts background is also helpful for her new position at a research university.

“It is important for library administrators to know firsthand the research needs of the professors and students who use their facilities,” he said. “This is another important difference from her predecessors.”

Walker will need to work out the logistics for possible library renovation, he said.

“I believe that the most pressing need remains an on-campus depository because the main library is

running out of space for books, and we will need a place to keep the collections if and when we do renovate the building,” Morris said.

Morris said the library needs more money in order to expand. According to Morris, the library currently receives between \$20 million to \$25 million a year. He said it needs closer to \$40 million a year to improve.

“To put that in context, Notre Dame spends \$75 million a year on athletics and over \$150 million a year on administration and business operations. We dropped \$50 million on a new hockey arena,” Morris said. “So \$40 million a year for the library, the heart of our academic life, shouldn’t be too much to ask.”

Walker has played a role in several initiatives at the University of Virginia, according to the press release. She has helped with

the planning and construction of a new special collections library, a major renovation of the school’s science and engineering library, opening a café in the lobby of the main library and planning the renovation for the 70-year-old main library, among other projects.

According to the press release, Walker earned a master’s degrees in musicology from the University of Iowa and library and information science from the University of Illinois. She earned her bachelor’s degree in music literature from MacMurray College.

She served for five years as music cataloguer and reference librarian at the State University of New York at Buffalo before coming to the University of Virginia as their music librarian, coordinator for humanities and social sciences branch libraries and associate university librarian for user services, the press release said.

“Diane Walker is a superb administrator who has the experience, vision and leadership skills to transform the Hesburgh Libraries into a model research library of the 21st century.”

Thomas Burish
University Provost

“It is an honor to be invited to lead the libraries at this time of high expectations and of great opportunity,”

Diane Parr Walker
Incoming University Librarian

Food

continued from page 1

administration, led the council’s formation. Beth Simpson, chair of the campaign, said residents are not having trouble with the amount of food so much as the type of food they have access to.

“There’s a high percentage of South Bend residents who experience food insecurity. Food security is the more proper way to describe hunger in America today,” she said. “Americans today aren’t struggling with a lack of food in general but rather a lack of healthy food options.”

Simpson said a crucial initial step in addressing the issue was soliciting community feedback.

“We sought first of all to gauge what it is the community articulates as its needs,” she said.

This feedback was fielded during three meetings with the council, the third of which resulted in two solutions for food insecurity, the first of which is in the form of direct aid for families eligible for food stamps.

“The fund will double the value of purchases made by food stamps and WIC [Women Infants Children] on local, healthy produce,” she said. “Our council, right now, is seeking to articulate the exact structure of this fund as well as beginning to look into funding opportunities.”

The second facet of the plan is a community center focused on nutrition-related issues. The Student International Business Council will be heading up the business planning of the center, which will be constructed in the LaSalle Square area — an area of high poverty.

“It’s one of the regions of highest poverty, around LaSalle Square. It’s an identified food desert, so there is no access to a grocery store,” she said. “Within the two mile radius of LaSalle square, 28 percent of the residents have a [household] income of less than \$15,000, and 50 percent have an income of less than \$28,000 a year, meaning 50 percent of them are food-stamp eligible.”

The community center would house the Urban Garden Market, one of the non-profits whose leaders serve on the council. The center could also hold a small-scale grocer and possibly house the Purple Porch Co-op, another member of the council, which could potentially vend produce to residents.

Simpson said the center would also serve as a place for residents to engage the problem of food insecurity personally.

“Our center will have a kitchen in it. That kitchen will be used for cooking demonstrations and nutritional education,” she said. “We’re also looking into how to incorporate micro-venturing within the center. We recognize sustainability is key but most important is that the

community has ownership and is invested.”

The council’s work, Simpson said, is a unique opportunity for the Notre Dame community to work with the South Bend community in a multitude of ways.

“It’s exciting for Notre Dame students because this is an entirely organic initiative. The council arose because of the vision of Notre Dame student government and the Center for Social Concerns coming together,” she said.

After the council meets on the Feb. 18 to break into subcommittees, Simpson plans to hold an informational meeting for students looking to get involved, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 21.

“I encourage interested students to attend the meeting on the 21st and also just to contact me at esimpso4@nd.edu.”

Simpson said the council’s work is a natural extension of the University’s mission as a Catholic institution.

“It’s Catholic identity is one thing that distinguishes this University, in particular that our academics are driven by a core set of values, among them service to the community,” she said. “This initiative represents a means by which students can engage through service, academics and direct involvement in the community to live out the University’s Catholic mission.”

Contact John Cameron at
jcameron2@nd.edu

Abroad

continued from page 1

Sophomore Jackie Bacon was accepted to study in Cairo, Egypt, in the spring of 2012. She said her excitement has been tempered by the recent civil unrest in the nation. Notre Dame students who began this semester in Cairo were evacuated out of the city Jan. 30.

“Everyone is excited about where they are going and who they are going with, but for me it is different,” she said. “I got in and I’m qualified, but I don’t know if I am going with all the turmoil.”

Bacon, an Arabic major, said her program of study requires specific classes not available at most study abroad sites.

“I have to be able to take Arabic where I go abroad to graduate in time, so I hope they can find a location where we can take Arabic,” she said.

Bacon said she remains hopeful OIS will be able to find a new site in the region, or the conflict

“I have to be able to take Arabic where I go abroad to graduate in time, so I hope they can find a location where we can take Arabic”

Jackie Bacon
sophomore

in Egypt will be settled.

“I definitely would like to go somewhere in the Middle East or an Arabic-speaking nation than go to London and take Arabic classes,” she said. “Hopefully things can get settled in Cairo or they can set something up in Jordan or Morocco. As an Arabic major, I would prefer to go somewhere like there.”

Sophomore Jess Fay was waitlisted for the London program. She said after talking with OIS, she remains optimistic she will be able to spend a semester in the country.

“It is upsetting, it’s sad. I talked to OIS and they told me to still have hope,” she said. “I applied for summer right before because I was nervous, so I was on the right track.”

Fay said at this point, there is not much else she can do besides wait and hope for good news.

“I’m keeping my fingers crossed that everything will work out in the end,” she said.

Contact Sam Stryker at
sstryke1@nd.edu

Lecture

continued from page 1

between themselves and others. Citing “Origins of Human Communication,” by Michael Tomasello, McKenna said humans are remarkably different from other primates in terms of empathy.

“It’s not mind reading, but you can assess the likely intention of someone with who you are watching, talking and interacting with,” he said. “Humans can almost become one with another, even if it’s not someone you love or feel close to.”

When a person first learns to communicate, he said, humans begin with how they feel. If a child is hungry or afraid, it cries, makes faces and grimaces. If that’s the beginning of communication then language is centered around emotions, McKenna said.

Five aspects of communication include signals, meaning, function, development and evolution. The nature of the social relationships of the participants is also important, McKenna said. There are friendships, strangers and individuals someone may try to impress. Some situations call for formal or informal communication.

Ultimately, a message is determined by the totality of verbal and non-verbal cues. Message is enhanced by smell and gestures, he said. Men and woman are affected by pheromones, and gestures are a huge part of how they communicate.

“You orchestrate your words,” McKenna said. “You’re talking, your hands go up and down, this way, is there some functionality to the way you move it?”

When adding the functions of language to society, comprehension of the subject becomes bigger than language itself. It’s social linguistics, he said.

“Men seek to separate, distinguish, choose to dominate, display skill,” McKenna said. “Women aim to negotiate closeness, give confirmation and

support.”

Women often believe male silence indicates that they are not opening up about their emotions, he said. Men, however, see their silence as respect and support.

“Women are affirming the validity of their emotion,” he said. Mimicking female conversation, McKenna said, “Something happened to me. Oh my gosh, I know what you mean. That same thing happened to me.”

Women tend to invite, affirm and make others feel appreciated. This is, he said, marked by head bobbing and vocal sounds of agreement. Women often add “tags” to their sentences. These include: isn’t it, do you think and do you agree?

“She knows it, but she doesn’t want to come off as too bossy,” McKenna said. “That little unsureness softens and allows people to connect, rather than showing distinctive knowledge.”

Research shows that, on average, women are more likely than men to phrase a thought as a question, speak at lower volume but a higher pitch, and take less time to express their view, McKenna said. However, how people speak makes a difference in who gets credit for an idea or thought, often to the disadvantage of women.

“This often happens in a professional setting where women may be judged as less intelligent,” he said.

Men and women’s tend to place different relative weights on status versus connection, which results in asymmetrical roles.

“Conversational modes that distinguish men and women can be viewed as reflecting each of the sexes’ emotional needs and tendencies,” McKenna said. “However biologically based, they are acted on by early cultural values, examples and experiences, which either inhibit or exaggerate those tendencies.”

Contact Nicole Toczauer at
ntoczau@nd.edu

Interested in writing News?
Please e-mail
obsnewseditor.nd@gmail.com

AOL buys Huffington Post

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — AOL Inc.'s \$315 million deal to buy news hub Huffington Post signals that it is serious about building its profile as a media company as its legacy dial-up Internet business dies away.

The acquisition announced Monday is AOL CEO Tim Armstrong's most aggressive play so far as he tries to reshape a fallen Internet icon and boost efforts in news and online advertising. It is the largest purchase the company has made under Armstrong, a former Google advertising executive hired by AOL to engineer a turnaround.

The Huffington Post ranks as one of the top 10 current events and global news sites and draws 25 million U.S. visitors each month. It has built its popularity by compiling news from a wide selection of other media outlets, with links to articles and video on everything from politics to style to food. The site combines that type of aggregation with original work by its own small staff and blog posts from celebrity contributors who work for free in return for a platform to express their opinions. Bill Gates has written for Huffington Post, along with President Barack Obama, Robert Redford and several university presidents.

But just as important as gaining the site itself, the deal adds Huffington Post co-founder and media star Arianna Huffington to AOL's management team. Once the deal closes later this year, Huffington will run AOL's growing array of content, which includes popular tech-

nology sites Engadget and TechCrunch, local news site Patch.com and online mapping service MapQuest.

Although some analysts say that AOL is paying a lot for the Huffington Post brand, Benchmark Co. analyst Clayton Moran believes the price isn't a huge hit for the company in the short term, especially since it helps put to rest any question that AOL is now an online media company. Bringing Huffington Post to AOL gives it access to quality content and will drive new users to its site, replacing those the company has lost over time, he said. And the price is essentially "the hiring fee to get Arianna," technology analyst Rob Enderle says. Although he described the purchase as an "out-of-left-field" decision, he thinks the move "could put AOL back on the map."

Huffington Post grew quickly from startup to online colossus. Over time, it launched city-specific pages and developed a roster of sections such as food and books. The work of its 70-person paid staff is augmented by content from news outlets and 6,000 bloggers who write for free. Outsell Inc. analyst Ned May said the Huffington Post "has done a fantastic job of building content creation. And AOL can monetize it."

AOL sorely needs to. The company rose to fame in the '90s with its dial-up Internet service, managing to buy media company Time Warner Inc. in 2001 at the height of the dot-com boom. The corporate marriage never really worked, though, and AOL's main source of revenue began drying up as consumers flocked to speedier broadband

Internet connections. After nearly a decade of attempts at integrating the two, Armstrong was brought in to prepare AOL to separate from Time Warner, and the companies split in Dec. 2009.

Although analysts say AOL's decision to buy Huffington Post is sound, Enderle warned that putting Arianna Huffington into a position of power could eventually threaten Armstrong's job security if AOL still struggles.

Gartner analyst Andrew Frank added that the deal is risky in the sense that media acquisitions are inherently risky these days.

"There is a lot of effort ahead for online media to recapture the glory days when media was booming business," he said. "Deals like this offer hope. On the other hand you can't really dismiss the somewhat uneven record AOL has had with acquisitions."

Beyond Time Warner, another of AOL's well-known failed acquisitions was social network Bebo, which AOL bought in 2008 for \$850 million and then unloaded two years later to Criterion Capital Partners for an undisclosed amount thought to be a fraction of what it paid.

Regardless, both parties clearly feel optimistic about this deal. In a blog post, Arianna Huffington praised Armstrong's vision for AOL and said they were on the same page as they discussed their ambitions for online news. "We were practically finishing each other's sentences," Huffington wrote. She said the deal was signed at the Super Bowl in Dallas, which she and Armstrong attended.

Obama addresses U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Echoing John F. Kennedy, President Barack Obama prodded business leaders Monday to "ask yourselves what you can do for America," not just for company bottom lines, even as he sought to smooth his uneasy relations with the nation's corporate executives.

Speaking to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the president urged the business community to help accelerate the slow economic recovery by increasing hiring and unleashing some of the \$2 trillion piling up on their balance sheets.

