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IOSHA finds six Notre Dame violations

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Editor

The Indiana Occupational Health and Safety Administration (IOSHA) found Notre Dame guilty of six violations after a four-and-a-half month investigation into the October death of junior Declan Sullivan, the Indiana Department of Labor announced March 15.

Sullivan, 20, died Oct. 27 after the scissor lift from which he was filming football practice fell. He was a student videographer for the football team.

The citations resulted in fines totaling \$77,500. The violations included a "knowing" violation, meaning IOSHA found the University knowingly exposed its employees to unsafe conditions. The Indiana Department of Labor reported the University was fined \$55,000 for this violation.

IOSHA also issued five "serious" violations with fines totaling \$22,500. These violations included failure to properly train student employees in how to operate a scissor lift.

"We found that Notre Dame did not establish and maintain condi-

tions of work that were reasonably safe for its employees, that were free from recognized hazards that caused or were likely to cause serious injury," Indiana Department of Labor commissioner Lori Torres said in a March 15 press conference. "In addition, by directing an untrained, student videographer to use the scissor lift during a period of time when the National Weather Service had issued an active wind advisory ... the University knowingly exposed its employees to unsafe conditions."

The University must pay the

fines or appeal IOSHA's findings by April 7, according to Indiana Department of Labor requirements.

Notre Dame respects the investigation results and will examine the report, University President Fr. John Jenkins said in a March 15 statement.

"We will study the details very carefully and take the actions necessary to protect the ongoing safety of our students and staff," Jenkins said. "None of these findings can do anything to replace the loss of a young man with boundless energy and creativity.

As I said last fall, we failed to keep him safe, and for that we remain profoundly sorry."

The University's internal investigation is ongoing, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, who is leading the investigation, said in a March 15 statement.

"The IOSHA findings are very helpful as we begin to conclude our own comprehensive investigation," Affleck-Graves said. "We expect that our report will include information gathered through the IOSHA investigation as we focus

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Student remembers quake experience

By SAM STRYKER
News Editor

A 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit with an epicenter 81 miles off the coast of Japan, sending tsunami waves up to 33 feet high to the island country, on Friday, March 11. The Japanese National Police Agency officially confirmed 8,805 deaths, 2,628 injured and 12,664 people missing as of Monday. Three nuclear power plants have suffered explosions in the aftermath.

University President Fr. John Jenkins released a statement following the disaster, expressing condolences for those affected by the earthquake and announcing a Mass for the people of Japan.

"My prayers are with those from our University who have been directly affected, as well as with the Japanese people as a whole," he said.

Luckily for junior Massiel Gutierrez, currently studying

abroad at Nanzan University in Nagoya, she was located far from the epicenter when the disaster struck.

"I was in the computer lab waiting for my friends' class to get out. I thought I was having vertigo but then I realized everyone else in the room was freaking out too," she said. "The earthquake was felt down here, it was about a five on the Richter scale here, but it didn't cause any damage. It went

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Top: Smoke rises from a tsunami-stricken power plant in Japan Monday.
Bottom: A woman crosses over a tsunami-hit railway track in Japan Monday.

WR Floyd suspended after arrest

Observer Staff Report

Irish coach Brian Kelly suspended junior receiver Michael Floyd Monday in the wake of the team captain's arrest for operating while intoxicated early Sunday morning. Floyd was stopped early Sunday morning for allegedly operating a motor vehicle with an alcohol concentration of 0.15 or more, according to a St. Joseph County Police report.



Floyd

"In light of what happened this past weekend, I let [Floyd] know that he has been suspended indefinitely from football team-related activities," Kelly said. "Football needs to take a backseat at the moment while Michael gets his life in order, and while I don't know when Michael will be reinstated, it will not happen until Michael demonstrates he has successfully modified his behavior and the legal and university disciplinary matters have run their respective courses."

Floyd was pulled over by Notre Dame Security Police at the intersection of Angela Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue for running a stop sign. Floyd failed three sobri-

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Former employee charged with attempted voyeurism

Observer Staff Report

A former University employee in Notre Dame's registrar's office was charged last week with planting a camera in a women's restroom in Grace Hall, according to the South Bend Tribune.

Don Steinke, 52, was charged with attempted voyeurism. A woman discovered the hidden

pen camera pointed toward the toilet in a bathroom stall last week.

Steinke was charged after several people reviewed a tape and identified him as the man who hid the camera in the Grace Hall bathroom.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said in a statement that the University acted immediately when the woman found the camera.

"University police acted immediately when made aware of this matter, investigating the complaint, arresting Mr. Steinke, disabling the system and working in collaboration with the prosecutor's office," Brown said.

"The University understands and respects that Mr. Steinke is presumed innocent, and does not make any judgment about how this matter may conclude. However, this kind of activity is

abhorrent and obviously has no place here or anywhere in society."

Investigators reported that Steinke admitted to placing the camera in the bathroom when confronted.

The South Bend Tribune reported that Steinke was an employee in the registrar's office at the time of his arrest but is no longer employed by Notre Dame.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SPRING BREAK?



Stanislava Sevova
sophomore
McGlinn

"Shopping in downtown Toronto."



Eric Routen
senior
Off campus

"Making cupcakes, horseback riding and watching French films."



Joe Petros
3rd Year Law
Off campus

"Believing Mike Brey is a good coach."



Tre Haskins
freshman
Morrissey

"I went to N.Y.C. and saw the whole city which was really cool."



Amanda Breuning
sophomore
Welsh Fam

"South Beach ...'nuff said."



Dondi Ellis
junior
Alumni

"Going home to Maryland."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Sophomore Mike Benvenuti rows in the Men's JV 8+ while training over spring break in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Notre Dame will begin its season with a dual meet against Purdue this weekend in Indianapolis.

OFFBEAT

Increase in prices at Taco Bell enrages customer

SAN ANTONIO — Police say a San Antonio Taco Bell customer enraged that the seven burritos he ordered had gone up in price fired an air gun at an employee and later fired an assault rifle at officers before barricading himself into a hotel room.

San Antonio Police Sgt. Chris Benavides says officers used tear gas Sunday night to force the man from the hotel room after a three-hour standoff. The man is charged with three counts of attempted capital murder. Authorities have not released his name.

Brian Tillerson, a manager at the Taco Bell/KFC

restaurant, told the San Antonio Express-News that the man was angry the Beefy Crunch Burrito had gone from 99 cents to \$1.49 each.

Police say the man fired on officers during a traffic stop after the restaurant incident.

Criminal unintentionally identifies himself

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Police say a man tried to open an account before robbing a central Pennsylvania bank, but only after he'd already handed over two forms of identification.

Harrisburg police say 35-year-old Daniel Rahynes walked into a bank on

Sunday and told tellers he was interested in opening an account. After he gave bank employees his information, he declared that he was actually there to rob the bank.

Investigators say Rahynes drove off with a small amount of cash, striking another vehicle. Meanwhile the bank contacted police, who issued a warrant for his arrest.

Police in a neighboring county took Rahynes into custody following another crash near Carlisle and learned of the warrant.

Rahynes faces bank robbery charges. It was not clear if he had an attorney.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering will hold a lecture, "Aero-optics: Background and Research at Notre Dame," featuring Professor Eric Jumper today at Fitzpatrick 258 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Mendoza College of Business is hosting a conference entitled "The UN Millennium Development Goals, The Global Compact, and the Common Good." Today's events include lectures by numerous established businessmen, professors and world leaders. Events will be held in the Notre Dame Conference Center in McKenna Hall beginning at 12:00 p.m.

A lecture entitled "Muslims, Christians and Social Inequality" will be given today by Professor M. Steven Fish, a political science professor from the University of California at Berkeley, today in Room C103 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Librarians Felicia Smith and Tanya Prokrym will demonstrate how to use RefWorks this afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Room 222 in the Hesburgh Library.

The Right to Life Spring Lecture Series will be holding a talk this evening entitled "Rethinking Downs Syndrome: Revolutionary Research Advances" in the first floor lounge at the Coleman-Morse Center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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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	HIGH 43 LOW 41	HIGH 40 LOW 36	HIGH 48 LOW 28	HIGH 36 LOW 26	HIGH 42 LOW 28	HIGH 44 LOW 29

Hall staffs select RAs for 2011-12

RA Selections

317 rising seniors applied

172 MALE 145 FEMALE

180 rising seniors hired

96 MALE 84 FEMALE

BRANDON KEELEAN | Observer Graphic

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

The anticipation among 317 rising seniors applying for Resident Assistants culminated the week before Spring Break when final selections for the positions were determined.

The position is one of the most competitive to obtain on campus because of the tradition associated with the Notre Dame residence life system.

According to the Office of Residence Life & Housing, 172 male candidates and 145 female candidates applied for the RA position for the 2011-12 school year. Of these, 96 men and 84 women were hired to fill the position in Notre Dame's 29 residence halls.

Siegfried Hall resident David Mahin, a junior, said he is excited for the opportunity the position presents.

"Being abroad this fall in Rwanda and Uganda really cemented my decision to apply for RA," Mahin said. "I realized it can be difficult to give back to the community in a lot of jobs and positions, but by being an RA, I will be able to wholeheartedly give back to the phenomenal community that is Siegfried Hall."

Junior Analise Althoff said being a RA runs in her blood.

"I have had three older siblings serve as Resident Assistants here in the past, so I have always had the idea in the back of my head," Althoff said. "After living in Farley for three years with great RAs, I thought more about it and decided it was something I would really like to do."

The idea of creating and sustaining relationships within the hall is an attractive aspect of being an RA, Althoff said.

"I am looking forward to bonding more with the Farley staff and making my dorm an even finer place to live," she said. "I plan on creating some stellar section events with other RAs around campus."

Though the Office of Residence Life & Housing receives the applications for the RA position, it is the various hall staffs that ultimately make the final decisions.

Siegfried Hall Rector Fr. John Conley said the process involves multiple steps.

"In late January, I receive a list of candidates from O.R.L.H. seeking an RA position in Siegfried Hall," Conley said. "The candidates then go through a series of interviews with the current RAs, ARs [Assistant Rectors] and myself, and it is from these interviews that we as a staff make a consensus decision on a RA."

Current staff members play such an integral role in determining future RAs because of the

close relationships they develop with the candidates, Conley said.

"It is very important to carefully consider what the current RA's assessment is of each candidate," he said. "Most rectors would say you need to work closely with your hall staff while choosing your next hall staff."

Senior Bobby Schafer was rejected last spring to be an RA this year, but said he has enjoyed his senior year.

"I had mixed emotions because on one hand, I was totally bummed out, but on the other hand, I already had a backup plan of living off-campus with a good friend of mine, so it all worked out in the end," Schafer said. "While I enjoyed my time on campus, living off campus has given me opportunities to grow in a way that I would not have been able to had I been accepted as a Resident Assistant."

Current Siegfried Hall RA Anmol Malhotra, a senior, said he has enjoyed his duties this year.

"The everlasting friendships I have established this year with residents within the dorm, especially the freshmen in my section, have truly been the best aspect of being an RA," Malhotra said. "I will be forever thankful to the Notre Dame and Siegfried Hall community for this opportunity."

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Doctor discusses Haiti earthquake relief services

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

When a 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti Jan. 12, 2010, Dr. Jude Marie Banatte, Head of Programming for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Les Cayes, Haiti, was driving south from Port-au-Prince to his home.

"This earthquake struck at a time when people were getting off work, when they were in school working, and it hit the key areas of the country," Banatte said.

Banatte spoke about his experiences in the aftermath of the earthquake that shocked the country over a year ago Monday evening at the Hesburgh Center.

He has worked with CRS for eleven years, mainly overseeing large-scale agriculture and health projects.

Banatte was not harmed, but because communication towers were not functioning, he and the other 100 CRS employees in Les Cayes had no way of reaching the 200 CRS employees in Port-au-Prince.

The day after the earthquake, Banatte said he gathered his staff and asked who wanted to join him in making the arduous trek to the capital. Then he traveled north to Port-au-Prince with the first 35 workers to respond.

Banatte and the rest of the CRS brought any supplies they were able to, including generators, blankets and hygiene kits that were prepared for hurricanes.

"But what will strike us is when we actually reach Port-au-Prince, when we compare what we have and the number of people in need of services," Banatte said.

As a medical doctor, Banatte first stopped at the Hospital St. Francois de Sales, the main medical building of the city.

Although there was already a multitude of injured Haitians waiting outside, Banatte said there was nothing he and the other doctors could do to help. The hospital was 80 percent destroyed and they could not help patients, and any other hospitals they could travel to would all be filled to capacity.

Banatte said firefighters soon arrived at the scene, looking for people still living under the wreckage of the hospital. They dug holes that enabled Banatte to crawl through the rubble and look for supplies and equipment that were still functional.

Later on, Hospital St. Francois de Sales opened as a temporary hospital. 1000 emergency surgeries were performed, along with 74,401 outpatient consultations. Currently, it is in the middle of a 3-year rebuilding project.

Along with healthcare, a large concern of CRS was figuring out how to feed victims. In the beginning, it provided one million people with emergency food assis-

tance. Today, it continues to distribute monthly food rations to 125,000 students.

Shelter was another huge issue that had to be tackled.

"People just fled their house and didn't have anything," Banatte said. "They were just lying on the grass on the first day under the sky."

He and the rest of the CRS handed out plastic sheeting, nails and ropes for people to construct makeshift shelters. These later evolved into tent cities often seen on the news.

Today, the relief services are relocating people to transitive shelters in their neighborhoods of origin. Banatte said their goal is to erect 8000 of these by the end of April.

Many children were separated from their parents in the aftermath of the quake, Banatte said. The CRS set up a network to identify these children and reunite them with their families.

The displaced person camps also contain child-friendly spaces.

"At these spaces they can play together, and they can also receive some psychosocial assistance," Banatte said.

Banatte said one overwhelming distinction of post-earthquake Haiti is the current dependence of urban populations on rural populations.

"People living in Port-au-Prince used to be the ones supporting the surrounding provinces," he said. "As they fled the site, they became the dependents of the ones they were supporting."

Thousands of individuals are employed in labor-intensive activities that have multiple benefits. They are working to rebuild the present city, as well as receiving a small income they can store for the future.

Banatte said Haiti's goal of relief, recovery and rebuilding has just begun.

"I want to say that there is a lot that has been accomplished, but I have to say that there is more that needs to be done," he said. "Solidarity is the main way to accomplish that."

Haiti is not only looking to rebuild, Banatte said, but to improve as well.

"We don't want to rebuild the country in the same way it was, we talk about building it better," he said. "There's a lot to be done in terms of centralization."

In the past, Port-au-Prince contained all the employment opportunities. Banatte said the country is aiming to balance the economy with the surrounding provinces. He said a tentative roadmap for Haiti for the next three years adds a second economic center in the north and a third in the south.

"How do we continue to strengthen the capacity of the communities so someone can stay out in the farms instead of sending them in and living their lives in the main cities?" Banatte said.

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Sheedy Award

Students and Faculty are encouraged to submit nomination letters for this year's award!

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Choir tours China over break

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Women's Choir experienced the culture of China during a weeklong spring break visit involving sightseeing and performance opportunities.

Thirty-three members of the Choir participated in the trip along with sophomore trumpet player Bethany Ledyard and senior dancer Jingqiu Guan.

Senior Anna Bax, president of the Women's Choir, said the group tours every other year.

"This year we are lucky enough to get to go to China," she said.

Bax said the Choir performed four times during the tour, in Shanghai, Nanjing and Suzhou.

The Choir spent the rest of the trip sightseeing and visited Shanghai Normal University, Bax said.

"I [had] never been

to Asia before and [was] excited to experience the different culture," she said.

The Choir performed with the Meng Girls' Choir at the

Nanjing Arts Institute. The choirs hosted a joint concert and sang together.

"They have done a lot to prepare for our arrival," Bax said.

"Each of us in the Saint Mary's College Women's Choir has a pen pal from that choir."

During the tour, the Choir performed a variety of pieces, including "Gordan Magnificat," "The Belles of Saint Mary's" and "Three Chinese Songs."

Bax said the Choir participated in several banquets with hosts from Shanghai and Nanjing. In addition, the Choir toured the Confucius Temple of Nanjing and went to see a Kun Opera at a local theatre in Nanjing.

The Choir prepared for the tour by learning about China's culture from Guan, a native of China.

"[Guan] has been coming to the last 10 minutes of our Choir rehearsals to tell us a bit about the Chinese culture and to teach us

some basic Chinese expressions and phrases," Bax said.

Additionally, Dixian Teng, the director of the Meng Girls' Choir, visited Saint Mary's College in the fall.

"She came for a week in November to attend our Fall Choral Concert and the Women's Choir high school festival that we host every year," she said. "She helped us work on our 'Three Chinese Songs.'"

The Women's Choir launched a blog to chronicle the tour. Bax said every day of the trip, members of the Choir shared photos and stories about the trip.

As a celebration of the end of the tour, the Choir will perform a Homecoming Concert. The concert will be held at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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Anna Bax
Women's Choir president

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Women's Choir president

Floyd

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ety tests and was then administered a breathalyzer test, which recorded .19 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

The officer arrested Floyd on campus and he was processed into the St. Joseph County jail shortly after 4 a.m., St.

Joseph County Police spokesman Sgt. Bil Redman said. Floyd posted \$500 bond in the late morning and was released.

Floyd released a statement apologizing for his actions.

