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Fighting Irish take flight

ROTC revives Notre Dame Pilot Initiative, offers students ground course in basics of aviation

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

Students fascinated by game day flyovers will have a chance to get an inside look at what it takes to fly next semester. The Notre Dame Pilot Initiative, an academic program intended to teach students about the fundamentals of flight, will return this spring.

The three-credit course, Principles of Flight, is specifically designed to help aspirant pilots pass the written portion of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) private pilot certification test.

Jay Burns, a cadet captain in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) and certified ground instructor, is leading the effort to bring back the course. He said the class will use much of the same material that helped him pass the FAA test.

"I learned to fly from this material when I was still a



Zenk

sophomore in high school, and it certainly helped me pass my FAA written exam to get my private pilot certificate," Burns said. "I felt that I was more advanced because I've had a better background and a deeper understanding of the different concepts that you deal with in aviation."

Burns said he would incorporate additional material used by Joe Friel, a former Air Force ROTC student who led the class the last time it was offered.

Friel, now a program manager at Avidyne, the leading provider of cockpit instrumentation for small aircrafts, said

he and Newcamp developed the curriculum to offer students an insight into the practical application of flight concepts.

"We tried to bring material that was appropriate, but that was in-depth enough to give students a real appreciation for the concepts," Friel said. "More than just memorizing for the tests, we



Cernicky

wanted them to really understand what was making the plan fly."

When the initiative began, Friel said primarily AFROTC students were interested. The second semester, however, he was surprised by a drastic change in class makeup.

"We taught some that did want to be pilots and some that didn't," Friel said. "One girl that signed up for our course was an artist who drew some of the materials that we used, and who had signed up for the class because she had fam-

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Profs discuss adult stem cell research at Vatican

By JESSICA STOLLER-CONRAD
News Writer

Though the Roman Catholic Church remains firmly against fetal stem cell research, two Notre Dame scholars visited the Vatican last week to discuss the option of adult stem cell research.

Biological sciences professor David Hyde and Program of Liberal Studies professor Philip Sloan discussed the scientific feasibility and moral implications of adult stem cells at the International Vatican Conference's forum, "Adult Stem Cells: Science and the Future of Man and Culture."

Sloan said adult stem cells are of interest to conference at-

tendees because of their ability to offer medical benefit without the moral consequences of using fetal tissue.

"There is enormous promise that has developed in adult stem cell biology," Sloan said. "[Conference organizers] are very interested in finding ways in which this can be done without the destruction of human embryos."

The conference was a product of the Vatican-funded \$1 million, five-year research and education partnership between NeoStem, a company that specializes in cell therapies, and the Pontifical Council for Culture. The event hosted 350 specialists in the fields of stem

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Church revises Roman Missal

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

The Roman Missal, the book of Mass prayer and ritual, is being given a new English translation intended to prepare the Church for an era of liturgical renewal, the chaplain of the College of Saint Mary Magdalen said at a Wednesday evening lecture.

Fr. Neil J. Roy said the new translation will take effect Nov. 27, the first Sunday of Advent.

"The liturgy exercises a formative influence on us as Catholic Christians, so I think it's very wise of you to take the time to understand what is taking place and how we might benefit from it," he said.

The principles governing the updated translation of the Missal appear in the Vatican's document "Liturgiam authen-



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The new Roman Missal was re-translated to prepare the Church for a new liturgical era. The missal will take effect Nov. 27.

ticam," which was issued in 2001, Roy said.

"The instruction demands precise theological and liturgical language to express theological truths in the context of the Sacred Liturgy," Roy said. "The liturgy must express what

the Church believes."

"Liturgiam authenticam" urges prudence and attention to prayer, as well as an exact translation of the Latin text that is free from ideological in-

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DILLON WEISNER/The Observer

Students ate off campus at Five Guys on Wednesday to support Second Chance, an organization that helps sex trafficking victims.

ND8 holds fundraiser at Five Guys

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

ND8, a student group fighting poverty in the Third World, hoped to lure students away from the dining halls Wednesday and over to Eddy Street to support a fundraising event held at Five Guys.

Ten percent of proceeds from sales between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. benefitted Second Chance, a Toledo, Ohio based organization supporting the victims of domestic sex trafficking.

Sophomore Erin Hattler, ND8 co-president, said the organiza-

tion aims to combat trafficking through advocacy.

"Second Chance is a social service program that provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic sex trafficking and prostitution, specializing in women and children," Hattler said. "It focuses on raising community awareness, and trying to end exploitation through advocacy, securing resources for treatment and training for first responders."

Sophomore John Gibbons, co-president of ND8, said the group chose Second Chance because it directly addresses the challeng-

es that trap victims in the cycle of trafficking.

