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Former Indiana Senator to speak at Forum

Year-long discussion of common good and marketplace continues; speech to address role of government

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

Former U.S. Senator Evan Bayh will speak Thursday about government's role in the marketplace, one of the themes of the Notre Dame Forum's year-long conversation about the global marketplace and the common good.

Bayh, a Democrat who represented Indiana in the Senate from 1999 to 2011 and served two terms as Indiana's governor, will continue the conversation in this year's Forum events. He will present his views on the role of government in relation to the common good and the

development of an equitable society, said Ed Conlon, associate dean of the Mendoza College of Business and chairman of the Working Committee for the Notre Dame Forum.

"The common good is the integrating theme for the Forum, so we've looked at it from a standpoint of the marketplace, the professions and science and technology so far," Conlon said. "This is an opportunity to look at how



Bayh

government contributes to the common good."

Conlon said Bayh's political experience at both the state and federal levels make him well-suited to understand and assess the challenges and opportunities that government has in contributing to the common good and the improvement of the economy, especially in America.

"The connection between government and the common good should be obvious to people in that a government should improve the quality of life of its citizens," Conlon said. "But the real question is how the government can make the best possible contributions to the common good."

Conlon said Bayh's public decision not to seek reelection in November 2010 came as a result of his growing frustration with the function of government and its role in American life. This sentiment relates to the discussion of the government and the common good, Conlon said.

"[Bayh] was frustrated that the government was no longer functioning as it should, but because he's not running for office, he's at a point where he can be an honest critic and say what he thinks with regard to this topic," Conlon said.

Conlon said Bayh is an important political voice in Indiana and his participation

in the Forum would strengthen the connection between Notre Dame and the state of Indiana.

"It's a good opportunity to have a person who is important to the state come to Notre Dame," Conlon said. "When I talked to [Bayh] about the Forum and what we had in mind, he resonated with the topic immediately and said it's a great thing to discuss."

In addition to Bayh's lecture, a number of other events will continue the Forum dialogue this semester, including Friday's annual Green Summit, which will

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Professors rank in top 100 chemists

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

Notre Dame professors Joan Brennecke and Prashant Kamat were earlier this month recognized in a ranking of the top 100 chemists of the past decade by the Times Higher Education Group.

The ranking system considers the number of publications a given scientist produced and the number of citations those publications received. Brennecke was ranked No. 45 with an average of 74.26 citations per composition, and Kamat earned the No. 58 spot with 64.9 citations per composition.

Brennecke has been a professor at Notre Dame's College of Engineering since 1989. Most of her work the Times Higher Education Group consulted was dedicated to developing ionic liquids for energy applications.

"An ionic liquid is a salt much like table salt. However, they are in liquid form and kept at room temperature," Brennecke said. "What is neat about them, and the feature which is essential to our research, is the fact that they contain no vapor pressure, so they do not evaporate."

Brennecke and her team use

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Exorcist: Possession is real



TOM LA/The Observer

Fr. Jeffrey Grob, an official exorcist of the Archdiocese of Chicago speaks at a lecture about exorcism Wednesday.

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

Demonic possession is "still very real," Fr. Jeffrey Grob said in a lecture on campus Wednesday night.

Grob, one of the official exorcists of the Archdiocese of Chicago, delivered a lecture titled "Evil and the Healing Ministry of Exorcism" at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

He said he did not choose to become an exorcist but was appointed by Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago. He

joked about his profession to the full auditorium.

"Anyone who wants to go into this line of work is out of their mind," Grob said. "I'm still trying to figure out what I did to the Cardinal."

Grob described three causes of demonic possession: through a habit of sin, through direct involvement with the occult and through trauma or abuse.

In cases of trauma, it's not the event itself that opens the door to possession but rather the victim's ability to move forward in the healing process, Grob said, which may create a

relationship with "the darkness."

"I have never seen a case of genuine demonic possession where there was not cooperation on some level," Grob said. "Remember we have free will."

Grob has been an exorcist since 2006 and said he has developed "on some level a sixth sense" for identifying demonic possession.

He listed the criteria that he uses to identify demonic possession.

"I'm sure if you've seen the movies you're familiar

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ND grad to retire from Logan

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Dan Harshman first came to South Bend as a football recruit for Ara Parseghian in the fall of 1964 and played defensive back and running back for four years, including the 1966 national championship season.

But he returned to South Bend in 1976 in a role not related to Notre Dame athletics. Harshman began working at the

Logan Center, a non-profit organization that provides resources for people with disabilities in the area.

"It was just by luck," Harshman, who will retire from his position as president and CEO of the Logan Center in December, said. "We had friends in the South Bend area. I came looking for a job, and I was able to get one. ... It's been home ever since."

Harshman became CEO in

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CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 23 issue of the Observer, Nicholas Yulan was described as receiving 12 consecutive punches in his Bengal Bouts fight against William Hayman. Yulan threw the punches.

In the Feb. 22 issue of The Observer, the headline “University students face felony charges” contained incorrect information. As stated in the article and South Bend Police logs, three students were arrested on felony charges. They were not charged with felonies.

The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SONG BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?



Brian Wysocki

senior
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“‘Hell of a Life’
by Kanye West”



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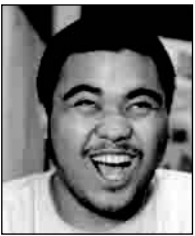
“‘On to the Next
One’ by Jay-Z”



Shelley Kim

freshman
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“‘Most
Beautiful Girl in
the Room’ by
Flight of the
Conchords”



Paolo Garcia

junior
off campus

“‘Pretty Boy
Swag,’
obviously”

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



Tom La/The Observer

Keenan sophomore Danny Shapiro takes the puck up the ice during an interhall hockey game on Wednesday night.

OFFBEAT

Cleaning bill for missing snake on Mass. train

BOSTON — A woman whose 3-foot-long snake slithered away from her in a Boston subway car and hid there for nearly a month has gotten a hefty cleaning bill.

Transit officials want Allston, Mass., resident Melissa Moorhouse to pay \$650 to cover the costs of disinfecting and sanitizing the Red Line train to protect passengers from germs such as salmonella that may have been left by a boa constrictor named Penelope.

Moorhouse had traveled with the snake around her neck and lost it between stations. The snake was spotted on the train earlier this month by a commuter.

The Boston Globe reported Tuesday the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority says some subway riders wrote in with health concerns.

Moorhouse says she’ll pay more attention the next time she takes the snake out in public.

Brazil woman finds gator behind couch after flood

SAO PAULO — After floodwaters receded from her home, a Brazilian woman was shocked to find a most unwelcome house guest: a 5-foot (1.5-meter) alligator lying tamely in the living room as her 3-year-old son petted the reptile’s head.

The animal apparently was washed inside by the high

water Monday night, said Luiz Claudio Farias, a captain of firefighters in the north-central city of Parauapebas.

When the woman went to clean up the following day, she saw the boy playing with something behind the couch, Farias said. It turned out to be a gator.

Firefighters trapped the alligator and took it to a nearby environmental preserve, where they set it free.

“Cities in this region were built very near rivers and the rain forests, which is why it is not uncommon to see animals like alligators and snakes entering people’s houses,” Farias said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Speakers from Crivella West, JSTOR and the Catholic Portal will describe and demonstrate text mining and visualization techniques today from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Eck Visitor Center

Historian and master-flautist Galen Abdur-Razzaq will present a lecture titled “The History of Jazz with Galen” today from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. His presentation will be followed by a public dinner and concert from 6 to 9 p.m. at Legends Nightclub. The buffet dinner is free for the first 100 guests.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will hold a screening of the film “Last Train Home” from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight. The film chronicles the harrowing journey of one couple desperate to reunite with their estranged children during the Chinese New Year. The regular admission is \$4 to \$6 and \$3 for students.

Former U.S. Senator and Indiana Governor Evan Bayh will be speaking in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. tonight. His lecture “What role do government and politics play in the advancement of the common good?” is a Notre Dame Forum event. Admission is free, but tickets must be reserved in advance and there is a limit of two tickets per peson.

The Mendoza College of Business will host a production of the play “Proof” by David Auburn. It is a play about both mathematis and people. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Regular admission is \$15 and the student price is \$10.

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

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STUDENT SENATE

Group prepares for last month

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

Student Senate discussed pep rally improvement and student employment reform at Wednesday's meeting, planning to make strides in these areas before the current student government's term ends April 1.

Student body vice president Andrew Bell said the current student government officers will have their closing meeting soon with Game Day Operations in order to finalize next year's pep rallies.

"We're giving them our final thoughts on pep rallies so they can make improvements for next year," he said.

Pasquerilla East senator Julie Doherty said there was an excessive amount of waiting at the 2010 rallies.

"They lasted too long and took up too much time," Doherty said. "It's not as fun when you're just waiting there for a while."

Off-Campus Concerns Chair Emily LeStrange said the changes at Irish Green this year were definitely a positive step.

"It's a lot more student-friendly in terms of players getting involved," she said. "It's more open to communicating with students."

LeStrange said the unlimited capacity and the stage are both important features of the location.

But some senators said the lack of thunderous noise at Irish Green posed a problem.

"At Irish Green the stage isn't facing [DeBartolo Performing Arts Center], it faces the street so the sound doesn't reverber-



Andrew Bell speaks at a Student Senate meeting on Jan. 27. Senate discussed pep rally improvement at its meeting Wednesday.

ate," Siegfried senator Kevin McDermott said.

Yiting Zheng, McGlinn senator, said the indoor pep rallies solved this problem by packing many people inside and creating a higher noise level.

Ideas to bring older students to next year's rallies included guest speakers, more variety and free food and T-shirts.

Student body president Catherine Soler also discussed her plan to restructure student employment, especially the Notre Dame Job Board.

The job board, which can be found through a link under the Student Academic tab on insideND, lists categories of both on-campus jobs, such as in athletics and food services, and jobs in the broader Notre Dame community, such as child care and clerical positions.

Soler said the current board is rarely updated and hard to navigate.

The Student Employment Office, a division of the Office of Financial Aid, manages the board but does not actively seek

out student employment opportunities to post, she said.

"The current process is each department is sent a newsletter and if they have a job, they can contact the Student Employment Office which then puts it on job board," Soler said.

Once a position is filled, it is again the job of the department to inform the Student Employment Office to remove the position from the board. Soler said the departments do not regularly follow-up with this task, which makes the board rarely up-to-date.

Some senators suggested moving the link to a more visible place. Zheng said allowing students to upload their resumes directly to the site would improve contact between applicants and potential employers.

With more than 40 percent of students employed on campus, Soler said, the job board should become a more effective tool.

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Lecture encourages better body satisfaction

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's communication professor Terri Russ encouraged women to believe "[their] bodies are amazing" at a lecture Wednesday night.

Russ' speech, "Beautiful Body Battles or Why Are We All Chasing Unicorns?" explained why body dissatisfaction occurs and urged students to fight against it.

She said women's negative view of their bodies is called "body dissatisfaction," an issue that extends beyond the concept of body image.

"Body image makes it sound like it's an appearance issue," Russ said. "When, in actuality, it's so much more."

Her lecture focused on three aspects of female body image: what is natural, what is real and how women know what is natural or real.

Russ said the woman's ideal of the perfect body size is significantly smaller than what is natural — the women's ideal size is a six, while the man's ideal woman's size is a 10 and the natural body size is 14.

Women play body battle games with themselves, Russ said, such as "the mirror game," "the food game" and "the clothing game."

"The mirror game" focuses on women's tendency to pinpoint their problem areas when they look in the mirror, she said.

"Very rarely, if ever, do we step back and look at our whole image ... what is most likely in proportion to the rest of our body looks out of proportion [when taken out of context]," Russ said.

Food games refer not only

to eating disorders, Russ said, but also to disordered eating habits.

Lastly, Russ said women play "clothing games" when they allow clothes to dominate their lives. Women often refer to clothing size by stating, "I'm an eight," she said, when in reality, they should say, "I wear an eight."

"Clothing is a pivotal part of who we are and how we present ourselves to society ... [but] here's the dirty little secret of clothing sizes ... they have no meaning," Russ said. "You [become] that clothing number, but if that number has no tangible meaning, it says a lot about a person."

Women contribute to each other's body dissatisfaction, Russ said, through habits such as what she called "the skinny greeting." This greeting includes women telling each other they look great and asking each other whether they lost weight. Though seemingly harmless and positive, Russ said, this question can be detrimental to a woman's notion of body dissatisfaction.

Russ also encouraged audience members to take steps toward overcoming body dissatisfaction.

"I believe that anything can be changed," she said.

Russ said students could eliminate "the skinny greeting," focus on health and change the way they talk about themselves to work through body dissatisfaction.

"You have to be your whole self ... and embrace that," Russ said. "Say, and believe, 'I am beautiful. I am more than my body.'"

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Exorcism

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with them," he said.

He said one sign is the ability to converse in languages a person did not otherwise know.

Possessed individuals are also "able to reveal secrets about other people that no one else could know," Grob said.

He said demonic possession can also cause extraordinary strength. Grob said he once exorcised a "skeletal elderly woman who five strong men could not hold down."

People who are possessed also cannot tolerate sacred images or places, he said.

"All of these things are parlor tricks of the devil," Grob said. "The devil is not on a level with God. He's a creation and must use what's there. Demons are very good at manipulating reality."

Grob offered advice for preventing and avoiding possession.

"Demonic possession is rare," he said. "For all the other stuff, what's needed is prayer and the sacraments. Our Lord gave us these sacraments for a reason."