"I want to apologize to my family, friends, teammates,

coaches, the University and the extended Notre Dame family for my behavior this weekend," he said. "I absolutely recognize that I have many things to work on to become a better person and will need to regain the trust of all whom I have hurt within my immediate family and the Notre Dame family."

University spokesman Dennis Brown said Notre Dame is aware of the incident and is confident local police will handle it in a "prompt, thorough and professional manner."

Brown said the University does not publicly discuss specific disciplinary cases.

"It is well known that Notre

Dame has high standards for student conduct, takes these matters seriously, follows the facts where they lead and, when necessary, institutes appropriate sanctions at the appropriate time," Brown said.

Floyd finished his third season with the Irish with 79 catches for 1,025 yards and 12 touchdowns. The Saint Paul, Minn., native's name is scattered throughout the Notre Dame record book.

At the Notre Dame Football Awards Ceremony on Jan. 22, Floyd was named both the 2010 Football Most Valuable Player and one of next season's team captains.

This is Floyd's second consecutive offseason marred by legal issues. In January 2010, Floyd was cited for underage drinking in Minneapolis. Irish coach Brian Kelly, who had been named Notre Dame's head coach less than two months prior to the incident, said he spoke with Floyd about making the right choices.

"We reinforced to [Floyd] that making good choices is going to be paramount to his success in this football program," Kelly said at the time.

A court date of May 2 has been set. The first practice of the spring football season is scheduled for Wednesday at 8 a.m.

"I absolutely recognize that I have many things to work on to become a better person and will need to regain the trust of all whom I have hurt within my immediate family and the Notre Dame family."

Michael Floyd
Notre Dame wide receiver

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on all factors that contributed to the accident, including the series of decisions made on that day. We have committed to making a report of our investigation public and will do so once it is complete and we have finalized our review with IOSHA, which we expect will be in four to six weeks."

Notre Dame will discontinue the use of scissor lifts to film football practices, the University announced March 8 as it began installation of a remote video system at the LaBar Practice Complex.

"I said in the days after Declan's death that we would do everything in our power to make changes to ensure that such an accident does not happen again — here or elsewhere," Jenkins said in a press release at the time. "This system is at the forefront in a completely new and innovative way."

University spokesman Dennis Brown said Monday that the system is now operational. Spring football practice begins Wednesday at 8 a.m.

Irish football coach Brian Kelly said Sullivan is still remembered in the football program.

"Declan was a wonderful member of our football family and is missed to this day. We all continue to both grieve and keep his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers," Kelly said. "I'm sure the University will use the findings from the state to enhance the investigation into this tragedy."

The investigation of Sullivan's death also prompted IOSHA to launch a statewide educational initiative to promote safe equipment use at Indiana schools.

The office sent a letter to the NCAA and the Indiana High School Athletic Association asking schools to review their use of scissor lifts, Torres said.

Jenkins said Notre Dame hopes to be involved in IOSHA's educational initiative.

"We are also very interested in the IOSHA educational effort and have every intention of being a part of that to share what we learn," he said.

Sullivan's parents issued a statement following IOSHA's March 15 announcements and press conference. They thanked the University for continued support and individuals who have donated to the Declan Drumm Sullivan Memorial Fund the family established. The Sullivan family continues to work with Notre Dame to find a way to memorialize Sullivan's life.

"This report is an important step in preventing future accidents, but its findings do not change the fact that Declan is not with us," the statement stated. "We are grateful for the respect shown us over the past several months by everyone connected with Notre Dame. The University has maintained an open line of communication throughout this period and has provided timely answers to our questions."

Douglas Farmer contributed to this report.

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Japan

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on for a while, as far as earthquakes go, a little over a minute.”

Gutierrez said the damage to Nagoya was minimal due to its distance from the epicenter. For the most part, she said things did not seem different.

“We were a bit shaken up, but otherwise nothing happened here. In fact, I spent the rest of the day after the earthquake wandering around downtown with a friend of mine and everything was business as usual,”

Gutierrez said. “People were discussing the earthquake, but nothing out of the ordinary was going on.”

The biggest challenge to returning to normalcy has been the representation of the aftermath in Western media, Gutierrez said.

“It’s been extremely sensationalist in its reporting and has been causing a lot of grief and stress and anxiety among the international community here,” she said. “Japan as a whole has been very calm and rational about the situation here.”

Gutierrez said the entire country has worked efficiently to accommodate those most affected by the disaster.

“Lots of other cities are welcoming people from the affected areas to stay, and there are many volunteer teams who have gone north to help,” she said.

Gutierrez said the Office of International Studies (OIS) has maintained steady contact with her and Theresa Arico, the only other Notre Dame student studying at Nanzan University.

“The Notre Dame Office of International Studies has managed to be concerned but rational, which has been extremely rare among American universities’ study abroad offices,” Gutierrez said. “They have kept up with the news, with us and with Nanzan, but in a way that assuaged my nervousness that they would send me home unnecessarily.”

OIS Assistant Director Dr. Hong Zhu said the departments worked swiftly to confirm students studying in Nagoya were safe the day the earthquake hit.

“By the time I came into the office, I heard from our host institution. They emailed us that our students were safe. I called both the students,” she said. “They told me they were doing well. We contacted their parents and told them they were doing fine.”

Gutierrez said she has been able to express her safety to both family and friends back home.

“My parents were worried for a little bit, but once I assured them that I was safe and why I think so, they calmed down,” she said. “My friends have been slightly more panicked. A few of them still don’t understand why I’m staying.”

Zhu said maintaining con-

tact with the students in Nagoya is crucial to ensuring a safe and smooth study abroad experience.

“We communicate with them daily, either on the phone or by email. We have told them to register with the embassy, which they should have done already, and we have told them not to travel,” she said. “We also

“People were discussing the earthquake, but nothing out of the ordinary was going on.”

**Massiel Gutierrez
junior**

told them to be ready if we decide to evacuate them from Nagoya.”

Gutierrez said she has not been able to take part in any relief efforts yet, but plans on participating in a fundraiser organized by international students. Aside from potentially canceled concerts, she said the earthquake has not affected her itinerary.

“Unless I get an opportunity to go to one of the affected areas to help in some manner, though, outside of that my plans haven’t changed much,” she said.

OIS cancelled its Tokyo program for the spring semester on March 18. Three students were scheduled to leave for Sophia University on March 27.

Associate Director of OIS Juliette Mayinja said canceling the program was a challenging decision for the department.

“The key thing here is these decisions are not made lightly,” she said. “For the students in Tokyo, we made the decision but on the other hand we realize here we have a semester we need to figure out.”

Mayinja said canceling the program was a matter of maintaining an environment conducive to students’ academic success.

“The real reason for not sending students to Tokyo was not so much the earthquake but the aftermath. Power is disrupted, water shortages. Who knows, food might be an issue,” she said. “You don’t want to have that uncertainty with students who are not only trying to learn where they are and get their bearings but wonder if they have water and food. It is too much.”

Mayinja said in addition to losing a lot of the aspects of a good study abroad experience, OIS was also concerned with the needs of Japan and Sophia University.

“We also worry about the host country, the people who will receive us,” she said. “Are they really in the proper frame of mind to worry about us when they have all these other things going on? It just didn’t seem fair to expect them to do what they need to do for us and for our students.”

While the Tokyo program may be reinstated as soon as next semester, Zhu said students affected by the cancellation are still exploring both academic and study abroad options.

Though they cannot return to Notre Dame this semester, said she is pleased most of them still can graduate on time.

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junior**

“They are in good shape,” Zhu said. “They are not really behind at all.”

Junior Airi Kobayashi, whose mother is

Japanese, said she first heard of the earthquake online right after it hit.

“I was actually still awake, around 4 in the morning here because I was working on a project. When I first

heard about it, it was from Twitter,” she said. “I didn’t think it was a scam at first, I was just wondering what happened.”

Kobayashi, who served as the president of the Japan Club in 2009-10, contacted her parents in Taiwan, to see what was going on. In speaking with friends who still live in Japan, she said the earthquake could have struck at a worse time.

“My friends in Tokyo were [affected]. They were all safe. They were all awake, which was great. If it hit at night, they would all be sleeping,” Kobayashi said. “The biggest cause of death during earthquakes is when things start falling and crushing [people].”

Kobayashi said her friends mentioned problems with water, electricity and communications in the aftermath of the disaster. She said the tsunami that struck Japan afterwards was worse than the earthquake itself.

“I think that was the worst thing to happen to Japan. Even now, they are just starting to recover most of the bodies,” Kobayashi said. “Most of the deaths happened from the tsunami.”

Kobayashi said being far away from the situation was a difficult experience.

“I broke down on Friday when I first heard about it,” she said. “I was crying all day and I didn’t know what to do.”

Kobayashi is planning a variety of fundraising events, including a charity dinner and selling paper cranes, shirts and wristbands. She said she personally felt she had to help Japan recover.

“I decided I didn’t want to sit around and do nothing. I heard people have said what I am doing is really inspir-

ing. I am not sure,” Kobayashi said. “I am just doing it because I want to do whatever I can.”

The religious mission of Notre Dame should inspire the university community to extend a helping hand, Kobayashi said.

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junior**

“I don’t think as a Catholic university Notre Dame is more responsible [for relief efforts], but they should be more responsive in the sense they are more aware of the situation and they are more likely to help with open arms,” she said.

Kobayashi said despite the geographic distance, Americans should feel inspired to help those in Japan who are in need.

“I am an international student, and one of the things this country taught me is philanthropy and community service,” she said. “It doesn’t matter where you are from.”

Alumni organizations have been particularly receptive to aiding relief efforts, Kobayashi said.

“The Asian Pacific Alumni was the first one to respond to my emails. They say they are already talking as a committee how they can raise funds and advertise for [the Japan Club],” she said. “The Notre Dame Alumni Association also responded that they definitely want to help.”

The variety of relief events is meant to showcase Japanese culture, Kobayashi said.

“For example, the paper crane project is unique to Japan,” she said. “For the dinner show, we are trying to have a video as an introduction of what is happening in Japan right now and what the Japan Club is doing for the effort.”

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Panel weighs nuclear safety

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — State lawmakers called on California utilities Monday to delay efforts to relicense nuclear power plants until the companies complete detailed seismic maps to get a true picture of the risks posed by earthquakes and tsunamis.

State senators raised sharp questions about whether California's nuclear plants can withstand a major natural disaster such as the one on March 11 that has left Japan scrambling to control radiation coming from some of its reactors.

Lawmakers also questioned whether the utilities have been dragging their feet on conducting three-dimensional seismic studies called for in a 2008 state report to assess the risks posed by offshore faults.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has applied to renew its license to operate the two reactors at Diablo Canyon Power Plant near San Luis Obispo, which expire in 2024 and 2025.

"I would ask sincerely that PG&E suspend or withdraw that application" until the additional seismic mapping is completed, said Sen. Sam Blakeslee, R-San Luis Obispo, a geophysicist who has been a frequent critic of Diablo Canyon. He said he would pursue legislation to thwart the utility until the mapping is done.

Blakeslee in 2009 intro-

duced a bill that would have required the utility to meet that and other requirements; it won unanimous support in the Legislature but then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed it.

Lloyd Cluff, a seismic expert for PG&E, said work started in October for shallow mapping and the utility will apply in April for a permit for deep mapping down to 10 kilometers below the surface.

"We're doing it as we speak," Cluff said.

Edison has applied to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to charge ratepayers an estimated \$21.6 million for similar studies at the San Onofre plant north of San Diego along the Southern California coast, said Caroline McAndrews, director of licensing at the plant.

The license for San Onofre expires in 2022 and Edison has not yet applied to renew it.

California gets a total of about 12 percent of its power from the Diablo Canyon and San Onofre nuclear plants.

Outside the hearing room, Daniel Hirsch, a lecturer in nuclear policy at University of California, Santa Cruz, noted California's reactors are in one of the most seismically active areas of the world after Japan. "What's going on in Japan could happen here," he said.

Japan's plants were not designed to handle the ground movement or wave heights

they were subjected to this month, said Steve David, director of site services at Diablo Canyon.

Diablo Canyon and San Onofre have been designed to survive much larger forces, utility representatives testified.

"We've gone back this week and verified that (safety) equipment is in place and that the operators have been trained," David said.

The senators are reviewing whether California's nuclear power plants and natural gas pipelines are safe from earthquakes, as Japan's crisis raises uncomfortable comparisons to the nuclear plants on the U.S. West Coast.

"Japan has always been a leader in preparedness," said Sen. Ellen Corbett, a San Leandro Democrat who chairs the Senate Select Committee on Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery.

"It's time to revisit the safety of these plants in light of what we have learned from Japan," Corbett said.

The utilities contend the plants have been designed and located to protect them from the most serious natural threats considered possible at the sites.

For example, Diablo Canyon is anchored in bedrock and has safety systems and emergency reservoirs located at 80 feet or more above sea level. San Onofre is protected by a 30-foot seawall.

Judge orders Loughner to undergo mental exam

Associated Press

PHOENIX — An Arizona judge on Monday ordered the suspect in the January shooting rampage in Tucson to undergo a mental evaluation at a specialized facility in Missouri as soon as possible.

The evaluation will be videotaped and provided to prosecutors and defense attorneys, U.S. District Judge Larry Burns said in his late Monday ruling. The judge also ordered that the exam be conducted no later than April 29, and that findings be reported to the court and attorneys on both sides by May 11.

Prosecutors had argued that Jared Lee Loughner's exam should be conducted at a so-called medical referral center that provides forensic services and has increased resources, and recommended the federal Bureau of Prisons facility in Springfield, Mo.

Medical referral centers use psychiatrists employed by the bureau.

Loughner's lawyers have said the exam should be done by an outside expert, not by a Bureau of Prisons employee, at a Tucson prison. They also wanted assurances that the evaluation doesn't expand into a review of their client's sanity.

Lead defense attorney Judy Clark wrote in a court filing last week that moving Loughner would harm the defense team's

efforts to develop an attorney-client relationship. The defense also was concerned that Loughner is "seriously ill," and that moving him to Missouri could worsen his state.

Loughner, 22, has pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from the Jan. 8 attack that killed six and wounded 13, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. She remains at a rehabilitation center in Houston as she recovers from a bullet wound to the brain.

Burns agreed that the Springfield facility is the best place for the exam, and ordered that the scope of the exam should be limited to whether Loughner is competent to stand trial, not whether he was sane at the time of the shooting.

"The question at issue is whether the defendant is presently suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering him mentally incompetent to the extent that he is unable to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him, or to assist properly in his defense," Burns wrote.

Burns cited a memo written by Dr. Donald Lewis, chief of psychiatry for the Bureau of Prisons. He wrote that the Springfield facility is best for Loughner's exam because it "has medical staff available for neurology and other organic testing, and has far more forensic staff and full-time psychiatrists available to provide round-the-clock assistance."

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Storm strands drivers, hikers



A pond basin, previously used as the Fresno State men's football team practice field, is closed due to flooding Monday in Fresno, Calif. AP

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A fierce spring storm that stranded hundreds of drivers along a major freeway, prompted the rescue of stranded hikers and closed roads into Yosemite National Park dwindled to showers Monday as a new wet weather system headed toward California.

Ventura County deputies worked through the night to rescue 32 hikers stranded in Los Padres National Forest when the storm swelled rivers and dumped snow in the remote area of Southern California.

Three people were treated for hypothermia, sheriff's Deputy Shane Matthews said.

Teresa Norris, who was leading a Sierra Club wilderness course, said she had planned to be out of the forest before the storm hit, but the bad weather arrived earlier than she expected.

"It was just like a blizzard where I was," said Norris, 56, who was camped at an elevation of 4,200 feet. "The wind was lifting me up, and I was trying to hold down my tent."

A separate group of nearly 100 teens and youngsters were stuck at a snowed-in mountain campground in another part of the park until crews managed to clear roads using snow plows.

A Kern County Fire Department bus loaded with blankets, ready-to-eat meals, water and sports drinks took the 10- to 17-year-olds to a meeting point at a gas station, department spokesman Sean Collins said.

"They might have been staying at the campground for the weekend, but when it was time for them to leave they couldn't get out," Collins said.

Farther south, four people were rescued from the roof of an SUV in Thousand Oaks when they tried to ford a rain-swollen flood control channel.

Meanwhile, roads into Yosemite National Park were closed Monday as a result of mud, rock slides, fallen trees and heavy snow.

Park officials said power was out across Yosemite Valley and several hundred visitors were being evacuated, although campers at six sites and 150 guests of park hotels had chosen to remain.

Officials said the weekend storm dropped more than 3.5 feet of snow throughout the park.

Highways 41, 120 and 140 entering the park have been closed. Officials were unsure when those roads would reopen.

The nasty weather was moving out of the region and flood advisories were canceled for Los Angeles County. However, the National Weather Service warned debris flows and flash flooding were still possible in some areas.

A milder storm was expected to hit the state on Wednesday.

Earlier, snow and ice closed Interstate 5 for more than 12 hours beginning late Sunday, forcing travelers to spend the night at motels, gas stations or along the side of the main route linking Southern and Northern California until authorities began escorting traffic through the pass.

People tried to make the most of the challenging situation.

"I had 150 people. They were all over, man," said Jesse Khalid, who worked the overnight shift at a service station in Lebec, along the 4,100-foot Tejon Pass. "Most of them came in my store. They started drinking coffee, partying."

The section of Interstate 5 known as the Grapevine often closes during bad weather.

The storm hit first and hardest in Santa Barbara

County, where a family of four, including a 6-month-old child and a dog, were rescued Sunday from a sailboat buffeted by wind and waves off East Beach.