"Often, victims of sex trafficking are likely to go back into sex trafficking because they don't know what else to do, and there aren't enough resources devoted to helping them," Gibbons said. "Second Chance provides a place where they can get away from everything, eventually brining them back to society and something of a normal life."

Bill Purcell, associate director for Catholic Social Tradition

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HIGH
LOW

STUDENT SENATE

Group debates COR merger

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Student Senate debated the feasibility of streamlining student government by merging with the Council of Representatives (COR) at its meeting Wednesday.

Oversight committee chair Ben Noe said the merger would make student government more effective by consolidating meetings and making the group more representative of the entire student body.

“It would help cut down on the amount of necessary waste that goes into all the student government meetings,” Noe said. “It would also help those involved in COR who may not have a voice in the policy process. It would give them a voice and a vote.”

Student body vice president Brett Rocheleau said the change would eliminate COR and add eight new voting members to Senate — the four class presidents, the off-campus president, the chair of the Student Union Board, the president of the Club Coordination Council and the Student Union treasurer.

These extra voices would improve the dialogue at Student Senate meetings, student body president Pat McCormick said.

“Wouldn’t it be cool to see

if we could expand representativeness in the Senate to really get Senate to be more of a deliberative body, to include the class perspectives and other perspectives?” he said.

McCormick said the committee chair updates, which typically occur during the first 20 minutes of Senate, would be eliminated from the meetings in order for the group to focus more on addressing student body issues.

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Pat McCormick
student body president

“There is going to be a little bit more clarity at meetings,” he said. “This will really be the time for us to discuss the issues of the day for the student body.”

The fusion would also offer students, especially those living off campus, better representation in the policy branch of student government, McCormick said.

“[Off-campus senator] Helen Costa represents 1500 students, while each other senator represents approximately 300,” McCormick said. “Even though we have the halls covered in Senate, we really don’t have off-campus students covered.”

The additions of the off-campus president and the senior class president would ensure the needs of off-campus students receive greater attention.

Keough senator Andrew Anderson questioned whether it would be fair to give voting powers to some of the suggested additional members, as a number of them are appointed rather than elected.

While officers such as the Student Union treasurer are not elected, McCormick said they could still bring valuable viewpoints to Senate.

“The idea would be that in having them here, they would be able to provide the perspectives of the other important branches of the Student Union,” he said.

Rocheleau said that though representation is a concern, the merger is primarily aimed at improving effectiveness.

“While representation is a question, it isn’t the main focus of the fusion,” he said.

“The fusion is trying to be more effective and have better meetings than we currently have in the two separate meetings.”

Walsh senator Elizabeth Owers, who also sits on COR, said the change would remove the great deal of overlap experienced by students who attend more than one meeting per week.

“Anything that’s not discussed at COR, it’s discussed at Senate, then we get those updates at Hall Council too,” she said. “Plus if you’re sitting in three meetings a week, each one might not feel so important. But if you’re down to one, it makes it feel really important.”

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SMC students share conference experience

By JILLIAN BARWICK
News Writer

Three Saint Mary’s students shared the insights they gained from attending an international women’s issues conference this summer at a presentation held at the Student Center on Wednesday.

“Global Women’s Worlds Congress: SMC Student Reflections and Experiences” offered Abby Henning, Alayne Riege and Gen Spittler a platform to discuss their experience at the Global Women’s Worlds Congress in Ottawa, Canada, this July.

Sonalini Sapra, professor of political science and women’s studies, said the women ventured to Canada to get a closer look at the field of women’s studies and activism in a global context.

“I really wanted students to be exposed to global women’s issues,” Sapra said. “Thanks to the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), I was able to take the three students with me to experience these issues firsthand. CWIL provided the funding for them to join me at the conference.”

The 30th annual conference welcomed 2,000 attendees and 800 presenters from 92 countries, focusing on a variety of women’s issues, including militarism, fundamentalism and neo-liberalism.

“The conference did a great job of addressing some of the issues women’s conferences

leave off the table normally,” Sapra said. “Issues like inclusivity, the creation of Young Women’s Leadership Teams and panels about aboriginal women’s rights were discussed that are not usually brought up.”

Riege, a senior Psychology and Women’s Studies double major, said she was especially intrigued by the discussion of aboriginal women in Canada and the resemblance they bore to Native Americans in the United States.

“We participated in a solidarity march in support of the 582 missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls in Canada,” Riege said. “This topic was a focal point of the conference.”

Spittler, a junior Nursing and Women’s Studies major, said being in the presence of such influential figures and activists had an immense impact on the students.

“In the morning we would go to the main conference and listen to some amazing feminists,” Spittler said. “Listening to some of their experiences was definitely inspiring.”