Grob said fear and isolation can contribute to possession and he recommended the

Catholic sacrament of reconciliation as a means of resisting the devil.

"If we are cooperating with the life of grace, we are pretty repulsive to the devil," he said. "One good sacramental confession is more powerful than any number of exorcisms. ... In confession, the creature stands before the creator and says, 'I love you. I need you.' And the devil can't touch that."

Grob said that a possessed person still has a chance to be saved.

"As long as there is life in the body," he said, "there's a chance for grace."

Students at the lecture said they enjoyed Grob's delivery style and message.

"I really liked [Grob]," senior Samuel Kaulbach said after the lecture. "He was really down-to-earth. I liked how he was skeptical and didn't just spew fear. It was very comforting."

Senior Brittani Russell said she liked hearing about the Catholic Church's means of combating possession.

"I think it's really scary to acknowledge that evil exists, but I think it's important for us to know and to realize that the Church does have avenues to help us with this."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

President prepares for state of SGA address

Chesley hopes transition between new and old administrations will be smoothest ever

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) discussed the end of the current administration's term, including the state of SGA address and spring allotments, at Wednesday's meeting.

Student body president Rachael Chesley and student body vice president Laura Smith will deliver a state of SGA address at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Lounge. The address will replace the weekly SGA meeting.

"As student body leaders, we will talk about things we've worked on this year, things that didn't pan out, things we've accomplished and things we hope continue in the future under the next administration," Chesley said. "For instance, we would hope the next administration would consider holding the finance seminar before the allotment forms were sent. That is what happened this year, and it would have been better had we had the finance seminar prior to the sending out of forms."

Chesley said she hopes there is a larger turnout for the address than there was at the open forum held during the fall semester. Forming connections to the student body is important to the administration, she said.

"We want students to care about their student government and to come to this meeting to really know what we do and what we have done," Chesley said.

The next president and vice president, for whom elections are today, will be invited to introduce themselves to the student body at the address.

"Our goal is to have the smoothest turnover that SGA has ever experienced, from Friday when the new SGA president and vice president are elected to the end of our term," Chesley said. "I think it should be pretty smooth this year."

The transition period between administrations affects the financial deadlines for clubs' spring allotments.

In the weekly treasurer's report, SGA treasurer Meg Griffin discussed the deadlines the financial committee set. Spring allotment forms, sponsorship and travel grant forms are due March 7. Spring allotment appeals are due March 21.

"We made [the guideline sheet] clear and concise," Griffin said. SGA will send a list of eligible items for spring allotments and the deadlines for paperwork concerning spring allotments to all club leaders, Chesley said. It will also be available on the SGA website.

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Rachael Chesley
student body president
Saint Mary's

Chemists

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these ionic liquids to separate carbon dioxide from flue gas from power plants.

"We cannot remove carbon dioxide because it is both incredibly expensive and energy inefficient," Brennecke said. "If we continue using current technology to remove carbon dioxide, 30 percent of the energy would be used from the particular power plant."

Brennecke said the ionic liquids she uses are less energy intensive, therefore making them less expensive. Instead of using 30 percent of the power plant's energy with current technology, Brennecke's ionic liquids use 15 to 22 percent.

Professor Kamat, a faculty member of the College of Science, focuses his work on light and energy conversion using mostly nanostructure materials.

"The first step in controlling carbon emissions is to develop clean energy technology," Kamat said. "Our research team uses various nanomaterials and assembles them in an orderly

fashion to harvest light energy. We use these assemblies to develop next generation solar cells. The goal is to provide cheaper and more efficient energy conversion systems than our current technology."

Fifth-year graduate student Kevin Tvrdy, who works with Kamat, said the reason for much of his professor's success is his emphasis on recognizing new trends within the field of chemistry.

"Kamat has the ability to recognize new trends in the fields of both chemistry and chemical engineering before most other people realize those trends," Tvrdy said. "As a result, our group can do the new and up-and-coming research before everyone else does, an accomplishment which designates us as leaders."

Second-year graduate student Sachidananda Krishnamurthy has worked with both Kamat and Brennecke.

"They both display a lot of exuberance and enthusiasm for their work," Krishnamurthy said. "They provide a great example for their students."

Both professors attribute much of their success to Notre Dame.

"Notre Dame has had several new initiatives including Provost's Strategic Research Investment (SRI) during the past 10 years to enable researchers to carry out competitive research," Kamat said. "Interaction with faculty members in other departments, the efforts of both undergraduate and graduate students, and research collaborations with leading scientists outside of campus have all helped us to establish a leading research program here at Notre Dame."

"This top-100 list comprises chemists across the world," Brennecke said. "It says a lot about Notre Dame that we have two professors on such a list."

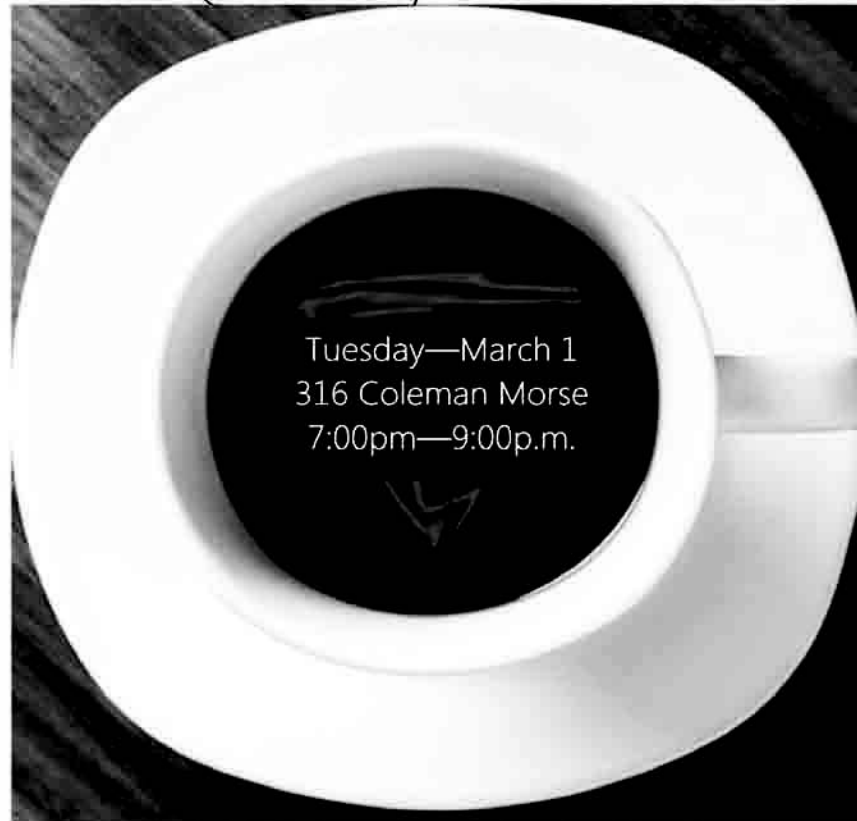
Kamat said that while both he and Brennecke have reached an exceptional milestone, their work is still not done.

"It is always nice to have new undergraduates and graduate students coming in to our research laboratory," Kamat said. "These researchers in the future can make a huge difference in meeting the challenge of finding new ways to convert and store energy."

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Coffee at the Como

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1978 and said he has seen many events and developments in the past 33 years.

“So many parts have been rewarding,” he said. “Working with so many different people, from parents and children to even the great staff I work with every day — add up all of these people, and it’s been a great job.”

The Logan Center began in 1950, Harshman said. When the Center celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2010, the first board president returned.

“He’s 98 and living in Florida, but he came back and spoke,” Harshman said.

Harshman said a book written about the Center for its anniversary, titled “VOICE: Disability and Ability at LOGAN,” showed connections between Notre Dame and the Center. These include student volunteers through the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) and the involvement of University presidents.

“Notre Dame has had some wonderful leaders,” he said. “[University President Emeritus] Fr. [Theodore] Hesburgh even dressed up as Santa Claus one year for the kids.”

Under Harshman’s leadership, Notre Dame and the Logan Center have collaborat-

ed on many projects, including the National Center for Law and the Handicapped, the first legal advocacy center in the country, said Harshman.

“We’ve always had support from Notre Dame for what we’ve done,” he said. “The Center and the Notre Dame Law School came together [to assist Logan Center participants.]”

He also led the Logan Center during the 1987 International Summer Special Olympics, which were held at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s.

“We had more than 4,000 athletes and 20,000 volunteers. It took a whole week,” he

said. “It was a great sporting event and a great event for the community. Many say it was the greatest event between Notre Dame and the community. Notre Dame is an important and good friend to Logan.”

The job isn’t always easy, he said. Creating community awareness of issues pertaining to those with disabilities can be difficult sometimes.

“The hardest part of the job is dealing with state and federal funding,” he said. “It’s not just getting new funding, but dealing with the ups and downs of working with our current funding.”

Harshman said even though he is retiring soon, he still has much to do, including preparing for a new successor to the

role of CEO. The current Board of Directors has put together a search committee, and he said a candidate might be selected as soon as next fall.

“[The search] is going well but it will take a while,” he said. “It takes an organization like this about a year to find someone. We’re lucky we have a good board.”

John Firth, chair of the Board of Directors and the search committee, said the planning for a new CEO is the most important thing any Board of Directors can do.

“We are mindful of the magnitude of the task before us and confident that we will find the ideal person to build upon the remarkable legacy Dan is leaving to all of us,” Firth said. “It is important to recognize the valuable contributions that Dan has made to this community. There are many families, individuals and business leaders who will tell you that our community is a better place because Dan Harshman has been such an effective leader for Logan.”

While Harshman said he is excited to spend more time with his family, he will miss the Logan Center.

“The exciting part is Logan’s future,” he said. “There’s a whole to-do list. It’s always a challenge of public awareness, but we’re finding even more opportunities [for the community to hear about Logan].

“We’ll keep people thinking about going forward.”

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Forum

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center on the theme, “Purchasing Power.”

The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business at Mendoza will also host a major conference in partnership with the United Nations Global Compact and the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education titled, “The UN Millennium Development Goals, The Global Compact, and The Common Good.” The conference will take place March 20 to 22 and will address the moral purpose of business in advancing the global economy.

An April event sponsored by the School of Architecture will examine the contributions of architecture to the quality of life in the world, especially the effects of “new urbanism” on life in cities, Conlon said.

The third annual student-led Human Development Conference, sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Ford Family Program in

Human Development Studies, took place Feb. 11 and 12 and continued the ongoing Forum dialogue by focusing on the theme, “Unleashing Human Potential: Global Citizens in Pursuit of the Common Good.”

Conlon also said Mendoza’s Ten Years Hence speaker series, “Business for the Common Good,” provides a unique opportunity for students from all disciplines to engage in the Forum discussion during the spring semester.

“This is a course that picks out themes that are likely to shape the future over the next 10 years,” Conlon said. “It brings in people who are experts on the subject matter or are highly involved in the issues at hand.”

Bayh’s lecture, “Government and the Common Good,” will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC). Tickets will be available to the public at the DPAC ticket office one hour prior to the event. Tickets are free but are limited to two per person.

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LIBYA

Rebels gain ground over Gadhafi's control

Associated Press

BENGHAZI — The scope of Moammar Gadhafi's control was whittled away Wednesday as major Libyan cities and towns closer to the capital fell to the rebellion against his rule. In the east, now all but broken away, the opposition vowed to "liberate" Tripoli, where the Libyan leader is holed up with a force of militiamen roaming the streets and tanks guarding the outskirts.

International momentum was building for action to punish Gadhafi's regime for the bloody crackdown it has unleashed against the uprising that began Feb. 15.

President Barack Obama said the suffering and bloodshed in Libya "is outrageous and it is unacceptable," and he directed his administration to prepare a full range of options, including possible sanctions that could freeze the assets and ban travel to the U.S. by Libyan officials.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy raised the possibility of the European Union cutting off economic ties.

Another proposal gaining some traction was for the United Nations to declare a no-fly zone over Libya to prevent it using warplanes to hit protesters. U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said that if reports of such strikes are confirmed, "there's an immediate need for that level of protection."

The New York-based Human Rights Watch has put the death toll for people killed in the violence in Libya at nearly 300, according to a partial count.

In Tripoli, Gadhafi's stronghold, protest organizers called for new rallies Thursday and Friday, raising the potential for a more bloody confrontation.

In many neighborhoods of Tripoli, residents set up watch groups to keep militiamen out, barricading streets with concrete blocks, metal and rocks, and searching those trying to enter, a Tripoli activist said.

"Mercenaries are everywhere with weapons. You can't open a window or door. Snipers hunt people," said a Tripoli resident, who said she had spent the night in her home awake hearing gunfire outside. "We are under siege, at the mercy of a man who is not a Muslim."

The extent of Gadhafi's control over the country he has ruled for 41 years had been reduced to the western coastal region around Tripoli, the deserts to the south and parts of the center.

After Gadhafi's speech Tuesday night, militiamen flooded into Sabratha, a town west of Tripoli famed for nearby ancient Roman ruins, and battled government opponents who had taken over, said one resident. Around 5,000 militiamen from neighboring towns, backed by army and police units, clashed with the rival group and drove them from the streets, he said.

But his territory was being eroded. The opposition said Wednesday it had taken over Misrata, Libya's third-largest city.

Residents honked horns in celebration and raised the pre-Gadhafi flags of the Libyan monarchy after several days of fighting that drove militiamen

from the city, about 120 miles (200 kilometers) east of Tripoli, said Faraj al-Misrati, a local doctor. He said six people had been killed and 200 wounded in clashes that began Feb. 18.