"I want to encourage you to get in the game," Obama said.

He enumerated new efforts by his administration to improve the nation's business infrastructure, spend more to support entrepreneurs and foster greater innovation. He vowed to address "a burdensome corporate tax code," and go after "unnecessary and outdated regulations."

But to a polite, subdued audience of about 200 he also offered a stout defense of health care and financial regulation overhauls - two signature administration initiatives that caused some of the most rancorous disputes with the Chamber last year.

"I want to be clear: Even as we make America the best place on earth to do business, businesses also have a responsibility to America," Obama said.

"As we work with you to make America a better place to do business, ask yourselves what you can do for America. Ask yourselves what you can do to hire American workers, to support the American economy, and to invest in this nation."

President Kennedy, in his inaugural address 50 years ago, memorably declared, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

Reacting, Bruce Josten, the Chamber's chief lobbyist, said, "Companies first, unlike a government, have to sustain their operation and that requires being able to pay your employees, vendors, suppliers and bondholders."

"Bottom line, the most patriotic thing a company can do is ensure it is in business and take steps to stay in business; otherwise everyone loses and more people lose their jobs," he said.

The U.S. Chamber mounted

a vigorous lobbying campaign against the health care bill and the financial regulation overhaul, particularly a provision creating a consumer financial protection agency. It also spent at least \$32 million in the 2010 elections, most of it in advertising campaigns against Democrats.

Still, the Chamber and the White House have mutual interests.

Obama needs the centrist cloak that the business community can offer, as he seeks to win independent voters for his re-election bid next year. The Chamber can benefit by softening the sharp edges it developed fighting the health care overhaul and tighter financial rules.

The Chamber can also act as Republican ballast against the influence of the conservative tea party movement.

Both the White House and the Chamber face Republican opposition from fiscal hawks within the GOP to increased spending on public works, from roads and bridges to wireless networks. The Chamber has called for such spending to be paid for with user fees, such as a higher gasoline tax. The White House has not embraced that approach, saying only that the administration wants to create an "infrastructure bank" to attract private capital.

The Chamber, which has long advocated changes in immigration law, also could help Obama by pushing Republicans reluctant to take up such a politically charged issue.

Obama is aiming to repair relations with corporate leaders even as he tries to persuade major businesses to spend their cash, expand hiring and promote economic growth. Obama said his appearance at the Chamber was in the interest of "being more neighborly."

Indeed, the trade organization's headquarters are so close to the White House that Obama was able to walk across Lafayette Square to deliver his remarks.


Business leaders reacted cautiously to the overarching message of the speech, saying it addressed issues that have created uncertainty in the private sector - from taxes to regulation. Still, they said the address was short on details, and some noted that before businesses feel secure in risking shareholder value, the economy is going to have to show sustained growth

"I want to be clear: Even as we make America the best place on earth to do business, businesses also have a responsibility to America."

Barack Obama
U.S. President


"Ask yourselves what you can do to hire American workers, to support the American economy, and to invest in this nation."

Barack Obama
U.S. President




INFORMATION MEETING

for JUNIORS AND SENIORS
interested in applying for a




RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

(for two years of graduate study at Oxford)



MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

(for two years of graduate study in the United Kingdom)




MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP

(for one year of graduate study in Ireland)

Wednesday or Thursday
Feb. 9 Feb. 10
4:00 pm
in the CUSE Think Tank

If you cannot attend but would like information, please contact the
CUSE Fellowships Office
233 Geddes Hall
fellows@nd.edu

FELLOWSHIP c.o.n.n.e.c.t.i.o.n



If you have excelled in the classroom and have been actively engaged in the community and/or your field of study, you have nothing to lose and much to gain by learning about these and other opportunities that await you.

INSIDE COLUMN

How not to get a date for Valentine's Day

In response to yesterday's Viewpoint article asking for a date for Valentine's Day, I thought I'd give my fellow Domer's some advice on what not to do if you if you're still looking for a special someone

to spend February 14 with. Here's my top 10 list for how not to get a date for Valentine's Day.

Ankur Chawla

Assistant Scene Editor

Number Ten: Looking like anyone from the Jersey Shore.

Number Nine: Talking to members of the opposite sex of how excited you are that Susan B. Anthony Day is February 15, the day after Valentine's Day. While it does say you respect women, it also says you know when Susan B. Anthony Day is.

Number Eight: Wearing a Ben Roethlisberger jersey. No means No.

Number Seven: Pretending SDH is a romantic dining experience. Yes, the dining halls at Notre Dame are exquisite, and compared to those at most other universities may seem to some like a five star meal. Still, trying to take a date to the DH for dinner on Valentine's Day is not the best idea.

Number Six: Texting everyone on your Dis-O T-shirt. The first few weeks of freshman year may have been fun and your stained white T-shirt covered in sharpie continuously validates your manhood, half of those numbers are either fake or the number of the girl's local pizza hut (I'm talking to you, girl from my hometown thinking I wouldn't recognize 926-5000).

Number Five: Sending yourself flowers, chocolates and cards. I'm sorry that you aren't Glen Coco, getting four candy canes sent to you by your significant other(s), but sending yourself Valentine's Day presents is a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Number Four: Not looking like someone from the Jersey Shore. GTL.

Number Three: Asking someone out who doesn't know you but who you know way too much about through Facebook stalking. Everyone Facebook stalks, that's a fact of life, but by no means is it good game to ask out the person you see on your walk to Debartolo Monday Wednesday Fridays who doesn't know you exist but you know every place she's ever been employed and her favorite movies.

Number Two: Sending a letter in to Viewpoint asking for any girl to check you out on Facebook while your profile is private. And then suggesting ordering in Domino's. Seriously, anything other than Gino's East is weak. Sorry Pierce.

Number One: Not asking anyone out. While the odds may be against you that the girl you have a crush on in your Philosophy class actually wants you to ask her out, there is the possibility that she's as anxious as you are to have anyone as a date for Valentine's Day. And as the adage goes, you can't get a date without asking anyone out ... unless you're an athlete.

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

Contact Ankur Chawla at achawla@nd.edu

Challenging President Obama on Education

The State of the Union address on Jan. 25 was a continuance of the President's anti-ideological rhetoric since the midterms and the tragic shooting in Tucson; a refreshing escape from the entrenched arguments of the last two years. The speech signaled that the President is fiercely open minded heading into the new legislative session, and excited to work with whomever has an innovative idea supported by documented evidence. Empowering children to compete in the next generation economy through equal opportunity in education was a rallying cry and reoccurring theme in the speech. Appropriately, seated in the audience of the speech thanks to Speaker John Boehner was a group of outstanding students that embody the hope of the United States to overcome educational shortfalls from four different inner-city Catholic schools in D.C. Many of the students present were beneficiaries of a successful program called D.C. Opportunity Scholarships that was terminated for all future underprivileged D.C. students by Congressional Democrats and President Obama in 2009.



Chris Rhodenbaugh

In Pursuit of Social Justice

The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program fits seamlessly into President Obama's post-partisan call for education reform, but to date it has been left off the table by the President. The program was established in 2003 under the D.C. School Choice Incentive Act and is "the first federally funded private school voucher program in the United States, providing scholarships of up to \$7,500 for low-income residents (avg. family income of \$17,300) of the District of Columbia to send their children to local participating private schools." In the year 2007, 1,930 students were receiving a scholarship to attend a school of their family's choice. Despite the fact that it is extremely rare for educational intervention to show indisputable achievement gains after a few years, D.C.

Opportunity Scholarships have proven their value according to the Institute for Education Sciences of the U.S. Government. Of the students offered a scholarship those who accepted had an 82 percent graduation rate while those that declined had a 70 percent graduation rate. The D.C. public school system graduates only 48.8 percent of its students. Sub groups of scholarship recipients, including females and high achievement students, showed statistically significant gains in reading scores, while all students showed small improvements in reading and math using the most rigorous methodology for testing achievement. In addition to remarkable improvements in graduation rates and advancements in student achievement, four consecutive reports from Georgetown University and the University of Arkansas showed parents are "very satisfied and more involved in their children's education," and "children have an improved attitude toward learning, increased self-esteem and enthusiasm towards school."

Strictly in terms of political calculus, supporting the D.C. Opportunity Scholarships would garner significant positive attention at little cost for the President. Boehner has made the scholarship program a top priority in his new role as speaker by unconventionally sponsoring legislation to reinstate the program himself. He hosted a press conference the day after the State of the Union along with Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman who is introducing the bill in the Senate, calling on the President to live up to his words from the night before on education. Obama and Boehner shaking hands on a deal to empower poor children and their families in D.C. to choose their schools is exactly the type of story the White House should be pursuing. The cost to Obama would come from the teachers' unions and the left-wing Democrats who do not want to go on the record opposing them. However, the political tides are working in Obama's favor if he reverses his position on the Opportunity Scholarships. With the help of the recent documentary "Waiting for Superman" and well published success of alternative models to the traditional public school, the activist base of the Democratic Party is quickly turning on

teachers' unions that put their job security above the interests of children.

Additionally, multiple former Democratic mayors of the city and a majority of the D.C. City Council endorsed the Opportunity Scholarship Program in 2009.

Obama needs to establish himself as an unequivocal supporter of educational opportunity for children. A good public education should be the first step towards the American dream. For many Americans it is, but for minorities and the poor, particularly in D.C., the numbers overwhelmingly display a system that is thoroughly failing. Wealthy D.C. area families have had a school choice plan for decades because they have the ability to choose where they live according to the quality of the schools, or to pay for private school tuition.

School choice advocates do not expect the President to fully endorse vouchers as a solution to the crisis in U.S. education at this point in time. However, they demand the President stop turning his back to the success of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship program while he speaks to the American people about his bipartisan credentials and the need for a new generation of innovative policies. Much like the Administration's flagship Race to the Top Initiative, the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship is a targeted investment, albeit more than \$4 billion less at a total of \$13.1 million, designed to help students in the short-term while building a longer term body of evidence for an education reform strategy. The evidence collected from the Opportunity Scholarship Program will help legislators evaluate the effectiveness of vouchers. Reinstating the D.C. voucher program on the condition that it continues to meet realistic academic achievement and parental satisfaction goals is a bipartisan idea that prioritizes students and discovering what works in education.

Chris Rhodenbaugh is a senior political science major and editor of www.LeftysLastCry.com, Notre Dame's Progressive Headquarters. He can be contacted at crhodenb@nd.edu

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Room for humility

Jose,

In your letter you claim to support people's fitness resolutions, then spend a paragraph detailing what you hate about those people. Surely any student in our esteemed law school could see the disconnect in your argument.

You do make great points — since you are a veteran of the weight room, it's clearly up to the new crowd to find non-peak hours in order to convenience you. Perhaps more people could maintain their resolutions if they didn't have to deal with people such as yourself at the most convenient hours (that's why it's so crowded after all).

Anyway, I now know I'll be sticking to Keough's fitness room. It doesn't have all the amenities of the Rock, but it has people with some humility.

Stephen Siena

senior

Keough Hall

Feb. 7

OBSERVER POLL

What was your favorite Super Bowl commercial?

Careerbuilder: Chimps driving

Volkswagen: Young Vader

Chrysler: Eminem/Detroit

Bridgestone: Beaver/Karma

Audi A8: Luxury prison break

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at www.ndsmcobserver.com.

Submit a Letter to the Editor at www.ndsmcobserver.com

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do."

Freya Madeline Stark
British travel writer

Ask the GreenMan

Dear GreenMan,
Does recycling an Observer really save a polar bear?

Skeptical in Sorin

Dear Skeptical,
Skepticism is an understandable response to the bold ad run in this publication last week, which asserted that "Every recycled Observer saves a polar bear" (Jan. 31, p. 9).

In the first place, we typically think of saving trees as the primary benefit of recycling paper. However, the reduction in deforestation that would result from recycling newspapers does little to help our polar friends, since polar bears live on ice floes, not in forests (with the exception of a few notable fictional polar bears on the island on Lost).

Fortunately, recycling paper does more than just decrease deforestation by reducing demand for virgin paper products. According to EPA and Paper Industry Association Council estimates, recycling one ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space, and enough energy to power the average American household for six months, in addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by one metric ton of

carbon equivalent (MTCE).

Now let's consider these statistics in the context of The Observer: The Observer circulates 9,000 copies daily, five days a week during the academic year (with 13,000 copies on home football Fridays). This amounts to about 1,468,000 copies of The Observer printed each year. Using the conservative estimate that 10 copies of The Observer weigh one pound, this means that the Observer circulates about 73.4 tons of newspaper to the campus community annually.