Spittler said the conference highlighted the need for young women to continue the work of the women’s rights movement.

“I realized that there are definitely not enough young feminists in the world after attending this conference,” she said.

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Five Guys

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and Practice at the Center for Social Concerns, came to eat at Five Guys to support ND8’s efforts.

“Our whole family came to support the work against human trafficking, which often gets hidden in today’s society,” Purcell said. “This was a great way to benefit the local community’s economy, to get something to eat and to help the universal problem of human trafficking.”

Freshman Erin O’Brien confessed to having dual motives for eating dinner at Five Guys.

“It’s for a good cause and a good excuse to go get great food off campus,” she said.

Hesburgh Library librarian Elizabeth Van Jacob brought her daughter Jemma to Five Guys in support of the event. Jemma, a student at John Adams High School, said she was glad to see the issue being addressed.

“While studying through home schooling a few years ago, I read about this issue,” Jemma Van Jacob said. “It’s good to act locally to tackle this issue.”

Elizabeth Van Jacob said the gravity of the problem demands attention.

“I can’t believe that this issue is still going on and that it’s going on in the United States,” Elizabeth said. “This affects a lot of adolescent girls and boys, and we are completely opposed to this sort of violence.”

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College hosts panel on empowerment of Muslim women

By CEALY GLOVER
News Writer

Scholars approached the hot-button issue of women's rights in the Muslim world at a panel held Tuesday at Saint Mary's College in the Vander Vennet Theatre.

Three members of the panel, "Women and Empowerment in the Muslim World: Varied Perspectives," shared perspectives on why women in the Muslim world often are treated as inferior to men.

Nabila Feroz Bhatti, women's rights activist and native Pakistani, discussed the social and political forces opposing gender equality in Pakistan.

"Pakistan is the third most dangerous country for women's rights," Bhatti said. "Today, Pakistani women are facing socioeconomic and political challenges in their struggle for equality."

Arabic professor Soraya Wirth said Islam is not inherently opposed to gender equality, especially with regard to education.

"Islam recognizes men and women as ... equal but different," Wirth said. "According to the Quran, all people, men and women, are expected to obtain knowledge."

Wirth said the Quran does not require that a woman take her husband's last name, that a man punish his wife physically or that

a woman wear a hijab, the traditional Muslim head covering.

The Quran also depicts women as being equally worthy of entering heaven, she said.

"The Quran says that all should enter into paradise. It doesn't say 'men' should enter, but 'all,'" Wirth said.

Dr. Roy Seitz, a marine physician previously stationed in Afghanistan, analyzed the issue from a militaristic standpoint. He attributed much of the injustice against women to the Taliban.

"Although my perspective is limited to the rural areas of Afghanistan, the Taliban seemed to be directly related to the violence that occurred with both men and

women," Seitz said.

Seitz said he had little interaction with the Afghan women, who were more inclined to speak with the female Marines.

"The women steered clear of us and I really felt like they didn't want our help. It seemed like they were, in a way, scared that we would westernize them," Dr. Seitz said.

Seitz relayed an anecdote of an encounter with a woman and child in Afghanistan as evidence of Afghani women's attitude toward the West.

"I remember one day when we were traveling through a town and a woman was on the side of the road with her child,"

Seitz said. "Immediately when we passed her she hid her child behind her back. It was like she didn't want the child to even see us."

Senior Jessica Cross said the panel offered an interesting complement to her coursework on the topic.

"This panel was a great addition to the Gender and Politics course I am currently taking," she said. "The panel did a great job at showing different perspectives on women in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and [under] Islam in general."

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Missal

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fluence, Roy said. The translation is not creative innovation, but rather, a faithful and accurate rendering of the original text.

"[The new translation provides] a sort of formal equivalence rather than a dynamic equivalence [to the Latin text]," Roy said. "The new translation does succeed in observing the principles that the original text must be translated integrally."

The changes also provide a clearer sense of sacredness and a greater openness to mystery, Roy said.

One change applies to the response to the priest's greeting

of peace. Mass attendees will now respond "and with your spirit," rather than the current "and also with you." Roy said the new wording reflects the priest's spirit of ordination.

Roy said the Church will be referred to using feminine pronouns instead of "it." This change identifies the Church as a dynamic institution rather than an inanimate object.

"Now [the Church] has a certain life, a certain quality, a certain character," Roy said.

Roy said the new translation also places greater focus on the role of music in the liturgy.

"We should think about singing the Mass, rather than singing at the Mass," he said. "It's good to chant the Mass as a practice, so you'll find that in the new Missal. You'll have

more opportunity for that."

Reactions to the new English translation have varied greatly, Roy said. While some parishes gradually integrated the changes into the Mass, others are waiting until the Nov. 27 deadline in the hopes that the Holy See will revoke the changes.