Residents had formed committees to clean the streets, protect the city and treat the wounded, he said. "The solidarity among the people here is amazing, even the disabled are helping out."

An audio statement posted on the Internet reportedly from armed forces officers in Misrata proclaimed "our total support" for the anti-Gadhafi movement.

New videos posted by Libya's opposition on Facebook also showed scores of anti-government protesters raising the pre-Gadhafi flag on a building in Zawiya, 30 miles (50 kilometers) west of Tripoli. The city is located near a key oil port and refineries on the Mediterranean. The footage couldn't be independently confirmed.

Government opponents were also in control in Zwara, a town about 30 miles (50 kilometers) from the Tunisian border in the west, after local army units sided with them and police fled, said one resident, a 25-year-old unemployed university graduate. "This man (Gadhafi) has reached the point that he's saying he will bring armies from Africa. That means he is isolated," he said.

Gadhafi long kept his army weak and divided for fear of challenge, so in the fierce crackdown his regime has waged on the uprising, he has relied on militia groups, beefed up by fighters hired abroad. Meanwhile, army units in many places have sided with the rebellion.

On Wednesday, two air force pilots jumped from parachutes from their Russian-made Sukhoi fighter jet and let it crash, rather than carry out orders to bomb opposition-held Benghazi, Libya's second-largest city, the website Qureyna reported, citing an unidentified officer in the air force control room.

One of the pilots — identified by the report as Ali Omar Gadhafi — was from Gadhafi's tribe, the Gadhadhfa, said Farag al-Maghrabi, who saw the pilots and the wreckage of the jet, which crashed in the desert outside the key oil port of Brega, about 440 miles (710 kilometers) east of Tripoli.

The anti-Gadhafi forces and the mutinous army units that have joined them were consolidating their hold on nearly the entire eastern half of the 1,000-mile Mediterranean coastline, stretching from the Egyptian border to Ajdabiya, about 480 miles (800 kilometers) east of Tripoli, encroaching on key oil fields around the Gulf of Sidra.

The U.N. Security Council held an emergency meeting that ended with a statement condemning the crackdown, expressing "grave concern" and calling for an "immediate end to the violence" and steps to address the legitimate demands of the Libyan people.

"The continuing brutal and bloody repression against the Libyan civilian population is revolting," French President Nicolas Sarkozy said in a statement. "The international community cannot remain a spectator to these massive violations of human rights."

Oil prices rise due to unrest in Africa

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oil hit \$100 per barrel Wednesday for the first time in 2½ years as the unrest in Libya worsened, and gasoline prices in the U.S. climbed to nearly \$3.20 a gallon, the highest level ever for February.

Libya is the world's 15th largest exporter of crude, accounting for 2 percent of global daily output.

West Texas Intermediate crude for April delivery jumped \$2.68, or 2.8 percent, to settle at \$98.10 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier in the day, prices hit triple digits for the first time since Oct. 2, 2008. West Texas Intermediate has soared 18 percent since Valentine's Day.

The national average for a gallon of regular gasoline rose 2.3 cents Wednesday to \$3.194, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. Gas has jumped 8.2 cents per gallon in the past month and \$1.28 in the past year.

Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service, said he expects gasoline prices will continue to rise in the next few months to between \$3.25 and \$3.75 per gallon as the spring driving season approaches.

The uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt earlier this month already had markets on edge before protests escalated in Libya, which has the biggest oil reserves in Africa. The rebellion widened Wednesday as protesters overwhelmed government

buildings and advanced around Tripoli, the capital.

French oil giant Total said it started to wind down its oil operations in Libya, where it produced an average of 55,000 barrels per day last year. That follows similar moves by other oil companies.

Libya's biggest oil producer, Eni, idled operations that produce 244,000 barrels of oil and gas per day. Spain's Repsol-YPF and Austrian oil company OMV also suspended operations. Germany's Wintershall said it shut down operations that produced up to 100,000 barrels of oil per day. Evacuations of oil company employees and their families continue.

Barclays Capital estimates that as much as 1 million barrels per day of production has been shut down so far. In January, Libya produced almost 1.7 million barrels per day of oil and natural gas liquids, according to the International Energy Agency.

The production losses will be felt mostly in Europe. Ireland relies on Libya for 23 percent of its oil imports, while 22 percent of Italy's oil imports are from Libya. The U.S. imported only about 51,000 barrels per day from Libya, less than 1 percent of its total crude imports.

The International Energy Agency and Saudi Arabia have pledged to make additional oil available to cover any shortfall in world supplies, but that hasn't eased tensions in oil markets.

Larry Goldstein, a director at the Energy Policy Research Foundation in Washington, said Libya's oil is a high-quality variety that

is used to produce products like gasoline, jet fuel and diesel. Some refineries won't be able to run on Saudi Arabia's lower-grade crude, so a sustained shutdown in Libya could start a bidding war for comparable kinds of crude.

"That would raise product prices immediately," Goldstein said.

Analysts are watching similar protests in oil-rich Bahrain. Barclays analyst Helima Croft said the uprising in Bahrain could spill over to the eastern provinces of Saudi Arabia. While it probably won't hurt the Saudi's huge oil-production operations, "it's going to make a lot of people nervous," Croft said.

Major oil stocks rose in Wednesday trading. Exxon Mobil gained \$1.63 to close at \$87.07. ConocoPhillips added \$1.96, or 2.6 percent, to close at \$78.57. Chevron rose \$1.95 to settle at \$102.27. Occidental Petroleum rose 82 cents to close at \$102.96. Marathon oil gained \$1.47, or 3.1 percent, to close at \$49.18.

In other Nymex trading in March contracts, heating oil added 11.3 cents to settle at \$2.9166 per gallon and gasoline gained 12.1 cents to settle at \$2.8677 per gallon. Natural gas picked up 2.9 cents to settle at \$3.936 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude added \$5.47, or 5 percent, to settle at \$111.25 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. Brent, which is used to price oil in Asia, Europe and other global markets, passed the \$100 mark on Jan. 31.



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Ind. Democrats protest bill

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A political stalemate in Indiana showed no signs of ending anytime soon as House Democrats met privately Wednesday in an out-of-state hotel and Republicans refused to negotiate away their legislative agenda to lure them back.

While the tactic mimicked one used a week earlier by Senate Democrats in Wisconsin who fled to delay a vote on an anti-union bill, the Indiana Democrats said their protest was not about one GOP-backed proposal but a slate of them. In both states, Democrats don't have the votes to defeat the proposals, but by not showing up they can prevent the required quorum necessary to call the measures for a vote.

"We want to see a little more cooperation on everything," Patrick Bauer, the House Democratic leader, told reporters by phone from a hotel in Urbana, Ill. "I know they don't think it's necessary, but thank God the Constitution said you have a way of fighting tyranny."

Although Bauer declines to list all the sticking points, the vote that sparked Tuesday's walkout involved Indiana's "right-to-work" legislation that prohibits union membership from being a condition of employment. The walkout effectively killed that measure, but the Democrats were push-

ing to end other aspects of Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels' agenda, including aggressive education changes such as vouchers, the expansion of charter schools and restrictions on teacher collective bargaining.

House Speaker Brian Bosma said he talked to Bauer by phone Wednesday morning to tell him, "he needed to get back here."

"The negotiation takes place on the floor of the House," Bosma said. "This isn't the old back room deals that Rep. Bauer's used to cutting."

Daniels had previously warned the right-to-work bill could become so politically charged that it could kill the chances of other, more important legislation. He wouldn't say "told you so" Wednesday, but he did tell reporters he was surprised and disappointed that Democrats simply didn't claim the right-to-work issue as a political victory and return to work on other matters.

"We will not be bullied or blackmailed out of pursuing the agenda we laid in front of the people of Indiana," Daniels said. "That agenda is going to get voted on if it takes special sessions from now to New Year's."

While the Wisconsin Democrats remain in an undisclosed location somewhere near Chicago, the 30-plus Indiana Democrats were discussing negotiating strategy

during a closed-door caucus session at a budget hotel in Urbana, closer to the Indiana border.

"We thought we might spend a day or two in sunny south Urbana," joked Democratic Rep. Win Moses.

The three-story hotel is less than two years old, but it sits near Interstate 74 in area with little to offer but gas stations and fast-food restaurants.

After Bosma drew a standing ovation from Republican lawmakers when he said he wouldn't concede to Democrat demands, union members in the House gallery quickly started booing. Bosma later had the gallery cleared and said he may order it closed during House meetings later Wednesday because of the vocal demonstrations.

Union groups planned rally events throughout the day at the Statehouse.

"We're getting our voices heard, which is our objective," Indiana AFL-CIO President Nancy Guyott said. "We want to make sure it's the people's business that's being done rather than the business of the large corporate CEOs."

The voucher bill faces a procedural deadline Thursday, so if Democrats came back by then it could proceed. Bosma said he hoped that cooler heads prevail in the Democratic caucus and that at least enough members for a quorum would return to the Statehouse soon.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The campus evolution of walking

Aerosmith and Run DMC once sang, "Walk this Way." John Mellencamp sang, "Walk Tall." Even Unk once sang, "Walk It Out."

As I walk back from class, headphones in, I feel like these men are speaking to me. My bike has been buried under a South Bend snowstorm yet again, and much of the past three gray months have been spent trudging to exotic locales like DeBart, Rolfs and the Pasquerilla Center.

Over the past year, I've felt as if more and more of my life has been defined by this mode of travel, from when I began walking the links as a caddy last summer, to the New York-paced speed at which I blow by my more "chill" California friends on late-night Reckers runs. It seems as if it was almost destiny last summer when the "random" process of room assignments landed me in Carroll Hall ("We're worth the walk!"), leaving me with plenty of path to cover.

Looking now, walking seems to be something that defines the Notre Dame experience. We have places we want to walk (the forbidden steam tunnels), places we refuse to walk (front steps of the Main Building) and places to walk with caution (Lyons Arch, or downtown South Bend). Walking around the lakes can cement a relationship with that special someone, and could even lead to a walk down the aisle in the distant future.

Walks at Notre Dame have many speeds, ranging from the stumble to a Friday night cab, to the late-for-my-orgo-test-that-will-define-the-next-thirty-years-of-my-life power walk, to the near sprint from the football student section to South Dining Hall candlelit dinners.

Many of the best moments in my short sprint at Notre Dame have been while walking, whether it be while barefoot, savoring a beautiful Friday on South Quad or yelling myself hoarse while walking off the field after Utah, with Touchdown Jesus smiling down on us. I still find myself looking sideways when I walk by Main Circle, and when I see the All-Stars of Notre Dame (Mary and Jesus and Sorin) align, it reminds me of pictures I've seen since I was little, and I still can't believe it: I go to Notre Dame.

And in the end, what's the goal of every single student on campus? To walk across a stage at commencement, diploma in hand.

The celebration of graduation may appear to be constantly marching towards us, often at a pace far too fast for our liking. But until then, as U2 once sang, walk on.

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Arab world uprisings

The massive revolutionary protests that have swept across the Middle East in recent weeks have spread like a wildfire from country to country, inspiring the hopes of repressed and downtrodden nations and inciting fear in the hearts of autocratic dictators throughout the Arab world. The popular uprisings have already seen the overthrow of tyrants in Tunisia and Egypt and have critically endangered the oppressive regimes of several others in Libya, Bahrain and Yemen. In addition, the extraordinary courage and organizational capacity of the protestors has spurred demonstrators in such distant places as Zimbabwe and China to stand up and demand democratic reforms in their own countries. Many observers have highlighted the almost entirely unforeseen nature of the protests, which have left many governments, including the United States, fumbling for a response to the rapidly changing situation on the ground. As they work to formulate new policies and strategies to address the reawakened Middle East, there are several lessons that American policy makers should draw from this historic upheaval.

The first is that the United States should never again be caught on the wrong side of a struggle for democracy. American policy makers have long argued that the United States has neither friends nor allies, only interests. For years, Arab strongmen like Hosni Mubarak and Zine El Abidine Ben Ali served American interests well, keeping Islamic extremism at bay and providing a semblance of stability in a volatile region. That these tyrants achieved this stability through intimidation and vio-

lent repression was immaterial, as the apparent costs of a free society — including a more uncertain supply of oil — far outweighed any potential benefits. In light of the sea change that has swept the Middle East in recent weeks, we now know that this strategy was fatally flawed, for it cast the United States as enablers of autocracy and oppression, forcing the administration to explain to protestors why it had supported the very forces of tyranny which were now trying to slaughter them in the streets.

Some conservative commentators, such as Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck, have actually criticized President Obama for not doing enough to support Hosni Mubarak in Egypt, even as a vast majority of his own people forcefully demanded that he step down. They argue that Mubarak and other strongmen like him are allies of the United States that the president is "throwing under the bus," and that they will likely be replaced by Islamist governments hostile to the U.S. Thankfully, not many reasonable people ever pay much attention to what Mr. Beck and Mr. Limbaugh have to say, and there really is no reason for anyone to start now. In reality, American support for oppressive Arab regimes has been one of the primary contributing factors in the rise of the anti-Western sentiments that have pervaded the Middle East. Demonstrating tangible support for the protestors and embracing the new democratic movements is the least the United States can do to atone for its past failures in the region.