Applying the estimates above, this means that recycling all of The Observers printed in a single academic year would save more than half a million gallons of water, free up more than 240 cubic yards of landfill space, save enough energy to power the average American home for more than 35 years, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about 73 MTCE.

So how does this help save polar bears? Polar bears have become one of the most recognizable symbols of campaigns to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change, because their Arctic home is warming much faster than other regions of the globe. The resulting loss of sea ice habitat has caused the U.S. Department of the Interior to protect

polar bears under the Endangered Species Act.

While recycling your Observer is a good start to decreasing your greenhouse gas emissions and helping the polar bears, it's only the beginning.

Certain methods of reducing your carbon footprint have probably been pounded into your head: ride bikes or walk instead of driving, use less electricity, car-pool, recycle. But one of the more neglected avenues is to change your day-to-day purchasing decisions. I'm not talking about big-time decisions like buying a hybrid instead of an SUV. I'm talking about simple things picking a spiral notebook with 100 percent post-consumer recycled content instead of a Five Star® notebook with a glossy plastic cover. (After all, recycling this Observer is only helpful if someone is willing to buy the recycled product it's made into!)

Sometimes choosing the most eco-friendly product on the shelf seems clear: which notebook has the highest percentage of recycled content? But in fact, it's rarely so simple. What if that 100 percent recycled content notebook was made in China and had to be shipped thousands of miles just to end up on that shelf? What if the recycled paper underwent an exten-

sive (and highly toxic) bleaching process before being bound in the notebook? Suddenly, evaluating a product's environmental impact doesn't seem so simple anymore.

Deciphering products' green claims and assessing their true environmental impact are exactly the kinds of issues that will be up for debate later this month at the Fourth Annual Green Summit. The topic of the forum is "Purchasing Power" and discussion will revolve around assessing the environmental impact of consumers' everyday purchases of items like cell phones, T-shirts and even spiral notebooks.

Here's hoping South Bend's ice melts, but the sea ice doesn't!

The GreenMan

Have a question about the environment or how to go green in your personal life? Ask the GreenMan! Seriously. The GreenMan will be here every other week to answer your eco-related questions: email askthegreenman@gmail.com

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make the sacrifice

Dear Notre Dame Family,
This Wednesday, February 9, is Siegfried Hall's Day of Man. On Day of Man, Siegfried residents will wear only a T-shirt, shorts and sandals. On our way to classes and outside the dining halls, DeBartolo and Fieldhouse Mall, we will collect money from students and staff for the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

We participate in this event in order to show solidarity with those who suffer from the cold South Bend winter on a regular basis. If the homeless are cold every day, why can't we be cold for one day? We hope that our day of sacrifice will assist the individuals in our community who receive support from the Center for the Homeless.

This Wednesday, we challenge you to support the homeless as the men of Siegfried brave the cold. Please bring

money to class or to the dining hall. You can also send a check made out to "South Bend Center for the Homeless" to Fr. John Conley, CSC, Rector, 100 Siegfried Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556. We will accept donations throughout the month of February.

Here at Siegfried Hall — "where tough meets classy" — we're ready to make a sacrifice. Are you?

Sincerely,

Andrew Ritter
sophomore
Siegfried Hall
Feb. 6

Peter Thompson
sophomore
Siegfried Hall
Feb. 6

Practical men

In Monday's Viewpoint section, Notre Dame junior David Mahin of Siegfried Hall wrote in to the Editor publicizing Siegfried's "Day of Man." While I fully endorse Mr. Mahin and the Ramblers' collective support for the South Bend Center for the Homeless — the recipient organization of the money raised by Siegfried's "Day of Man" — I nonetheless wholeheartedly dispute the overt connotation of "man" with "toughness."

The Ramblers have their hearts in the right place; raising money for the homeless is a noble cause. But their "Day of Man" (consciously or not) encourages a phallogocentric, discriminatory culture, and perpetuates the stereotype that to be a man, one must

be tough.

I would argue that man is defined by more than his "rippling abs," "bulging biceps" or ability to wear flip-flops in February. Man can be many things; man can even be practical. So feel free to put on a sweatshirt or bundle up with a toboggan.

Support the homeless. But be cognizant: you're no less a man when wearing layers.

Peace,

Brian Metz
sophomore
Knott Hall
Feb. 7

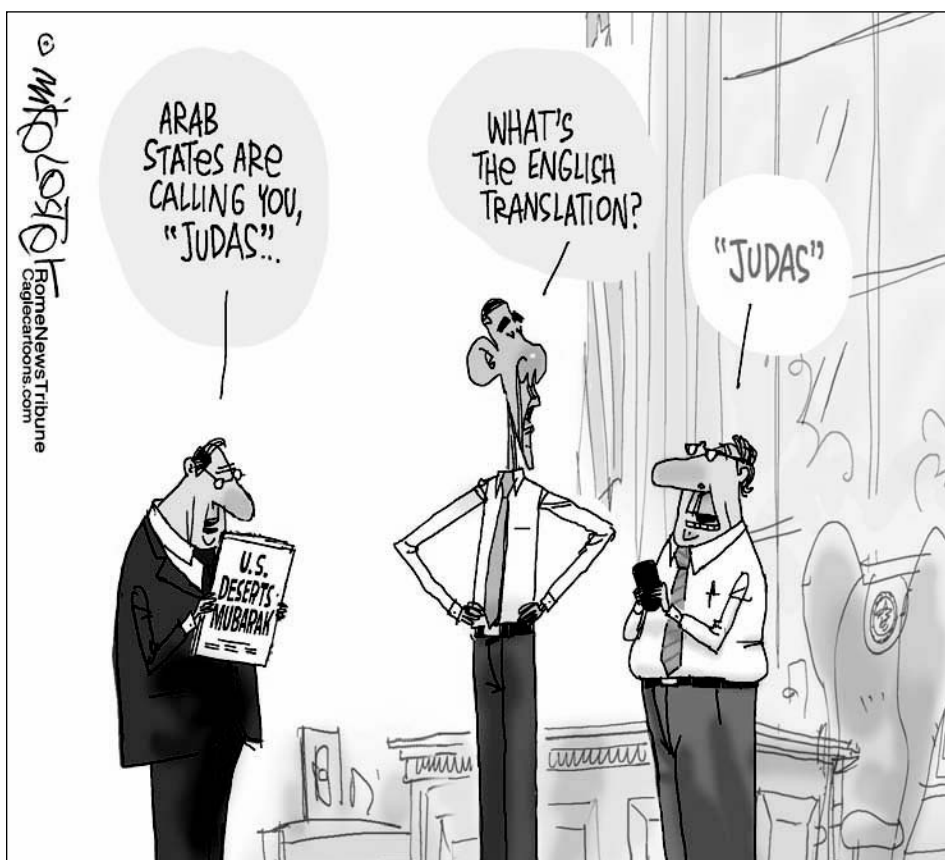
No. 1 Hockey fan

It is our senior year and the last four years have been some of the best in our lives. We experienced new things, visited new places and made many fabulous new friends. One of our friends in particular has a soft spot in her heart for Notre Dame Hockey. As a dedicated fan, she has never missed a game (except when she studied abroad in Ireland for a semester), and she always keeps all of us updated on how the team is doing. Molly (our friend) is an amazing person who is going to dedicate her life to teaching our young people. She also has a favorite Notre Dame Hockey player, No. 19. You know who you are. If any of the hockey players are read-

ing this right now we know that a shout out to Molly (mgorsz01@saintmarys.edu) would be a dream come true. You can decide when and where, but remember as a No. 1 fan, she never misses a game. GO IRISH!

Kate Kryk
senior
Regina Hall
Feb. 7
Therryn Rassi
senior
Regina Hall
Feb. 7

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Submit a Letter to the Editor —
or else.

www.ndsmcobserver.com

LEWIS BLACK

Brings it to the 'Bend'

By KEVIN NOONAN
Scene Writer

South Bend is about to get yelled at. Acclaimed comedian Lewis Black is bringing his latest stand-up tour, "In God We Rust," to the Morris Performing Arts Center on Thursday.

The anger and frustration with society that have made Black famous are at full tilt in his latest tour. He describes the title of his show as a description of the current state of our country.

"[The tour] is about ... how we basically had all this stuff [in this country] and it was going really well and now it's rusting. It's basically about the same things all my other tours are about. I look around, I see what's going on and it makes me nuts," Black said.

The Grammy award-winning Black may be most familiar to students from his recurring "Back in Black" segment on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" or his performance as the fake dean of a fake university in the 2006 film "Accepted," but Black is actually one of the most prolific stand-up comedians performing today.

His professional career dates back to the late 1970s, after he received his Masters in Fine Arts at the Yale School of Drama and began working as a playwright at a theater in New York City.

While working as the playwright-in-residence, Black not only oversaw the writing of all the plays performed at the theater, but also emceed every show. This emcee position turned into an opportunity for Black to develop his performance as a stand-up comedian and display his now-famous persona.

By the late 1980s, Black left theater to pursue his stand-up career. It turned out to be a good decision, as in the span of two decades his classic angry at everything style of humor has enabled him to rise to the top in ranks of comedians.

In addition to winning a Grammy for Best Comedy Album in 2007 for "The Carnegie Hall Performance" and a nomination for the same award in 2006, he also boasts an Emmy nomination for the 2007 "Red, White and Screwed," one of his numerous HBO specials.

Black also won the 2001 Best Male Stand-Up award from the American Comedy Awards. His numerous and continuous successes led to his ranking by Comedy Central as the 51st greatest stand-up comedian of all time in 2004.

"[I feel most comfortable] in stand-up. Because it's just me and the audience and there's nobody around and I'm the only one who can screw it up," Black said.

Despite a performance schedule that puts him on stage more than 200 nights a year across the globe, Black has made his mark in other forms of media as well. In addition to his aforementioned role in "Accepted," Black has appeared in several other full-length and critically acclaimed short films also.

Though he left theater as a full time career, he did not completely give up the art. He has written over 40 plays many of which have successfully been put into production around the country. His writing skills are not contained to the theater, however, as he has also penned two New York Times best selling books.

Fans who are familiar with Black's typical style of jumping around between social and political commentary can expect the comedian to be at his best in his latest performance.

"I talk about how we've got to move Valentine's Day to the spring where it belongs, it doesn't belong in ... the most depressing month of the year. I talk about health care, and I ... look at both parties and I go, you've got be kidding me. It just gets dumb. It gets dumber by the minute," Black said.

And through all his political commentary, despite

proclaimed socialist viewpoints, Black maintains his own form of fairness and bipartisanship when looking at American politics. Namely that he is ticked off at everybody equally.

"What [the political parties] don't seem to realize is that both sides have part of the answer, but they won't sit down and do anything. They're so ... big on that their idea is the better idea; they're idiots ... I don't really feel like I [try to influence people]. My only influence might be to comfort people who are also losing their minds too," Black said.

And like any good comedian, he's willing to make fun of himself. Black threw in his two cents on the uncanny resemblance that he shares with ESPN NFL analyst Ron Jaworski.

"Ron Jaworski is not even close to being as attractive as I am. No, he's an athlete; I am the opposite of whatever an athlete is," Black said.

The show is Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Tickets, which range from \$27-\$47, can be purchased at the Morris Center or on their website at morriscenter.org.

Around the Bend

What: Lewis Black: 'In God we Rust'
Where: Morris Performing Arts Center, South Bend, Ind.
When: Thursday, February 10, 8 p.m.
How much: \$27-47
Learn more: morriscenter.org or call (574) 235-9190

Contact Kevin Noonan at knoonan2@nd.edu

Bright Eyes: 'The People's Key'

Leave Expectations at the Door

By CHRIS COLLUM
Scene Writer

Conor Oberst has already made more folk-rock masterpieces than most guys with guitars riding the coffee shop circuit could ever dream of. But don't expect another one here. America's favorite Midwestern Hippie-boy obviously isn't very interested in hushed acoustic ballads this time around.

Look no farther than the bouncy synth-rock of first single "Shell Games" for confirmation of that fact.

"I was really burnt out on that rootsy Americana" Oberst said in a recent interview with Billboard. "So I tried to steer clear of that."

The above statement certainly made many anxious as to what exactly "The People's Key" was going to sound like. After a somewhat disappointing showing in 2007's country-tinged mystical "Cassadaga," and a few good-but-not-great records as Conor Oberst and the Mystic Valley Band and Monsters of Folk (with other high-profile folk rockers), it appeared that Oberst was over the proverbial hill, fast on his way to becoming a gimmick.

"The People's Key" does not dispel these notions immediately. Like many Bright Eyes albums, it opens with a seemingly absurd spoken-word introduction, this time presented by some washed-up West Texas acidhead cowboy that Oberst apparently met since the last time Bright Eyes was in the studio. The cowboy narrator spews on and on about some bizarre theory that all evil in humanity is derived from an alien reptilian race that landed their UFO in the Garden of Eden. Not an auspicious beginning for a notoriously all-over-the-

map artist.