During the rescue, a Harbor Patrol boat began taking on water and needed help from a second boat. In addition, a 70-foot tugboat broke free from its anchorage and struck the sailboat, authorities told the Santa Barbara News-Press.

The downpour dumped more than 10 inches of rain in Santa Barbara County.

Elsewhere in the state, the storm toppled trees onto cars and through windows, rainwater collapsed roofs and cars went skating into each other.

Long Beach fire officials said crews extinguished a fire Monday in an 80-to-100 foot tree that had apparently been struck by lightning.

The Los Angeles Fire Department said it received 62 percent more 911 calls on Sunday than on average.

"We have debris flow, flooding, electrical wires down, trees that fell onto cars and structures in addition to increased traffic collisions," spokesman Erik Scott said.

However, hillsides stood up well in Southern California foothill communities considered at risk of mudslides because wildfires blackened the slopes last year.

NRC official confident in US nuclear plants

Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md. — The nuclear crisis in Japan, while severe, appears to be stabilizing and does not warrant any immediate changes in U.S. nuclear plants, a top U.S. nuclear official said Monday.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's executive director for operations, Bill Borchardt, said officials have "a high degree of confidence" that operations at the 104 nuclear reactors in 31 states are safe. He said inspectors at each of the plants have redoubled efforts to guard against any safety breaches.

Borchardt gave NRC commissioners a detailed look at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plan, damaged in the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, and the U.S. response thus far.

Borchardt told commissioners that Units 1, 2 and 3 at the crippled Fukushima plant have some core damage, but that containment for those three reactors has not been breached.

"I would say optimistically that things appear to be on the verge of stabilizing," he said.

The Tokyo Electric Power Co., which operates the troubled plant, has been able to bring off-site power onto the site from a nearby transmission line, Borchardt said, the first sign of progress at the plant in recent days. Water is being injected into the reactor vessels in Units 1, 2 and 3, and containment in all

three units appears to be functional, he said.

The five-member commission was reviewing the Japanese crisis — it is the worst nuclear disaster in a quarter-century — and was set to approve a 90-day safety review of operations at U.S. nuclear plants to comply with a call last week by President Barack Obama.

NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko said his agency has a responsibility to the American people to undertake "a systematic and methodical review of the safety of our own domestic nuclear facilities," in light of the Japanese disaster.

The nuclear plant's cooling systems were wrecked by the massive earthquake and tsunami that devastated northeastern Japan on March 11. Since then, conditions at the plant have been volatile; a plume of smoke rose from two reactor units Monday, prompting workers to evacuate.

As work at the plant continues, U.S. officials will look to see whether information from Japan can be applied in the United States to ensure U.S. reactors remain safe, Jaczko said.

But even some of his fellow commissioners had questions about the U.S. response.

Commissioner George Apostolakis wondered why the NRC did not close some older nuclear plants, as Germany did.

"Are we less prudent than the Germans?" Apostolakis asked.

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Wireless deal raises questions

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WASHINGTON — AT&T's surprise announcement that it plans to acquire T-Mobile USA will force federal regulators to confront a difficult antitrust question: Can American consumers get good wireless service at a fair price if they must choose between just two national companies?

That debate will be at the center of the government review of the \$39 billion cash-and-stock deal announced Sunday. If approved, the purchase would catapult AT&T past Verizon Wireless to become the nation's largest cellphone service provider.

The deal would combine AT&T Inc., the nation's second-largest wireless carrier, with T-Mobile USA, the fourth-largest, which is now owned by Germany's Deutsche Telekom AG. And it could pave the way for Verizon to go after Sprint Nextel Corp., which would be a distant No. 3 and the only remaining national provider.

None of the smaller U.S. carriers, including Leap Wireless, Metro PCS and U.S. Cellular, has complete nationwide coverage.

Officials at the Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commission could spend a year or more scrutinizing the deal before deciding whether to block it or allow it to proceed with substantial conditions attached.

"I am not convinced that this deal is unthinkable," said Jeffrey Silva, an analyst with Global Medley Advisors. "But it's a very, very heavy lift."

Regulators will conduct a thorough market-by-market analysis to determine how

many wireless choices consumers would have in communities across the country. And even if they allow the deal to go through, government officials would probably require the combined company to sell off assets — including wireless spectrum, cell towers and customers — in particular markets that are too concentrated.

The bigger question facing federal officials is whether the enormous cost of building a nationwide wireless network means that a market dominated by only two companies is the best they can hope for.

And if that's the case, what kinds of merger conditions should the government impose on AT&T to prevent it from abusing its power?

"This marketplace doesn't work even before this merger," said Mark Cooper, director of research for the Consumer Federation of America. "I want policymakers to confront the fiction that competition in this market is sufficient to protect consumers."

Cooper, for one, would like to see federal regulators bar AT&T from engaging in common industry practices such as charging consumers large fees for text messaging and for ending contracts before they expire.

He would also like to see government officials impose stronger "network neutrality" rules on AT&T's wireless system to ensure that subscribers can access apps and other online applications without carrier interference.

Net neutrality rules adopted by the FCC late last year prohibit broadband providers from discriminating against

online traffic, but they give wireless companies a considerable amount of flexibility to manage traffic on their systems.

Analyst Rebecca Arbogast of the firm Stifel Nicolaus believes government regulators will also consider conditions intended to help smaller wireless providers compete.

Those could include data-roaming obligations, which would require AT&T to let smaller regional wireless companies use its network to send data traffic in places where they do not offer their own service. The FCC is currently considering adopting industry-wide data roaming rules.

Government officials could also impose "special access" obligations, which would guarantee rival wireless companies access to vital lines owned by AT&T that they rely on to connect their towers to broader telecommunications networks and the Internet.

Smaller carriers — most notably Sprint — argue that they pay excessive prices for that access because much of the critical network infrastructure is owned by the big landline telephone companies, AT&T and Verizon, which compete with them in the wireless arena.

If government officials do eventually sign off on AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile, they will likely require the combined company to sell off wireless spectrum in certain markets. The hope would be that these airwaves — which are in scarce supply — would wind up in the hands of smaller players such as Sprint and Leap, possibly restoring some competition.

Pawlenty announces exploratory committee



Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty speaks in Iowa on March 7. Pawlenty took the first step toward a presidential nomination Monday.

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty pressed toward a White House campaign Monday by formally announcing an exploratory committee with a call for backers to help him "take back our government."

"At a young age, I saw up close the face of challenge, the face of hardship and the face of job loss," the Republican said in a two-minute video message designed to appeal to tea party activists and GOP rank and file facing economic insecurity.

"Over the last year I've traveled to nearly every state in the country and I know many Americans are feeling that way today. I know that feeling. I lived it. But there is a brighter future for America."

The optimistic note harkened to another upbeat politician: President Barack Obama, who ran on the message of hope and change in 2008.

Pawlenty's announcement of the exploratory committee almost certainly will lead to a full-blown candidacy for the GOP nomination in a field that has been slow to form. The winner would face the daunting task of unseating an incumbent president.

"We, the people of the United States, will take back our government. This is our country. Our founding fathers created it," Pawlenty said in the Hollywood-style video that featured a soaring soundtrack. It was posted on his Facebook page Monday afternoon.

"Americans embraced it. Ronald Reagan personified it. And Lincoln stood courageously to protect it. That's why today, I'm announcing the formation of an exploratory committee to run for president of the United States. Join the team and together we'll restore America."

It was the first definitive statement from a potential 2012 candidate on his or her White House campaign.

The Republican presidential field has been slow to form compared to past election cycles as familiar names such as Sarah Palin mull bids and other potential hopefuls and other potential hopefuls like Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich work behind the scenes on their candidacies. The harsh media spotlight

and the expense of a full-scale campaign operation deterred Republicans from early announcements in the expected race against Obama, who is certain to raise hundreds of millions of dollars.

"At this point, the clock is ticking. They've got less than a year," said Mo Elleithe, a Democratic strategist who is a veteran of presidential primaries.

"The first votes are going to be cast in 10 months and it's a lot of work to build an organization in Iowa and raise the money to start to develop your message. Ten months isn't that much time."

The first Republican presidential debate is just a few weeks away on May 2 in California.

Pawlenty, a conservative Republican who ran a Democratic-leaning state for two terms, has methodically moved toward a national campaign since announcing in 2009 that he wouldn't seek a third term. Since then, he stepped up his travel to early contest states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina, recruited Republican aides with presidential campaign experience, and courted GOP donors.

Pawlenty's advisers are banking on a strong showing in Iowa to propel him through other critical primary states. He has made near monthly visits to Iowa since last summer and is due there the first two days of April. His next New Hampshire stop is scheduled for April 15, when he'll take part in a tea party-sponsored tax day rally.

Pawlenty has made overtures to the fiscal conservatives and tea partiers whose top concerns are Washington spending and the national debt, as well as the social conservatives who oppose abortion and gay rights and hold sway in the leadoff Iowa caucuses. His efforts to appeal to a broad swath of the Republican Party signal that he's trying to cast himself as a candidate who every party member can back.

Pawlenty's biggest hurdle to the nomination may be that he's far less well-known nationally than other Republicans who are expected to run. A Washington Post-ABC News poll conducted earlier this month found roughly six in 10 voters had no opinion of Pawlenty.

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Appalachia trip is more than service

Every spring and fall break, the Center for Social Concerns sends students across the Appalachian region and various urban centers to understand and try to help with the poverty in the region. But as I'm sure everyone who's ever gone on one of the trips knows we come back with so much more than the feeling of service.

Ankur Chawla
Assistant Scene Editor

I have been lucky enough to attend a spring seminar each of the past two years, working in New Orleans, La., and Big Creek, W.Va., respectively, with each trip being uniquely awesome. This column is a tribute to those moments that make me eager to head back next fall.

Nothing epitomizes these times more than Tuesday night this past week. Our service group was entertained by the always classy sounds of bluegrass music performed by a man named Chester and taught how to dance by his musical partner Manuel. Donning a green hat with "Flatfoot" across the top, Manuel moved across the floor like butter on a fry pan.

The professional dancer was kind enough to show us his moves, both on the floor and with the ladies. And Manuel wasn't just light on his feet when listening to bluegrass, he was more than happy to "smang it" with us and whip his hair back and forth. He even did the dreaded "broom dance" (literally pretending a broom was his dance partner).

Meanwhile, Chester played his guitar and sang songs the likes of "When the Rooster Came on the Farm" (pun intended) and "Penicillin Penny" (referring to a woman that may require you go see a pharmacist). These hilarious parodies did more than get a few cheap laughs from us students — they created an instant bond through humor and music.

These antics, while incredibly fun, opened the door to serious conversation about the poverty and problems of rural Appalachia. Chester was able to open up and let us into his thoughts and beliefs. This encounter was characteristic of the entire trip. Being able to have an incredible time and a lot of fun while still helping and showing concern for the problems of the area.

What's truly amazing about the Appalachia seminars is this very balance. Those of us on the trip were able to enjoy ourselves making "that's what she said" jokes and being utterly awful at basketball while at the same time having serious discussions about what our role in the region and in service is. It's hard to imagine throwing together 10 random students for a week could be a venue for making some of my closest friends at this university, but that's exactly what happened these past two years. I hope those of you reading this (even if it is just the nine others who served with me in Big Creek) will take the opportunity to participate in one of the CSC's seminars. I can personally guarantee it will be one of the best weeks you've ever had.

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Nuclear catastrophe, risk awareness

In the wake of the tragic earthquake and ensuing nuclear crisis in Japan, nuclear energy is returning to the forefront of the news as a hot topic for discussion. Many individuals and nations are rethinking their stance on nuclear energy, taking the threat of nuclear meltdown at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant as a wake-up call to decrease future nuclear projects and increase security measures at existing nuclear facilities. For them, the nuclear accident has raised the question of whether or not nuclear reactors pose a significant threat to human health and safety.

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But for me, the more important question is why we need such a dramatic wake-up call to take these risks seriously. My introductory economics classes taught me that people tend to be risk-averse, but that of course assumes that people understand the risks they are taking. They seem to have glossed over the fact that people tend to be risk-oblivious as well. We assume that certain risks are so remote that they could never actually happen.

It is not the case that everyone was ignorant of the risks a major earthquake posed to Japanese nuclear reactors. In 2004, American geoscientist Leuren Moret made the eerie prediction that "It is not a question of whether or not a nuclear disaster will occur in Japan; it is a question of when it will occur." (May 23, 2004, The Japan Times). However, despite such predictions and warnings, Japan continued to believe that nuclear meltdown would never happen there, and even built three additional nuclear reactors since 2004.

The Fukushima Daiichi facility was pre-

pared to handle earthquakes, but not one on the scale of last week's. The chances of an earthquake above a 7.9 magnitude seemed too remote to prepare for, but it happened; the recent earthquake was a 9.0. One might draw a parallel to New Orleans, where the city was prepared to handle hurricanes, but not one on the scale of Katrina. We live in a world where we've decided not to always prepare for the worst-case scenario, because we tell ourselves it's such a remote possibility — "That'll never happen. Never in a million years."

Today, the U.S. has 104 commercial nuclear reactors, the majority of which are in close proximity to population centers. To bring the discussion even closer to home, there is a commercial nuclear reactor outside Benton Harbor, Mich. — just 26 miles away from South Bend. Currently, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is recommending that citizens within 50 miles of the Fukushima Daiichi facility evacuate their homes.

A report issued last week by the Union of Concerned Scientists reveals 14 "near-misses" in U.S. nuclear plant safety in 2010 alone and warns "our luck at nuclear roulette may someday run out." Then again, it may not. The odds are admittedly small. But the odds were small for Fukushima Daiichi, too. (The odds of a No. 10-seed and a No. 11-seed playing each other in the NCAA tournament were also remote, but we all know too well now that that's possible too.)

But you know which energy sources have the smallest odds of causing massive human health catastrophes? Energy sources that don't pose any inherent risks to human health, like wind and solar. Yes,

there have been workplace accidents surrounding the construction of windmills.

But nothing about the wind or sunshine is by its nature damaging to the human person. Nuclear power generation, on the other hand, necessarily produces radioactive wastes which are harmful to human health, wastes that we have yet to figure out how to dispose of safely. Likewise, coal-fired power generation necessarily exposes workers and the general population to particulate and gaseous substances that are harmful to human health.

However, my ultimate goal here is not necessarily to convince you that the risks of nuclear outweigh its benefits (though it's probably clear that that is my opinion). There are many considerations in the nuclear energy debate, which I cannot possibly hope to treat in a single column. So you may or may not be risk-adverse with regard to nuclear energy and that's fine. But you should not be risk-oblivious. We should all take the time to understand the risks that we're building into different aspects of the infrastructure of our society, whether it's through our energy, food, or water.

Understand the amount of risk that industries and the government have decided is allowable, and if you're not willing to accept that level of risk, do something to change it.

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Steps to end reliance on oil

Fuel is a hot commodity and one we Americans often underestimate in our relatively low-cost energy market. Our infrastructure, our politics and our very lifestyle are all designed with the need in mind to allocate energy the most efficiently. Even down to the level of college students, the energy market has countless strings that tie down finances and resources.

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We notice this most heavily in the price of gasoline. Often we bemoan the prices of fuel when they rise near the \$4 per gallon mark, but we fail to realize that the U.S. actually enjoys relatively cheap fuel prices compared to nations like Great Britain or France who pay more than \$7 per gallon.

The U.S. government has been subsidizing oil companies for decades in order to offset the cost of gasoline to consumers. That means almost \$40 billion in taxpayer money is paid directly to oil companies for fuel each year.

We are one of the few countries who do this, and it begs the question — what if we allocated that money beyond oil?

A new wave of hybrids and fully electric vehicles has recently become available to consumers, and they seem to be catching on fairly well. But the technology is only a newcomer in an arena of

giants.

A bill recently died in Congress that proposed cutting oil subsidies completely. Undoubtedly, doing so would increase the costs of fuel. But what if we took the \$40 billion and gave it back to consumers, in the form of credits households could use to purchase an electric vehicle.

House Republicans were responsible for killing the "Ending Big Oil Tax Subsidies" Act, but it almost certainly traces back even farther to energy lobbyists infecting legislation.

How long is it going to take for us to realize we've been mucking around in oil long enough? Politicians continue to stall legislation that would release the death grip oil companies have on the energy market. How does that benefit us or count as forward thinking?

We have no excuses for staying grounded in oil like we are. We are a progressive society, and the technology is there.

The answer to stymieing oil subsidies is to cut off demand for oil itself, and that's where our generation can succeed.

It's simple. Cutting oil subsidies will cause the price of gasoline to increase toward its natural equilibrium. The high price will necessarily shrink demand for oil and create massive demand for non-oil dependant transportation.

Taking the money from oil subsidies,

and giving it to households for electric cars in a cash-for-clunkers-esque manner would give the auto-industry more than enough incentive to innovate away from oil in order to make massive gains off the new clean energy market's demand.

Rallying around high-speed rail development and promoting infrastructure changes to accommodate more clean energy use are just a couple ways we can move away from this archaic age of oil.

It's our generation who is ultimately responsible for realizing enough is enough, that the oil fad should have died decades ago. The technology is there, has been there for a long time, and there's no reason for us to continue driving our parents' cars.

If we are to call ourselves a progressive generation, we can't allow oil companies to continue weighing us down.

If we create the demand, the market will follow. Students need to realize they in fact do carry enough influence to change demand, and ultimately, the way we consume energy.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night."