The Obama administration should also recognize that the uprisings in the Arab world present an historic opportunity to pressure Israel to abandon its illegal and unjustified settlement activity and return in good faith to the negotiating table with the Palestinians. The Israeli

government now finds itself in the midst of tremendous regional uncertainty and instability, with almost no ability to foresee how events will unfold in each of the Arab nations surrounding them. Thus, they have an increased incentive to negotiate now, while reasonable governments still hold power in Jordan and the West Bank. Convincing the Israelis of this imperative, and persuading them to drop their preconditions to negotiation, is essential to ensuring a lasting peace in the Middle East and is something that President Obama has a unique opportunity to achieve.

The most important lesson to draw from the recent events in the Middle East however, comes from the protestors themselves, and it is one that all Americans can and should appreciate. These demonstrators have proven their willingness to stand in front of water cannons and live bullets, mercenary thugs with clubs and professional soldiers in tanks, all to attain basic human rights like freedom of expression and the right to a representative government. They have risen up against their oppressors and risked everything, even death, in order to ensure a better life for their children and their countrymen. This incredible patriotism should inspire us all, and make us think twice about those rights and liberties that we as Americans all too often take for granted. We are incredibly fortunate to live in a nation where freedom and protection are guaranteed, and it is our duty to ensure that all human beings have equal access to these same basic human rights.

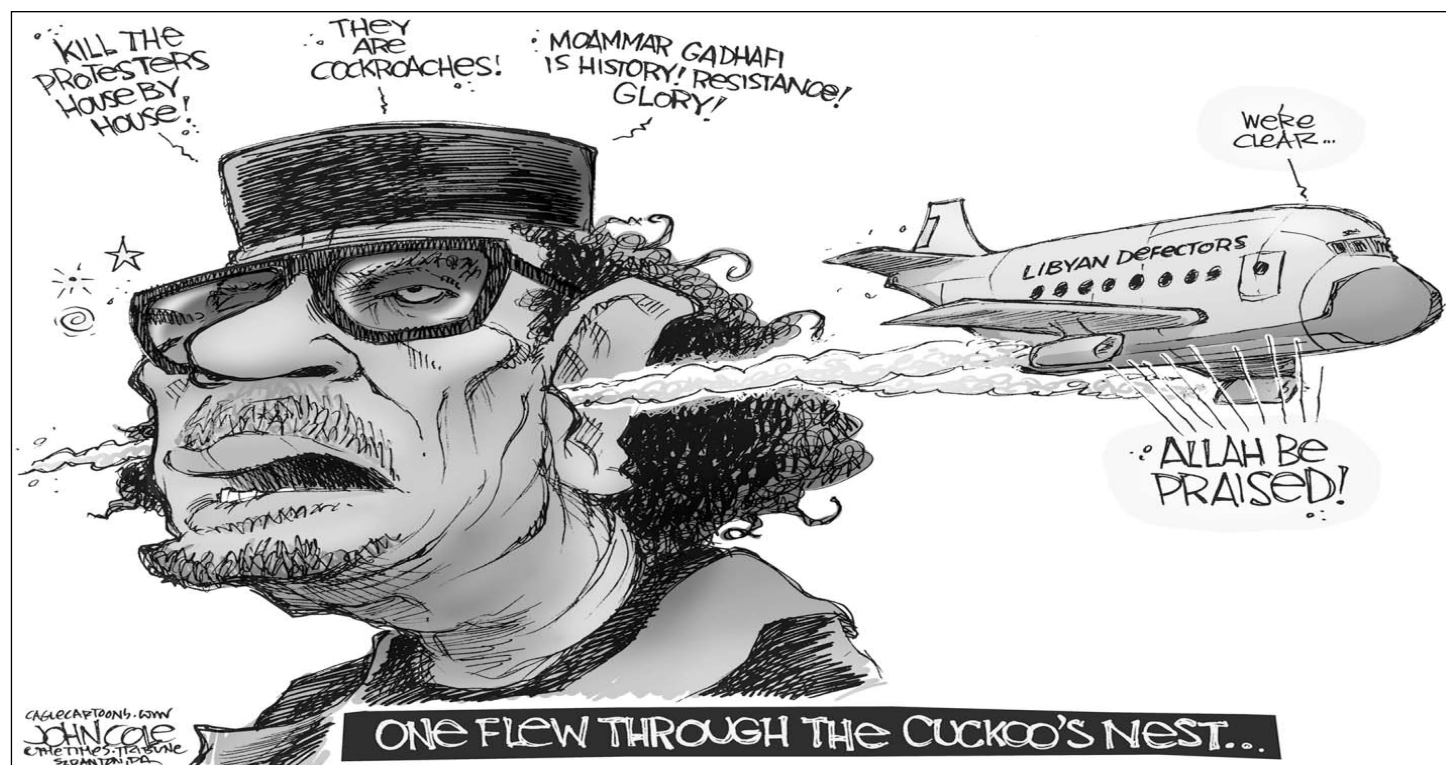
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Condemnation is baseless

I would like to say a few things “inspired” by Allison Kincaid’s letter (“The whole story behind condemnation,” Feb. 23) on the roots of Catholic condemnation of homosexuality. First, citing Genesis 1 as the root of any Christian moral imperative is questionable in and of itself. Credit where credit is due, you do point out that no one in their right mind would take the first chapter of the Bible literally. But still, even to infer the immorality of homosexuality from a benign clause in such a wholly fictional fable — that is, Genesis 1 — is a distant leap in logic. Listen, I get it. I’m Catholic too, and I have been flooded with Catholic social teachings my entire life just like most people at this school. Gays are evil because when they do the dirty, nature doesn’t let them pop out kids nine months later. You can buy that logic if you want to, but in reality it was scraped together by Christians in an effort to justify their preexisting contempt for homosexuality.

You don’t have to reach for meaning deep inside one of the Bible’s most absurd stories to find out that God, or rather, our Jewish and Christian forefathers hated homosexuality. Right there in Leviticus, next to the passage commanding you not to wear clothes of more than two kinds of thread (that’s right, you yourself are living in sin walking around in that comfy Northface jacket), the divinely inspired authors tell us, “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. ... If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death, their blood is upon them” (Lev. 18:22, 20:13). Also, in Paul’s letters to both the Romans and the Corinthians, you can find blatant repudiations of homosexuality. He tells us that homo-

sexual acts are shameful, against God’s decree and that they will ultimately prevent one from going to heaven (Rom. 1:26–28 32; 1 Cor. 6:9–10). Ok, I’ll grant that our ancestors, who at the time embraced slavery, engaged in polygamy and generally subjugated women, also had a problem with homosexuals.

What I’m driving at, though, is that clearly there are plenty of passages in the Bible where we are inspired to despise homosexuality. What the Bible doesn’t offer us, however, is any real reason why we should! In my mind, your reasoning is essentially just like the Creation Stories — fabricated. By all means, derive any logic you want to support archaic, bigoted beliefs about homosexuality. But just understand that no central Biblical teaching actually supports your personal disdain for gay people’s private acts of love. If anything, the New Testament’s principal teachings compel us to love all of humankind, including those who are born homosexuals (and who, consequently, are also created in God’s image), regardless of their beliefs and actions. Frankly, I find your interpretation dangerous.

Characterizing any of our brothers and sisters as anything less than worthy of God’s love dehumanizes them and promotes hate. Remember, “God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” (1 John 4:16). And for the record, I doubt sincerely that God has any more of a problem with homosexuals expressing love in their own private way than he does when you or I do the same.

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Feb. 23

Closer reading is necessary

I don’t usually react to Viewpoint articles in The Observer, but on Feb. 23 I read something so offensive I decided to write a response. In her letter “The whole story behind condemnation,” Ms. Kincaid claimed a union between two homosexuals was against God’s plan simply because they can’t procreate, and something about homosexuality somehow being a pagan tradition. I wonder if she realizes Christmas is rooted from a pagan tradition called Saturnalia. Anyways, suggesting that somehow being a homosexual is wrong and saying it’s not in “God’s plan” in a religious university with homosexuals is simply offensive and downright degrading.

First she claims that the Bible can’t be taken literally, then in the next sentence does the same exact thing she claims people shouldn’t do. Are we to “find meaning” in Leviticus 27:1-7 where it states men are worth more than women monetarily? Or how about Deuteronomy 22:28-29, where a man who rapes a woman can pay 50 pieces of silver to her father and marry the girl? Besides the thousands among thousands of outdated oddities in the Bible, why do people find two passages and interpret them in a twisted way that supports their agenda?

Okay, so let’s say that God’s depiction of a union is simply procreation between a man and a woman. Through that logic, are we to say that a heterosexual infertile couple in a union is as “sinful” as homosexuality? Since they cannot

“make babies,” according to Ms. Kincaid’s view towards the world, how is their union justified under God? How about the elderly, who can’t procreate — can they not join in a union? How about the purposely childless? If they choose not to procreate, through Ms. Kincaid’s logic, their union is not in God’s plan. If procreation is the sole determining factor to a rightful relationship, then why even call it a relationship?

What about love? As a straight male who has several gay friends, it sincerely pains me to see that, in the 21st century, two people cannot express their love for each other without being degraded or mocked in society. Most of my gay friends are religious, and to denounce their love for God (probably the same God you all worship) and label it as second-rate compared to a heterosexual’s relationship with God is disgusting and contradictory to the main doctrines of the Christian religion.

If taken literally, the Bible has lots of crazy things that will leave your jaw dropping. My favorite is 2 Kings 2:23-24, where a bald guy summons two bears to maul 42 children. So if you think by taking two simple passages literally can justify an anti-gay agenda, you might want to reread the Bible.

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T-shirt passivity

Recently, T-shirts with the slogan, “Gay? Fine by me,” have been circulating around campus as a way of showing faith and support for the gay community of Notre Dame. While I believe the sentiments which prompt the stand to be good, I see the movement as passive and possibly counter-productive to the cause.

The question of gay rights is a heated issue in this country. It is not one which is settled or one which will be resolved any time soon. In the United States homosexual people are targets of hate and blame who need more than passive acknowledgement. Imagine yourself in the civil rights era wearing a T-shirt which said, “Black? Fine by me.” “Jewish? Fine by me.” “Irish? Fine by me.”

Issues of hate are not resolved with statements of general sentiment but powerful conviction set to action. Think of freedom riders, Tiananmen Square in 1989 or even J.C. — real change is not found in protest signs and T-shirt slogans but in the actions which people take.

As students at one of the most influential universities in the United States we should think of ourselves as future examples, people who will end in high societal positions which will affect the lives of people around us. With this in mind, we should always be trying to set a morally upright and just example; let us remember the golden rule. Don’t say that you are fine with homosexuality, prove it. Help a homosexual friend in the way you would like to be treated in a similar position. Don’t just sign a petition, write one. Don’t just donate, start a charity.

So wear a T-shirt, but not just because your friends are. Believe in what it says and follow with action.

Abigail Nichols
sophomore
Welsh Family Hall
Feb. 21

Remembering Gail

It’s not uncommon for students and alumni of Notre Dame to express the sentiment that Our Lady’s University is like a home away from home. It’s a place where lifelong friendships are forged and memories that last a lifetime are experienced. For members of the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, this feeling of home was enhanced all the more by the Choir’s late, great director and our “surrogate mother,” Dr. Gail Walton.

For generations of Liturgical Choir and Notre Dame Schola members, Gail was a light in our lives, teaching us much more than just the beauty of the Church’s rich liturgical traditions. Her patient and professional manner guided us to a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith through its timeless music. Despite being a supremely gifted musician and choral director, Gail kept the focus on the liturgy by fostering a prayerful atmosphere for anyone who might hear her choir perform, be it during Holy Week or any other occasion. Indeed, her selflessness served as a powerful example of humility and grace for all of her students.

For those of us who performed under her capable direction, it’s hard to explain what a great fortune it was to sing for her. When I chat with fellow alumni about her, even now we stand in awe of the way that she could take a group of undergraduate and graduate students from disparate backgrounds, whip them into shape and show them how to make such beautiful music together. Year after year, however, that’s exactly what she did.

Today, Feb. 24, marks the first anniversary of Gail’s untimely passing. For those of us who knew and loved Gail, Notre Dame will never be the same place without her wonderful presence. And though she is gone, her memory will live on with those of us whose lives she touched.

Michael McAllister
alumnus
Class of 1998
Feb. 23

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Weekend Events Calendar

thursday



"The History of Jazz with Galen Abdur-Razzaq"
Hesburgh Center Auditorium
3 p.m.
Free

Listen to a few jazz tunes, learn about the history of jazz music and enjoy a free dinner at "The History of Jazz with Galen Abdur-Razzaq," compliments of the Multicultural Student Programs and Services in conjunction with Black History Month. Abdur-Razzaq is a talented flutist and speaker from Montclair, N.J., who has performed for more than 30 years.

friday



Project Pink Legends
5 p.m.
Free admission; all proceeds from the event benefit South Bend's S-O-S Rape Crisis Center

Enjoy free desserts to benefit the South Bend S-O-S Rape Crisis Center in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Week at Pangborn Hall's event, "Project Pink." The project features a fashion show, raffle and silent auction. The event will have a performance by the a cappella group Halftime and a special performance by BlackMagic.

saturday



Films and Faith Weekend
Browning Cinema, DPAC
6:30 p.m. "Ajami"
9:30 p.m. "A Serious Man"
\$3 for students, \$4 for seniors, \$5 for faculty/staff and \$6 others

Strengthen your faith this weekend by watching two films sponsored by the Departments of Theology and of Film, Television and Theatre. "Ajami" describes an Israeli community in which different religions coexist. "A Serious Man" details the struggles of a physics professor who undergoes a faith crisis after his wife suddenly demands a divorce.

sunday



Notre Dame Symphonic Band and Winds Performance
Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
3 p.m.
Free

Spend your Sunday afternoon enjoying a preparation concert for the Notre Dame Symphonic Band and Wind's upcoming performance at Cleveland's Severance Hall on May 17. The Notre Dame Symphonic Band and Winds performs domestically and internationally. Take advantage of this free opportunity to see the band's performance.