After the cowboy is finished with his rant, however, opening track "Firewall" is surprisingly good, slowly escalating into a crescendo that finally erupts into life in the last minute of the song. As previously mentioned, second track and first single "Shell Games" is a very good airy keyboard-driven number—credit is due to longtime keyboardist Nate Walcott. It's the kind of pop song that everyone knew Oberst was capable of, but that few thought he would ever write.

After "Shell Games," the fuzzed bombast of "Jejune Stars" comes as somewhat of a shock. This is about as far away from whispery folk as Oberst and company have ever dared.

Elsewhere on the album, Bright Eyes occasionally strays back towards more familiar musical territory, such as in piano ballad "Ladder Song" — which recalls "If the Brakeman Turns My Way" from "Cassadaga" — but more times than not the band avoids anything resembling the aforementioned "rootsy" sound. The craziest part about that is that it works. These songs sound absolutely fantastic.

Lyrical, however, it is painfully obvious that Oberst has not done as much rebooting as might be desired. As on "Cassadaga" and much of his recent work away from Bright Eyes, he still toes the line between possibly drug-induced enlightenment and utter nonsense.

Vague references to a myriad of religions or superstitions as well as some kind of hallucinogenic apocalyptic sense of grandeur can start to get old after the sixth or seventh track. This would be almost unforgivable if such nonsense as "Sings like the Queen of Sheba / Voice through a Blonde Speaker /

One dropping bubble and Leslie / Calling me home like Haile Selassie" wasn't coupled with one of the best hooks he's ever written.

What makes the lyrics so frustrating is that Oberst is very close to something great, but he gets too wrapped up in his own hallucinations and fantasies to come back down to earth long enough to explain what he's talking about. He claimed in interviews that the title track is about the confluence of society and technology, but it seems doubtful that anyone can figure that out from listening to the song. For a man who once practically beat us over the head with imagery in every line, this kind of vague nonsense is puzzling.

"The People's Key" is probably not what anyone outside of Oberst's inner circle expected it to be. The album has some dizzying highs despite the lack of lyrical depth. With so many rockers in the bag to choose from, the band's upcoming tour promises to be one of their most exciting to date. Catch them in Chicago at the Riviera Theatre on March 15.

'The People's Key'

Bright Eyes

Label: Saddle Creek
Best Tracks: "Shell Games," "One for You, One for Me," "Haile Selassie"



Contact Chris Collum at ccollum@nd.edu

In yesterday's "Fashion by Felicia" column, the model in the photo was senior Colleen Valencia. The gloves can be purchased at Dillards.com.



By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

This Valentine's weekend Loretta Lynn brings a bit of country music to South Bend. After touring through Kansas City and Des Moines on the Friday and Saturday, Lynn performs this Sunday at the Morris Performing Arts Center before continuing her tour to New England, the South and the West throughout the spring.

Lynn's impressive discography spans from her first album "Loretta Lynn Sings" in 1963 to her most recent album, "Van Lear Rose" in 2004 — produced by Jack White of The White Stripes — for which she won several Grammy Awards. Recently Sony Music Nashville presented Lynn with her own rose; an ever-blooming floribunda hybrid entitled the "Loretta Lynn Van Lear."

With 54 studio albums, 88 singles, 23 No. 1 singles and 15 compilation albums, Lynn's music has had a powerful presence for country, pop and rock fans for half a century.

More than just Lynn's music has been famous, however; her autobiography, "Coal Miner's Daughter," was made into an award-winning film with the same title in 1980, starring Sissy Spacek and Tommy Lee Jones.

Her famous life story starts humbly in Butcher Holler, Ky., during the Depression as one of eight children. Lynn married Oliver "Doolittle" Lynn when she was 14 and was already a mother of four when she learned to play guitar and began singing seriously. Zero Records was started by Norm Burley just to record her after she was spotted at a talent contest. She and her husband traveled cross-country pushing her first Zero Records release "I'm a Honky Tonk Girl," which become a minor hit when she reached Nashville. Lynn's musical influences included "girl-singer" Kitty Wells and the distinctive style of Patsy Cline.

Lynn's music not only reflected her hometown and upbringing, but a strong female point of view as well. Some of her singles that presented the strong woman character unafraid to stand up for herself include "You Ain't Woman Enough (To Take My Man)," "Don't Come Home a'Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind)" and "Fist City." Her songs tell the story of women in their everyday lives, covering motherhood, marriage, sexuality and divorce. Lynn and her music advocates for the ordinary woman, particularly in blue-collar and working-class roles.

Lynn refused to avoid controversy by writing her first song in 1966, "Dear Uncle Sam," one of the first songs to mention the human costs of the Vietnam War. Similarly, "The Pill" was banned by many radio stations in its time for its message of how birth control gives women the free-

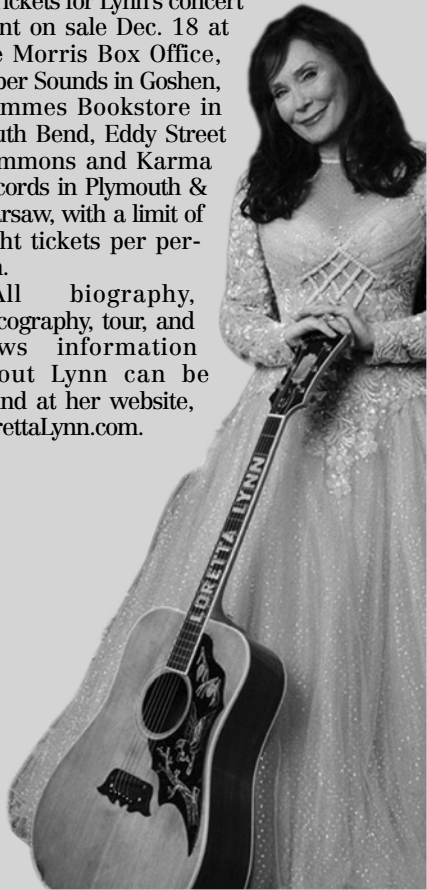
dom to love without the fear of pregnancy.

Starting the 1970s with three albums in one year ("Wings Up Your Horns," "Loretta Lynn Writes 'em and Sings 'em" and "Coal Miner's Daughter") Lynn went on to win a second Best Female Vocalist Award from the Country Music Association and was the first woman to win the title of Entertainer of the Year in 1972. She also appeared on the cover of Newsweek the next year and wrote her autobiography, a New York Times Bestseller, in 1976.

Though Lynn spent much of the 1990s out of the public spotlight caring for her sick husband and grieving his loss in 1996, Lynn's newest album "Van Lear Rose" helped bring her influence to a new generation of 21st century fans. The 2010 release of "Coal Miner's Daughter: A Tribute to Loretta Lynn" includes covers of her songs by Reba McEntire, Carrie Underwood, Martina McBride, Alan Jackson, Faith Hill, Sheryl Crow and Paramore.

Tickets for Lynn's concert went on sale Dec. 18 at the Morris Box Office, Super Sounds in Goshen, Hammes Bookstore in South Bend, Eddy Street Commons and Karma Records in Plymouth & Warsaw, with a limit of eight tickets per person.

All biography, discography, tour, and news information about Lynn can be found at her website, LorettaLynn.com.



Around the Bend

What: Loretta Lynn concert
Where: Morris Performing Arts Center, South Bend, Ind.
When: Sunday, February 13th, 7 p.m.
How much: \$29.75-\$69.75
Learn more: morriscenter.org or (574) 235-9190

Contact Claire Stephens at cstephe4@nd.edu

Wanderlust: Making the best of the Midwest

CHICAGO RESTAURANTS

Hello, fellow wanderers! This week is part two of my three-part series on Chicago. This week's topic? My favorite part of any city: food.

Chicago has some truly great restaurants, and a trip is tragically incomplete without a fantastic meal or two (or several). Below are some of my favorite Windy City temptations.

Laura Mittelstaedt

Scene Writer

Breakfast Bistro Zinc.

This French-inspired bistro is located on North State Street in the Gold Coast, just a few blocks north of Bloomingdale's. One of my favorite restaurants in the city (and definitely worth going to for lunch or dinner as well), Bistro Zinc has quintessential French fare at reasonable prices. Just thinking about their Brioche French Toast with berries (\$9.95), Eggs Benedict (\$10.95) and assortment of authentic crêpes is enough to tempt me to skip class for the day.

Nookies.

I discovered Nookies over Christmas break, and I can't wait to go back! I went to the Lincoln Park location, though they are also located in Old Town and Edgewater. The menu is extensive, loaded with interesting items such as Apple Cranberry Crunch pancakes (\$7.95), and they always have a seasonal breakfast menu as well. Breakfast is served until 3 p.m. daily, and the restaurant is open 24 hours on Fridays and Saturdays.

Ann Sather.

A typical Swedish (they say Swedish, I say American) breakfast diner, Ann Sather has four locations throughout Lakeview and Andersonville. Portions are always cheap, gigantic and homemade, and — the best part — come with a side of cinnamon rolls.

Lunch Bandera.

Located just across the street from Nordstrom, Bandera is my go-to restaurant when I'm downtown during the day. Bandera has standard (but delicious) American fare, including burgers and cornbread, though I hardly ever pass up the Grilled Jumbo Artichoke (\$11 for 3 artichokes halves — perfect as an appetizer with friends) and the Seared Sashimi Tuna Salad (\$18).

XOCO.

Rick Bayless owns four restaurants in Chicago, but XOCO is a great bet for a quick, tasty and fresh lunch. XOCO features Mexican street food (\$8-12), with warm sandwiches (made in a wood-burning oven), soups, Mexican hot chocolate and amazing chips and guacamole (\$4.75). Though XOCO opened in September 2009, I still had to wait 45 minutes just to get in the door this past October — I would definitely recommend an early or late lunch to try to avoid the crowds. But even if you have to wait, it's definitely worth it!

Snacks Molly's Cupcakes.

Go to Molly's, go to Molly's, go to Molly's. I'm not kidding. The cupcakes are amazing. Go. Cupcakes have become a bit of a ubiquitous feature in American cities over the last years, but I prefer Molly's cupcakes (\$2-3.75) to any of the others I've tried. The shop is built to look like an elementary school room (there are even swings at the coffee bar!) and they bake their cupcakes in small batches throughout the day, so they are always fresh. Their cupcake case always has specialty seasonal items, but you can also "build your own" cupcake by choosing the cake and frosting. So delicious.

Intelligentsia.

Okay, I know coffee isn't a snack per se, but when I'm eating delicious food and walking around all day, I need a bit of a pick-me-up. Intelligentsia is based in Chicago, has really tasty coffee, and is located right by the Millennium Station train stop. I recommend the lattes.

Dinner Rise.

I am obsessed with sushi, and Rise is by far my favorite sushi restaurant in Chicago. Their fish is always extremely fresh, and I have never ordered anything I haven't liked. Their signature rolls (\$8-16) are all worth trying, but I would suggest the Tochigi Maki, Crazy Roll and Flaming Maki. Rise is located on Southport in Lakeview, near lots of boutiques, bars and other restaurants.

DMK Burger Bar.

I usually am not a huge burger fan, but these are outstanding. The restaurant boasts grass-fed beef, freshly baked buns and artisan cheeses. Best of all, every burger is only \$8. The menu is overwhelmingly diverse, with burger toppings ranging from green chile to Asian slaw, and their delicious hand-cut fries (\$2-4) can come

topped with blue cheese and bacon, truffle cream or simply sea salt and ketchup. For those of you who are of-age, they also have an impressive beer menu, featuring many local breweries. Located

on North Sheffield, north of DePaul.

Finally, I recommend venturing to Uptown, Greektown or Chinatown if you are looking for authentic ethnic restaurants. North Broadway in Uptown especially has seen an influx of ethnic restaurants—Indian, Ethiopian, etc.—and I bet that most of them are worth a shot. Marigold is a great Indian restaurant in Uptown (\$5.75-19.95 for various dinner items) if you're looking for something different.

I couldn't possibly list all of the fantastic restaurants in Chicago, but hopefully this (brief) overview has given you some ideas to work with. Each of these restaurants is interesting and unique with a great atmosphere, and most of all, delicious, fresh and inexpensive food. Watch out for my next installment of fun things to do in Chicago, coming out next week! Until then, fellow Domers, keep wandering.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Contact Laura Mittelstaedt at lmittels@nd.edu

NFL

Super Bowl MVP Rodgers savors championship celebration

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Aaron Rodgers' smile never faded as he rode on the back of a convertible pacing down a confetti-filled parade route through Disney World's Magic Kingdom on Monday afternoon.