Roy said he thinks the changes are beneficial as some meaning was lost in the 1970 English translation of the Missal.

"Let's use these [new words] for a while and let's test them," he said. "Let's see how the Church grows with them. Liturgy is formative. There are good things that will come."

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cell research and bioethics.

"The purpose of the conference was to show that the Church actually has a very positive attitude toward science and technology, and the image of the Church as being opposed to developments in science and medicine and biotechnology are simply false," Sloan said.

He said critics of the conference described presenters as "overly-enthusiastic" about the possibilities for adult stem cells, but he said the presenters supporting the research based their statements on sound evidence.

"I think they were actually able to demonstrate that they have had remarkable success already in things with leukemia and lupus therapies," he said. "I don't think there was any attempt to discount difficulties or make excessive promises."

Sloan's presentation, "Should the Hippocratic Oath Be Extended to Life Sciences?" focused on the moral implications and necessary guidelines for biological research.

"Is this new kind of research

so powerful and so multi-dimensional that an oath is necessary to maintain an ethical framework?" Sloan said.

Hyde, who studies tissue regeneration, said the conference was a unique opportunity to get feedback and input from scholars across disciplines.

"[The conference was] very eye-opening from the standpoint of where adult stem cell therapies actually stand," he said. "[It fostered] private discussions among individuals about where we stand in our work. We made some important contacts that will potentially affect the directions of our research."

While Hyde praised the way the conference facilitated dialogue, he said the programming could have focused more on the hard science.

"I don't believe that the use of human embryonic stem cells was explored in sufficient depth," Hyde said. "They could have had more of a discussion about the concerns of using human embryonic stem cells, not just from the Church's side, but also from a scientific standpoint."

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Flight

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ily members who flew and she wanted more of an appreciation of flying."

Colonel Andrew Cernicky, a professor of Aerospace Studies, a U.S. Air Force pilot and a graduate of Notre Dame's ROTC program, will co-lead the course with Burns.

Cernicky said he was excited when Burns approached him with his plans for revitalizing the initiative, both because he took the course as an undergraduate and because it offered an opportunity to expose students to the fundamentals of flight for the first time.

"This class should demystify the process of flying and make it completely understandable," Cernicky said. "You don't need to be a scientist or mathematician to take this course, anyone at ND can take it that has an interest in understanding how aircraft fly."

Mary Hession, a sophomore in Notre Dame's Air Force ROTC, said she is glad the course is designed to be accessible to those without previous experience. As a Russian major, she said the course would be a good introduction to a more technical area of study.

"All of the technical majors

have more of the background knowledge that corresponds to understanding flying, so this class will help me by giving me that knowledge," she said.

Jordan Hoover, another AF-ROTC sophomore, said he is taking the class to get exposure to material he may later see in the Air Force's pilot training.

"I'm fairly sure that I want to be a pilot," Hoover said. "[The course] will give me the experience to know for sure that's what I want to do, and I'll have seen the material that I would encounter in pilot training."

Now retired Colonel Mike Zenk, who oversaw the program when it was under Friel's leadership, said the original class material included many of the elements taught at ground school. Students learned the basics of aerodynamics, FAA rules about airspace, airport and flight operations, communications with ground crews, safety precautions and pilot navigation skills.

"The biggest benefit [of the class] is taking that first step towards actually being able to fly an airplane," Zenk said. "To help spark that interest or to take their first step towards a dream that they have is the best reason to take the class."

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INSIDE COLUMN

My college coffee maker saga

Coffee. I live and breathe for a good cup of coffee.

I know the best place and cheapest places to get coffee on campus, and I have a 22-oz. refillable travel mug that is so tall, I have to lift the carafes in Waddick's onto the counter in order to fit my mug under the spout.

Most of my Flex Points are spent on plain black coffee.

I am such a coffee snob that my history with coffee makers on campus (like my history with Meijer goldfish) is long and complex.

My freshman year, I had a Keurig single-cup coffee maker that woke up my roommate at 8 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but ensured I was wide awake for my 8:30 a.m. Italian class.

The glorious Keurig machine produced at least four cups of coffee per day, dramatically shortening its lifespan.

Notre Dame's hard-as-nails water left a white film in the water reservoir, eventually clogging the brewing system.

My supply of Extra Bold Fair Trade French roast single serving pod coffee was cut off.

This was a blessing in disguise, since although the Keurig made fantastic coffee, it only made 6 oz. at a time — not nearly enough to sustain my six-cups-per-day habit.

Enter the French press, purchased at Starbucks in LaFortune for 25 well-invested Flex Points.

"One cup" in the French press is equivalent to five cups in the Keurig. On bad days, I drink two presses of coffee, plus Huddle or Reckers coffee on the way to class and Waddick's when my terrorism class ends early.