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By **BLAIR CHEMIDLIN**
Scene Writer

Even long after football season has ended, CJ's Pub regularly packs a full house on Friday and Saturday nights at its new location on Michigan Street. Tuesday night, however, the Pub turned itself into a comedy club for ages 18 and older, hosting stand-up comedians Jeffrey Danson and Dustin Diamond, formerly Screech.

Around 150 people turned out for the event, sitting around tables and munching on popcorn, waiting for the show to begin. Many Notre Dame football players were in attendance to support teammate Jonas Gray, who was set to take the stage for an opening act. Gray, who has performed once before at an open-mic, saw the show as an opportunity to explore his newfound hobby.

The DJ played the latest Black Eyed Peas and Usher hits, but the crowd was there for the entertainment, not the bar scene.

An hour after the 10 p.m. start time for the event, Danson, who is coming out with a culinary comedy rap album, began the show free-styling to the beat of Gucci Mane's "Freaky Girl." He pumped up the crowd with

his self-deprecating humor ("I'm a G6 / I'm a fat boy, and I eat Twix") and nods to audience members ("I score touchdowns like Mike Floyd"). With personal stories from summer camp and college, he had the crowd laughing heartily.

Danson describes himself as "straight polo" and urges comedy and food lovers alike (who doesn't like food?) to visit his website at thatveronicavaughn.com. His words of wisdom for the Notre Dame community: "Practice your passion until it's your profession."

Before the show, Danson helped Gray polish his material and gave him some last-minute pointers about performing. Gray said Danson advised him "to just have fun with it."

When Danson introduced Gray, many stood and cheered as he ran out and high-fived friends and fans in the front row. Gray kept the audience roaring with laughter for the next 20 minutes as he talked about his experiences with online dating, Valentine's Day and his pet peeves. Many of his jokes hit home with audience members. When Gray turned the attention on one man who was laughing uncontrollably in the cor-

ner, the man explained his laughter: "'cause you're telling the truth!"

Perhaps the highlight of Gray's performance was the brief dance-off between Gray and audience-member/teammate Kapron Lewis-Moore. Gray and Lewis-Moore's booty-shaking moves to Ester Dean's "Drop It Low" illustrated Gray's pet peeve No. 8: when people engage in one-on-one dance-offs at the club.

By 11:30 p.m., when Diamond took over the mic, the crowd had already had plenty of fun. Diamond started out strong with comical references to his roles on "Celebrity Fit Club" and "Saved by the Bell." He joked about how most people do stand-up comedy in hopes of getting a TV show, but he did it the other way around.

Diamond has grown up a lot since his days playing Screech on "Saved by the Bell." Far from his nerdy persona on the show, Diamond entertained a South Bend crowd with jokes that would have shocked and repulsed his quirky high school character.

Diamond's act quickly veered into his more characteristic, vulgar material that spanned from somewhat milder bathroom humor to obscene sex jokes. Many audience members

were unsure of how to react to some of his raunchier jests; a combination of disgust and laughter could be heard after most punch lines, the repulsion often coming mostly from females, the amusement from men.

The explicit content of the show deemed it certainly not for everyone, but Diamond's outrageous stage presence kept most crowd members entertained, even if they found the jokes revolting. His words often incited people to turn to each other, asking, "Did he really just say that?" There certainly was not a dull moment during Diamond's performance.

After the show, Diamond revealed that the first sports clothing he ever owned was Irish gear.

"I visited campus when I was younger and spent something like \$2,400," he said.

Still an Irish fan? Maybe. He said he wants to get Jonas Gray's autograph before he has to pay for it. Diamond was impressed by how talented the new comedian is, as was the audience, and said Gray should really stick with it.

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By ADRIANA PRATT
Associate Scene Editor

"This just in: Matt Wertz to perform at Legends on 2/26," Legends' Twitter account eagerly announced two weeks ago. #SoExciting #LoveHim #NewMusic!

Wertz, a 32-year-old singer and songwriter from Missouri, is most famous for his single "Everything's Right," which premiered on VH1 in 2009. He has hit the road with artists Jason Mraz, Gavin Degraw and Matt Nathanson, among others, and will start a 27-date tour March 25.

Wertz's songs have been featured in movies like "My Super Ex-Girlfriend" and "Employee of the Month," and one of his latest singles, "Everything Will Be Alright," aired on "One Tree Hill" earlier this week.

After performing at Christian youth group Young Life concerts, Wertz gained a strong fan base and toured with Jars of Clay. In 2001, he released the album "Somedays" and has since released a number of others including "Under Summer Sun" and "Everything in Between."

Wertz's hit song "Everything's Right" gained popularity on VH1 in 2009 and helped launch his name onto the mainstream musical charts. Wertz finds the material for his music from life experiences, mostly involving love and heartache. In an interview and

performance for Vh1, Wertz laughed as he recalled the whimpering heartache he felt that inspired the song "5:19."

Wertz's most recent album, "Weights & Wings," will be available March 15. The themes for his new release falls along familiar lines and centers on personal relationships, he told AOL.

"It's the idea that the heavy things in life and the transcendent times are both equally important in propelling us on and through life," Wertz told AOL about the title of his album, which he said was inspired by the meditation book he reads daily.

With a degree in Industrial Design from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, it seemed unlikely that Wertz would pursue a musical career. However, in college, Wertz developed his passion for music. He began writing songs his freshman year and has been performing for fans since.

Wertz is taking that passion back to the stage at 10 p.m. Saturday. Jon McLaughlin will be making a surprise appearance with him in his band. After his Notre Dame performance, he'll get back to work and start his tour, which will include performances with Train and Lifehouse.

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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

Expecting another usual and repetitive Jennifer Aniston romantic comedy? Find another movie. Although "Just Go With It" has a simple and somewhat predictable plot, Aniston's latest project in collaboration with Adam Sandler proves to be surprisingly refreshing and enjoyable.

Aniston plays Katherine, a single mother of two who works as an assistant to Danny (Sandler), a divorced plastic surgeon. Soon after his divorce, the doctor realizes his wedding ring is a magnet with the ladies, and he resorts to employing the band to charm many women.

But his plan suddenly changes when he meets Palmer (Brooklyn Decker), a young, beautiful schoolteacher. He decides to hide the ring in his pocket and woo her with a romantic night at the beach. All is well until Palmer finds Danny's ring and assumes he is married. Then the fun begins.

Instead of being honest about the peculiar purpose of his former wedding ring, Danny makes up a fictitious story about him being currently separated from his wife and on the verge of divorce. Who will he choose to play the part and just go with his lies? Danny convinces Katherine (Aniston) to play his soon-to-be-ex-wife and to include her two kids in the plan as well.

Katherine and her kids have fun with their new fake identities. They dress up and change their names. Maggie,

Katherine's daughter, even uses a British accent when acting in front of Palmer. But, ultimately, Danny's plan fails. One lie turns into many lies that are, in the end,

impossible to hide. He finally ends up falling in love with Katherine, his best friend and accomplice in this crazy and funny journey to win the



heart of a younger woman.

The efforts of the whole cast were indispensable for the success of this movie. The kids' witty humor and Decker's sweet and innocent character worked perfectly and entertained the whole audience. But most of all, Aniston and Sandler's genuine chemistry made this movie an amusing romantic comedy. They complimented each other flawlessly and made us laugh with their crazy ideas and strategies.

This movie will have you laughing from beginning to end. It is a great option to watch with a group of friends during the weekend. As the title suggests, you just have to go with it.

Just Go With It
Columbia Pictures

Director: Dennis Duggan
Starring: Adam Sandler,
Jennifer Aniston and Brooklyn



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NBA

New Jersey gets Williams in trade from Jazz

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The New Jersey Nets finally landed a big-name All-Star in a blockbuster trade that gives them point guard Deron Williams and sends rookie Derrick Favors and point guard Devin Harris to the Utah Jazz.

The Jazz also will receive the Nets' first-round pick in 2011, which could be a lottery pick, cash, and Golden State's 2012 first-round draft pick.

"I feel Deron Williams is the best point guard in the NBA," Nets general manager Billy King said in officially announcing the blockbuster deal Wednesday afternoon.

"I spoke with Deron and he's excited about it. He understands where we are and where we want to go. In this league, you win with point guards. Jason Kidd turned this franchise around when he came and we feel Deron can do the same thing."

The Nets now hope Williams will sign a contract extension with them, which they can offer this summer. If so, he would become the face of their franchise when they move into their new arena in Brooklyn for the 2012-13 season.

The 6-foot-3 Williams was selected third overall in the first round of the 2005 NBA draft by Utah from Illinois. He is in his sixth NBA season and holds career averages of 17.3 points, 3.2 rebounds and 9.1 assists.

In 439 career games, including 406 starts, he has shot .466 from the field, .358 from 3-point range and .808 from the free throw line. In 44 career postseason games, Williams has averaged 21.1 points, 3.7 rebounds, 9.6 assists and 1.2 steals.

The deal came two days after the Nets failed to land

Carmelo Anthony, who was acquired by the New York Knicks as part of a blockbuster deal with the Denver Nuggets.

Jazz CEO Greg Miller said he made the move because of a "gut feeling" that he wouldn't be able to sign Williams to a long-term deal after next season.

"If you look at what happened with Phoenix, Toronto and Cleveland ... they all lost their marquee player and had very little if anything to show for it," Miller said. "This trade allows us to be competitive now and beyond the 2012 season."

Asked how he would be able to market a team in Salt Lake City without a star, Miller said with "classic Jazz basketball."

"It's lunchpail, work boots ... and everybody's got to over-achieve, which we've been known to do for many years," Miller said. "And who knows, we may have a star player before any of us realizes it."

Harris, a former All-Star point guard, and Favors, the No. 3 pick in the draft, were part of the package the Nets were offering the Nuggets all season for Anthony.

"Everybody was talking about getting longer and athletic and when are you going to get one of these guys," said Jazz GM Kevin O'Connor, who hinted that he may not be done dealing before Thursday afternoon's trade deadline. "We got one now (in Favors) and we'll see how he progresses. He's not a finished product but at least it's somebody we can build on."

Both GMs said they discussed a deal several weeks ago, but it only came to fruition after the Nets lost out on Anthony.

O'Connor acknowledged cash was part of the deal and that the maximum that can change hands is \$3 million.

The Jazz were a perennial contender with Williams, but his reputation took a hit when Hall of Fame coach Jerry Sloan retired one day after clashing with him during a game.

Sloan, reached Wednesday morning at his second home in Illinois, was aware of the trade but didn't want to say much.

"I have no reaction to what the Jazz are doing. We wish him well," Sloan said of Williams. "We wish the Jazz well. Good luck to Deron."

Miller insisted Sloan's retirement and Williams' trade were not connected.

"There's no need to make a villain out of this," Miller said. "Deron is a very competitive, driven individual. Jerry was as well. They undoubtedly had a number of conflicts over the course of their careers. But this doesn't directly tie into that. These are separate events."

Miller reiterated that the Jazz have always been about structure, order, discipline and respect.

"One of the things that will always be the case as long as our family has anything to say about it is we will support our coach first and players second," he said.

That doesn't mean new Jazz coach Ty Corbin isn't in a tough spot.

Corbin received the news as he left for a shootaround in Dallas, where the Jazz were facing the Mavericks on Wednesday night.

"My initial reaction is that I'm going to miss Deron. He was a good player for us," Corbin said. "I've been with him his entire time in the NBA as an assistant coach and now as a head coach for a few games, and we're going to miss him. I wish him well as he moves forward, and we'll



Former Jazz guard Deron Williams was traded to the Nets on Wednesday. Williams has averaged 17.3 points per game in his career.

have to work our way through it."

Williams was as shocked as anyone, and was expecting to play at Dallas Wednesday night. He learned about the deal watching television at the hotel gym before Wednesday's shootaround, and shared a laugh with teammates initially thinking it was just another rumor.

Then he officially got word from the Jazz.

"I know it's a hard pill to swallow," Jazz guard Raja Bell said he told a shocked Williams. "Regardless of what your relationship was with the team or fan base when you get traded, it's still tough."

Miller said his entire conversation with Williams lasted about 30 seconds, and he wished him well.

Williams was expected to be one of the headliners of the

2012 free agent class along with 2008 Olympic teammates Dwight Howard and Chris Paul.

New Jersey has been desperate to make its first score under new owner Mikhail Prokhorov. The Nets talked with LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh last summer and when that failed they turned their attention to Anthony. They quickly bounced back from the disappointment of missing out on him with Williams.

Williams joins the exodus of top West players heading East, following Amare Stoudemire's move from Phoenix to New York and Anthony's deal to the Knicks. The Jazz are only a half-game ahead of Memphis for the final playoff spot in the West and will have to try to hold on without their best player.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Caltech snaps record 310-game conference losing streak

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Caltech ended its 310-game conference losing streak in men's basketball Tuesday night, beating Occidental College 46-45 in its season finale.

Ryan Elmquist hit the go-ahead free throw with 3 seconds left for the Division III Beavers, who had

lost every Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game they had played since Jan. 23, 1985.

"I hope that everyone who has participated in Caltech men's basketball is able to celebrate a little bit tonight," Caltech coach Oliver Eslinger said. "We still have goals and aspirations that we want to accomplish as a pro-

gram, and this win is another step towards meeting these objectives."