Edgar Allan Poe
U.S. author and poet

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Play by the rules,
but be ferocious."*

Phil Knight
co-founder and chair of Nike

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spirit of exclusion

For those of us who fight for GLBT rights at Notre Dame, a clear pattern quickly becomes evident. Year in and year out, the administration finds yet another excuse as to why we can't "push the envelope" at a Catholic institution like Notre Dame. In regards to gaining approval for a GLBT student group and adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause, many excuses have been made over the past decade: "We are the most prominent Catholic school in the country and have too many ties to The Vatican;" "We already do enough for our GLBT students;" "There is not enough trust between the administration and our GLBT students;" "We don't have a club for our 'straight' students, so we can not have one for our GLBT students." The list goes on and on.

Despite the constant rejection, students on campus continue to apply each year for a GLBT club or some form of gay-straight alliance (GSA). Petitions are signed by students, faculty, staff and alumni to add "sexual orientation" to the nondiscrimination clause. And the fight goes on. The excuses made by the administration simply are just that: excuses. While it is true that the University does far more for its GLBT students now in 2011 than it did in 1991, we are still in the homophobic Stone Ages compared to other elite colleges and universities throughout the country, including many other major Catholic universities.

One of the most glaring contradictions may be that Saint Mary's has both an officially approved GSA (SAGA) as well as an inclusive nondiscrimination statement. Is church teaching different at Saint Mary's than it is at Notre Dame? And what about the 28 Catholic colleges and universities that offer domestic partner benefits to gays and lesbians? Check the 2007 Human Rights Campaign study for yourself to see. The largest Catholic university in the country in terms of number of students, DePaul, even has its own GLBT office, as well as three GLBT student groups and an inclusive nondiscrimination clause.

In the face of the tragic suicides of GLBT students at schools across the country earlier this year, we must fight even harder to stop the administration's homophobia and intolerance. Put your name on the petition and let it be made known that you do not agree with the homophobic policies that the administration has strictly enforced throughout our University's history. Separate is not equal. The thousands of GLBT alumni from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, as well as like-minded alumni of all sexual orientations, will continue to fight by your side on the march to full equality.

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Tradition of East Lounge

I would like to open with the statement that I am a student in the Program of Liberal Studies. Students in our course of study inevitably pick up some respect for tradition. This is of course a fitting sentiment for a Notre Dame student.

Notre Dame students carry their love of tradition to their faith, their fun and their LaFortune. LaFortune is divided into many parts, each with its own culture. I personally frequent LaMent, that is, LaFortune basement. Even the basement is divided very clearly into parts with different rules and norms. These rules, like many of the rules and norms of our own culture, are largely unwritten. The two rooms between which it is imperative to distinguish are the West Lounge and the East Lounge. I have lived more in LaFortune's West Lounge than I have in my own dorm, and in my time there the rules have become apparent. The West Lounge, which is the main room, is a social space filled with wacky antics and oddly arranged, vaguely ugly furniture.

People often tell me that they have a rough night of work and cannot afford to indulge in the distractions of the West Lounge.

So they go to the East Lounge. The East Lounge is traditionally quiet. Not arbitrarily so, but because LaFortune needs a silent space, and the great thinkers of Notre Dame culture have deemed East Lounge that place. Though the official policies of LaFortune have no such dictum, any student with a respect for Aristotle, Plato and Fr. Hesburgh knows that East Lounge is the location that our forefathers have given us to study in respectful silence. My comrades, I know that tradition is not wrought from iron, and that when necessary one must be able to alter it, but I see no adequate reason to drive away the students who have been enjoying their land, their lounge in silence, with your imperialist, impolite noise. My fellow PLSers, please, live according to the rules of LaFortune. There is ample space for your conversation in other parts of LaFortune.

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Cheerios for a better university

My dear friends in Notre Dame,

The time has come. The Cereal Survey is upon us. But before we all carefully consider our cereal options and submit our surveys, I would like to tell you a tale.

For as long as I can remember, I have eaten Cheerios for breakfast every day. Now I understand that Cheerios, to most, seem very plain, but therein lies their greatest value. Cheerios provide the perfect base on which to mix many of the sweeter cereals that taste so good, but push you towards diabetes if you eat an entire bowl. So imagine my joy when I arrived at Notre Dame as a nervous, wide-eyed freshman and saw the two giant walls of cereal in North Dining Hall. All of those cereals, just waiting to be mixed with Cheerios! I tried a different mix every day. Sometimes I would combine four cereals in one bowl. At the end of my junior year, when I went abroad to Ireland, one of my greatest concerns was how I would get my Cheerios. But, providentially, the Irish eat Cheerios too (in the multi-grain form).

I returned to campus for my senior year, extremely excited to be back and to taste once again my master mixes of cereal in North Dining Hall. But, after one week, my beloved Cheerios disappeared, never to return. I was horrified. My senior year, and they take away my Cheerios! Since then, my Dining Hall cereal has not been the same.

So as you sit in the dining hall today, marking off your choices on the cereal survey, I give you this warning. In your excitement about all of the fruity, chocolaty, and sugary cereals, do not neglect to vote for your basics. Our dining hall is not complete without Cheerios. I will be moving on from this university before this wrong is remedied, but for your own good, my friends, for the good of all at this university, I ask you: vote for Cheerios.

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The "Dove Campaign for Real Beauty" launched in 2004. Using TV advertisements, billboards and short films, the campaign strove to celebrate the natural and unique bodies of women, emphasizing the beauty of all shapes and sizes, not just those of models.

The "It Gets Better Project" launched in 2010. This online video website aims to help prevent LGBT teen suicide in the wake of increased suicides of gay bullied teens.

And now, it seems, the female pop star industry has launched its own self-esteem improvement campaign. Although untitled and possibly unorganized — it was just award show season, they had other things on their mind — this campaign hopes to help listeners feel good about themselves and their unique personalities. Stars like Pink, Katy Perry, Ke\$ha and Lady Gaga want to celebrate individuality and being true to yourself — important qualities which often fall by the wayside in today's highly commercialized society.

Their efforts, however, ring hollow when their attempts to imbue downtrodden, self-conscious teens and listeners with pride in their individuality are commercialized and conformist, either in their songs or in their personality.

I applaud the efforts of these leading ladies in pop music to promote self-awareness and boost self-esteem. There's a growing trend of young people of all ages trying to fit a certain norm and dress code. And if they fail or fall short of society's expectations, they can suffer a harsh blow to their self-identity and self-confidence, which is often difficult to overcome. We do need to celebrate the individual beauty and worth of every human being.

But I can't really take Lady Gaga's new single, "Born This Way," seriously as an individuality anthem when the only thing that pops into my mind while listening to it is Madonna. Lady Gaga has made a career of being different and shocking. From her meat dress to her slightly risqué videos, she never fails to surprise her fans. Her songs have also often bucked the trend of typical pop music, which helps make them unique and worth listening to, even when radio stations overplay them.

This newest single, though, has me ques-

tioning the cutting-edge qualities of Lady Gaga. Despite being quite an individual herself, she can't even muster up her own sound and style to promote uniqueness and self-pride. I do not doubt that Lady Gaga is a talented musician or question that this is a good song. Rather, I wonder about her motives behind this song and the effectiveness of her message.

Katy Perry and Ke\$ha also fall victim to this mixed message. The pop divas recently released their self-esteem singles, "Firework" and "We R Who We R," respectively, achieving billboard success and inspiring young people. And yet, both of their careers follow in the footsteps of Lady Gaga and her "shock and awe" path to fame, Ke\$ha only diverging in her amount of actual musical talent.

From blue hair to face-altering eye makeup, these starlets have realized the star potential in shocking music and style.

Though they are unable to achieve the jaw-dropping levels of Lady Gaga, they still follow in her footsteps. And so, their call to embrace your individual personality falls flat since they apparently struggle with their own advice. When Katy Perry embraces the firework inside herself, I'll follow suit.

Pink gets the gold star in this effort, releasing the first of these self-esteem pop singles, "Raise Your Glass," followed by "F**kin' Perfect," which hit the No. 1 spot on the American Top 40 charts this week. These are not her

only message-laden songs; she has also sought to inspire in previous singles "Sober" and "Stupid Girls." She actually seems to not only talk the talk, but also walk the walk with her music and lifestyle. Her face is rarely plastered across tabloids for the ridiculous stunts she has recently pulled or the crazy outfits the paparazzi have shot her in.

So I applaud the efforts of these pop stars as they try to promote increased self-confidence and self-esteem — and I'll probably still dance to their songs at Feve — but I hesitate to use them as examples and role models in my life. Unilever, the company that owns Dove, also received criticism with their beauty campaign when they continued to use overtly sexualized women in the AXE brand advertisements. The real message, apparently, that should be broadcast across America is the evils of hypocrisy.

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Grammy nominated Johnny Winter will mosey onto Club Fever's stage Saturday, stringing and singing Texas blues tunes for his South Bend fans.

The Club Fever performance will come in the midst of a world tour that includes stops in Germany, France and Japan. Fellow handmates drummer Vito Liuzzi, guitarist Paul Nelson and bassist Scott Spray will accompany Winter.

Winter has released dozens of albums over the past 50 years including what he calls "non-official" compilations of early singles he recorded as a teenager. Praise for Winter, who was ranked no. 74 on Rolling Stones' 2003 list of "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time," continues to pile up. Two of the albums Winter produced for blues band Muddy Waters won Grammy Awards and recently Winter and his brother were inducted into the Southeast Texas "Walk of Fame" in his hometown.

Winter's love for music began at an early age. During his childhood in Beaumont, Texas, Winter, 67, experimented with the clarinet, ukulele and guitar and performed with his brother Edgar on the piano. Winter formed his first band, Johnny and the Jammers, at 14 and released the blues album "The Progressive Blues Experiment" in 1968.

The Texas guitar tradition runs deep in Winter's music, Winter's website JohnnyWinter.net said.

"From T-Bone Walker and Clarence Gatemouth Brown on through Albert Collins and Freddie King, Billy Gibbons and the late Stevie Ray Vaughan, the tradition of the Texas guitar slinger has lived on. The one name that ranks at the top of that exclusive list is Johnny Winter, an international ambassador for rocking Texas blues and still going strong," JohnnyWinter.net said.

Rockabilly band The Blasters will accompany Winter at Club Fever. Band members Phil Alvin, John Bazz, Bill Bateman and Keith Wyatt's mix of blues and rockabilly will bring what they call "American Music" front and center Saturday.

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Ticket Information

Buy tickets at:
Club Fever, Backstage Grill Restaurant, Audio Specialists/South Bend, Orbit Music/Mishawaka, Karma Records/Plymouth & Warsaw, Morris Performing Arts Center Box Office or charge by phone at 574-235-9190, as well as www.morriscenter.org and all Ticketmaster locations including SuperSounds/Elkhart and www.ticketmaster.com.

\$50 Tickets

They include:
- a wristband for entry to the party which starts at 6PM, before the Johnny Winter show
- a food buffet
- music.
Proceeds for the Vegetable Buddies Reunion Party will be donated to South Bend Center for The Homeless.

Around the Bend

What: Johnny Winter and The Blasters
Where: Club Fever, 222 S Michigan St.
When: Saturday, March 26, 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)
How much: \$35, \$50

NOTRE DAME *style spotter*



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Spotted: Lewis Hall

Sofia just came back from a tropical spring break and she is showing off her incredible tan with this stylish outfit. Her relaxed, white tunic paired with dark skinny jeans and gray ballerina flats is perfect for spring weather. Her mix of red and gray bangles definitely completes the look. Sofia looks chic and relaxed after a great week of vacation.

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FASHION

Felicia by



There is nothing more frightening than realizing you have become a casualty of your own "Mission to Conquer Fashion." I came to this realization suddenly and abruptly, every morning during my study-abroad experience in Paris.



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Scene Writer

Each morning I would attempt to complete the everyday task of exiting my miniscule, closet-less room to attend class. As I would reach for the door-knob, I would pause, barely breathing, and say a deep prayer that the overloaded, rickety metal rack upon which my jackets hung would not be disturbed by the atmospheric movement that the door inevitably caused. For if it was, the rack would fall over onto yours truly, creating a domino effect.

Jackets, belts, dresses, in short the never-ending ocean of my closet, precariously draped from every hanging object in my room and myself would end up in a glorious heap on the floor. All this would of course be accompanied by a deafening crash. This would always be followed by my over-attentive landlady bursting into my room screaming very loudly in a torrent of French to make sure I had not been knocked unconscious or strangled by a hanger or other flying accessory.

As you can imagine, when this happened, the disruption to my daily pre-class "café au lait et pain au chocolat" ritual caused me no end of distress. After many bruises, two ripped outfits, and one sprained ankle, I realized I had to stage an intervention.

As I weeded out my closet one night with my friends, Wine and Brie, I realized I could actually create more fashion ensembles with fewer pieces. The key to smarter fashion strategy, and apparently surviving my room, was color combination.

Just as Mediterranean women of the Amalfi coast and the trend-

setters of London embrace color creativity, so can we. And what better time than Spring to clean out the closet and incorporate the bright colors heretofore reserved for your recent Spring Break beach vacation?

The key to incorporating brights and matching colors into your wardrobe is an awareness of the color palette. Often designers will combine different colors through color blocking or a more fantastical pattern in a dress or key accessory. This can be a diving board from which to enthusiastically jump into the sea of color.

However, the key to discerning what is avant-garde, and what is prairie home companion, is a firm grasp of warm and cool colors and their relationships. For example, if you normally gravitate to an all-black ensemble, spice it up with cooler colors, such as teal blue, chartreuse green or even both. If you love red, you have two options — go for classic by pairing it with neutrals cream and camel, or find a reddish-based fuchsia, and an orange — make yourself a living sunset.

The key to crisp color presentation lies in bold strokes and solids, not small, decorative, flowery patterns. If you wear a yellow, green and blue top, pair it with a solid color pant or skirt in navy. Relate independent colors with visual 'tocchi' or touches. That is, if the bedazzled shoulders of your jacket are emerald green, wear a complementary green shoe or purse.

Think of yourself as an abstract painting: often the key to its beauty is its complementary colors unified by one base color, such as black or white. You can start your journey onto the proverbial 'color brick road' by taking advantage of high-end designer Thakoon's colorblock dress at Target for \$39.99. Watch out

Jackson Pollack, new artists are in town.

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Samantha Osborn models brights.



Photo Courtesy of Target

Thakoon colorblock dress, Target.com, \$39.99.

NFL

NFL files lawsuit to keep lockout in place

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The NFL asked a federal judge Monday to keep its lockout in place, saying there are no legal grounds to stop it while accusing the players of trying to manipulate the law with a bogus antitrust lawsuit.

The NFL filed its arguments in federal court in St. Paul, Minn., where U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson has scheduled an April 6 hearing on the players' bid to stop the lockout.

The NFL said any decision on a lockout should wait until the National Labor Relations Board rules on an unfair labor practice charge against the now-dissolved players' union that contends the players failed to negotiate in good faith. The charge, filed Feb. 14, was amended on March 11 to include reference to the union's decertification.

The NLRB said the case is still under investigation and had no further comment.

The legal salvo is just the latest in the fight between the league and players, who failed to forge a new collective bargaining agreement on March 11. That same day, Tom Brady, Drew Brees, Peyton Manning and six other current NFL players filed the antitrust suit and injunction request in federal court here, and the NFL owners locked out the players, putting the 2011 season in jeopardy.

The NFL made three main points in Monday's filing. It said the injunction issue shouldn't be in federal court at all, the decertification of the union was a sham and the players' claim of "irreparable harm" has no

merit.

Stopping the lockout, the NFL argued, would open all 32 teams up to additional antitrust claims even for working together to solve the labor fight. Antitrust claims carry triple damages for any harm proven, meaning hundreds of millions of dollars are at stake.

In arguing that Congress has barred judges from halting lockouts, the league cited the Norris-LaGuardia Act — Depression-era legislation passed with the intent of limiting employers' ability to crack down on unions, including their ability to seek court orders halting strikes. The NFL contends the law also protects an employer's right to impose a lockout in a labor dispute.

The league said the NFLPA dissolved eight hours before the labor agreement expired simply to avoid a six-month delay in filing its multimillion-dollar antitrust lawsuit — a delay spelled out in the CBA.

Decertification, the league says, proved the players did not want to negotiate in good faith and is a step used whenever it serves the union's purposes at the bargaining table.

The 57-page court filing includes statements from the players themselves that the league says backs its argument.

"We decertified so that we could fight them from locking us out and go back to work," Jeff Saturday, the NFLPA vice president, said the day after the March 11 decertification, according to the court filing. "And we feel like ... we can still negotiate this anytime you want."

According to the filing, NFLPA president Kevin Mawae said in a Sept. 29 interview that decertification was an "ace in our sleeve" that worked in the late 1980s in favor of the players.

"It's been a part of the union strategy since I've been in the league," Mawae said.

The league also cited comments from Baltimore Ravens receiver Derrick Mason nine days before the union was dissolved.

"So are we a union? Per se, no. But we're still going to act as if we are one," Mason, an NFLPA player representative, said on March 2, according to the court filing.

The NFLPA did not respond specifically to Monday's filing, but spokesman George Atallah said: "The NFL's actions don't match their words. They say they want a fair deal, but instead they locked out the players and now are trying to preserve that lockout through litigation."

The league, meanwhile, accused the union of an illegal "heads I win, tails you lose" strategy, claiming the players want the NFL subject to antitrust claims "if it ceases or refuses to continue football operations" yet also "subject to antitrust liability if it does not" in a "flip of a switch" approach.