The Super Bowl MVP was operating on only a few hours' sleep following Green Bay's 31-25 win over Pittsburgh Sunday. But even with a Florida afternoon storm threatening in the distance, it was clear nothing could cloud the Packer quarterback's spirit.

"It's a special day, it really is," Rodgers said afterward. "I didn't get a lot of sleep (Sunday) night, but it's great to be able to celebrate. This is a team that came together and accomplished something special."

Rodgers became the latest Super Bowl MVP to participate in Disney's "I'm going to Disney World" commercial series Sunday night, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. Former New York Giants Phil Simms was the first to do it in 1987 following Super Bowl XXI. Rodgers flew to Orlando from Texas on Monday.

A California native, Rodgers said he had been to Disneyland in Anaheim, but never to

Orlando's Disney World. Thousands of fans lined Main Street in the theme park Monday, many of them decked out in Packers' jerseys, T-shirts and cheesehead hats.

Rodgers posed for photos with the Disney characters and even took a bite of a specially-made block of cheese in the shape of the Packers' team emblem.

Rodgers said that even with the victory, he doesn't expect the comparisons to former Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre to end. Favre led the Packers to their previous Super Bowl win in 1997, but unlike Rodgers, was not named the game's MVP.

"I don't think they ever stop because I'm the guy that followed him," Rodgers said. "But I hope. You know, we're doing something special in Green Bay right now and I hope people can recognize that. I'm proud of the way our team came together this season."

"Thankfully I have two parents that raised me the right way and pushed me to be the best at whatever I did. And I wanted to be a football player. So, right now I'm at the top of my game."

Longtime Packers' fan Mike Gottlieb has lived in Orlando for the past 25 years, but is

originally for Milwaukee.

One of the founders of the Central Florida Packer Backers, a fan club that started in 1987, Gottlieb and the group had about 100 of its members at Disney Monday to see Rodgers. Also one of the publicly-owned Packers' part-owners, Gottlieb said he thinks the ghost of Favre no longer hangs over Rodgers.

"I don't know if there was a monkey on his back, because the Packers did what they said they were going to do," said Gottlieb, 52. "They said they were going to stand by him, no matter what happened to Brett and they did. And I think (Rodgers) appreciates it, too. ... I think he'll be with the Packers forever and he could have another three or four (titles) in him."

Rodgers' performance Sunday night, which included 304 yards passing and three touchdown passes, had some NFL analysts ranking it as one of the best performances by a first-time Super Bowl quarterback.

While he appreciates the compliment, Rodgers said was still thinking about his underwhelming effort in Green Bay's 21-14 NFC championship game win over Chicago. He threw two interceptions and no



AP
Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers hoists the Lombardi Trophy after defeating the Steelers, 31-25, Sunday.

touchdowns in that game, though he reached the end zone via a 1-yard run.

"I'm a perfectionist," Rodgers said. "If I played a little better I think I'd be a little more satisfied with my postseason, but I prepared to play well (Sunday) and I was able to meet those expectations."

Next up for Rodgers is to rejoin his teammates for a celebration at Green Bay's Lambeau Field on Tuesday. But he said it's the moments with

them Sunday night after the game that are continuing to play in his mind.

"Just in the locker room after the game and being able to reflect with my teammates," he said. "Big hugs. It's a special group of men. I think you realize at that point the season is over and that group of men is never gonna be together again. It's just special to be able to share with those guys because we went through a lot together this year."

PGA

Wilson prevails in playoff at Phoenix Open

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Packers fan Mark Wilson celebrated a big victory of his own on a playing field about as close to frozen tundra as it gets on the PGA Tour.

A self-described cheesehead from Menomonee Falls, Wis., Wilson won the frost-delayed Phoenix Open on Monday for his second victory in three starts this year, holing a 9-foot birdie putt on the second hole of a playoff with Jason Dufner.

"I'm just enjoying the ride here and that's just kind of the way I'm going to look at the year here, just ride this train as long as I can," Wilson said.

After playing until dark Sunday and fulfilling some parental duties, he was able to watch only a few minutes of the Super Bowl.

"I had to wash Lane's face and put his jammies on, and I had to eat, too," Wilson said. "The chaos, with two little kids running around—I like the

chaos; it's a good distraction. But at that time, I want to at least get to watch the last 15 minutes of this game. This doesn't happen every year, the Packers in the Super Bowl."

"Luckily, my son, after we played Candy Land in the middle of the fourth quarter, he said, 'OK, the last two minutes we can watch it together.' So we watched that last stand, and I was happy that they somehow pulled it off."

Delays for frost and frozen turf the first four days forced the Monday finish.

Two strokes ahead when play resumed Monday, Wilson closed with a 2-under 69 to match Dufner at 18 under. Dufner shot a 66, with birdies on Nos. 16 and 17.

"I was a little more nervous today than I was expecting," Wilson said. "I didn't sleep great last night. It was probably the excitement with the Super Bowl and the uncertainty of today."

The Sony Open winner last

month in a 36-hole Sunday finish, Wilson made a 4 1/2 -foot par putt on the par-4 18th to extend the playoff.

On the par-4 10th, setting up the deciding putt with a 7-iron approach from the middle of the fairway.

"That was an easy putt," Wilson said. "Just thankfully, I started it on line and knocked it in."

Dufner was facing a 7 1/2 -foot par putt when Wilson ended the playoff.

"Came out and made a couple birdies to put maybe a little heat on Mark, and he played great," Dufner said. "Great two-putt on the first playoff hole from 70-plus feet and makes birdie on the next hole."

Wilson earned \$1,098,000 for his fourth PGA Tour title. The 36-year-old former University of North Carolina player also won the 2007 Honda Classic and 2009 Mayakoba Golf Classic. He jumped from 91st to 51st in the world ranking—locking up a spot in the 64-

man Match Play field—after finishing last season at No. 230.

After resuming play Monday on the 13th green, Wilson made seven straight pars before holing the winning birdie putt.

He nearly drove into the water on the left side of the 18th hole in regulation, but the ball cleared the hazard and ended up in a bunker. He hit a 9-iron approach to about 14 feet and two-putted to force the playoff.

"I got away with a bad tee shot on 18, but luckily got a good bounce and was hoping I'd finish it off there," Wilson said. "But the playoff was fun."

Dufner is winless on the PGA Tour. He also settled for par on the final hole of regulation after nearly holing out from a greenside bunker.

"It's a good start to the year," Dufner said. "To be honest, this is a course that I never really thought I could compete on. History on this golf course is a

lot of long-ball hitters. Mark and myself probably aren't the longest, but we're probably not the shortest. But to be able to compete and be at the top of the field for the week is good, so it's definitely good momentum for the rest of the West Coast swing."

Martin Laird (65) and Vijay Singh (66) tied for third at 16 under, and Gary Woodland (66), J.B. Holmes (67) and Nick Watney (68) followed at 15 under.

Third-round leader Tommy Gainey, a stroke back with two holes left, closed with a 74 to tie for eighth at 14 under. He made a triple bogey on the par-4 17th after hitting into the water twice on the driveable hole.

"I guess I've just got to deal with it," Gainey said. "You've got to win with class and you've got to lose with class, so I'm trying to deal with that right now."

Phil Mickelson tied for 29th at 10 under.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 024 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 5 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

FOR RENT

GRADUATION/SPECIAL EVENT RENTAL: House for rent for graduation/JPW/weddings,football, etc. Perfect location-right next to the new Eddy Street Commons-walk to everything-safe family oriented street.

Email nd-house@sbcglobal.net for additional info and photos

NOTICES

If you or someone you care about has been sexually assaulted, we can help.

For more information, visit Notre Dames website:

http://csap.nd.edu

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?

Don't go it alone.

Notre Dame has many resources in place to assist you.

If you or someone you love needs confidential support or assistance, please call Sr. Sue Dunn at 1-7819.

For more information, visit ND's website at: http://pregnancysupport@nd.edu

VINCE LOMBARDI QUOTES

"Confidence is contagious. So is lack of confidence."

"The dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish anything if you're willing to pay the price."

"If it doesn't matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score?"

"Football is like life - it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority."

"It's easy to have faith in yourself and have discipline when you're a winner, when you're number one. What you got to have is faith and discipline when you're not a winner."

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."

"The greatest accomplishment is not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall."

The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have.

"We would accomplish many more things if we did not think of them as impossible."

NBA

Cavs set NBA futility mark

Associated Press

DALLAS — Over one season or two, no team in NBA history has lost as many games in a row as these Cleveland Cavaliers.

The surging Dallas Mavericks beat Cleveland 99-96 on Monday night, making it 25 straight losses for the Cavs.

Cleveland already held the record for the most losses in a single season, but the league also keeps a record for losses spread over two seasons. This topped that one, too, making it the most consecutive losses in league history, period.

The previous record also was held by the Cavaliers, set from 1982-83.

Cleveland had a chance to tie it with a 3-pointer in the final seconds, but made one pass too many and time expired without a shot going up.

Jason Terry scored 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter to make sure the Mavs avoided the embarrassment of being Cleveland's streak-buster. It would've been especially surprising because Dallas came in with the longest active win streak in the NBA, now nine straight.

Shawn Marion had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Dirk Nowitzki scored 12. Tyson Chandler had 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Ian Mahinmi had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Peja Stojakovic had eight points and five rebounds over 20 minutes in his Dallas debut. He signed a few weeks ago, but had been rehabilitating a knee injury.

Cleveland's J.J. Hickson scored 26 points and Ramon Sessions had 19 points and 13 assists.



Mavericks guard Jason Terry celebrates during a 99-96 win over Cleveland on Monday. Cleveland has now lost 25 consecutive games.

Antawn Jamison scored 18 points and Christian Eyenga 15.

Everyone knew Cleveland would struggle this season after losing LeBron James, but this?

Since starting 7-9, the Cavs are 1-35. Their last win was on Dec. 18, more than seven weeks ago. Their only glimmer of hope is that the next seven games are at home, where their .227 winning percentage is more than double their success rate on the road.

At least they're still playing hard — in many ways.

They were physical with Dallas, wounding several Mavericks. Nowitzki needed treatment on a jammed wrist and was so frus-

trated by the rough play that he got rough, too, practically throwing a punch at Sessions in the final minute. A foul was called on the play, but not a flagrant.

Yet Cleveland kept goofing up.

With the Cavs trailing only 80-79, 7-foot center Ryan Hollins lost a jump ball to Terry, who is 6-foot-2. Hollins fouled Terry on the ensuing possession, and he hit a pair of free throws. Then Eyenga shot an airball on a running 8-footer in the lane and Terry came back with another jumper.

The Mavs began to pull away, but the Cavs still had that chance to tie it at the buzzer.

Irish

continued from page 16

season.

"I absolutely love playing with Chrissy and I think we play really well together," Kellner said, "I always look forward to it."

Most recently, the pair defeated Wake Forest doubles partners Ryann Cutillo and Emilee Malvey in an 8-6 victory.

Kellner, a Pasquerilla East resident, had her choice of universities when came time to choose where she would continue her education and tennis career. The freshman explored her options at Boston College, North Carolina, Michigan and Illinois before settling at Notre Dame.

"I loved the campus, the team, the school ... I could just see myself going here," Kellner said.

So far, Kellner has been a good fit for the team, who lost two of their main competitors with the last graduating class. She's been fairly consistent in her singles play at the No. 5 spot, where she is currently 3-2 and ranked 106th in the

country, and has made the transition into college play with ease.

"The matches are way louder but it's fun and motivating," Kellner said. "Since I've been playing in college it feels really good to win my match because I feel like I'm doing it for the team," Kellner said.

The veteran members of the team are excited for the dynamic of play that Kellner brings.

"Jenny is a freshman and played five matches (against Illinois) and really just dominated," said junior Kristy Frilling.

"We're really looking forward to the things she's going to bring to the team this year."

Kellner has truly enjoyed her time with the other girls on the team, as well as the special dynamic the coaches add during road trips.

"On our trip to North Carolina our coach thought the lyrics to 'Fly Like a G6' was really 'Fly Like a Cheese Steak'," Kellner said. "We got a good laugh over that."

Kristy Frilling
Irish junior

Contact Katie Heit at
kheit@nd.edu

Nationals

continued from page 16

met a minimum degree of difficulty were eligible to compete in a preliminary qualifying competition, held the previous Sunday. The top 12 performers from the preliminary round moved on to the quarterfinal round of Nationals, which was held on the campus of the University of Iowa. Many of the nation's strongest divers — including several Olympians — were in attendance, and the final results were used to determine the American contingent for major international competitions, including the World University Games, Canada Cup, AT&T USA Diving Grand Prix and World Championships.