Caltech is a famed private research university with a heavy emphasis on science and engineering. The school has just 950 undergraduates and doesn't give out athletic scholarships, but 31 alumni and faculty have won the Nobel Prize.

Caltech finished the season 5-20, its best record in 15 years. The Beavers went 0-25 last season and hadn't won more than one game in any of their previous eight seasons — but back in 2007, Caltech ended an NCAA-record 207-game losing streak with a victory over Bard College of New York.

The Beavers have a great sense

of humor about their athletic struggles, but they still celebrated at the Braun Athletic Center after Occidental missed its desperation shot at the buzzer.

Not everything is looking up athletically at Caltech: The women's basketball team finished its season 0-25, losing to Occidental 82-35 on Tuesday night.

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NBA

Pacers win on late dunk; Sixers drop Wizards

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers picked up right where they left off before the All-Star break.

With Brandon Rush providing late-game dramatics, and second-year forward Tyler Hansbrough scoring 21 points, the Pacers remained one of the NBA's hottest February teams with a 102-101 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday

night.

"They're not all going to be pretty," Pacers interim coach Frank Vogel said. "Sometimes you have to grind it out and get the 'W.'"

The 'W' — and Rush's dramatics — came on a late-game dunk.

With 11.1 seconds remaining, Austin Daye's 17-foot jump shot gave the Pistons their first lead since the first quarter, but on the ensuing possession, Danny

Granger drew a double-team and found Rush — who scored nine points starting for injured Mike Dunleavy — for a dunk in traffic with 5.4 seconds remaining.

"We were one play away from winning the game," said Pistons forward Tracy McGrady, who had 10 of his 16 points in the second half.

The Pistons rallied from a 16-point second-half deficit.

"Our guys showed a lot of

courage tonight," Pistons coach John Kuester said. "We faced a team that was scrappy. In the second half, I thought we did an outstanding job."

Rodney Stuckey drove the lane on the Pistons possession after Rush's dunk, but his pass out of bounds secured the victory for Indiana, which won for the ninth time in 12 games since Vogel took over for Jim O'Brien in late January.

"That was huge," said Pacers forward Josh McRoberts, who combined with Hansbrough to give the Pacers 31 points and 13 rebounds from the power forward position.

"We are gaining confidence and are learning how to win and close games out. We will be playing top teams and we have to make top plays to win these games."

Hansbrough had a team high 12 rebounds, with eight coming on the offensive end for Indiana, which held a tenuous lead much of the fourth quarter before the final back-and-forth sequence.

On Indiana's game-winning play, Kuester said McGrady played solid defense on Granger, who had 17 of his 18 points in the second half.

"What we had done was a great job on Granger," Kuester said. "He had a great stop and then all of a sudden, we loaded and Rush slashed behind our guys and I didn't think he could find him, but he did. It was a great play."

Greg Monroe scored seven of his career-high 27 points in the third quarter for the Pistons and Granger scored 10 of his points during the fourth quarter.

"Greg Monroe had a terrific night," Vogel said. "We couldn't stop him."

The victory allowed Indiana to remain one of the league's hottest teams.

The Pacers, who won seven of 10 games before the All-Star break, have won their two games coming out of the break, having won in Washington, 113-96, Tuesday.

McGrady had 16 points and Ben Wallace had 10

rebounds for Detroit, which shot 48.8 percent and 50.0 percent from 3-point range, but lost for a 10th time in 14 games.

"It felt good to be in the game like that, but I'd rather come out with a win," Monroe said. "We have to play the whole game like we did the fourth quarter and we might have a different outcome."

Point guard Darren Collison had 11 points and six assists, and rookie Paul George added 10 points each for Indiana, which shot 44.2 percent from the field despite making just 3 of 17 3-point field goals.

"It was a team effort and a big win," said George, who had two alley-oop dunks in the fourth quarter. "When teams make runs at you and you can answer the bell ring them up, that's playing NBA basketball."

76ers 117, Wizards 94

The Philadelphia 76ers kept adding to their huge lead while the Washington Wizards were in the process of adding three new players.

The distraction stemming from the trade was evident on the court, especially during a woeful second half.

"When word got around, guys kind of lost their concentration," Washington coach Flip Saunders said.

Jrue Holiday scored 20 points, Thaddeus Young had 18 points and 10 rebounds and Philadelphia beat the Wizards on Wednesday night.

Elton Brand and Evan Turner added 15 points apiece for the Sixers (28-29), who eclipsed last season's win total of 27. Marreese Speights had 14, Jodie Meeks finished with 12 and Andre Iguodala 10.

Philadelphia, which has won 11 of 15, improved to 18-9 at home.

"It was a big win for us," Brand said. "We're playing with a whole lot of confidence now."

John Wall had 21 points and 12 assists for the Wizards, while Trevor Booker tied his career high with 21 points. Andray Blatche had 16 and Nick Young chipped in with 15.

Washington (15-41), one of the worst teams in the league, has lost three straight. With its season long gone, it made a trade during the game to stock up for the future.

The Wizards sent guard Kirk Hinrich and forward Hilton Armstrong to the Atlanta Hawks for guards Mike Bibby and Jordan Crawford, forward Maurice Evans and a 2011 first-round draft choice.

"It was a pretty tough thing to hear," Wall said. "Kirk's a veteran guy who taught me an awful lot about NBA basketball. I'll really miss him. And Hilton was a good friend, too. I wish them both well."

Hinrich and Armstrong were on the bench for the whole first half, but never came out of the locker room after halftime.

"I think when the deadline is over, guys will have a sense of relief," Saunders said.

Meanwhile, Iguodala has been linked to a number of trade scenarios in recent weeks. The trade deadline is 3 p.m. ET on Thursday.

"I like our team," Sixers president Rod Thorn said before the game. "Does that mean we wouldn't do something if the opportunity presented itself? No, we'll look at everything."



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MLB

Wainwright hurts elbow in training

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — Adam Wainwright, a 20-game winner for the Cardinals a year ago and the runner-up for the NL Cy Young Award, was sent back to St. Louis on Wednesday for tests on his injured right elbow amid concern that he could be sidelined for the season.

General manager John Mozeliak said “things do not look encouraging” for the right-hander, who injured his elbow while throwing batting practice Monday.

Mozeliak stopped short of saying Wainwright would need season-ending Tommy John surgery.

“I don’t want to speculate, but obviously ligament damage, that’s usually what it results in,” he said.

The 29-year-old Wainwright began feeling soreness on Monday. Trainers examined him Tuesday and Wainwright flew back to St. Louis to meet with team doctors on Wednesday.

“It appears to not be good,” manager Tony La Russa said. “We’ll see, though.”

The news comes one day after the Cardinals learned utility infielder Nick Punto will miss eight to 12 weeks because of a sports hernia that will require surgery.

Wainwright’s injury is much more significant. Losing him would leave a big hole in what looked to be a stable starting rotation heading into camp. Chris Carpenter, Kyle Lohse, Jaime Garica and Jake Westbrook have all had arm surgery during their careers.

There are few pitchers available on the free-agent market, with Kevin Millwood probably the best known.

“It’s going to be tough to replace a guy who wins 20 games, but you never know,” first baseman Albert Pujols said. “One of these young kids could step up like Jaime did last year.”

The 6-foot-7 Wainwright went 20-11 with a 2.42 ERA last season, finishing behind Philadelphia’s Roy Halladay in Cy Young balloting while making his first All-Star team. His 2.93 ERA since 2007 trails only Halladay, and no NL pitcher threw more than Wainwright’s 463 1-3 innings during the past two seasons.

La Russa said he doesn’t believe the injury is related to the soreness Wainwright felt toward the end of last season, when he didn’t pitch in September. He said it’s more likely related to minor issues Wainwright had in 1998 and 2004.

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Sophomore Michael Allare throws a jab at senior Ryan Slaney during Slaney's victory in a unanimous decision Sunday.

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advantage of his long arms, repeatedly jabbing Frick. It didn't take Frick long to respond, however, and he knocked Yi off balance after trapping the Sorin College freshman against the ropes. Yi batted away a powerful punch from Frick early in the second round, and battled his way out of a dangerous situation after being backed into the ropes. The Siegfried sophomore again went on the attack at the beginning of the third round, but Yi successfully fended off Frick's efforts to take control of the fight and was named the winner by unanimous decision.

Chris Sarkis def. Evan Wray
Sarkis advanced by a medical scratch.

Daniel Hyzak def. James Hasson
Hyzak got off to a rough start, becoming off balance and hopping around before being out on the ropes by the off campus senior Hasson. The off-campus law student Hyzak rebounded, however, throwing some impressive connecting right jabs. Hasson's agility enabled him to duck Hyzak's punches before throwing a huge right hook of his own about midway through the second round. The rest of the round was highlighted by close-range body shots. A hotly contested third round saw the two fighters exchange jabs before Hyzak was able to connect on a couple jabs near the end of the fight. Hyzak earned the right to go to the semifinals in a tough split-decision victory over Hasson.

Brian "Caesar" Salat def. Jordan Smith

In a defensive oriented first round full of hands up and ducking, neither fighter was able to get any clean shots on the other. When the off campus senior Smith got put on the ropes in the second round, he was able to escape and land a powerful left jab on the Zahm sophomore Salat. The two right-handers traded a series of left jabs before Salat broke through with a potent left hook. In a close bout, Salat emerged with the split decision win.

Heavyweight Division

John "The Broker" Baumann def. Nolan "Caveman" Welsh

The first heavyweight match of the 81st Bengal Bouts did not disappoint. The tall and lanky off-campus MBA student Baumann used his lightning-quick hands to pound the off-campus sophomore Welsh early on, landing right hook after right hook. In the second round, Welsh tried to flip the script by first bull-rushing Baumann into the corner before throwing – and landing some – left uppercuts and right jabs. Baumann responded, however, with thunderous uppercuts of his own, rocking Welsh and his long, flowing locks. The MBA student continued in the third round, unleashing a right hook onslaught that knocked the sophomore's mouthpiece put and to the mat. Baumann took the unanimous decision to advance to the semifinals.

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ND SOFTBALL

Clay ready to return to field

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Senior Alexia Clay is eager to get back on the field following a shoulder surgery seven months ago that ended her 2010 season.

The Indiana native started her career at the Tennessee before joining the Irish, and redshirted her sophomore season.

"I chose to transfer here though because Notre Dame softball has always been a good program and they would let me get the education I wanted," Clay said. "Not to mention the tradition and school atmosphere are unbeatable in comparison to other schools."

After starting at catcher her junior year, she suffered a shoulder injury that ended her senior season. Now, as a fifth-year senior, Clay is ready to make an impact on the team once again.

"I'm feeling really good," Clay said. "I've never had surgery before so it's kind of interesting seeing how it feels [after rehab]. It feels so much

better than it felt before. It's just nice to be back on the field."

Clay's shoulder has given her trouble for several years.

"I have struggled with shoulder problems since late in my high school career and it finally caught up to me near the end of my college career," Clay said. "I played last season injured and wasn't really able to catch. It also affected my hitting, which was difficult for me because that is my favorite part of the game."

Clay said the hardest part about college play is the schedule.

"We play 56 games in the regular season, then at least five more in postseason," Clay said. "We travel all over the country to play and we practice about three to four hours a day. Not to mention we have a lot of early morning conditioning and lifting sessions, and I don't think anyone is a morning person at 4:20 am."

Even with the grueling schedule, Clay doesn't regret her choice to play college softball.

"My favorite part about

softball is being able to take batting practice outside late in the day," Clay said. "It's really calming to just go hit and enjoy the weather ... Not the February weather in South Bend. I'm talking about the nice warm spring evenings that Fr. Sorin probably saw when he decided to found Notre Dame."

Clay is eager to see what her final season will bring to the Irish.

"We have a lot of great players and things are swinging up for us this year," Clay said. "I'm excited to see where we go and what we do together and I'm excited to be a part of it in my last year."

Clay thinks that the key to the success this year will be the team's attitude.

"I think that our team has a lot of spirit," Clay said. "We've had a lot of power in the past and there are always going to be people that are more talented than you and I think our spirit is something that is going to help us pull through."

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NFL

League looks at safety rules again

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The NFL's competition committee wants football to be a safer game.

It's going to take a little while longer to figure out how to do it effectively.

Committee members spent most of Thursday afternoon meeting in Indianapolis, site of the league's annual scouting combine, and discussed everything from player safety to what constitutes a catch. No formal proposals have been made, and none may be forthcoming until the committee's next scheduled meet-

ing in Florida.

Clearly, though, protecting players is among the hottest topics on the league's agenda — after collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

"Every year different tactics come into the game, and guys are taught different ways to play the game," said Atlanta Falcons president Rich McKay, the longtime co-chair of the committee. "When that happens, I think we have to talk about how we deal with that. Do we have a proposal? Not yet. Do I anticipate one? I sure do."

McKay wouldn't speculate on possible changes, but his

comments came about 12 hours after the league said it would unveil a revised sideline protocol for concussion testing on Friday.

After the full committee broke late Wednesday, McKay returned about an hour later to meet with the coaches' subcommittee. Attendees included Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, Bengals coach Marvin Lewis, Eagles coach Andy Reid, Rams coach Steve Spagnuolo, Ravens coach John Harbaugh and Browns president Mike Holmgren.

Tomlin, Lewis and Spagnuolo all declined to comment on the discussions following a nearly three-hour session.