The players' antitrust suit — forever to be known as Brady et al vs. National Football League et al — attacked the league's policies on rookie salaries and free-agent restrictions such as franchise-player tags.

Peter Ruocco, the NFL's senior vice president of labor relations, wrote rebuttals to those con-



Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross talks at the owners meeting Monday. The NFL is currently in a lockout.

tentions as part of Monday's court filing.

He argued that franchise tags are lucrative options for players, noting that Manning signed a multiyear contract worth nearly \$100 million after being designated a franchise player in 2004.

As for the league-wide limit on rookie salaries, in which teams are permitted a certain pool to spend on players they draft, Ruocco noted that rookies last season, as a whole, signed contracts totaling \$658.9 million in guarantees.

Ruocco also wrote that missing offseason workouts does not do "irreparable harm" to play-

ers, as they allege of the lockout. He noted that players work out on their own regardless.

NFL players would "undoubtedly argue" that free agency should begin promptly if the lockout were to be lifted, Ruocco added. That, he said, would create "considerable uncertainty" about the rights and abilities of teams wishing to re-sign their players and have a "detrimental effect" on the league's competitive balance.

That scenario would be "difficult, if not impossible, to unscramble the egg and return those players" to their original teams if the NFL were to win this case.

MLB

Phillies sign ex-Met Castillo to minor league contract

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — The Philadelphia Phillies signed three-time All-Star second baseman Luis Castillo to a minor league contract on Monday.

Castillo will report to camp as a non-roster player and compete for playing time while five-time All-Star Chase Utley recovers from a right knee injury.

Philadelphia general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said bringing in Castillo amounts to a 10-day tryout before the seasons begins on April 1.

"We're going to see if he can

play second base," Amaro said before Monday's game against the Boston Red Sox. "We'll assess it, see if he's going to be able to help us. If he can, great. If he can't we'll probably go with what we've got in camp."

"He's not going to go to the minor leagues," Amaro added. "He's either going to make our club or be released."

Utley hasn't played in any of the Phillies exhibition games this spring. He has been diagnosed with knee revealed tendinitis, chondromalacia and bone inflammation.

"He's getting a little better in

time, he's starting to get a little better," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "It's not coming real fast, but he's showing, according to the doctors and trainers, he's starting to get better. Seems like it's going to take a while though."

Castillo is a career .290 hitter in 15 seasons with the New York Mets, Minnesota Twins and Florida Marlins. He hit .235 with Mets in 2010, but was limited to just 86 games because of a right heel injury.

Castillo was released Friday by the Mets. He is in the final season of a four-year, \$25 mil-

lion contract.

"I think a change will be good for him, I respect him as a player," said Phillies catcher Brian Schneider, who played with Castillo in New York. "He's been in the game a long time and he's done a lot of great things. I think this is a good opportunity for him with what's going on here."

Castillo is in the final season of a four-year, \$25 million contract. The Mets are responsible for most of the \$6 million remaining on the deal, with the Phillies having to pay Castillo the major-league minimum of

\$414,000 if he's added to the roster.

"He'll come in, we'll look at him and see what he's got, see if he can help us," Philadelphia manager Charlie Manuel said.

Castillo had not reported to camp by the time the Phillies clubhouse closed following the team's 4-1 win over the Boston Red Sox.

The Phillies have five players in camp who have played second base this spring: super utility reserve Wilson Valdez, Rule 5 pick Michael Martinez and non-roster players Josh Barfield, Delwyn Young and Pete Orr.

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Howard's 28 points lift Magic past Cleveland

Van Gundy displeased with Cleveland's fourth quarter comeback; Pacers' win improves playoff chances

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Hard as he tried, Stan Van Gundy just couldn't bring himself to enjoy Orlando's win.

The hard-to-please Magic coach was in one of those foul moods.

Van Grumpy.

Dwight Howard scored 28 points with 18 rebounds and he and Brandon Bass were way too much for Cleveland's smallish frontline to handle as the Magic rolled to a 97-86 win Monday night over the Cavaliers, whose fourth-quarter comeback irritated Van Gundy.

Standing in the hallway outside Orlando's locker room, Van Gundy was asked what he took from the win. His answers were terse.

"Nothing," he said. "We got a win and that's what we take from it. We got a win, and we're moving on. This one is done."

With the Cavs unable to stop Howard near the basket, the Magic built a 15-point lead in the first quarter and were up by 26 late in the third. However, Cleveland fought back and closed within 92-83 before Hedo Turkoglu's 3-pointer with 2:56 left put Orlando back in control.

The Magic won their third straight and pulled within 3 1/2 games of Miami for the No. 3 playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

That was of little value to Van Gundy, who was upset with his team's 20 turnovers and inability to put Cleveland away.

"You only play 82 games a year," Van Gundy said. "It shouldn't be hard to go out and play hard and well all the time. We've seen ebbs and flows, but I don't have an excuse for it. We turned the ball over too much and we didn't play with a lot of energy."

The Magic swept all four games against the Cavaliers, winning the season series for the first time since 2002-03. The teams met each other in the playoffs in 2009, a tight series Orlando won in six

games. Their feud figured to continue, but it dissolved the moment LeBron James left Cleveland.

Fierce rivals just a year ago, Orlando and Cleveland are now on opposite ends of the NBA spectrum.

"It is different now," Howard said. "It's weird."

J.J. Hickson scored 18 and Daniel Gibson 16 for the Cavs, who have dropped three straight and nine of 11.

Bass added 22 points for Orlando, and combined with Howard to go 18 of 21 from the floor against a Cavs team lacking a legitimate inside game.

Howard added four assists, four blocks, four steals and the All-Star center went a shocking 10 of 12 from the free throw line. He's made only 58 percent of his foul shots this season. Following the game, Howard handed fans his sneakers and arm sleeves and tossed his jersey into the crowd.

"He's a great player," Cavs coach Byron Scott said. "His flaw is obviously from the line but he is athletic, strong, big and fast. He's dominant."

When Howard went out with 1:49 left in the third, the Magic were up by 22 and even Van Gundy seemed somewhat pleased. Howard slapped hands with Orlando's assistant coaches and it appeared his night was over early. But Bass picked up his fifth personal and Van Gundy had to put Howard back in.

The Cavs began knocking down shots and made it interesting in the fourth. They closed within nine on Christian Eyenga's 3-pointer. But Turkoglu ended the comeback bid with his 3 from deep in the left corner.

While Van Gundy was unhappy, Howard believes the Magic are in a good place.

"We're a team that's headed toward making a great playoff run," Howard said. "We have all the talent. We've got a great team. We have to bring it every night."

At halftime, the Magic led by 18 and were on cruise control. Howard, Bass and Ryan



Magic guard Gilbert Arenas drives to the basket in the fourth quarter of Orlando's 97-86 win over Cleveland Monday. The Magic currently sit fourth in the Eastern Conference standings.

Anderson were a combined 17 of 20 with 42 points, 19 rebounds and eight dunks.

Scott wanted his big men to be physical with Howard, and on Orlando's first possession, Samardo Samuels locked up the Magic's All-Star center with a bear hug in the middle of the lane. Samuels got away with it as Howard was called for 3 seconds.

Howard then had his way.

He drew five personal fouls — two on Ryan Hollins and one apiece on Samuels, Hickson and Luke Harangody — in the first quarter alone as Cleveland was forced to hack away at him or get dunked on. Howard finished the period with 12 points and nine rebounds.

"Once he sits in the paint, it's

just hard to move him out," Hickson said. "With his size and athleticism, it's tough."

Pacers 102, Nets 98

The Indiana Pacers are closing in on the postseason, even if it appears they are crawling at times.

Despite scoring 15 first-quarter points, turning the ball over 18 times in the game and nearly blowing a late 11-point lead, the Pacers opened a two-game lead in the race for the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference with a 102-98 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Monday.

"It's a huge win for our ballclub," Pacers interim coach Frank Vogel said. "That's what we're all working hard for."

It didn't look that way for the opening 21 minutes, and certainly not at the end when the Nets missed two 3-pointers in the final 15 seconds that would have tied the game.

"We didn't want to let this one slip away," said Pacers center Roy Hibbert, who had a game-high 24 points on 10-of-14 shooting from the field. "We had some mishaps toward the end of the game, but Darren (Collison) hit some big free throws and we came through with the win."

Collison, who had a game-high 12 assists, scored nine of his 15 points in the final 2:24 to protect a lead that Danny Granger helped build by scoring 17 of his 20 in the second half.

"It's very important," said Granger, who missed his first seven shots from the field. "Road wins are very hard to come by in the NBA. To get one is great for us. We started off slow and we knew we needed this game."

The win gave Indiana a 31-40 record. Charlotte (28-41) and Milwaukee (28-41) are tied for ninth, with the Bobcats playing host to Indiana on Wednesday. The Pacers are 3-0 against Charlotte this season.

"It's huge," Vogel said. "We've got a chance to really put them at a disadvantage. ... It would be like a four-game lead with only 10 to go. It's a great opportunity for us."

The other good piece of news for the Pacers is that they play seven of their final 11 games at home.

Brook Lopez had 20 points to lead the Nets, who saw Sundiata Gaines and Sasha Vujacic miss tying 3-point attempts in the final 15 seconds.

Gaines finished with a career-high 18 points, while Vujacic and Jordan Farmar had 14 apiece for New Jersey, which lost its fourth in the row.



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Thomas' 16 in second half spark Hurricanes

Sixth-year senior lifts Miami to quarterfinals; Releford, Mitchell lead Crimson Tide past New Mexico

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Adrian Thomas was staring at the end of his Miami career — and not quite ready to say goodbye.

Thomas, a sixth-year senior scored all 16 of his points in the second half to lead Miami to an 81-72 win against Missouri State on Monday night in the second round of the NIT.

Second-seeded Miami (21-14) will play at Alabama on Wednesday with a trip to New York for the NIT semifinals on the line.

"I just wanted to win the game," Thomas said. "I don't want this season to end, because once it's over, it's official for me."

Thomas said he focused on "staying calm" as Miami went into halftime trailing 32-26.

Thomas scored 14 points - including four 3-pointers - in the first 4:15 of the second half.

"A.T. was the reason we made that turnaround in the second half," said point guard Durand Scott, who led the Canes with 20 points. "We just came out aggressive and stayed together on the defensive side. And we let A.T. go to work on the offensive side."

Added Thomas: "Once the first one went in, I just kept shooting."

Hurricanes coach Frank Haith said Thomas helped revive his team, whose 21 wins this season are eighth-most in program history.

"(Thomas) gave us a spark," Haith said. "In the first half, we were stagnant. They were switching on ball screens, and we did not have good movement."

Missouri State (26-9) never fully recovered from Thomas' run, but managed to cut the deficit to 78-72 with 47.1 seconds left.

The Bears fouled Scott, who made one of two free throws. Miami then sealed the game with a steal and two free throws by Rion Brown with 28.4 seconds remaining.

Malcolm Grant had 10 points for Miami, and Reggie Johnson who had nine points and nine rebounds.

Brown, who Haith said was suffering from strep throat, had seven points, all late.

Missouri State was led by guard Adam Leonard, who was 7 for 8 from 3-point range and finished with 26 points.

Kyle Weems, the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year, shot 6 of 17 and was held to 18 points.

Miami, which did not shoot a free throw in the first half, made 21 of 24 after the break. The Canes also scored 55 points in the second half.

"Disaster," is how Weems termed his team's start to the second half.

"(Thomas) got hot. He hit some shots with hands in his face, and we lost our compo-

sure. We got it back, but we dug ourselves too big a hole."

Alabama 74, New Mexico 67

Trevor Releford's speedy drives, Tony Mitchell's high-flying dunks and an effective dose of full-court pressure kept Alabama alive in the National Invitation Tournament.

Mitchell scored 23 points and Releford matched his career-high with 20 to lead the Crimson Tide to a 74-67 win over New Mexico Monday night in the second round of the NIT.

The Tide (23-11), mostly known for its defense, made 15 of 20 shots in the second half to move into the quarterfinals. Alabama will host Miami on Wednesday night, aiming for its sixth trip to the NIT final four at Madison Square Garden.

"I think our guys are excited to still have an opportunity to continue to play and continue to try to play for a championship," Tide coach Anthony Grant said.

Kendall Williams led New Mexico (22-13) with 18 points, including a couple of 3-pointers in the final 35 seconds to cut it to a six-point deficit.

Then Charvez Davis hit one of two free throws with 24 seconds left to make it a three-possession game and the Lobos missed their 3-point attempt, anyway.

Davis finished with 14 points and hit half of Alabama's six 3-pointers.

Mitchell was 8-of-11 shooting while Releford, a freshman point guard, added six rebounds and six assists and frequently drove the lane.

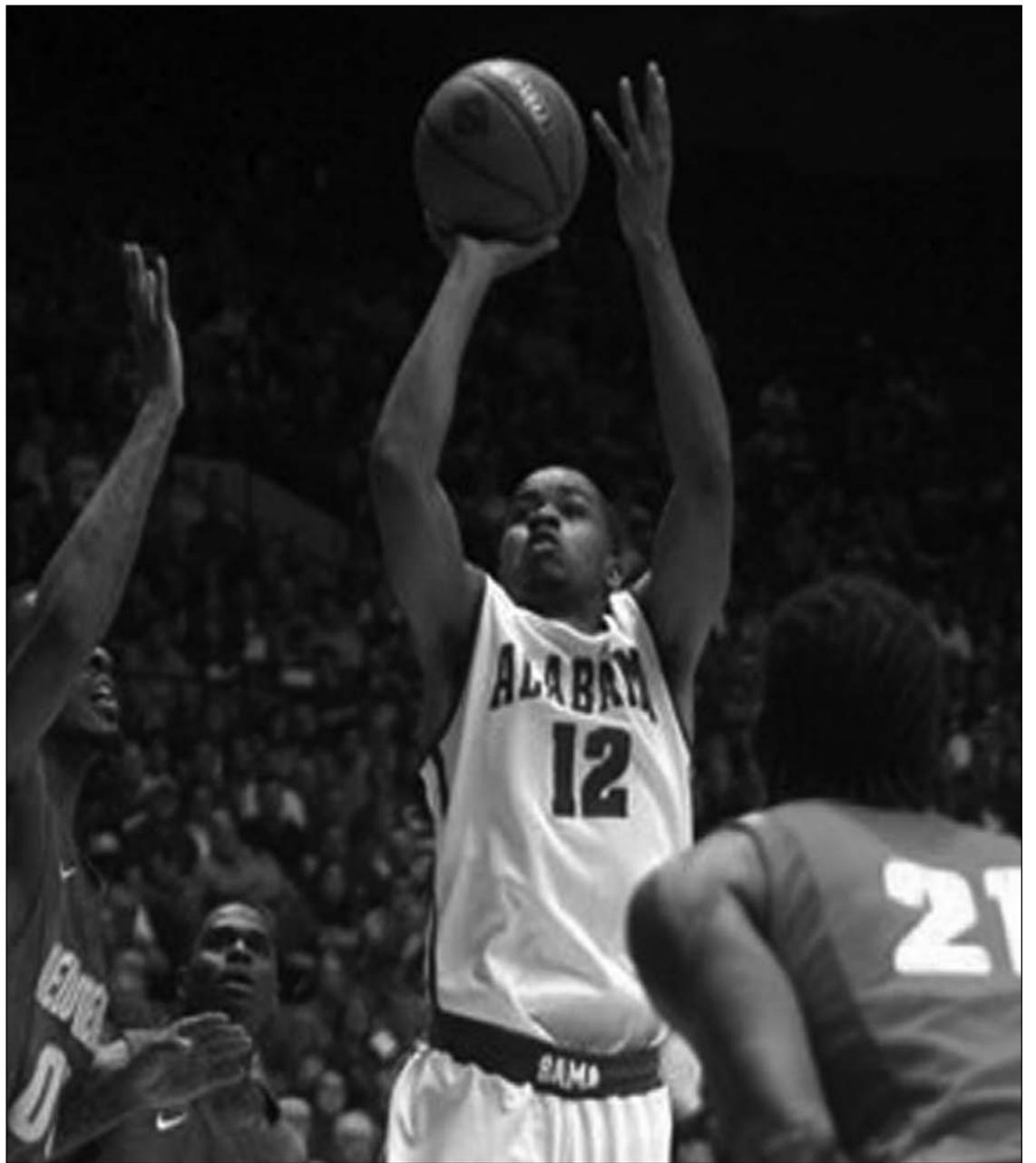
"Trevor all year has done an outstanding job not necessarily in scoring but in getting other guys shots, doing a great job defensively," Grant said. "That's what you want to see out of your basketball team, that when the opportunity presents itself different guys step up. I think that's the mark of a good team."

Leading scorer JaMychal Green didn't score for the first 31 minutes and finished with six points and seven rebounds. He played only 20 minutes because of foul trouble.

Phillip McDonald had 12 points and Drew Gordon added 11 for New Mexico. Williams, who became the sixth freshman in the Mountain West Conference to score 400 points, and McDonald were each 4 of 9 from 3-point range. Gordon only had four rebounds, nearly seven fewer than his season average.

Alabama improved to 18-0 at Coleman Coliseum this season despite trailing at home in 11 of those, including a six-point deficit in the first half of this one.