The crown jewel of my college coffee saga was a freshly-roasted Brazilian/Kona blend shipped by my father, who appreciates good coffee even more than I do.

These coffee beans arrived during midterms week, packaged in a Ziploc bag and so potent that the cardboard box they were shipped in smelled like coffee.

I ate a few beans straight from the bag, and enjoyed the best coffee of my life for the next month.

The saddest day this semester was the morning I brewed the last of my Kona coffee.

Pumpkin Spice Green Mountain coffee from Waddicks is great, but can never compare to the taste of Kona coffee brewed in a dorm room at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Writing this column has made me realize exactly how much coffee I consume, but I'm not worried about stunting my growth, staining my teeth or messing up my heart rate.

What I really want right now is a good cup of coffee.

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Suzanna Pratt

Associate Photo Editor

This is tough love

Sometimes I do feel as if Jesus is saying to us patiently, but emphatically, "Pay. Attention. To. Me." I believe that this week, between two Sundays of very straightforward gospel readings, is one of those times.

Kate Barrett

Faithpoint

Last Sunday he told us, "Make the most of the gifts God has given you, or you — useless and lazy — will be thrown out into the darkness."

This Sunday he will warn, "Take care of those who need you the most, or you will certainly go off to eternal punishment." These passages from Matthew's gospel contain some of Jesus' most frank, forthright commands to his disciples, which means of course that today we must understand that he is speaking to each of us.

I can remember hearing this Sunday's gospel reading as a child, and actually enjoying it. I think I liked the familiarity of it: as soon as the priest read the part where Jesus says, "He will place the sheep on his left and the goats on his right," I knew what was coming.

I liked the rhythm and the repetition I knew would come — "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me," and then later, "I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink ..."

It was even set to music, which gave

us the opportunity to sing those engaging, poetic phrases, rather than simply listen to them.

As I grew older and came to understand more clearly the meaning of Jesus' instructions to his disciples, I realized the complexity of this reading called me to a deeper, more substantive response than simply finding it as appealing as a familiar acquaintance I met up with every so often at Mass.

So this reading is what tough love sounds like. On the one hand, we rest the foundations of our lives and beliefs on the faithful knowledge that God loves us wholly and unconditionally, and yet on the other hand the same limitless love of God calls us to unselfishness, and demands that we live for others.

God's love insists, in fact, that with every cell in our bodies we attempt to imitate the way God loves us in the way we treat not only our family and friends, but those we might be tempted to overlook. In the hungry and thirsty poor, in the lonely outcasts living on the edges of our communities, in the prisoner who needs our compassionate presence, Jesus is unavoidably present and pleads with us to love as he loves.

If these demands make us uncomfortable, we might be tempted to think to ourselves, "At least after this Sunday, Advent begins. Now we'll hear some comforting, heartwarming stories about Jesus' birth in Bethlehem."

Nope, not so fast.

Throughout the first three weeks of Advent (that's a whopping 75 percent of the season, if you're counting) the

gospels continue to bring us more warnings: "Keep awake!" "The one more powerful than I is coming!" "Make straight the way of the Lord!"

The ancient Israelites, guided by their belief in their covenant promises with God, anticipated that God would break into human history in a way that would change everything — and he did, in the person of Jesus Christ. Our anticipation has a different character: we await the return of Christ at the end of time.