McKay said the No. 1 topic during that portion was player fines, though he heard no complaints from coaches — even those who had players openly critical of the league's increased fines for hits to the head last season.

"They wanted a discussion and an understanding of the fine system itself and how it all operates," McKay told The Associated Press. "I've been one who individually believes that the fine system works pretty well for us. It's intended to deter conduct, and I think when you look at the number of repeat offenders we have, it works pretty well for us."

Another topic under review is what constitutes a catch.

The national debate over that rule began in September, when Detroit Lions receiver Calvin Johnson leaped for a catch and got two feet and a knee in the end zone before the football hit the ground and he let it go. It was ruled incomplete.

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Severyn was named the winner of the rousing bout by unanimous decision.

Greg Bennett def. Daniel “The Conquistador” Balcarcel

Bennett, a junior, and Balcarcel, a sophomore, each took similar styles in the first round. Both competitors attempted numerous large punches, but neither landed many, as both were too far apart from each other, with a defensive strategy, and the round finished even.

In the second round, Bennett came out aggressive, landing a barrage of punches and pushing Balcarcel back against the ropes. Balcarcel responded strongly, landing some jabs of his own, but Bennett ended the round on top, as he took control near the end.

The third round lacked the intensity of the second as each boxer took a careful approach. Balcarcel landed some jabs late in the round, but it was not enough to win, as Bennett was awarded the match by split decision.

Robert “I’m All Jacked Up on Mountain Dew” Manfreda def. Kevin Kray

Early in the round, neither fighter attempted to do too much, with few heavy punches thrown. However, as the round continued, the sophomore Manfreda began to take control, by knocking Kray, a senior, to the ropes on three separate occasions.

The second round began similarly to how the first round ended, as Manfreda knocked Kray into the corner again. Manfreda continued to hold control of the match, landing a series of punches.

In the third, Kray came out strong, trying to even the match, and landed a few jabs successfully. He continued his strong round by landing some uppercuts, but he could not make up enough of the deficit, and Manfreda won by split decision.

176 pounds

Giacomo Minafra def. Brian “Half Man, Half Hair” O’Connor

O’Connor went in for the early hits, by Minafra was the first to make serious contact, and the Zahm junior was able to dodge most of O’Connor’s swipes. The senior tried to trap Minafra in a corner in the opening seconds of the second round, but the Zahmbie was the one to land punches instead. O’Connor was finally able to make contact with his opponent in the third round, but it was not enough to win the match, and Minafra won by unanimous decision

Dominic “Warsaw Warhammer” Golab def. Joseph “Bag o’ Donuts” Sweeney

Golab ducked several early punches from Sweeney and went on the offensive, landing several body shots on the sophomore from Siegfried. The senior began the second round by blocking a punch from Sweeney, and took control of the round from there. The “Warsaw Warhammer” remained in control through the end of the third round, repeatedly battering the Siegfried sophomore’s head on his way to being declared the victor by unanimous decision.

Bernardo “Blue” Garcia def.

Alphonse Harding

Neither fighter could establish control early in the first round, as both fighters did not land many punches. Towards the end of the round, the senior Garcia began to take the lead against the freshman Harding, with a series of jabs and combos. At the end of the round, Garcia landed a hard punch to the head of Harding, cutting him, and postponing the match briefly.

Early in the second round, Garcia landed another hard uppercut against Harding, cutting him once more, and leading to the referee deciding to stop the contest 15 seconds into the second round.

Adrian “Yo Adrian” Moreno def. Paul “Paul from the Hall” Barron

Moreno, a junior, and Barron, a freshman, each began the first round conservatively. Toward the middle of the round Moreno landed a big hook against Barron that cut the Alumni resident, briefly stopping the match just before the first round concluded. Moreno ended the round with the lead in points.

Moreno began the second round aggressively. However, Barron landed a hard uppercut, to knock Moreno against the ropes. Moreno soon countered with another large punch, cutting Barron again. After the match resumed, a third punch again caused Barron to get cut, and the referee stopped the contest one minute and 14 seconds into the second round, with Moreno the victor.

182 pounds

William “The Captain” Paape def. Matt Enzweiler

Enzweiler made first contact in what proved to be an evenly matched first round. The Dillon sophomore again landed the first hit in the second round, but Paape was able to escape after backing into the ropes. “The Captain” took command in the third round, backing Enzweiler into a corner and deflecting many of the Dillon resident’s blows. Paape was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Tom “Son of Ted” Carnevale def. Rob “All Gloves No Love” Cimino

Carnevale quickly took command of the match by backing Cimino into a corner in the first seconds of the bout, and the law student remained stuck in the corner for the rest of the competition. Cimino tumbled to the ground after a body shot early in the second round, and the match had to be paused while the law student received medical attention later in the round. The referee stopped the contest in the third round after Cimino was knocked to the ground by a blow to the head, making Carnevale the winner.

Urciuoli, a senior, landed some combos early in the first round, to take control, and DiPiero, a sophomore, responded with some jabs. However, as the first round continued, Urciuoli landed some big punches and uppercuts, and gained full control of the match.

DiPiero came out aggressively in the second round, and landed a few combos successfully. But as the round continued, Urciuoli landed a large number of heavy punches.

Urciuoli, not content to stand back with the lead, came out aggressively in the third round, and landed many hooks and jabs, to continue his strong performance for the match. He

ended up earning the unanimous decision.

Tyler “Tuna” Plantz def. Rich “Scooter” Neville

Both Plantz and Neville came out aggressive, and each landed combos and punches early. As the first round continued, the freshman Plantz knocked his fellow freshman Neville to the corner ropes with a number of punches, and caused the referee to briefly stop the fight.

Early in the second round, Plantz continued his control, landing a series of combos, and knocking Neville against the ropes. Late in the round, Neville responded with a series of jabs to make it closer.

In the third round, Plantz continued the aggressiveness, knocking out Neville’s mouthpiece after a few hooks. The delay to clean the mouthpiece seemed to energize Neville, as he landed a series of punches after that. Plantz’ strong first and second rounds were more than enough to carry him to a unanimous victory, however.

192 pounds

Tim “The Brick” Wallace def. Pat Handy

Wallace opened the first round aggressively, but Handy ducked many of his swings. Handy lunged in for a big punch early in the second round, and fought his way out after being trapped against the ropes. However, his next punches glanced off the body of his opponent. Both fighters held back at the beginning of the third round, and it wasn’t until the round was half over that “The Brick” landed hits on Handy. The extremely evenly-fought match was decided in favor of Wallace by a split decision.

Alex Macomber def. Jack Johnson



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Junior Kevin Ortenzio throws a jab at sophomore James Walsh during Ortenzio’s victory in a unanimous decision Sunday.

Macomber advanced due to a medical scratch.

Bill “The Italian Stallion” Straccia def. Matt “Don’t Tell My Mom” Stolze

In a battle between off-campus seniors, Straccia came out swinging in the first round, hammering Stolze with a string of powerful left jabs. He was also able to avoid many of Stolze’s punches with his quickness and agility, darting and ducking out of the way. The attack only continued in the second round, with Straccia showcasing his repertoire with right hooks and uppercuts, forcing the referee to count. The fight, however, continued. In the third round, a flurry by Straccia forced Stolze against the ropes before Stolze escaped. With a grunt with every punch, Straccia forced Stolze to adjust his headgear on numerous occasions before ultimately grabbing a unanimous decision victory.

Mike “The Bringer of Rain” Doran def. Pat “Ryan” Griffin

Both seniors came out strong, with neither being able to gain an advantage early in the first round. Later in the round, Doran used a few punches and evasive footwork to take the upper hand.

Griffin began the second round strong with a series of jabs. But as the round wore on, Doran began to take control with uppercuts to the body and combos to the head, eventually knocking Doran to the ropes just before the bell.

In the third round, Griffin came out aggressive. However, towards the middle of the round, Griffin injured his ankle. Griffin decided to fight through the pain, but near the end of the round the referee decided to stop the contest, ruling that Griffin was too injured to continue.

198 pounds

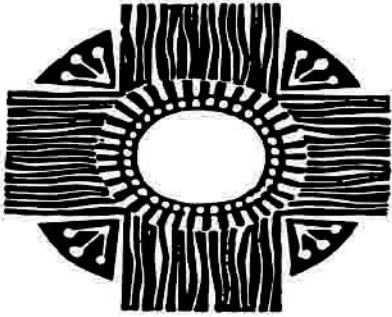
Daniel Yi def. Eric “What the” Frick

Yi began the match by taking

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contact with Labriola in the third round, but the junior seemed impervious to the blows, and Labriola was named the winner by split decision.

Ryan Alberdi def. Dan "The Polish Hammer" Jasinski

Alberdi got off to a quick start, immediately going on the attack against Jasinski. The law student attempted to turn the tables and chased Alberdi into a corner in the last seconds of the first round, but the Sorin College sophomore fought his way out of danger. "The Polish Hammer" started the second round on the offensive, but his blows were deflected by Alberdi. In the third round, the sophomore lunged forward to try and strike Jasinski, leaving him vulnerable to a hook that knocked him off balance and onto the mat. Alberdi quickly recovered and ended the bout with an offensive barrage. The judges awarded Alberdi the victory by unanimous decision.

Robert Powers def. Terry "Twinkletoes" Howell

In this battle of senior fighters, Powers quickly gained an advantage with his combination punch that alternated between Howell's body and head. In the first round, Powers had his opponent in retreat with this move and delivered many powerful body shots. The second round saw more of the same as Powers' random mix between body and head punches left Howell off balance and unable to counter. In the third round, Powers' shots to the face caused the referee to stop the bout to give Howell an eight-second recovery. When the match resumed, Powers continued to dominate and advanced to the semifinals with a unanimous decision victory.

Mark "Ridin' Solo" Iandolo def. Patrick "Boom Boom" Bishop

Iandolo proved to be the aggressor in the first round of the fight, connecting on numerous blows to Bishop's face. The senior used a quick two-punch combination move to send Bishop, a sophomore, into retreat. In the second round, Bishop managed to find some success in landing left-handed jabs to Iandolo's face. However,

the third round saw Iandolo dominate, connecting on six jabs in a row at one point and eight jabs in a row at another. He also managed to move Bishop against the ropes, where he continued to connect on punches. Iandolo won the fight in a unanimous decision.

167 Pounds

Richard "Mr. Glass" McAvoy def. Daniel Griess

McAvoy took control early in the first round, backing Griess into the ropes in the first few seconds. Griess gained momentum after a wild swipe from McAvoy failed to make contact, and Griess, a freshman from Keenan, ended the first round by landing a blow on the law student's forehead. McAvoy regained control of the match in the second round when he backed the freshman into the ropes and then into a corner. Griess came out strong in the final round, even backing McAvoy into a corner, but McAvoy was declared the winner of the bout by split decision.

Jake "One Blow" Joe def. John Healy

The Sorin College sophomore Joe was unfazed by the early



Senior Mark Iandolo, left, attacks the body of sophomore Patrick Bishop during Iandolo's victory in a unanimous decision Sunday.

onslaught from Healy, responding with a hook that left the sophomore from Duncan sprawled on the ground. Joe then closed the first round with a barrage that trapped Healy in a corner. Joe was knocked off balance early in the second round, and Healy slipped and fell just a few seconds later, but Joe regained momentum when he cornered the Duncan sophomore for the second time in as many rounds. Healy began to show signs of fatigue in the third round, and Joe became the victor by unanimous decision.

Brian "Yeah, Cool Beans" Salvi def. William "I Sunk Your Battleship" Hull

Hull, a senior, came out aggressive against the law student Salvi, landing a few jabs early. However, later in the first round, Salvi landed a big right hook, knocking Hull to the mat and leading the referee to stop the match, with Salvi victorious by the referee stopping the contest.

David "Mountain Man" Cray def. Christopher "Fuhaluvus" LaCosta

The junior LaCosta came out in the first round aggressive, landing a few successful jabs. The senior Cray responded with some combinations of his own, leading to an even first round.

The second round consisted of more heavy punches, as Cray and LaCosta each knocked the other back a few times with some big hooks.

The third round began evenly. However, as the round continued LaCosta began to tire. Cray was able to take an advantage

and land a large number of punches towards the end of the round, and earn the unanimous decision.

170 Pounds

Connor "The Skeletor" Skelly def. Daniel "Dan Dan Revolution" Chapman

Both fighters bided their time in the opening seconds of the bout, as Skelly attempted to use his considerable arm span to make contact with Chapman, but the Stanford junior blocked most of early jabs. "The Skeletor" opened the second round by fending off an offensive barrage from Chapman, and retaliated with a straight punch that landed on the side of Chapman's head. The Stanford junior dealt a few blows to Skelly's abdomen early in the third round, but he was repaid with an audible punch to the face, and "The Skeletor" was declared the winner by unanimous decision.

Nick Severyn def. Joseph "Send in the Troll" Garrity

Severyn waited a few moments before unleashing a barrage on Garrity, who immediately returned the favor, and the two flew around the ring trading punches for the rest of the first round. Garrity, a junior from Dillon, tried to land the first punch of the second round, but he was countered by Severyn, who quickly took control of the round. Garrity again threw the first punch of the third round, but Severyn returned the junior's effort with a thunderous blow to the face.

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every last ounce of his energy at practice each day, or his almost daily extra workout, he's devoting the rest of the time to chemical engineering."

From the start of his collegiate rowing career, Flood has made an impression. He sat 6-seat in the Novice 8+ that won gold at the American Collegiate Rowing Associate (ACRA) National Championship Regatta. He continued to improve during the offseason and moved up to the Varsity 8+ as a sophomore, and continues to row in the top boat for the Irish.