"It's one of the better defensive teams that we've played all season long," New Mexico coach Steve Alford said. "They mix up their pressures, they



Alabama freshman guard Trevor Releford spots up for a jumper in the Crimson Tide's 74-67 win over New Mexico Monday. Releford led Alabama in scoring with 23.

back off, they come at you. They just do a really good job of keeping you off balance."

New Mexico, playing without injured guard Dairese Gary, was down only two points early in the second half before Alabama went on a 17-5 run led by a couple of highlight-reel dunks by Mitchell.

The first came on a long alley-oop pass from Senario Hillman and then he streaked to the basket to slam home a missed 3. He added a windmill dunk off a fast-break in the final minutes, but missed three of four late free throws to help New Mexico cut into a deficit that grew to 18 points in the final four minutes.

"We're not going to feel like we're out of it," Williams said. "Obviously being down (18) points doesn't help that confidence, but we've fought all year. If we did a better job of handling the press and keeping them out of transition we wouldn't have been in that position. But we were, and I think we did a good job of fighting out of it."

The Lobos had also managed to briefly cut the lead back to single digits earlier on a 3 by Williams with 7:34 left, but the Tide scored the next nine points on three drives and a 3-pointer by Davis to seemingly put the game away.

Alabama, which used the full-court press effectively at times, forced three straight turnovers to start the run.

"They're hitting shots on top of it," Williams said. "It all

kind of spawned from turnovers and it gave them confidence to hit outside jumpers."

Alabama made only 11 of 23 free throws in the second half to help New Mexico hang in.

Releford had scored the final five points of the first half to give Alabama a 30-26 lead. He hit a jumper to put

the Tide ahead and added a contested 3-pointer with 11 seconds left and the shot clock dwindling down.

"That happens with an inexperienced group," Alford said. "I think you really felt the effects of our first road game without Dairese. I think you really saw that at the end of the first half."

"I just wanted to win the game. I don't want this season to end, because once it's over, it's official for me."

Adrian Thomas
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Panel weighs nuclear safety

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — State lawmakers called on California utilities Monday to delay efforts to relicense nuclear power plants until the companies complete detailed seismic maps to get a true picture of the risks posed by earthquakes and tsunamis.

State senators raised sharp questions about whether California's nuclear plants can withstand a major natural disaster such as the one on March 11 that has left Japan scrambling to control radiation coming from some of its reactors.

Lawmakers also questioned whether the utilities have been dragging their feet on conducting three-dimensional seismic studies called for in a 2008 state report to assess the risks posed by offshore faults.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has applied to renew its license to operate the two reactors at Diablo Canyon Power Plant near San Luis Obispo, which expire in 2024 and 2025.

"I would ask sincerely that PG&E suspend or withdraw that application" until the additional seismic mapping is completed, said Sen. Sam Blakeslee, R-San Luis Obispo, a geophysicist who has been a frequent critic of Diablo Canyon. He said he would pursue legislation to thwart the utility until the mapping is done.

Blakeslee in 2009 intro-

duced a bill that would have required the utility to meet that and other requirements; it won unanimous support in the Legislature but then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed it.

Lloyd Cluff, a seismic expert for PG&E, said work started in October for shallow mapping and the utility will apply in April for a permit for deep mapping down to 10 kilometers below the surface.

"We're doing it as we speak," Cluff said.

Edison has applied to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to charge ratepayers an estimated \$21.6 million for similar studies at the San Onofre plant north of San Diego along the Southern California coast, said Caroline McAndrews, director of licensing at the plant.

The license for San Onofre expires in 2022 and Edison has not yet applied to renew it.

California gets a total of about 12 percent of its power from the Diablo Canyon and San Onofre nuclear plants.

Outside the hearing room, Daniel Hirsch, a lecturer in nuclear policy at University of California, Santa Cruz, noted California's reactors are in one of the most seismically active areas of the world after Japan. "What's going on in Japan could happen here," he said.

Japan's plants were not designed to handle the ground movement or wave heights

they were subjected to this month, said Steve David, director of site services at Diablo Canyon.

Diablo Canyon and San Onofre have been designed to survive much larger forces, utility representatives testified.

"We've gone back this week and verified that (safety) equipment is in place and that the operators have been trained," David said.

The senators are reviewing whether California's nuclear power plants and natural gas pipelines are safe from earthquakes, as Japan's crisis raises uncomfortable comparisons to the nuclear plants on the U.S. West Coast.

"Japan has always been a leader in preparedness," said Sen. Ellen Corbett, a San Leandro Democrat who chairs the Senate Select Committee on Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery.

"It's time to revisit the safety of these plants in light of what we have learned from Japan," Corbett said.

The utilities contend the plants have been designed and located to protect them from the most serious natural threats considered possible at the sites.

For example, Diablo Canyon is anchored in bedrock and has safety systems and emergency reservoirs located at 80 feet or more above sea level. San Onofre is protected by a 30-foot seawall.

Judge orders Loughner to undergo mental exam

Associated Press

PHOENIX — An Arizona judge on Monday ordered the suspect in the January shooting rampage in Tucson to undergo a mental evaluation at a specialized facility in Missouri as soon as possible.

The evaluation will be videotaped and provided to prosecutors and defense attorneys, U.S. District Judge Larry Burns said in his late Monday ruling. The judge also ordered that the exam be conducted no later than April 29, and that findings be reported to the court and attorneys on both sides by May 11.

Prosecutors had argued that Jared Lee Loughner's exam should be conducted at a so-called medical referral center that provides forensic services and has increased resources, and recommended the federal Bureau of Prisons facility in Springfield, Mo.

Medical referral centers use psychiatrists employed by the bureau.

Loughner's lawyers have said the exam should be done by an outside expert, not by a Bureau of Prisons employee, at a Tucson prison. They also wanted assurances that the evaluation doesn't expand into a review of their client's sanity.

Lead defense attorney Judy Clark wrote in a court filing last week that moving Loughner would harm the defense team's

efforts to develop an attorney-client relationship. The defense also was concerned that Loughner is "seriously ill," and that moving him to Missouri could worsen his state.

Loughner, 22, has pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from the Jan. 8 attack that killed six and wounded 13, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. She remains at a rehabilitation center in Houston as she recovers from a bullet wound to the brain.

Burns agreed that the Springfield facility is the best place for the exam, and ordered that the scope of the exam should be limited to whether Loughner is competent to stand trial, not whether he was sane at the time of the shooting.

"The question at issue is whether the defendant is presently suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering him mentally incompetent to the extent that he is unable to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him, or to assist properly in his defense," Burns wrote.

Burns cited a memo written by Dr. Donald Lewis, chief of psychiatry for the Bureau of Prisons. He wrote that the Springfield facility is best for Loughner's exam because it "has medical staff available for neurology and other organic testing, and has far more forensic staff and full-time psychiatrists available to provide round-the-clock assistance."

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish take third at Invitational

By VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Irish attempted to bounce back from a disappointing showing at the Central District Invitational by winning the two-day Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational March 15 in Kaneohe, Hawaii, and after two impressive rounds Notre Dame trailed Arizona State by just five strokes. But victory slipped out of their grasp after a shaky third round, forcing the Irish to settle for third place.

"Our finish at Hawaii was extremely disappointing," freshman Kristina Nhim said. "We were within reach of winning, and our average scores on the last day of play are usually our lowest."

The Irish, who were ranked 21st and are now 25th, concluded the two-day tournament at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course with a final tally of 904, 40-over-par. The team finished behind first-place Arizona State, which finished 23-over-par, and runner-up University of Arizona, which finished 38-

over-par.

Although the squad said they were disappointed by the last round slip-up, there were encouraging aspects of their performance. They finished ahead of 15 teams, including fourth-place University of Nevada, Las Vegas, fifth-place Nevada and sixth-place Vanderbilt.

"Our third-place finish wasn't our strongest, but we still beat one ranked team ahead of us — Vanderbilt," Nhim said.

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Kristina Nhim
Irish freshman

The Irish were led by senior So-Hyun Park, who shot a nine-over-par 225 over 54 holes. She tied for seventh place individually after carding rounds of 74, 72 and 79.

Park finished with nine strokes than first-place finisher junior Carlota Ciganda of Arizona State, who shot one-under-par over three rounds and led the field for the entire tournament.

Nhim, whose rounds of 77, 72 and 78 for a total score of 227 were good enough for a tie for 11th place, followed Park. Despite her impressive 72-stroke second round, Nhim was

dissatisfied with her final day of play.

"Personally, I know that I did not play well the last day, and I know I have to work on more consistency with my game," Nhim said.

Freshman Nicole Zhang, the No. 19 ranked women's college golfer, was just a shot behind Nhim after rounds of 72, 75 and 81, and finished tied for 14th place. Junior Becca Huffer and senior captain Katie Conway finished in ties for 17th and 37th place respectively, with final tallies of 229 and 234.

The Irish are currently in the lead after two rounds at the John Kirk/Panther Intercollegiate at the Eagle's Landing Country Club in Stockbridge, Ga. Notre Dame has recorded a 15-over-par 591 strokes, and leads second-place James Madison by two strokes.

Huffer is the current leader with a three-under 141 after 36 holes. No one else in the field is under par after two rounds.

Huffer is followed by Conway, who is tied for sixth place with a score of 147 after a first round 72 and a second round 75.

The third and final round of the John Kirk/Panther Intercollegiate will begin Tuesday at 9 a.m.

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NHL

Penguins hold on to win in shootout

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Pittsburgh Penguins passed their first test after another setback.

James Neal scored the only goal in the shootout, giving Pittsburgh a 5-4 victory over the Detroit Red Wings after blowing a four-goal lead on Monday night.

"We let it slip away a bit and no one likes to see that," Neal said. "But when you come back and win in the shootout, it's a great feeling."

The win picked up a team that was knocked down a couple hours before the game.

Penguins forward Matt Cooke was suspended by the NHL for the rest of the regular season and the first round of the playoffs for an elbow to the head of New York Rangers defenseman Ryan McDonagh during a 5-2 home loss on Sunday.

"It's disappointing," teammate Jordan Staal said. "Matt's a big part of our team. He plays on the edge. He has to find a way to play on the edge but play clean."

Pascal Dupuis had two goals and an assist to help Pittsburgh build a big lead. Tyler Kennedy put Pittsburgh

ahead 4-0 at 13:16 of the second period, ending goalie Jimmy Howard's night. Joey MacDonald stopped all 10 shots he faced before the shootout.

"Howie would like to have the first one back, but I think we hung him out to dry on the other ones," Detroit coach Mike Babcock said. "Mac didn't have much work, but he made some good saves for us and gave us two rounds in the shootout with an opportunity."

Henrik Zetterberg's goal - redirected off a Penguins player - started Detroit's comeback late in the second period, and Mike Modano tied it midway through the third.

Brent Johnson stopped 37 shots for the Penguins, who gave Marc-Andre Fleury the night off, and denied Todd Bertuzzi, Modano and Danny Cleary in the shootout.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish finish seasons strong

By JOSEPH MONARDO and
VICKY JACOBSEN
Sports Writers

The Irish finished their seasons at the NCAA championships, the men at the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion at Ohio State and the women at the University of Texas.

The men posted strong performances in both diving events, which were contested Mar. 10 and 11. From the 3-meter board, senior Eric Lex finished ninth while his classmates Nathan Geary and Wesley Villaflor placed 15th and 18th, respectively. Lex also led the Irish from the 1-meter board with a 12th place finish, while Villaflor finished 14th and Geary placed 19th. For the three Irish seniors, the performances at the NCAA Zone Meet signal the end of three great careers.

"Although we may have come up a little short qualifying for NCAA Nationals I think we all came close to reaching our full potential as divers," Lex said. "We're all pretty happy with the way our careers turned out."

Despite Lex's ability to appreciate the careers which he and his teammates have enjoyed while at Notre Dame, the 2011 Big East Diver of the Year has a lingering sense of disappointment as he looks back on his final diving meet.

"On the 1-meter board I was pretty disappointed with [my performance]," Lex said. "I didn't really have the meet that I wanted. The 3-meter meet, which I ended up ninth in ... I was somewhat disappointed, but having it be my last meet, I feel like I was fairly pleased with how everything went."

Lex said making their inability to qualify for the NCAA National Diving Tournament a bit easier to swallow is the knowledge that the Irish divers were up against their hardest competition of the year.

"The Zone Meets far-and-away



Irish sophomore Jaime Malandra competes in the 500 backstroke during the Shamrock Invitational Jan. 28.

have the hardest competition we see all year," Lex said. "It's a combination of a lot of the Big Ten schools, who are predominantly known as diving powerhouses. It makes you better as a diver, but it's also kind of intimidating, I would say."

Purdue's David Boudia captured victories in both the 1-meter and 3-meter events.

For the women, senior Samantha Maxwell concluded an impressive career and sophomore teammate Kim Holden made her championship debut this past Saturday at the NCAA Championship.

Maxwell came in 17th in the 100-yard breaststroke and 37th in the 200-yard breaststroke. Holden competed in three events, finishing 25th in the 100-yard backstroke, 46th in the 100 fly, and 23rd in the 200-yard backstroke event. Notre Dame did not earn any points for the team competition, which was won by

the University of California-Berkeley.

The trip marked the fourth NCAA appearance and last collegiate competition for Maxwell, a three-time All-American. She finishes her career with school records in both the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke events and a Big East Conference Swimmer of the Year award, which she earned last season.

Meanwhile, sophomore Jenny Chiang and senior Heidi Grossman finished the diving season at the NCAA Zone Diving Championships at Ohio State. Chiang came in 12th place in the 3-meter board competition and 14th in the 1-meter board, while Grossman came in 22nd in the 3-meter and 17th in the 1-meter competition.

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Matuszak also had an outstanding performance at the Belles, shooting a 79 and 81 over the two days, respectively.

"My coach provided a great pep talk prior to the round about staying positive, and it really helped me," Boyce said. "Each player on our team gave a great effort. We saw we have a lot of depth and are excited to see where it will take us."

Saint Mary's was in control of first place after shooting a 302 on Friday, but the weather on Saturday provided a challenge for the Belles, and they fell to host George Fox, 623-616.

"George Fox's team was able to play really consistently," Boyce said. "Saturday there was a lot of wind, and they were able to score well despite the conditions. We all gave it our best shot, but they came out on top. We are hoping to have the chance to compete against them again and get our revenge."

Boyce said it was nice to compete outdoors, even though the weather proved to be an obstacle for Saint Mary's.

"Playing outside was a blast," she said. "It gave us a burst of energy and will help us practice hard through the bad weather back in South Bend. We really enjoyed the sun and desert."

Despite not coming home with the victory, Boyce said the Belles learned more about their team as they head into the remainder of the spring season.

"While we were disappointed not to win, we saw a lot of potential in our team," Boyce said. "Each player showed improvement this week, and we must work to continue to improve."

The Belles will travel to Texas Apr. 4 to compete in Southwestern University's spring invitational.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 17 Notre Dame goes 2-1 over break

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

Last week the No. 17 Irish lost two tough matches to South Florida and Duke before clenching a final victory against Tennessee in Tampa, Fla., bringing their record to 8-6.

The week began with a difficult matchup against USF, where the Irish lost 6-2. Freshmen doubles pair Jennifer Kellner, Big East player of the week, and Julie Sabacinski secured the first point. Juniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Mathews, No. 23, brought their record to 11-3 as they took down No. 42 pair junior Janette Bejikova and freshman Loreto Alonso Martinez.

The Irish fell short in singles play, with Kellner securing the only point for the Irish and her tenth consecutive singles victory.

Frilling sat out the singles play against USF and Duke due to a wrist injury.

"I've had tendonitis in my wrist for the past month," Frilling said. "It's been tough trying to work out the best times to rest, and the best times to play in order for it to heal."

The Irish fell in all of their singles matches save for Kellner, who defeated No. 76 Bejikova.

The Irish then faced off against Duke, losing 7-0. Kellner and Mathews played their first match

as doubles partners, earning the only doubles point against senior Nadine Fahoum and freshman Hanna Mar. No. 38 Mathews fell in singles to No. 50 Fahoum in three sets.

To round off the week, the Irish snatched a victory against No. 18 Tennessee.

Frilling was back in the action against Tennessee, reuniting with Mathews to defeat junior Natalie Pluskota and freshman Millie Nichols, the No. 59 Volunteers duo. Doubles pair sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan and senior Kristen Rafael took the second doubles point against seniors Rosalia Alda and Maria Sorbello.

"The Tennessee match was especially tough because we just came off two losses and Tennessee is ranked around us, so we knew getting a win there was going to be very important," Frilling said.

Frilling easily defeated No. 42 junior Natalie Pluskota in singles. Mathews secured a win as well, overcoming Alda.

"The most you can do is learn from your matches and work on improving on that," Frilling said. "All the girls did a great job of doing that."

The Irish are back in action Thursday at Georgia Tech.

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SMC GOLF

Senior Boyce sets school record

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

Although they did not take home first place honors in their first match outdoor match of the spring, the Belles' performance at the George Fox Invitational earned a mark in the record books as senior co-captain Mary Kate Boyce shot a school-record 66 in the first day of the two-day tournament.

"Shooting 66 on Friday was pretty thrilling; it was even more thrilling having my parents there to witness the round," Boyce said. "I got on a roll early and was able to keep it going through the entire 18 holes. You don't really believe it can happen until you're standing on the 18th green signing your scorecard."