Chiang, who had not participated in a national meet since her junior year of high school, gave a strong performance in the 3-meter springboard event at the National Preliminary competition, finishing in second place. But the quarterfinal round did not go as she had hoped, and she failed to qualify for the semifinals after scoring 232.30 points, good for 29th place.

"My performance in prelims went really well, I ended up in second going into quarterfinals, but I wasn't really happy with my performance at quarterfinals," Chiang said. "It went

really badly."

Chiang typically attends meets with the rest of her team, but diving coach Caiming Xie was the only member of the Notre Dame diving team or staff that accompanied her to Iowa. While the competition lacked the team camaraderie present at college meets, Chiang was able to check out non-collegiate competition and catch up with old friends.

"A lot of friends that I know from previous meets were there," Chiang said. "It's really nice to see a change; in college we compete against a lot of schools that are just around us, so it's nice to see people from all over the country, a lot of people I haven't seen in a while."

Although Chiang was not completely satisfied with her dives on Friday, she still relished the opportunity to compete in such a high-profile event, and hopes to attend another USA Diving event this coming summer.

"It's a great meet to go see because there's so many really, really talented divers there, especially this year because it was a qualifying meet for Olympic trials and the Grand Prix," said Chiang. "It's a good meet to go to because it motivates you to do better and work harder."

"Jenny is a freshman and played five matches and really just dominated."

Kristy Frilling
Irish diver

Contact Vicky Jacobsen at
vjacobse@nd.edu

COWBOY UP

RIDE OUR BULL

J.K. RODEO BAR & RESTAURANT

Across from South Bend Airport

FREE MECHANICAL BULL RIDING

DJ On Wednesday Nights

Student Discounts on Wednesday Nights with Student ID

Blue Ribbon Taxi: 574-233-4040

Discount fares to J.K. Rodeo Bar & Restaurant

CLUB SPORTS

Skating team makes history

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame synchronized skating team made history on Feb. 5, taking the gold medal at the prestigious Midwestern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships. The Irish took the title for the first time in the history of Notre Dame's skating program, which was founded in 1997. The Irish skaters saved their best performance for the most important competition of the year. Performing this season's program to songs from the Broadway musical Hair, the team brought the crowd to its feet. The supportive contingent of Notre Dame fans started an ovation as the team nailed their difficult final element, a straight-line wheel variation where half the team ducks and continues to rotate while their teammates pass over the top of them. Notre Dame topped eight other teams from colleges throughout the Midwest, with Ohio University and Central Michigan University taking the second and third place spots on the podium. The Irish victory ended an unbeaten streak for perennial synchronized skating powerhouse Miami University of Ohio. The Redhawks had previously been undefeated since the inception of their program in 2007.

Women's Water Polo

In a successful weekend, the Irish gave up only seven goals in three games to win the Lindenwood tournament in commanding fashion.

The Irish Women's Water Polo team kicked off the weekend strong with a 7-2 victory over their rivals from the Big Ten, the University of Illinois. The Irish offense was led by five-time scorer junior Maisie O'Malley and the defense was led by senior Ali Durkin, who finished the match with six steals. The Irish shot well from the outside throughout the game, with one goal each from juniors Erin Gibson and Kasia Ahern. Senior Eileen Flanagan was impenetrable in the goal with eight saves to help the Irish hold off the Illini.

The second game of the day for the Irish was against St. Louis University and the Irish came away with a decisive victory, 15-2. Flanagan and Kelly Gibson split time in the goal, letting in only one goal each to lead the Irish to victory. Durkin had five goals in

the two-meter position, Victoria Anglin had a hat trick, and sophomore Laura McCoy chipped in two goals. Juniors Ahern, Gibson, Colleen Middleton, and Danielle Guidry each scored one goal.

The Irish finished the weekend with a 13-5 win over home team Lindenwood University. They dominated the game with their stifling defense and Flanagan had 10 saves in the goal. Durkin, Gibson, O'Malley and Anglin each had three goals and McCoy finished the game with one.

The "B" team for the Irish also competed in the Lindenwood tournament and won their first match before dropping the next two.

They started the weekend with a 12-11 win over St. Louis University. McCoy led the Irish in the two-meter position with three goals. Sophomore Savannah Hayes, junior Danielle Guidry, and freshman Anastasia Hansen recorded two goals. Junior Adi Austgen, senior Liz Casazza and freshman Raechel Glenister had one goal each.

The "B" squad finished the day on Saturday with a 13-7 loss to host Lindenwood. McCoy once again dominated the offense with six goals. Hansen had one goal to help the Irish close the gap.

The Irish finished the weekend with an 8-2 loss to the University of Illinois. They had a difficult time with the Illini's stifling defense but McCoy and Hayes were both able to get one goal on the net.

Ski and Snowboard

The Irish skied well in the MCSA Divisional Championships over the weekend at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, Mich., recording a first and second place victory.

"I am really impressed with the success we've had so far this season," team manager Deirdre Murdy said. "We have broken through some major obstacles and have come back strong. I am head over heels excited for our next race."

The women's ski team came in first place overall and had four skiers finish in the top 10. Senior Justine

Murnane and freshman Hillary Rolfs finished one-two, while freshman Kathleen Joyce placed sixth and freshman Erin Hattler placed 10th.

The men's ski team placed

second overall with sophomore Tommy Knoedler finishing second, senior Chris Knoedler in eighth and senior Kevin Dacey in 10th.

The women's snowboard team took third place and was led by senior Erin McNeill, who took home the gold.

The men's snowboard team took sixth place overall. Freshman Phil Stella placed sixth, which was top for the Irish.

The team will move on to compete in the USCSA Regional Championships at Marquette Mountain on Feb. 19-20.

Bowling

Led by coach Dan Dews, Notre Dame pulled off their best result in a tournament in years, finishing 11th out of 39 teams at the final qualifying conference tournament.

With an average of near 940 pins per set, the Irish posted their best score of the season. Freshman Mike Murray finished with a 202.6 pin average to lead the Irish. Senior co-captain Drew Crail, junior co-captain Richard Skelton, junior Brian Frisch and sophomore Armani Sutton all bowled well and contributed to the strong result.

The Irish have two tournaments remaining, the Hoosier and the American Heartland Conference Championship, both later this month.

Women's Ice Hockey

Notre Dame dropped two games this weekend when it hosted the Brew City Blades this weekend at the Joyce Center ice rink.

Against Brew City, which is one of the best teams in the league, the Irish fell in games both Friday evening and Saturday morning. Senior Karen Riedl scored Notre Dame's only goal for the weekend Friday evening on a breakaway late in the second period.

The Irish will bus to Wisconsin for a pair of games this weekend in Madison.

Men's Volleyball

The Irish men's volleyball squad ventured to Marquette this weekend for a MIVA tournament featuring many nationally ranked clubs, proving that they belong among the elite.

They opened play with a 25-22, 25-20 win over Ball State, and a 31-29, 21-25, 15-5 victory over Iowa State.

The Irish then swept through three more strong opponents, gaining wins 25-20, 25-23 over Oshkosh, 25-23, 21-25, 15-10 over Lakeland, and 29-27, 25-22 over Northern Illinois. Notre Dame dropped their last game to perennially ranked UW Milwaukee, 25-17, 25-18.

MLB

Rangers looking to trade infielder Young



Texas infielder Michael Young walks back to the dugout during a game last season. The veteran recently requested a trade.

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Michael Young has asked the Texas Rangers to trade him, a request the AL champions are willing to oblige for their career hits leader who is unhappy about his changing role.

General manager Jon Daniels, however, said "nothing is imminent" and that the Rangers would trade Young only if they could improve the team in doing so.

After signing free agent third baseman Adrian Beltre last month, the Rangers said Young would become the primary designated hitter and serve in a utility role where he could fill in at every infield position. Young, the team's longest-tenured player after 10 seasons, initially agreed to that plan.

"Our first choice would be to continue with our offseason plan and go to camp with Michael and him playing pivotal role on the club," Daniels said Monday. "He's changed his mind, had a change of heart about that role, and if we can accommodate his request, and in doing so upgrade the club, we certainly would like to do that."

What could make that difficult is that Young is owed \$46 million over the remaining three seasons in contract — \$15 million in each of the next two seasons and \$16 million in 2013. Plus, there are only eight teams not on his no-trade list.

Team president Nolan Ryan, who spoke to Young twice over the last few days, said that list hasn't expanded at this point.

Daniels said he has already been approached by some clubs not on Young's list, though he wouldn't get into specifics about who they were.

"It certainly hasn't gotten to a point where we've presented Michael with anything because he's been clear on his feelings about that," Daniels said.

The 34-year-old Young has spent his entire major league career with Texas, and played in 1,508 regular season games before finally making it to the playoffs last season. A .300 career hitter whose 1,848 hits

are the most in Rangers history, he also had five consecutive 200-hit seasons (2003-07) and led the AL with a .331 average in 2005.

Young was a second baseman when he became a starter for Texas in 2001, then switched to shortstop after Alex Rodriguez was traded in 2004. The Rangers moved Young to third base two years ago when they decided to promote rookie shortstop Elvis Andrus from Double-A.

When Beltre was signed, Young said it was clear that he wanted to play with the Rangers because of his willingness to "make some pretty big sacrifices" to do that. Now a month later, Young is looking to leave so that he can be an everyday player in the field instead of doing what is planned in Texas.

Young indicated in those recent conversations with Ryan that he initially accepted the role because he has made the Dallas area his home, where his family is comfortable. The California native also wants to be on a winning team.

"I think once he had time to think about his career and about his future, I think he felt like the time wasn't right for him to take on that role," Ryan said.

Excited about the unique plans for Young, Ryan said he tried to assure the player that manager Ron Washington would be giving him the same number of at-bats he has always gotten. And the acquisition of catcher-first baseman and potential DH Mike Napoli after the Beltre signing wouldn't change that.

"Obviously at this point his mindset is that in the best interest of his career, it'd probably be better for him to move on and continue to play a position on a daily basis," Ryan said.

Young was among several teammates Josh Hamilton worked out with Monday. The AL MVP said there was no real sense of what might happen and if Young would be at spring training for the Rangers' first full-squad workout Feb. 20 in Surprise, Ariz.

Follow us @NDObsSports

TENNIS

Nadal awarded with sportsman of the year

Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Rafael Nadal and Olympic skiing champion Lindsey Vonn won this year's individual Laureus Sports Awards on Monday, with Spain's World Cup winners taking the team prize.

The No. 1-ranked Nadal—winner of three Grand Slam tennis titles in 2010—was named sportsman of the year, beating nominees including Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant, Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao and Barcelona footballers Andres Iniesta and Lionel Messi.

Vonn, winner of the women's downhill at the Vancouver Games and a third consecutive overall World Cup title, took the sportswoman's award. High jumper Blanka Vlasic and tennis players Serena Williams, Kim Clijsters and Caroline Wozniacki were among the other nominees.

French football great Zinedine Zidane won the lifetime achievement award and American surfer Kelly Slater was the action sportsperson of the year. Italy's seven-time motorcycling world champion Valentino Rossi took the comeback of the year award after he returned to MotoGP just 41

days after breaking his leg.

PGA champion Martin Kaymer, currently ranked No. 2 in the world, won the Breakthrough of the Year Award.

"That is pretty cool. This trophy, this award," said Kaymer, who won this year's Abu Dhabi Championship. "Every time I come to Abu Dhabi, it's fantastic. Here is pretty much where everything started for me. In 2008, I had my first European Tour win."

Kaymer paid tribute to his brother and sometime caddie, Philip, calling him "the most important person in my life."

The victorious European Ryder Cup team won the Spirit of Sport Award. Accepting the award was captain Colin Montgomerie, who dedicated it to Seve Ballesteros, the five-time major winner and former No. 1 who has been suffering from a brain tumor.

"We won this because of him," Montgomerie said. "He spoke to us on the phone from his home and Martin (Kaymer) as a rookie can tell you that the room was silent."

Visually impaired skier and biathlete Verena Bentele, who won five gold medals at the Winter Olympics, won the Disability Award, while Beirut Marathon founder May El-

Khalil won the Sport for Good Award.

The winners are chosen by 46 sports stars who make up the Laureus sports academy.

Nadal is recovering after injuring a leg muscle during his quarterfinal loss at the Australian Open in late January, which ended his hopes of holding all four Grand Slam titles at once.

"It was an emotional season especially after coming from a hard time in 2009," Nadal said of his injury problems. "I had a hard time in Australia and then I started playing my best tennis. Winning in 2010 during the Roland Garros final ... all the problems went out and I could play with a lot of confidence."