"My best experience here at Notre Dame was winning ACRA my freshman year," Flood said. "It was a very competitive race and a very competitive season, but to get to come out on top in the last race of the year after

being the underdog was a great experience."

Flood carried the momentum into his junior season, when he qualified to receive a sponsored trip to compete in the World Indoor Rowing Championships. He did not disappoint, finishing first in the Collegiate Lightweight category. Last weekend, he participated in the event again, and actually improved upon last year's score, earning him top honors again, as well as a fourth-place finish overall and second in the under-23 category. His performance earned him the distinction of being the top American lightweight.

"I greatly improved on my time from last year," Flood said. "Right now my 2k time is the fastest of any American lightweight this year."

While Flood has already accomplished more than most rowers can dream of, he says he is not yet satisfied. With seven of

the top eight rowers back for another season, his goals are not unrealistic.

"My individual and team goals for the season are the same," he said. "Our goal is to win every race."

As the captain of one of the nation's top teams and the fastest rower in school history, Flood plans on continuing with the sport after graduation.

"After graduating, I am going to try out for the national team again," Flood said. "My short-term goal is to make the squad for either the World Championships or the Pan-American games. Long-term, I hope to continue my training as a resident athlete and ultimately go to the Olympics."

If anything can be learned from Flood's career up to this point, it is to never count him out.

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Weather

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While it is hard to think of playing golf — a sport that usually requires a course covering several acres — while confined indoors, the Rolfs Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility at the Warren Golf Course allows the Irish to hone their skills and stay in tip-top shape, even when the weather fails to cooperate.

The facility, which the men's and women's teams share, houses a pitch and chip area and a practice bunker, in addition to a large putting green.

"We have one of the best indoor facilities in the country," senior captain Katie Conway said. "We can really practice every shot imaginable from right around the green."

The members of the golf team can also perfect their tee shots without having to leave the building.

"We can hit from inside onto the driving range, which

is outside in the snow," freshman Nicole Zhang said.

The Rolfs facility, which originally opened in 2006, is regularly improved in order to give the Irish every possible advantage. The latest renovation, which was completed last week, added several new lies and types of synthetic grass to better simulate conditions the team might see on a course during competition.

Traditionally, northern schools have not been able to compete with the golf programs blessed with warm weather, especially during the spring season following the long winter layoff. But the Irish believe that their winter training will help them defy conventional logic and compete successfully against some of the country's top teams.

"We may not be able to play outside, but our facility certainly allows us to stay in top form during the rough South Bend winters," Conway said.

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Brooks

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the ball inbounds to escape with a win."

Abromaitis opened the game with 15 points in the first 6:13, carrying Notre Dame (22-5, 11-4) to an 18-10 lead over the Friars (14-14, 3-12). In the end, though, his 28 total points, along with senior guard Ben Hansbrough's 32, were barely enough to outdo Brooks' efforts.

"[Brooks has] such a great demeanor," Brey said. "We tried a little bit of everything and just about everyone guarded him. The nice thing that Ben [Hansbrough] did was at least those were two-point shots. I was afraid of 3s going in."

Brooks shot 6-of-10 from deep and 20-of-28 overall, hit 6-of-10 free throws and played all 40 minutes of the contest. He added five rebounds and four assists to his all-but-solo performance.

Friars guard Vincent Council followed Brooks with 13

points of his own.

Notre Dame held an 81-70 lead with 4:46 remaining but made just one more shot from the field, as Brooks and Providence slipped into various zones and stifled Notre Dame's attack.

"I've been in so many of these," Brey said. "You just have a feeling on the road you are going to have to hold them off. You aren't going to win by 20, especially with a kid like Brooks in a zone which I've never seen before."

Hansbrough converted six free throws in that time span, leading him to a career-high point total, and the Irish made 11 of 16. Two of those misses came with one second remaining

on the clock and Abromaitis on the line. After the second miss off the back of the rim, Brooks' three-quarter court heave flew wide.

"We got the ball to the right people," Brey said. "Ben made big free throws. That is just a great team win because the game situations we were in, we can't simulate those in practice. It's nice to have them down the stretch."

The Irish shot 40.9 percent from deep and 56.1 percent overall. Brey said the hot shooting stemmed from their offensive philosophy for the night.

"We wanted to get low-post touches and I think that set the tone for us and got us the lead," he said. "That's just good for our offense. I think that is why we shot it so well, because we flattened the defense with low-post touches."

"I'm thrilled to escape with an 11th league win and stay in the race and stay in good position in the league."

Notre Dame next defends its league position against Seton Hall at Purcell Pavilion Saturday at 7 p.m.

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Usher

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the challenges of trying to compete with teams that compete year round.

"It's certainly nice to have a couple months off after the fall season, but we have to get ready for the spring," Usher said. "That means hard workouts and travel. We travel to Scottsdale (Ariz.) next week to train."

Dedication to his craft was what brought Usher to the United States, and he hopes that same dedication will not only lead the Irish onward to victory, but also give him a shot at a professional career. Having passed up the chance to go pro in Europe to pursue his degree, Usher has his eye on making a pro tour in the U.S. after graduation.

"Going professional is definitely one of my top goals," Usher said. "I would love to stay in the United States."

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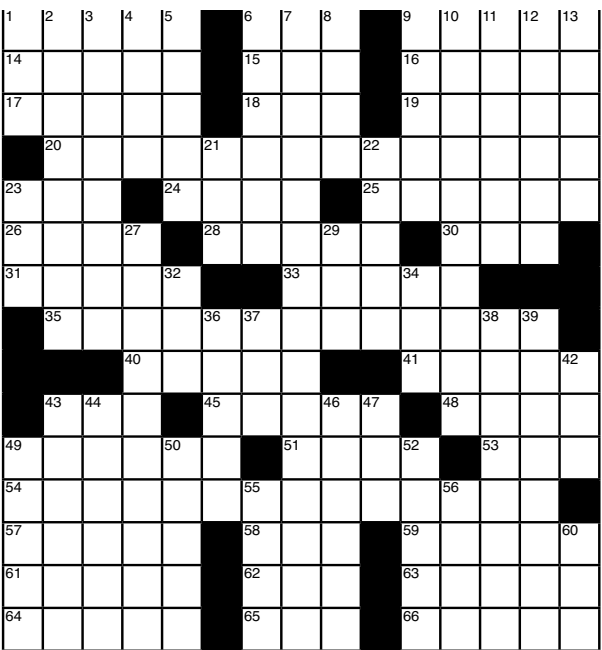
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dakota Fanning, 17; Kristin Davis, 46; Patricia Richardson, 60; Peter Fonda, 71

Happy Birthday: Cooperation and assistance must be given, especially where financial, medical and legal matters apply. You will be able to incorporate what you have learned throughout your life to obtain a better position, greater satisfaction and personal options that fit your lifestyle well. Your numbers are 2, 14, 22, 26, 32, 37, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may need to incorporate damage control into your discussions with both personal and professional friends. There is no need to overreact. A calm approach will help you find solutions so you can pick up where you left off. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A partnership will improve if you have a heart-to-heart talk. You will learn a valuable lesson if you offer your services or help to a charitable organization. Make a promise to treat with pride even the smallest job you are asked to do. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Concentrate more on work and less on your personal problems. You will sort out any personal problems you face if you distance yourself from the situation, so you can clearly see who's at fault. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have plenty of opportunity to learn, make new friends or pick up additional skills. Don't sit around waiting for others to motivate you. Make the first move and you'll show everyone that you are a self-starter. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You must do the math before you decide to make a big ticket purchase or sign up for something costly and not likely to bring the results you expect. Your best opportunity will come from what you can learn and apply to your everyday life and your professional future. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You need to get out more and to make some new friends or at least nurture the relationships that are important to you. Socializing will enhance your love life and show that you are willing to participate and contribute. Your frugality will be appreciated. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on your ideas and creative plans for the future. Getting together with people who inspire you will bring positive results. Be careful not to upset someone who depends on you or you will face uncertainty, leading to more worry, stress and responsibility. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Love is on the rise and participating in trips, events or home improvements that help you bring about change should be your intent. Your energy and creative insight will help you close a gap that has slowly been growing between you and someone you care about. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your thoughts to yourself and your mind on how you can help others. It's what you give that will spare your being criticized. Arguments are apparent with friends, relatives and neighbors if you are pushy or disrespectful or you exaggerate. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Professional advancement can be yours if you put in the extra effort and share with superiors your suggestions to improve efficiency. Bring the past into the future by sharing your experience. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Reconsider what's being offered or taking on a responsibility that someone asks you to deal with. Emotional matters will escalate if you refuse to pitch in and help a good cause. Action is required. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Now is your chance to pursue something you've wanted for a long time. Pull in favors and show your dedication. Set up meetings and contracts and deals can be written up and signed. It's up to you to make things happen. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are compassionate and willing to help the underdog. You are an impulsive and pushy doer.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brooks and done

Road trip finishes with win at Providence

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

Irish fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis began the night at a record pace, but it was Providence guard Marshon Brooks who ended the night with the most points in single-game Big East history.

Still, Notre Dame slipped past its host in a high-scoring 94-93 affair Wednesday night.

Brooks, the nation's second-highest scorer, entered half-time with 17 points. A second-half explosion of 35 points, including 11 in the final minute, brought his tally to 52.

"Marshon Brooks was fabulous tonight," Irish coach Mike Brey said in his post-game radio interview. "I'm just thrilled we withstood it, and made free throws and got

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Senior guard Ben Hansbrough looks to pass during an 89-79 overtime win over Louisville Feb. 9 in the Purcell Pavilion. Hansbrough had 32 points in a 94-93 victory over Providence Wednesday.

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CLUB SPORTS

Flood sets sights on NCAA title

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

When Greg Flood joined the Notre Dame club rowing team, he had aspirations to be an elite player on a strong team. Now, though, the Irish senior has even higher hopes — to win a national championship and eventually to compete in the Olympics.

While a student at Jenks High School in Tulsa, Okla., Flood's main focus was not even on the sport that he has blossomed in at the collegiate level. Rather, he concentrated on playing baseball. For Flood, however, it has always been about giving maximum effort no matter what the task at hand is.

"Greg is one of the most focused people I know," rowing club president Michael Wagner said. "When he doesn't spend

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MEN'S GOLF

Usher passes up career in England to play for Irish

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

The Oxford program is arguably the most prestigious study abroad program offered at Notre Dame. Though many aspiring scholars apply, very few are accepted. One might say you would have to be a fool to turn down Oxford.

Tell that to Tom Usher, the Irish junior golfer from Bradford, England, who passed up a chance to study for four

years at Oxford University and potentially turn pro in Europe, to pursue his degree at Notre Dame. The young man from across the pond did not waste time in establishing his presence on the Irish roster.

"In England, there are no collegiate sports," Usher said. "So my options were either turn pro at 18 or study at university. I didn't want to have to choose between golf and academics."

The path that Usher followed to South Bend is one familiar to student-athletes across Europe

who dream of a chance to pursue a degree in the United States while continuing with their sport. Usher contracted a scouting service, one often used by Irish men's soccer coach Bobby Clark, to assemble a portfolio to show to American college coaches.

"It was initially tough to evaluate Tom because of the limited chances we had to see him play," Irish men's golf coach James Kubinski said. "But he ended up selling himself and has been a huge contributor for us."

That might be an understatement. After seeing a solid amount of action as a freshman, Usher, who resides in O'Neill Hall, blossomed as a sophomore, nearly winning both the team and individual Big East championships for Notre Dame. After losing the team title to Georgetown on the 18th green, Usher was forced to come back in a playoff for the individual title.

"It really wasn't fair to make them come out and play after that heartbreaking loss,"

Kubinski said. "No one's heart was really in it."

That loss has been a huge motivator for Usher and the Irish, who have their sights set on not only a Big East championship but also regional and national championships. Usher led the Irish into all five tournaments in the fall, posting a 72.93 round average while posting a team-high six rounds with under-par scores. With the onset of winter, Usher acknowledges

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BENGAL BOUTS

Boxers advance to semis

By MATT UNGER, VICKY JACOBSEN, SAM GANS and MATTHEW DEFRANKS
Sports Writers

160 pounds

Matthew "It's Almost Wake Week" Labriola def. Alec "Pretty Boy" MacDonell

Labriola and MacDonell danced around the ring in an evenly matched first round, but the junior Labriola got down to business in the second round, landing several body shots on the freshman MacDonell. The Sorin College freshman finally took advantage of his long wingspan and closed out the second round with a resounding punch to Labriola's mouth.

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Senior Inoh Choe connects with a left hook to the chin of freshman Thomas Voutsos during Choe's win in a unanimous decision Sunday.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Winter weather poses challenges for golfers

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The biggest challenge for Notre Dame in the offseason isn't practice schedules or conditioning. It's the daunting South Bend winter weather — a challenge Notre Dame's southern competitors do not have to address.

Since a dusting of snow can make a round of golf a near impossibility, long-distance travel remains a fact of life for student-athletes who attend school in the north. Although the No. 15 Irish did not go on a training trip during winter break like some other varsity squads, the

Irish regularly travel to tournaments held in warm locales during the winter months. This year's schedule includes stops in Kaneohe, Hawaii; Stockbridge and Athens, Ga.; and Palm Harbor, Fla., in addition to the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla., this past week.

But the team still faces the challenge of finding a way to train productively when they return from competition or risk falling behind their competition from schools in warm climates.

The solution? Practice inside.

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