Boyce was quick to credit Belles coach Mark Hamilton and her teammates for carrying the team to their second place finish. Junior Natalie

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish struggle but win first home game 14-5

By MATT DEFRANKS
Sports Writer

After more than a week without a game, the Irish played three games over a 10-day stretch. They lost to Ohio State 13-8 before rebounding to defeat Boston University 14-5. A 6-5 loss to Cornell capped off the stretch for Notre Dame.

Against the Buckeyes March 10, sophomore attack Betsy Mastropieri scored a career-high four goals, all in the first half, as the Irish (3-4) held a slim 6-5 edge heading into halftime.

Ohio State rebounded in the second half, scoring the first four goals after the break on their way to outscoring the Irish 8-2 in the second half. The Buckeyes, led by senior attack Brittney Zerhusen's five goals and three assists, went on two separate 4-0 runs in the second half. Sophomore midfielder Jenny Granger chipped in two goals and four draw controls.

"When we're up, we stop getting possession on the draw and we're not converting turnovers into goals," senior captain defender Jackie Doherty said. "We aren't converting offensively and struggling defensively."

In Notre Dame's first game in its own Arlotta Stadium, the Irish once again brought a slim lead into halftime against Boston University. This time, however, the Irish broke open the game with nine second half goals.

Spurred by a 7-0 second half run in which seven different players scored, Notre Dame's lead ballooned to a game-high 10 goals. The Irish outshot the Terriers 40-16 in the game.

Junior attack Maggie Tamasitis and senior midfielder Kailene Abt both scored three goals and added three assists in the win. Doherty scored her first goal of the season and forced six turnovers.

"Against Boston, we were able to hold the ball for a long time and convert the goals and pull away," Doherty said.

On Sunday in Baltimore, the Irish dropped a 6-5 double overtime decision to Cornell just a year after Notre Dame played in four overtime games.

After the Irish rushed out to an early 4-0 advantage, the Big Red stormed back in the second half,

tying the game on junior attack Jessi Steinberg's goal with 8:19 left in the period. Steinberg finished with three goals on the day.

Freshman midfielder Kaitlyn Brosco broke the tie in the first overtime with a free-position shot but Cornell responded by the knotting the game up with

just 24 seconds left in the period. The Big Red scored the only goal in the second overtime to win the game.

The Irish are now 0-2 in games decided by one goal and their four losses have come by a combined 10 goals. Last year, Notre Dame was 5-3 in games decided by a goal.

"Someone needed to step up and convert on offense [against Cornell]," Doherty said. "We haven't had an entire game where our offense and defense both played well."

The Irish head to Long Island, N.Y. Saturday to take on non-conference foe Hofstra in a noon contest.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Team extends streak to 4-0



Irish freshman center Liam O'Connor carries the ball during an Irish 11-7 win against Drexel Mar. 6. O'Connor was 10 for 17 in faceoffs during the game.

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Playing without Preseason All-American midfielder Zach Brenneman for the second straight game, third-ranked Notre Dame continued its scorching start with a 10-9 victory over No. 16 Denver in a back-and-forth thriller.

In the game last Saturday, the Irish (4-0) survived Denver's fourth-quarter comeback attempt to earn their fourth victory over a ranked opponent in as many games.

Against Denver (3-2), Irish sophomore goalie John Kemp was tested early and often, as the Pioneers netted the first two goals of the game and claimed an early lead. Sophomore attackman Ryan Foley first put the Irish on the board with a goal nearly six minutes into the quarter, his first of three on the night. The teams traded goals for the remainder of the half, and the Irish took a 6-5 lead into the break.

"It was a very back and forth game," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "It was a very well-played game on both team's part. I did not think we played great, but we played really hard and with a lot of poise given the situation, and thankfully, we made enough plays to win."

One of the most important Irish plays of the day came with the score tied at 7-7 midway through

the third quarter, when junior attackman Nicholas Beattie scored a man-up goal which turned out to be a spark for the visiting team. Though Denver was back at full strength, freshman attackman Westy Hopkins and senior attackman Colin Igoe each added a goal of their own, pushing the Irish lead to 10-7 heading into the final quarter. Despite two late goals by the Pioneers, the Irish hung on for the win.

In a game that was anything but comfortable for the Irish, Foley said the players gained confidence from the way they were able to pull out the tough victory.

"I guess it's good to know that we can find different ways to win when we're not really clicking offensively," Foley said. "Our defense stepped up late again, as usual, but we didn't really have a lot of success towards the end of the game in settled offense, we just kind of made big plays at the right times. It was good to know that guys are going to step up and make plays when we needed them, when we weren't really feeling a rhythm offensively."

A number of Irish players recorded highlight-worthy stats in the game against Denver. Kemp turned in another fantastic performance, racking up 13 saves, and senior attackman Sean Rogers recorded two assists to go along with his pair of goals. Kemp's solid play earned him a

spot on the Big East Weekly Honor Roll alongside Foley, who now has five goals on the season after scoring just once in his freshman campaign.

Despite their undefeated start and the many individual highlights, Foley said the Irish are being careful to ensure that they do not experience a slip-up similar to last season's, when they followed up a 3-0 start with losses in their next two games and five of their next seven.

"We're feeling good about how we started," Foley said, "but at the same time we were kind of at this exact spot last year and then we went into a kind of losing streak, so we are just focusing on getting better each week and putting each game in the past after a win ... and trying not to repeat the trend that started last year after this start."

If the Irish are able to avoid this potential pitfall, their impressive performances on both offense and defense could signal the makings of a remarkable season.

"I think we are still really confident on offense or defense," Foley said. "Going forward, we felt that everything we were doing was working, we just weren't capitalizing on a lot of shots ... Obviously, there is always room for improvement, so we are just focusing on that right now."

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FENCING

Notre Dame dominates at Regionals

By MIKE TODISCO
Sports Writer

The Irish began NCAA post-season play on a high note over spring break, as both the men's and women's squads put forth strong performances at the regional competition. In total, Notre Dame captured 13 of the possible 18 medals at the event, including four of six gold medals.

The women competed first, earning six medals Mar. 12. The Irish dominated both the foil and sabre, taking gold and silver in each weapon. Freshman Rachel Beck led the foil by winning gold while senior Haley Reese took silver. In

the sabre, senior Eileen Hassett took gold while sophomore Abigail Nichols earned silver. The Irish also took silver and bronze in the epee, led by senior Ewa Nelip and junior Courtney Hurley, respectively.

By virtue of winning gold, Beck and Hassett earned automatic qualifications to the 2011 NCAA championships.

The men competed the following day, taking 7 medals. The Irish supremacy at the foil was in full display, as Notre Dame took all three medals in the event. Freshman Ariel DeSmet took the gold, followed by junior teammates Enzo Castelleni and Reggie Bentley, who won silver and bronze,

respectively.

The men also took the top two awards in the sabre, with senior Avery Zuck winning gold and fellow senior Barron Nydam taking silver. In the epee, sophomore James Kaull took the silver and senior Brent Kelly won the bronze.

In all, the Irish took at least two out of the three possible medals in every weapon during both the men's and women's events.

Notre Dame next competes when they travel to Ohio State this Wednesday through Sunday for the NCAA Championships.

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Irish senior captain Mick Doyle swings and misses during a game against Rutgers Apr. 27. Doyle had three hits over the weekend.

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because I think the [pitcher] they had in at the end of the game — we should have done a better job handling him.”

With the exception of an 11-2 loss to Iowa on Saturday, the Irish starting pitching once again gave the team a chance to win by turning in quality performances. Sophomore righty Adam Norton tossed eight innings, allowing just one run and six hits during a 4-3 loss to the Hawkeyes (7-10) on Thursday.

While Aoki expects freshman lefty Anthony McIver to start a number of midweek games for the Irish, he said that Norton would factor into

a number of pitching situations as the season progresses.

“[Norton] is going to be a very competitive guy on the mound for us,” Aoki said. “He does a really good job of commanding his fastball, as good as anybody on our staff with changing speeds. He’s a strike-thrower. You simply can’t overvalue the ability for kids to throw strikes and not walk people.”

Notre Dame struggled to score against the Bulldogs (10-7-1) in both games over the weekend, falling to Gonzaga 4-1 on Saturday and settling for a 3-3 tie on Sunday after 12 innings. Senior right-hander Cole Johnson threw seven innings, yielding a single run on Saturday, which was good

enough for his fifth quality start in as many outings.

Senior right-hander Todd Miller also posted a quality start on Sunday, holding the Bulldogs to a pair of earned runs in seven innings of work.

“[The seniors] have done so well,” Aoki said. “It’s something that I addressed. They have to resist the temptation to feel like they have to go out there and be perfect. I hope that their emotional and mental maturity is going to allow them to stay the course.”

The Irish host Oakland (3-9) today at 5:35 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. Notre Dame seeks to end a four-game losing streak with a victory in its home opener.

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ND WOMEN’S ROWING

Team improves in Tennessee

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

Like many of their peers, the Irish rowers headed for warmer waters during spring break. In lieu of a week of relaxation, Notre Dame spent its time in Oak Ridge, Tenn. training for the spring season and logging much-needed miles in racing situations.

The Irish won eight of ten pieces March 13 in a scrimmage against Alabama and Minnesota. The races consisted of only 1500-meter heats as opposed to the normal 2000-meter distance. They also incorporated running starts, in which the boats achieved a head of steam before beginning, and capped ratings, where the stroke rate of the crews was limited.

Despite the informal nature of the event, Irish coach Martin Stone said the scrimmage against two quality opponents helped his team shake off some rust and put their practice into action.

“It was our first time in the water in a while,” Stone said. “We had to race an Alabama team that has been in the water for a while and a Minnesota team that is very

formidable. It was a good test. We were ready to race, we executed well. The things we wanted to focus on technique-wise and race-wise, we were right on it.”

Although the scrimmage allowed plenty of mixing and matching, Stone kept the varsity eight boats’ lineups static. He said this would not prevent things from changing, however.

“It gives you an indication of where we can go from there,” Stone said of the ability to experiment with different pieces. “There was some switching in the 4’s, but

our first and second varsity eight pieces remained the same. That said, our lineup evolves over the course of the year. If someone is getting stronger or faster and racing better, she can work her way into a better boat.”

Building on the success of the scrimmage, the Irish took four of five races from Buffalo Saturday, competing

in the more traditional regular-season style. After falling to Buffalo in the varsity four matchup, the Irish claimed victory in the second race of the day, a come-from-behind victory from their second varsity eight boat.

The strong showing on the final portion of the race came as a surprise to Stone, who said his squad focused more on this portion of the race during practice. Stone also said the victory will help his team as the season progresses.

“We had not worked on the first quarter of the race at all in practice,” he said. “We just didn’t spend a lot of time on it because we focused on other aspects. The other three quarters worked out well. It helps us get stronger and gives us confidence that we can win any race.”

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the final margin, sending Irish starting sophomore goalie Mike Johnson to the bench to be replaced by freshman Steven Summerhays.

“They’re a skilled team,” senior defenseman and captain Joe Lavin said. “When you give a skilled team time and space, they’re going to make plays.”

The Irish faced another skilled team the following night in the CCHA third place game in No. 6 Michigan.

Notre Dame came out strong against the Wolverines (26-10-4, 20-7-1-0) when sophomore center Riley Sheahan backhanded the puck into the goal after it bounced off the referee. But even with the fast start and a final shot advantage of 44-23, the Irish dropped a 4-2 decision.

“I was pleased with our team’s effort tonight,” Jackson said. “I thought we played a much more complete game. We weren’t as high-risk with the puck and I thought we played well without the puck. It was just a matter of their goaltending outperforming ours.”

Jackson made two notable strategic changes and both seemed to have positive effects early. Summerhays was awarded the start in net and the duo of Tynan and fellow freshman forward Anders Lee was broken up to increase line depth.

But it wasn’t enough, as Michigan roared ahead when Louie Caporusso and Carl Hagelin scored 15 seconds apart late in the first period. Jeff Rohrkemper later put the Wolverines up 3-1 in the third period when he sneaked the puck past Summerhays as the netminder was trying to smother it. Though Tynan added his 22nd goal of the season with less than two minutes left to make things interesting, Luke Glendening iced the game with an empty-net goal.

Although the result was not what the Irish were hoping for on the weekend, Jackson is now looking ahead.

“We’re not going to Manchester to lose. It’s going to be a challenge, but we have to refocus. [Seniors] Ben Ryan, Calle Ridderwall, and Ryan Guentzel have all been to the Frozen Four — and it came off two losses in Detroit.”

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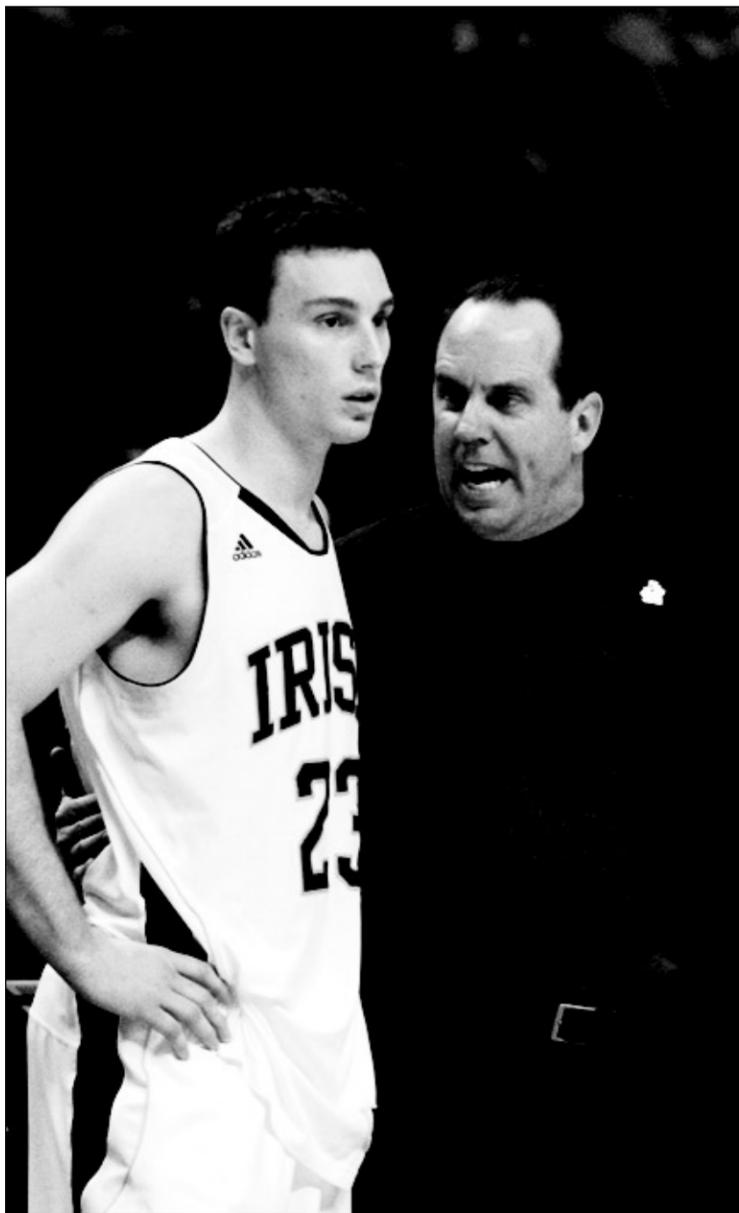
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Irish coach Mike Brey talks to senior guard Ben Hansbrough during his final game in an Irish uniform. GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

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because we invested so much. It just comes to such a screeching halt."

The Irish shot just 30.6 percent from the floor and 23.3 percent from 3-point range, including only one made 3-pointer in the first half. The Seminoles shot 45.8 percent on the game, including 9-of-19 shooting from long distance.

"Obviously, you're going to have your nights where you can't hit any shots," Irish fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis said. "It seemed like the first 30 minutes of the game we couldn't make anything. We normally make those shots, and, obviously, Florida State's defense had a lot to do with it, and their length and athleticism made them able to close out on guys quick."

The teams traded baskets to start the game until Seminoles' junior guard Deividus Dulkys hit a 3, starting a 14-2

Florida State run, one from which it never looked back. Four Seminoles finished the game in double-figures, led by junior forward Bernard James, who scored 14 points on 6-of-8 shooting and chipped in 10 rebounds.

"I thought, if we had to give up anything, we'd give up some jump shots," Brey said. "But they made them, and

then we're digging out of a hole."

For the third time in as many appearances, the Irish were bounced out of the NCAA tournament after an off-night on the offensive end. Brey said this lack of rhythm was the team's true downfall.

"We have to get into some offensive rhythm, and we really never could do it," he said. "I think sometimes then you feel the weight of the world on you, and you know, it's the last game. I think overall this year we played pretty darn loose and attacked, but it was tough at times in the first half when they made some shots and we couldn't get into a rhythm."

The loss ends an otherwise successful year for the Irish, who finished the season second in the Big East and received a No. 2-seed, the highest in Brey's tenure at Notre Dame.

"I am very proud — I said to this group, I'm very, very proud of what they gave us, and those three seniors. But I didn't

want to have a banquet in there tonight. It's good to be numb because of the guys returning. I want them to just remember how much we invested and that you're devastated when it ends."

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total of 27 victories marks the 2010-2011 campaign as a worthwhile one, in which the entire Notre Dame community should take pride

Or ... another sub-par postseason performance shows the program has reached its ceiling, and either an Irish Sweet Sixteen berth will not be seen for another decade, or change is necessary.

The former argument, the more optimistic argument, the glass is half-full argument, relies on just how little was expected of Notre Dame in November, expectations which pegged the Irish in the middle of the Big East pack.