Vonn is meanwhile preparing for the Alpine skiing world championships in Germany, where she is seeking to defend her super-G title.

Spain claimed the team prize after beating the Netherlands 1-0 with Iniesta's extra time winner in last year's World Cup final. The triumph came two years after Spain won the European Championship.

Proceeds from the awards ceremony underpin the work of the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation which supports 83 community sports projects around the world.



Rafael Nadal won the Laureus sportsman of the year award after winning three Grand Slam titles in 2010.

NFL

Titans hire O-line coach Munchak to replace Fisher

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A usually conservative Mike Munchak showed off much more of his personality Monday at his first news conference as head coach of the Tennessee Titans.

He made jokes about how he expected a gold watch after 30 years with the franchise, how it will be easier for his mother to see him on the sideline now and even poked fun at his quiet manner.

"This is my excited face," Munchak said at one point.

The new coach also made one thing very clear: Change is coming, even though he coached under Jeff Fisher the past 14 seasons.

"I'm going to be my own man, and I'll be judged by what I do and not what was done before me. I'm not looking here to blame anybody about what was left for me," Munchak said. "I think it's a great opportunity here with what we have, and I think I'm the guy to pick up the pieces and hopefully get us in the right direction."

Munchak is the franchise's 16th head coach. Neither he or the Titans would comment on his new contract. The Titans decided to promote from within to replace Fisher after a 6-10 season. Owner Bud Adams called the move a special day for the franchise as Munchak became the first former player to coach the team.

"He has been a hard worker, and he has only known success and how to achieve success," Adams said by telephone from his Houston office. "He made it

into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He has the respect of people he played with and those who have played for him. He is a smart football man and leader who will guide us again into the playoffs."

Munchak was the first man interviewed to replace Fisher and had been considered the top candidate for the job.

This is the first head coaching job for Munchak, who turns 51 in March, with the only franchise the offensive line coach and Hall of Fame lineman has ever played or worked for since being selected eighth overall by the then-Houston Oilers in 1982.

General manager Mike Reinfeldt and senior executive vice president Steve Underwood also interviewed offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger and wrapped up interviews Friday by talking to Atlanta offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey and New York Giants defensive coordinator Perry Fewell in the same day. Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams declined to interview.

But Munchak is well respected in the franchise.

Reinfeldt, a former teammate, called Munchak a smart football man who commands respect and accountability.

"He is a leader," Reinfeldt said. "I think he has a vision, and he has great passion for it. I think it's good. He has an understanding of our people, what we've done here, and I think he has a vision of how he'd take it to the next level."

Munchak will have flexibility to fill his staff as he wants, even though 13 current assis-

stants are under contract. That includes Heimerdinger, who said by text to the AP that he is happy for Munchak and expects him to do a good job.

He isn't committing to anyone just yet.

"I feel like we're starting fresh. It's not same old, same old. We come in, sit down and figure out what's best for the Titans going forward with what we have ... Anything's possible," Munchak said.

Munchak has to fill at least five positions left open by his promotion, the firing of defensive coordinator Chuck Cecil and departures of assistants coaching defensive line, running backs, wide receivers. His best friend and former teammate Bruce Matthews is considered a possibility to replace him on the line, but he is offensive assistant coach with Houston.

Munchak's promotion is being praised by those who know him with Penn State coach Joe Paterno calling him a hard worker. Detroit coach Jim Schwartz said he didn't realize how respected Munchak is throughout the NFL until he left Tennessee.

"I am known as someone who burns the midnight oil, and consistently Mike Munchak's car was the only one left in the parking lot when I left. Titans fans can sleep well knowing Munch is at the helm. I know I did," Schwartz said in a statement.

Coming out of Penn State, the left guard blocked for fellow Hall of Famers Earl Campbell in a pounding run game to the run-and-shoot offense with Warren Moon. He played 159



Mike Munchak is the first former Tennessee player to become head coach of the Titans after his promotion Monday.

regular season games with the Oilers before retiring in 1994, and he became the fifth player from the franchise inducted into the Hall of Fame—the first to spend his entire career with Adams' team.

Munchak also had the club record with nine Pro Bowl berths during his career. Adams retired Munchak's No. 63 in 1996, joining Campbell, Jim Norton and Elvin Bethea in rare company with that honor.

Moon said in a statement released by the Titans that "it was just a matter of time until he would have success in coaching. Some folks have to go the coordinator route to reach the head coaching level, but being in the organization as long as he has, there is a

comfort level with him and everyone knows who he is as a coach and a person."

He started at the entry-level position as quality control assistant with the offensive staff through 1996. Fisher promoted Munchak to offensive line coach in 1997, a job he held the past 14 seasons. Munchak thanked Fisher for the opportunity.

Munchak has only had the same starting five offensive linemen from one season to the next twice during his 14 seasons. But he has had four players earn 10 total Pro Bowl invitations while blocking for five different running backs in 11 1,000-yard seasons ranging from Eddie George to Chris Johnson.

MEN’S TRACK AND FIELD

Indiana native Feeney fulfills lifetime dream

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

Coming off a remarkable high school career, freshman Patrick Feeney is already trying to make his mark at Notre Dame.

Feeney, a native of Indianapolis, was a multi-sport athlete in high school. While attending New Palestine high school, he was an eight-time letter winner in track and field, football and basketball. Among the three sports, he was elected to

six all-conference teams and was captain of each squad.

Feeney accumulated numerous school and conference records while in high school. He broke the school, conference and sectional records for the 400-meter dash with a time of 47.56. He also recorded a 3:18 in the 4x400 relay to break the school and conference record.

Despite being a good athlete, Feeney said he chose track by default simply because he did

not have a sport to play in the spring season.

“I started running track in sixth grade mainly because I didn’t have a spring sport and everyone was telling me I was fast,” Feeney said.

He explained that coming to Notre Dame was always a dream of his and he knew if he had the credentials, his college choice would not be a question.

“I have always been a huge Notre Dame football fan and have come to games all my life,” Feeney said. “Throughout high school I knew if I could get

accepted then it definitely would be the place for me.”

Feeney said that although running track is very challenging and time consuming, the camaraderie with the other players makes it fun and worth it.

“Running in college is a lot more serious, but at the same time still very fun,” Feeney said. “We all have fun together at practice, but we still work really hard and get the work done.”

Feeney said that while he does have individual goals for the rest of the season, he places a higher priority on contributing to the team’s success.

“My goals for the season are to keep lowering my times each and every meet and also help the team score some points at Big East,” Feeney said. “Our main goal for our team is to win Big East Indoor and Outdoor and also try to get everyone to qualify farther into regionals and nationals.”

The Irish track and field team will next be in action at the Big East indoor championships on Feb. 19 in Akron, Ohio.

Contact Joe Wirth at jwirth@nd.edu

“My goals for the season are to keep lowering my times each and every meet.”

Patrick Feeney
Irish freshman

“Running in college is a lot more serious, but at the same time still very fun.”

Patrick Feeney
Irish freshman



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins defends a Syracuse player in a game earlier this season. The Irish won the game, 71-48.

Defense

continued from page 16

lower prior Saturday’s 76-68 victory. McGraw said the win was not a strong showing of the team’s talent.

“We’re first in the Big East in steals, but then we only had five, and we normally have 12,” she said. “We hold teams to 53 points a game, and they had 68. I think the team was disappointed in their defensive effort, and I think they will come out tomorrow with a renewed energy on the defensive end.”

Notre Dame’s defense has been especially useful in its transition game and getting points on the board. Essential to these efforts are sophomore guard Skylar Diggins and junior guard Natalie Novosel, the team’s leading scorers. Diggins came out of Saturday’s contest with 17 points while Novosel scored a team-high 19 with eight rebounds.

“We’ve been scoring in transition, I think we’ve been feeding off our defense when we go in transition, and Skylar and Natalie are both extremely hard to guard on the open floor,” McGraw said. “They’re so savvy with the ball and they can really attack the basket, they can both hit good jumpers, so it makes them really hard to guard.”

But the Irish guards aren’t the only important forces on the offense.

“We really are back offensively, I’m really pleased,” McGraw said. “The posts are playing well, they’re scoring, they’re shooting well, guards are playing well. Offensively, a lot of good performances from each individual player. Everybody who goes in the game is scoring and we’re doing a pretty good job of that.”

McGraw said she has been pleased with Notre Dame’s post play, particularly the contributions from freshman Natalie Achonwa and seniors Devereaux Peters and Becca Bruszewski.

“Devereaux is having a fantastic year. Becca Bruszewski has really come a long way, scored her thousandth point [at Syracuse], she had 16 the other night, she had double figures, she’s rebounding better, and then Achonwa coming off the bench, she’s scoring I think about 14 points and only playing 19 or 20 minutes,” McGraw said. “I think all three of them are really playing well. We need to get them the ball more and their shooting percentages have been tremendous. They’re all shooting well, I think over 60 percent in the last four games.”

The Irish will look to their scoring to earn them their 19th series win over the Pirates tonight as the two teams face off at 7 p.m. at Purcell Pavilion.

Contact Meaghan Veselik at mvesel01@saintmarys.edu

Seniors

continued from page 16

down a 3-pointer with 17:55 left, the Thunder trailed 35-29.

The Belles, however, behind the strength of a staunch 2-3 zone defense, responded with a decisive 20-4 run that stretched the lead to a game-high 22 points. Saint Mary’s junior forward Kelley Murphy scored six of her game-high 16 points during the stretch.

“We wanted all our points to come from the paint and attack a little more,” Henley

said. “That definitely seemed to work for us.”

The run, which lasted 7:12, contained two separate 8-0 spurts by the Belles and saw Trine shoot just 1-for-7 from the field and commit four turnovers.

“We’ve been playing around with [the 2-3 zone] the last few weeks. Our kids talk a lot more defensively when we’re in that,” Henley said. “They like to play it, so that’s half the battle.”

Saint Mary’s outrebounded Trine 45-28 and pulled down 21 offensive rebounds, leading to a 15-point edge in second chance points and a 14-point

advantage in points in the paint. Seven different Belles notched an offensive rebound, including all five starters.

“That’s one of the things we’ve been working on all season long,” Henley said. “We had the height advantage on this team. Our kids are playing really well and good things are happening, especially on the boards.”

Saint Mary’s will next look to gain ground in the MIAA standings with a road contest against Albion (11-10, 9-3) on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Contact Matt DeFranks at mdefrank@nd.edu

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Pittsburgh wins without Gibbs

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va.—Pittsburgh had a solid Plan B for West Virginia in the absence of injured guard Ashton Gibbs — spread the ball around inside to the Panthers’ other playmakers.

The fourth-ranked Panthers overcame an awful start by shooting 61 percent from the field in the second half and beat No. 25 West Virginia 71-66 on Monday night.

Without Gibbs, the Panthers’ leading scorer (16.3) who is out up to two weeks with a left knee injury, Pittsburgh had little outside shooting presence—and it didn’t matter. The Panthers, who lead the nation in rebounding margin, outrebounded West Virginia 40-28 on the strength of 18 offensive boards.

“We really focused on rebounding,” Pittsburgh coach Jamie Dixon said. “We cut down their offensive rebounds. We won with our rebounding and defense and that’s what we set out to do.”

From start to finish, Pittsburgh pounded the ball inside, piling up 42 points in the paint against a Mountaineers defense that eventually wore down.

Nasir Robinson scored 15 points, Gary McGhee had 13, Travon Woodall added 12 and Brad Wanamaker scored 11 for the Panthers (22-2, 10-1 Big

East).

“Ashton is a good player and a great shotmaker for us and without him, we just wanted to come out and play our game,” Wanamaker said. “We didn’t want to try and fill in his shoes. We just wanted to stay with Pitt basketball and get the guys that sub in to play their game.”

Pittsburgh went hard to the glass after being held to a season-low 23 points in the first half. The Panthers went ahead to stay with 8 minutes left in the game to improve to 5-0 on the road in the Big East and continue their best overall start in conference play.

This is the 10th straight season Pitt has won at least 20 games overall and at least 10 in the Big East, the conference’s longest current streak.

West Virginia coach Bob Huggins had pointed to the Pittsburgh game as a possible jump start to a solid final month of the Big East race. Instead, the Mountaineers’ shortcomings showed and West Virginia (15-8, 6-5) has now lost three of its last five.

“They beat us to death on the offensive glass and drove it where they wanted to drive it,” Huggins said. “They just outmanned us.”

Huggins said without Gibbs, “they just attack the rim.”

In the first half, “we converged on the guys that were driving,” Huggins said.

The second half was another matter.

Pittsburgh had just three turnovers after halftime, shot 61 percent (17 of 28) from the field in the second half and 44 percent for the game.