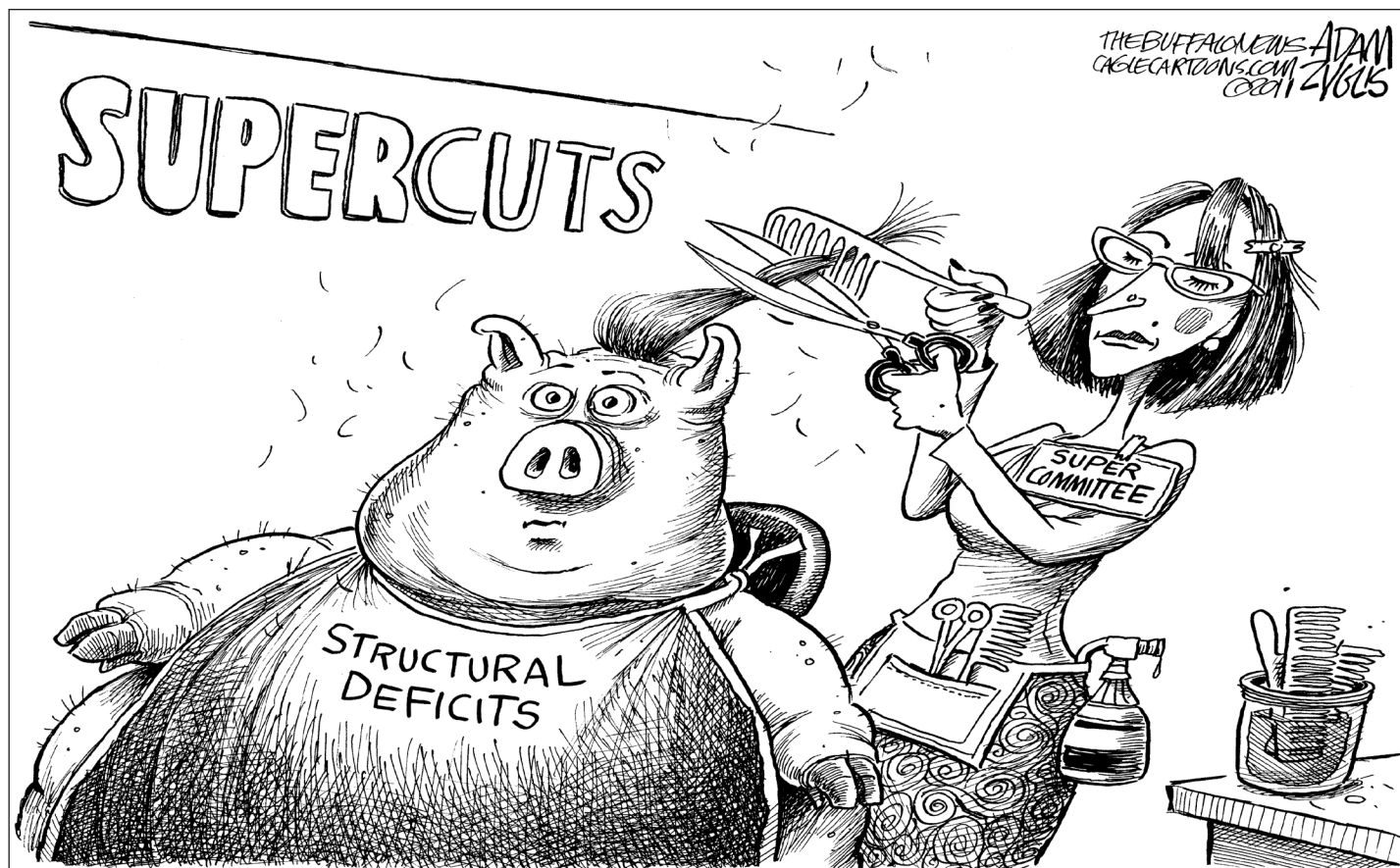
When we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus, we have to ask the Jesus who died and rose for us to show us, over and over, how we are to make straight the path for his coming again.

The Good News — and it is good news, even if it is of the demanding, uncomfortable, tough love variety — is that God is not trying to trick us into eternal damnation. He does not wish unsuspecting errors or oversights upon us, moments when we fail to notice his presence in the lonely, the poor or the imprisoned. If we choose to unite ourselves to his intimate love for us, through finding him not only in our prayer and worship, but in tending the sheep of God's flock as lovingly as he does, we will truly find, as Jesus states at the end of Sunday's gospel, eternal life.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

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WEEKLY POLL

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Underneath Halloween costumes

The purpose of this column is to help create an atmosphere where critically engaging our culture becomes the norm. When we are intentional about this, we are able to clearly delineate those behaviors that fit us and those which do not.

David Moss

This then leads to our community being able to discuss relationship-based topics thoughtfully, honestly and courageously.

The end result of this process is an environment where healthy dialogue, personal introspection and culture change (if desired) are real possibilities. It is an expectation of human nature that we typically follow the traditions of those who have gone before us.

This is true of the Notre Dame community. Some of our traditions are of great value and flow naturally from the founding tenets of this institution. There are other traditions, however, that make one wonder about the underlying mechanisms that keep them alive.

Let us consider the beloved tradition of dressing up (or down as the case may be) for Halloween.

We should all be concerned about issues that hinder our ability to build authentic relationships in our community. I have talked with a number of individuals who label dressing up for Halloween as a “harmless way to relax” from the pressures of academia.

No argument here. When I was an undergraduate, I participated fully in my share of costume parties. I must say, however, that the style of costumes has changed drastically over the years.

Although there are some students who still choose “traditional” costumes, the “cover as little as possible” motif has become a common occurrence. As individuals who are growing into manhood and womanhood, it is important to feel attractive and desired. I get it.

But we sometimes cross “the line” when we adopt the norms of popular media to determine our attractiveness. The current social environment has certain assumptions and expectations for attracting positive attention, and this influences greatly how we think others “want us” to look or behave.