Turning those expectations into a second-place conference finish and a trip to the Big East tournament semifinals, Notre Dame, well, as senior forward Carleton Scott said, "We had a great year."

Senior guard Ben Hansbrough earned Big East Player of the Year honors. Irish coach Mike Brey received his third Big East Coach of the Year award in the last five years. Notre Dame jumped from unranked to Old Spice Classic champions in the span of three days over Thanksgiving weekend.

Losing the all-time winningest class in program history — Tory Jackson and Luke Harangody — was supposed to cripple this team. Instead, senior forward Ty Nash claimed that title for himself, now, with 96 wins, the all-

time winningest player in program history.

Even Senior Day served a year's worth of memories. Hansbrough scored 30 points to end his two-year JACC career in style, and senior walk-on guard Tom Kopko sank two free throws in the final minute as the crowd went wild.

It was a great year. But didn't all that go out the window at the same time as Notre Dame's 14-point halftime lead in the Big East semifinals vaporized? While a victory over No. 15-seed Akron was the first in three years in the NCAA tournament, was it not sloppy enough that it has Irish fans still scared of the future? Was a blowout defeat at the hands of the Seminoles the final straw for Notre Dame?

This argument, the more pessimistic argument, the glass is half-empty argument, relies on just how much was expected of Notre Dame in March, some expectations even carrying the Irish to Houston and the Final Four.

Turning those expectations into another Friday night loss at the Big East tournament and the third NCAA tournament opening-week-end exit in four years, Notre Dame, well, as Scott said, "Right now, it's difficult to put into words ... Of course, we want to still be playing."

Hansbrough fouled out of the loss at the hands of the Seminoles with more than three minutes left on the clock. Brey's NCAA tournament record dropped to a measly 6-9, including two losses at Delaware before

taking over in South Bend.

The starting lineup of five seniors was supposed to be immune to late-season collapses, mental blocks and the pressure of a single-elimination tournament. Instead, they folded against Louisville in the Big East semifinals, they slipped by against Akron Friday afternoon, and against Florida State, they seemed to sigh and sit back.

Even the early portion of the first half Sunday signaled Notre Dame's annual demise. Holding a 9-7 lead after an unimpressive start, the Irish gave up a 7-0 Seminoles run and never overcame the 14-9 deficit.

It was a horrible year. In this tale of two seasons, the downtrodden view only exists because the high-flying smiles arrived first.

Sunday night, the Irish were crestfallen, devastated, and understandably so, but they never would have been so distraught if they had met expectations this season. Instead, the Irish hoped to continue to rise above expectations. A hope unfulfilled.

"How numb we are. I mean, we're all really leveled physically and emotionally because we invested so much," Brey said. "It's hard for me to frame the season right now."

That investment yielded great dividends, but a horrible return.

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run and a commanding lead it would not lose on its way to a 77-64 victory Monday night in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"We didn't panic, that was the biggest key," junior guard Natalie Novosel said. "We just executed on offense and shut them down."

Notre Dame shot 16-of-27 (59.3 percent) in the first half, but started the second 4-of-12 (33.3 percent). Meanwhile, The Owls did the exact opposite — 33.3 percent in the first half, 60 percent in the first eight minutes of the second. But the Irish righted their offense and pulled away from the Owls.

"When we got within five I felt like all the momentum was in our favor," Temple point guard Shey Peddy said. "Right there, that's where we let it slip away."

Freshman forward Natalie Achonwa entered the game at the 14-minute mark in the first half and provided an offensive spark for Notre Dame, scoring four quick points to make the score 10-5. Achonwa scored eight of her 10 points in the first half, and also grabbed eight

rebounds on the night.

"I was really happy with her game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "For a freshman coming in a game to go the Sweet 16, she didn't look nervous at all."

Achonwa was one of five Irish players to score in double figures. Novosel and senior forward Devereaux Peters each scored 17 points, sophomore guard Skylar Diggins scored 15 and senior forward Bruscica Bruszewski added 12.

Peters also finished the game with 12 rebounds, three assists, two blocks and two steals.

Novosel and Diggins each shot two 3-pointers in the first half, but the Irish relied heavily on the post in the second half and finished with 44 points in the paint.

"That was our game plan to not let them score in the paint," Owls coach Tonya Cardoza said. "I don't know what happened."

The Owls went 12-for-25 from the free throw line, its 13 missed shots the same as the final score difference.

"That's something we haven't been good at all year," Cardoza said.

Peddy led the Owls with 21

points, including a 3-pointer at the end of the half that made the halftime score 41-29.

"She was killing us as the game went on," McGraw said. "That 3 she hit at the end of the half was a real dagger for us. It was a five-point swing, a missed lay-up and she makes a 3."

"We could have put them away in the first half."

With the win, Notre Dame advances to the Sweet Sixteen in Dayton, Ohio Saturday and will play the winner of Tuesday's game between No. 3-seed Miami and No. 6-seed Oklahoma.

Temple, which has played in each of the last eight NCAA tournaments, has never advanced past the second round.

It will be Notre Dame's second straight Sweet Sixteen appearance. However, the Irish have not advanced to the Elite Eight since 2001, the year Notre Dame won a national championship.

Asked if the Irish have the look of a Final Four team, Cardoza didn't hesitate.

"Most definitely," she said.

The Irish were more reserved about their favored position at this point.

"Any win in the tournament is a relief," Novosel said.

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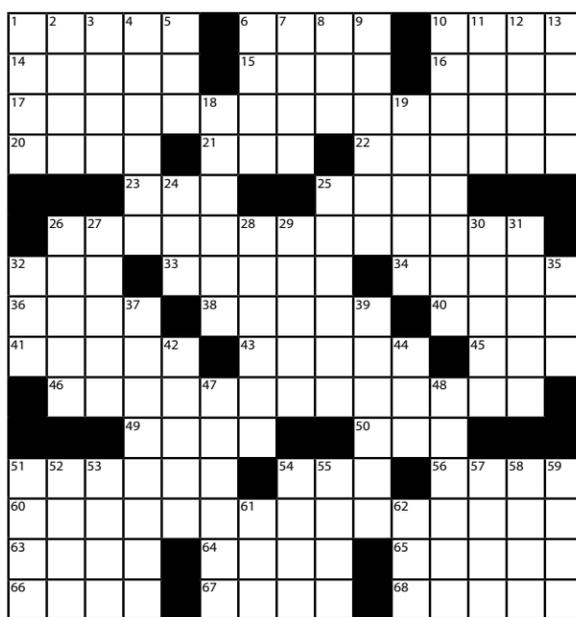
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Natalie Novosel
Irish junior guard

CROSSWORD

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- Across**
- 1 ___ Picchu (site of Incan ruins)
 - 6 It's returned by a ticket-taker
 - 10 "Arrivederci ___"
 - 14 Standoffish
 - 15 Topnotch
 - 16 Designer Cassini
 - 17 Something everybody is aware of
 - 20 Stick with a stick
 - 21 Nincompoop
 - 22 Trojan War hero
 - 23 Gun, as an engine
 - 25 Gait faster than a walk
 - 26 It's not very short and not very tall
 - 32 401, in old Rome
 - 33 "There's ___ in My Bucket" (children's song)
 - 34 Changes course suddenly
 - 36 Plan that changes courses
 - 38 Expiration notices?
 - 40 It can scratch an itch
 - 41 Attach with needle and thread
 - 43 Do-it-yourself relocation rental
 - 45 Orbison who sang "Oh, Pretty Woman"
 - 46 They may be rounded up after a crime, with "the"
 - 49 Exam for an aspiring J.D.
 - 50 Prefix with sphere
 - 51 Buckeye
 - 54 Goof up
 - 56 Mutual fund charge
 - 60 Cheapest choice at the pump
 - 63 Freud's libido
 - 64 Letter-shaped beam
 - 65 Orange or grape soda brand
 - 66 Peeved
 - 67 Fries, to a burger
 - 68 Alan or Adam of filmdom
- Down**
- 1 Non-P.C. choices?
 - 2 Oodles
 - 3 State it's not good to be in
 - 4 Man, in Havana
 - 5 Sci-fi sight
 - 6 Noted Fifth Avenue emporium
 - 7 Oodles
 - 8 Numero ___
 - 9 "Watch out now"
 - 10 Winner of the first Nobel Prize in Physics, 1901
 - 11 Shoppe description
 - 12 Huge: Prefix
 - 13 Matures
 - 18 Like the land that includes Monument Valley
 - 19 Sainted ninth-century pope
 - 24 Elizabethan ___
 - 25 Sorority members such as Ann-Margret and Laura Bush
 - 26 "Farewell"
 - 27 Pros and cons
 - 28 Lose one's shirt, in business
 - 29 Yale of Yale University
 - 30 What the Tin Woodman sought from the Wizard of Oz



Puzzle by Paula Gamache

- 31 The Ghostbusters and the Police
- 32 D.J.'s collection
- 35 Cunning
- 37 Artist Henri de ___-Lautrec
- 39 Apartment building overseers, informally
- 42 Twangy-sounding
- 44 Comics villain ___ Luthor
- 47 Hawaiian verandas
- 48 Arrest
- 51 Lucky strikes?
- 52 Subway fare?
- 53 Composer Stravinsky
- 54 Oath of old
- 55 Burger order specification
- 57 Piggy plaint
- 58 Dead set against
- 59 Watergate figure John
- 61 Cleanup hitter's stat
- 62 "Anatomy ___ Murder"

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Happy Birthday: Get to the bottom of things and make choices that will reduce the stress you are feeling and help you take control of your life and your future. Common sense and moderation are what's required. It's keeping things simple and moving along that will lead to stability and greater personal and financial security. Your numbers are 2, 12, 18, 25, 32, 34, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take everything in stride. It's up to you to face each battle with patience and the realization that you can only do so much and, after that, it's out of your hands. Live, love and laugh. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Problems with acquaintances or people you have to work alongside will develop due to deception. Try to be as straightforward as possible. It will be important for you to be intuitive and to read between the lines. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make professional moves or exploit your talents in areas you haven't infiltrated in the past. Love is in the stars and making a move toward a commitment or getting closer to someone special will boost your morale. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Think twice before making any sort of change, move or statement. Not everyone will agree with your plans and objections, and criticism can be expected. Work quietly on your own for now. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Hop to it and you will fit everything you want to accomplish into your day. There is nothing you cannot do if you put your mind to it. Travel, love and communications will all play a vital role in your progress. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There is plenty that must be dealt with before you can make any financial decisions. Look at your assets and consider what you can afford. The budget you set now will determine how well you will do this month. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let uncertainty be your downfall, especially when dealing with important partnerships. Be creative and innovative in the way you approach others. Overreacting will lead to an unhealthy dispute. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let your emotions out. You have to be willing to speak up about the way you feel and what you want and need in your life. It's your conviction and dedication that will win favors. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put more time and effort into home, family and your future. You should make a move or travel a distance if it will help you obtain a better paying position. New surroundings will lift your spirits and help you move forward. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll have to be very careful what you say and do. You will meet with opposition and any form of overindulgence -- emotionally, physically, mentally or financially -- will only make matters worse. Keep a low profile and a watchful eye on what others are doing. ★★

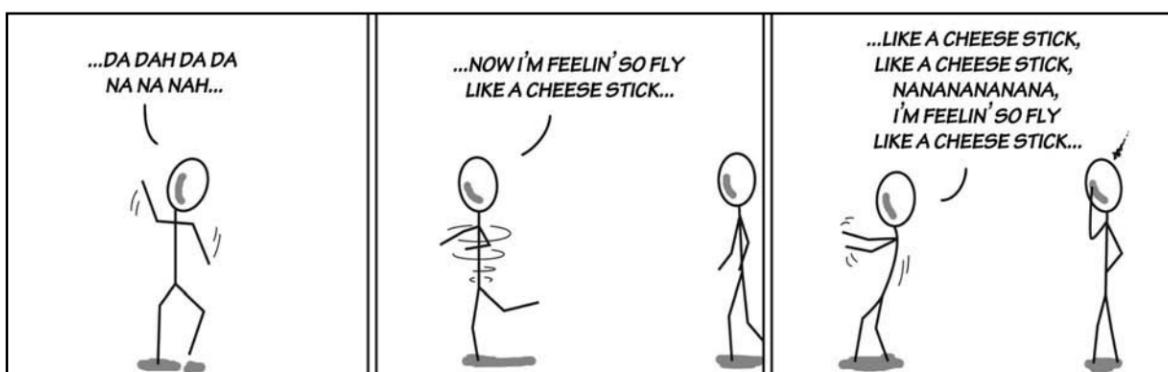
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everything is looking favorable. An opportunity that will allow you to bring in a steady stream of cash is apparent. Your creative and inventive way of doing things will capture someone's attention and a contract or partnership can be formed. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your energy to good use. Someone's uncertainty will be a result of your not being able to make up your mind. Try not to confuse the people who truly want to help you get ahead. Listen and respond positively. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are a strong competitor and address issues head on. You are a good listener and you make sound and practical choices.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bracket busted

No. 10 Irish fall to No. 27 Florida State

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

CHICAGO — In an NCAA tournament filled with upsets, the second-seeded Irish were not immune. No. 10-seed Florida State's 27th-ranked defense held Notre Dame 18 points below its scoring average on the way to a 71-57 third-round victory.

"Florida State flat out beat us," Irish coach Mike Brey said in his post-game press conference. "The combination of their defense in the first half and their seven 3-point shots put us on our heels. I thought we had some great looks at times that we didn't make that we need to make over the top of size like that because you're not going to get stuff around the bucket. And we're kind of numb

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Irish senior guard Ben Hansbrough drives on a Florida State defender during Notre Dame's 71-57 loss in the NCAA tournament Sunday.

GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Irish dream season suffers disappointing end

CHICAGO — It was the best of seasons, it was the worst of seasons.

It was a season of success, it was a season of failure.

It was the epoch of faith, it was the epoch of frustration.

Following Notre Dame's dreadful loss to Florida State in its second NCAA tournament game Sunday, there were two plausible Irish reactions, each equally valid, equally poignant, each intertwined with the other.

The unexpectedly high win



Douglas Farmer

Sports Writer

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HOCKEY

No. 8 Notre Dame gains spot in NCAA tournament

By SAM GANS
Sports Writers

Despite a disappointing performance at the CCHA tournament this weekend in Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, No. 8 Notre Dame had a strong enough season to gain a spot in the 16-team NCAA tournament field.

The Irish earned a No. 3 seed in the Manchester, N.H., region and a first round game against No. 2 seed Merrimack Saturday night.

"[Merrimack coach] Mark Dennehy's done a great job there," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "They play an up-tempo style, they have really good special teams, they seem to be a high-energy team and they've got some really talented kids on that team, too."

Should the Irish get past the Warriors, a familiar foe could be on deck. Fellow CCHA member Miami is the No. 1 seed in the region, with a game against No. 4 seed New Hampshire.

If a Notre Dame vs. Miami matchup comes to fruition, the Irish will hope it turns out better than the conference semifinals did this past Friday.

Notre Dame (23-13-5, 18-7-3-2 CCHA) got off to a rough start against the eventual CCHA tournament champion RedHawks (23-9-6, 16-7-5-2) in a 6-2 defeat. First team All-CCHA member Carter Camper got Miami on the board 4:52 into the game. Less than 10 minutes later, Camper scored the

fourth goal of the game for the RedHawks. Miami ended the first period leading 4-0 and Notre Dame finished the first 20 minutes with only two shots.

"I thought [Miami] put a lot of pressure on us," Jackson said. "Their skill and speed forced us to turn a lot of pucks over and you can't do that against a team like that, because they transition so well offensively and they have so many great weapons."

The Irish scored early in the sec-

ond when freshman center T.J. Tynan's shot bounced off the skate of junior right wing Billy Maday into the net for Maday's eighth goal of the season. But CCHA Player of the Year Andy Miele responded quickly for the RedHawks, making the margin four goals again. Though senior left wing Calle Ridderwall kept the Irish in it with a late second period goal, Miele struck again early in the third for

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish take down Temple 77-63

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — For a while, it looked too easy.

Notre Dame's defense clicked, its shots fell and it built a comfortable lead over a scrappy but overmatched Temple.

But then for a short while, it looked too difficult.

The Owl defense suffocated the Irish, the calls went Temple's way and the No. 10-seed cut the Notre Dame lead to five with 13 minutes left to play.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw called a timeout, and her team responded to the Temple threat with a 10-0



Irish sophomore guard Skylar Diggins takes it to the hoop during Notre Dame's 77-63 win over Temple Monday.

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BASEBALL

Team remains winless after home tournament

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Despite hosting the Irish classic over spring break, Notre Dame failed to deliver a win on St. Patrick's Day, falling to Iowa in extra innings. The Irish finished the tournament winless after dropping a second game to the University of Iowa Hawkeyes on Friday, losing to Gonzaga on Saturday and earning a tie on Sunday.

"I think we pitched very well," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "If you look at the entire body of work, I think we defended it pretty well. We just still are a work-in-

progress with the offense — it's just been a struggle."

Notre Dame (7-10-1) has yet to find its rhythm on offense, as the lineup failed to score more than three runs in all four games of the weekend tournament. The Irish have not posted a double-digit run total since tallying 19 runs in a rout of Purdue on Feb. 19.

"Our at-bats are better," Aoki said. "We faced two pretty good starters from Iowa and two pretty good starting pitchers from Gonzaga. I was disappointed in the extra-inning game that we lost against Iowa

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