Deniz Kilicli scored a career-high 19 points and Kevin Jones added 12 for the Mountaineers, but West Virginia’s bench outscored its starters 34-32.

West Virginia guard Casey Mitchell played 24 minutes in a backup role after being reinstated a game earlier from an indefinite suspension, but he wasn’t much help. The Mountaineers’ leading scorer was limited to seven points on 2-of-10 shooting.

West Virginia was aching for any kind of offense after managing a season-low 50 points in Saturday’s loss at No. 9 Villanova and Kilicli provided it.

He scored on a left-handed baby hook and made a three-point play 25 seconds apart to bring West Virginia within 59-58 with 4:03 remaining.

Gilbert Brown made a layup and a three-point play during Pittsburgh’s ensuing 12-4 run. Robinson’s dunk with 19 seconds left capped the run and put Pittsburgh ahead 71-62.

“They threw the first punch today,” Wanamaker said. “We settled down a little and came back in the second half and made some plays, penetrated and got guys open looks.”

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**

1 The old man

4 Like a pool table, ideally

9 Flights like Lindy's

14 French coin of old

15 Fail to pay, as taxes

16 Native New Zealanders

17 Yadda, yadda, yadda: Abbr.

18 "Dang it!"

19 "Primitive" feelings

20 ___ fiber

22 QB's successes

23 Dawn goddess

24 Like a bug in a rug

26 Two, for many minigolf holes

29 Postlarval

32 Burn, as a wound

34 Last Supper query

35 Quantities: Abbr.

36 Not much
- 37 What every answer on the perimeter of this puzzle is

40 Brit's baby buggy

41 Wings, in zoology

42 Musical featuring "Tomorrow"

43 Schoolyard snitch's words

45 Activist Chávez

46 English poet laureate Henry James ___

47 Millennium divs.

48 Exclamations of understanding

49 Reporter's question

50 Gets the best of, in slang

54 Tony's "West Side Story" love

57 Make sense

59 One in the family, informally

60 Norwegian king until A.D. 1000

61 Be dishonest with
- 62 Equal: Prefix

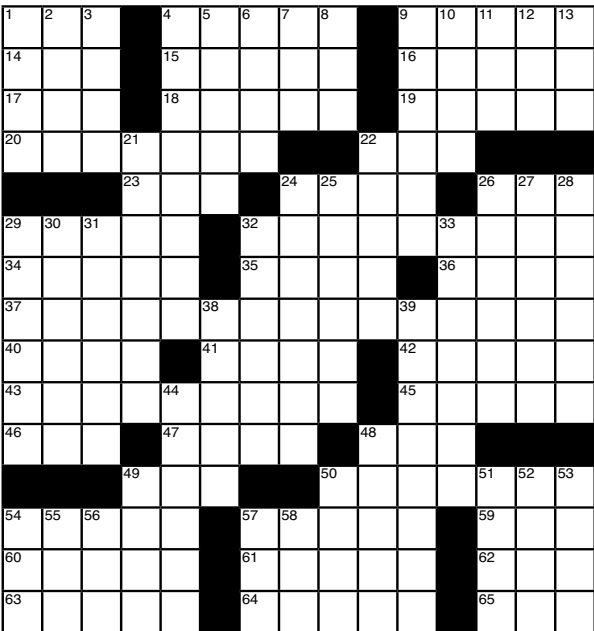
63 1/60 fluid dram

64 Guiding principle

65 Repeated machine gun sound

Down

- 1 Something good for a Boy Scout?
- 2 Stage opening
- 3 Il ___ (Mussolini)
- 4 "Chocolat" actress
- 5 Civil rights leader Medgar
- 6 Results may do this, in commercials
- 7 Summer N.Y. hrs.
- 8 "___ Miz"
- 9 Makeup mishap
- 10 Sculler's gear
- 11 Trucker's record
- 12 Vein contents
- 13 One in the family, informally
- 21 4:00 P.M., traditionally
- 22 People of Rwanda
- 24 Margaret Mead interviewees
- 25 Egnog sprinkling
- 26 Rock climbers' spikes
- 27 "The Simpsons" voice man Hank
- 28 More visibly ashamed
- 29 Brit's "Goodbye!"
- 30 G.I.'s org.
- 31 Pontius ___



Puzzle by David Hanson

- 32 Comic who quipped "Weather forecast for tonight: dark"

33 Lack of experience

38 Family name in Chicago politics

39 Decorative plant holder
- 44 Bar mitzvah toast

48 Like a 45° or 60° angle

49 Internet cafe connection

50 Yemeni port

51 Black-bordered news item

52 ___ Major
- 53 Barfly's binge

54 Partner of baseball and apple pie

55 Induction-refusing boxing champ

56 Hightailed it

57 Key near the space bar

58 Fizzle out

For answers, call 1-900-285-5656, \$1.49 a minute; or, with a credit card, 1-800-814-5554. Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS. AT&T users: Text NYTX to 386 to download puzzles, or visit nytimes.com/mobilexword for more information. Online subscriptions: Today's puzzle and more than 2,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords (\$39.95 a year). Share tips: nytimes.com/wordplay. Crosswords for young solvers: nytimes.com/learning/xwords.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



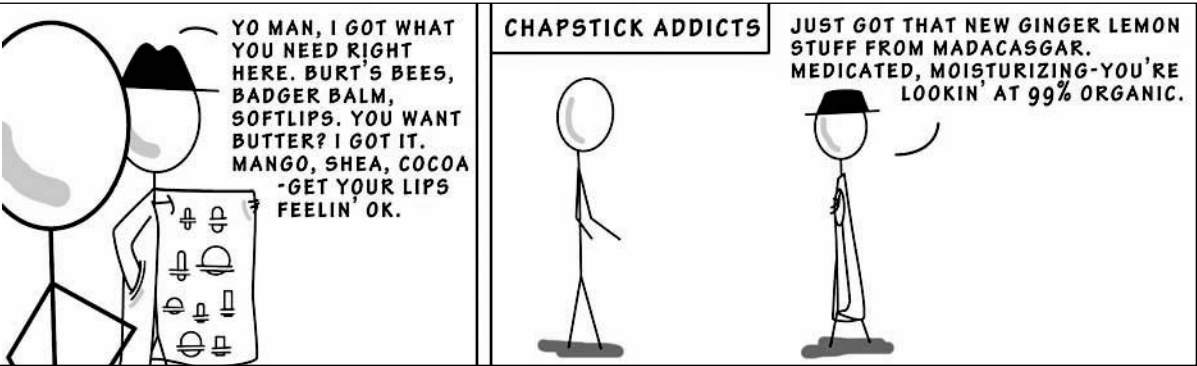
PLEASANDVILLE

JAMES SOLLITTO, CODY ECKERT and JOHN FLATLEY

The Observer apologizes for the absence of humor in “Tuesday Variety Show” and “The Mating Ritual.”

THE MATING RITUAL

SCOTT MITCHELL and MATT MOMONT



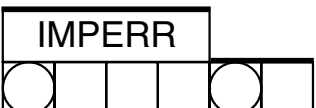
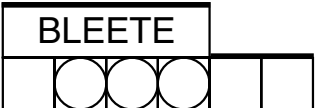
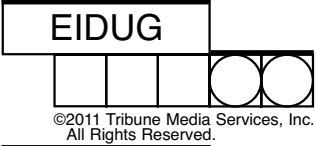
JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK
MIKE ARGIRION

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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



Ans: A “ ”

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: SCOUT ITCHY TINGLE CONCUR
Answer: When he read the novel about the invisible man, it was — OUT OF SIGHT



THE OBSERVER

Published Monday through Friday, The Observer is a vital source of information on people and events in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Community.

Join the more than 13,000 readers who have found The Observer an indispensable link to the two campuses. Please complete the accompanying form and mail it today to receive The Observer in your home.

Make checks payable to:
and mail to:

The Observer
P.O. Box 779
Notre Dame, IN 46556

- ☐ Enclosed is \$130 for one academic year
- ☐ Enclosed is \$75 for one semester

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

All hands on deck

Notre Dame to face Pirates tonight at Purcell

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Impressing its coach and shaping up its defense may be the hardest tasks No. 8 Notre Dame faces tonight when it hosts Seton Hall in a Big East matchup, but Muffet McGraw knows her team has it in them.

"I was disappointed with our defense in the South Florida game [on Saturday], so I hope that we can defend a little bit better," the Irish coach said. "I think we need to come out with a little more aggressiveness. I think it's in them to come out and just play a little bit harder."

The Irish (20-4, 9-1 Big East) have won their last seven games since falling to No. 2 Connecticut, 79-76, on Jan. 8., and held four straight opponents to 50 points or

see DEFENSE/page 14



Senior forward Becca Bruszewski passes to a teammate during the team's victory over Syracuse on Feb. 1. Bruszewski has led a strong Irish effort in the low post during a recent winning streak against the Big East.

SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

ND WOMEN'S DIVING

Sophomore diver faces top eight

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

Sophomore diver Jenny Chiang was unsure of what to expect as she traveled the USA Diving Winter Nationals competition Friday. Although the reigning Big East 3-meter champion has compiled an impressive résumé as a member of the Irish diving squad, this marked her first time competing in a USA diving event since coming to Notre Dame.

"I was really nervous about going to the meet in general because I hadn't gone to a U.S. meet in a while, so I wasn't sure how I was going to place, if I was going to qualify, stuff like that," Chiang said.

The meet was an elite affair — only athletes whose

see NATIONALS/page 11

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish try to bounce back with road victory against familiar foe

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

It is inevitable that any athletic team will have to fight through adversity during the course of a long season. For the Irish, that time is now.

Following a weekend split against Duke and Toledo, Notre Dame (3-2) will look to bounce back tonight when it visits Wisconsin.

The Badgers (2-2) lost both matches last weekend in an

ITA tournament. They have had a week to rest and prepare for the Irish. Notre Dame, meanwhile, will be playing its third match in three days when it takes on the Badgers.

"We're in good shape," Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire said. "This isn't going to be too much for us."

Sachire credits the strength and conditioning program that has been implemented for the success the Irish have had traditionally throughout

a long season.

"Chris Sandeen is a great strength and conditioning coach," Sachire said. "We do a good job preparing both our bodies and minds."

Wisconsin and Notre Dame have not been strangers during the past several seasons. Last year, the Badgers eliminated the Irish in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"They're a good team," Sachire said. "They beat us 4-2 last year, but almost

every other time it has been 4-3. The results between the teams have been pretty even historically."

The Irish have dropped two of the last three matches, with the 7-0 victory over Toledo the only win during that span. The two losses each came against elite talent — No. 16 Illinois last weekend and No. 14 Duke on Sunday.

The Blue Devils topped the Irish 5-2 after falling behind early. Both Notre Dame victo-

ries came in doubles play.

"We didn't play our best and we need to play our best to beat Wisconsin," Sachire said. "We need to adjust to going on the road and handle the environment."

The Irish will face Wisconsin at 5:00 p.m. this evening before preparing for a weekend doubleheader against Marquette and Michigan State.

Contact Andrew Owens at aowens2@nd.edu

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Freshman transitions to role

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Freshman Jennifer Kellner is no stranger to success. The New York native, who started playing tennis when she was six years old, was a 2010 All-American, a five-time member of the all-state team and a two-time state champion. Additionally, she was named MVP of her high school team four seasons in a row and was ranked nationally throughout high school.

At Notre Dame, she's a part of the No. 2 doubles team with partner Chrissie McGaffigan, and the pair have been consistently dominant in their matches this

see IRISH/page 11



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Freshman Jennifer Kellner returns a backhand shot in the Eck Classic earlier this season. Kellner has starred in her rookie season.

SMC BASKETBALL

Wade and Sadowski star in last home game

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

On Senior Day, it was seniors Liz Wade and Grace Sadowski who did the starting — and the finishing — during Saint Mary's 68-57 win over Trine on Saturday afternoon at Angela Athletic Facility.

While Wade has started every game this season, Sadowski appeared in the starting line-up for the first time this year, and she made it count. Sadowski scored four of the game's opening six points, helping the Belles (15-7, 8-5 MIAA) to an early 13-4 lead on the Thunder (7-14, 5-8). Both Sadowski and Wade

finished the game on the floor and recorded seven and five points, respectively.

"Grace [Sadowski] got us going right away," Belles coach Jenn Henley. "We got some good looks early but we just weren't shooting very well in the first half. I give credit to Grace for getting us started right off the bat there."

Helped out by junior forward Jessica Centa's eight points and an eight rebound advantage over Trine, the Belles held a 30-24 lead at the half.

After Trine junior guard Danielle Senf, who scored a team-high 11 points, knocked

see SENIORS/page 14