By following these well-established, but unwritten rules, we actively participate in objectifying ourselves and others. Among other characteristics, this can take the form of women showing more skin than they normally would and men adopting a nonchalant, emotionally distant form of relating.

Objectification is ubiquitous in our society. How ironic that although extremely common, we have a hard time recognizing it.

This was never more salient to me than when I was recently walking through the mall with one of my daughters, and she commented on her displeasure with one of her body parts.

I am grateful that she was willing to discuss her perceptions with me in some detail and that I was able to point out both real and impossible to attain (air brushing, plastic-like skin, computer generated perfection) versions of beauty in the mall.

Crisis averted ... for now.

From music videos, to posters on our walls, to video game characters, to “sex sells” advertisements, objectification distorts the entirety of the human experience by emphasizing only the physical component of the person.

For a fuller explanation, I encourage you to check out the film “Killing Us Softly” which is available for your use from the Gender Relations Center resource library.

The ultimate expression of objectification is the production and consumption of pornography. Pope John Paul II has been quoted as saying, “The problem with pornography is not that it shows too much, but that it shows too little.”

I agree with this statement completely. Focusing on only the physical is disrespectful and inadequate in representing the marvelous, incredible and mysterious nature of God’s human creation.

As beings created for both vertical (with God) and horizontal (with each other) relationships, it is in our best interest to recognize that our acquiescence to popular culture does not always yield the quality of relationship we desire.

I think I am on safe ground when I say that most of us are looking for vertical and horizontal relationships that are meaningful and authentic. This is a lofty goal, but one that is attainable. A necessary part of this process will be our ability to pay close attention to the scripts we bring to life.

Without circumspection, these scripts often lead us down the path of objectification and become the water we swim in.

All is well when the tide is high, but when the water recedes we are left gasping for air. How unfortunate it is that in many cases, these scripts determine our life experience instead of the other way around.

This is where the courage piece talked about earlier comes in. When you recognize a maladaptive script in your life or in the life of a friend, will you have the courage to swim against the tide?

May God bless us with this kind of personal honesty and authentic friendship.

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Rachel Kellogg also contributed to this article.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Extraterrestrial intelligence

Normally I wouldn’t succumb to the pressures of expressing my opinion through a Viewpoint article. However, this topic is of great importance for both Catholics and atheists, Republicans and Democrats and all who find themselves living on this planet. The subject I would like to address concerns the search extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI).

For years, many men and women have explored the heavens in search of intelligent beings other than ourselves. Dangers exist in such curiosity that could end civilization as we know it.

Let me posit the scenario that we did in fact contact other intelligent beings. If these entities can comprehend and reply to our communications, there is a good chance that they possess the same, if not more, intellectual capacity than ourselves. The implications could not only mean greater technology, but could also mean something much more grave.

Who is to say that this alien race shares the same ethical and moral values that we share as humans? Who is to say, once contacted, these intelligent beings would not want to enslave us or exterminate our species, much as we want to get rid of household pests? These are just a few of the many implications of extraterrestrial contact. To quote Professor Stephen Hawking, “We only have to look at ourselves to see how intelligent life might develop into something we wouldn’t want to meet.”

Any activities related to SETI should be ceased immediately. Perhaps there was something to “Alien,” “Independence Day,” “War of the Worlds,” “Signs,” “Invasion of the Body Snatchers,” “Mars Attacks!,” “The Blob,” “Monsters vs. Aliens” and the list goes on.

If you ask me, I am just fine remaining intelligently alone on this planet.

Walker Anderson
senior
off campus
Nov. 16

Defending reform efforts

Dear Mr. Bangs,

I read your Letter to the Editor “Christie isn’t helping” on Nov. 14, and I feel it ignores crucial facts regarding our state’s educational system.

You first claim that Governor Christie “began his tenure with a vicious attack on school teachers [...] as overcompensated.” The governor has consistently remarked that his rhetoric is aimed at the leadership of the teachers’ union.

Second, he claims that because teachers earn a solid middle class salary, they could contribute more to their benefits. According to Census data from 2009, New Jersey teachers earned an average salary of \$63,100 per year, which is 22.9 percent above the national average of \$51,400.

Consequently, New Jersey teachers are the fourth highest paid in the nation. This leads me to the real focus of Governor Christie’s reform efforts, pension and healthcare benefits.

This past summer, a Democratic State Assembly and Senate passed sweeping public employee reforms.

Teachers must now pay 7.5 percent into their pensions up from 5.0 percent. Additionally, the retirement age for new teachers increased to 65, up from 60. Health benefits will be paid for in a tiered system based on a teacher’s salary. These reforms tackled the \$120 billion unfunded and unsustainable liability New Jersey taxpayers were facing in coming years.

You respond that the Governor should have raised taxes in response to this shortfall, but this ignores the fact that New Jersey residents already face some of the highest state and local taxes in the country. In 2010, the average property tax bill was \$7,281, the highest in the nation. Raising taxes would hurt middle class workers, such as teachers, the most.

The governor has been called a bully, deemed too blunt and overly harsh and even compared to Hitler by a national union leader. Yet, all of this ignores that as of this September, 54.0 percent of New Jersey voters approved of his performance.

Governor Christie merely disputes that there is a more affordable approach to New Jersey’s excellent educational system. His reforms reflect his pragmatic approach to governing, an approach that makes union benefits fiscally sustainable in a way our country’s politicians often fail to do.

Sincerely,

Andrew Kristiansen
senior
off campus
Nov. 15

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COLORS OF CULTURE IN WASHINGTON HALL: ONE NIGHT ONLY

By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

The Black Cultural Arts Council will produce its annual fall show, Black Images, after the Boston College football game Saturday. Every year Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students entertain audiences with their talents and skills for this family-friendly production.

This year's show, called "One Night Only," will not feature a specific theme, but rather a diverse array of performances. For the first time in its history, Black Images will be a talent competition rather than just a showcase. The audience will decide who they thought had the best performance, and the winner will be awarded a prize.

Film, Television and Theatre faculty member Brian McLaughlin will host, and for another first, the show will feature a live disc jockey, DJ 3J.

Vice president of the Black Cultural Arts Council, junior Purterson Justilien, said he is excited to participate in a production brought to Notre Dame by a long line of talent.

"I'm hoping this new format will blow everyone away," said Justilien. "There are a few surprises we have in store for the audience and I know everyone who attends will enjoy themselves."

First Class Ladies and First Class Fellas, Project Fresh, Dance Africa and Voices of Faith will all perform. Over half a dozen singers, dancers and rappers will also participate.

One of the solo acts performing Saturday is sophomore Chinelo Onyeador, who will play the violin and also dance with Dance Africa. Onyeador said it is important to participate in events like these to battle stereotypes on campus.

"A lot of times students at Notre Dame have this stigma about black students on campus," Onyeador said. "I feel like people think we're all the same and this is an opportunity to show that we aren't. There's a variety of talents in the black community and this is the perfect place for everyone to showcase these talents. We've been blessed with a place that is comfortable for everyone."

Nneka Ekechukwu, a Pasquerilla East senior Dance Africa member, said diversity is represented in the group.

"In our group you can see that 'black' means so many different things, whether one is from Virginia or Nigeria," said Ekechukwu. "Our dance is a mixture of traditional cultural songs to more contemporary music from different parts of Africa that incorporates a lot of hip movement, because no matter what part of Africa someone is from, the hip action is something we all have in common."

Fellow Dance Africa member senior Kenenna Amuzie said it is important to represent the diverse African community.

"I am really looking forward to sharing part of the many beauties of African culture with the African American community on campus and the greater Notre Dame community," Amuzie said.

Amuzie is also a singer in the student led faith organization Voices of Faith, a regular act in the Black Images showcase.

"Black Images is one of the many wonderful opportunities through which Voices is able to show what the choir is all about, while praising God through our uplifting music," said Amuzie.

First Class Steppers, a step-dancing, percussive

dance group will perform, using their entire bodies as instruments to produce complex rhythms and sounds.

"Our purpose or mission has always been to showcase to and educate the Notre Dame community, as well as the greater area of South Bend, on the African-American tradition and culture of stepping, a modern form of traditional African dance," said senior co-president Brittany Suggs. "Black Images has always encouraged the African, African American and Caribbean ethnicities of the Black Notre Dame community to display their cultures, talents and gifts in order to create an enriching experience for all whom attend the show."

Ramon Chandler, a Saint Mary's College first year, will both perform with Project Fresh and belly dance as a solo act.

"I am excited to show people the true meaning of belly dancing, which calls for the finding of oneself and the building of confidence," said Chandler. "I think being in Black Images is important because it showcases everyone no matter what race they are, and gives them a chance to show their talent."

Proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Frazier Thompson Scholarship Fund.

Black Images: One Night Only takes place in Washington Hall on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 9 p.m. after the Boston College football game. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased in the LaFortune Box Office for \$8 and at the door the night of the show for \$10.

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On Campus

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Who: Black Cultural Arts Council

Where: Washington Hall

When: Saturday, Nov. 19 at 9 p.m.

How much: \$8 for pre-sale tickets purchased at the LaFortune Box Office, \$10 at the door

SCENE *Selects*

1 Cube Runner

Though one of the oldest and simplest iPhone apps, Cube Runner is still totally awesome. Piloting a little ship in between cubes by tilting the phone, the speed increases and the cubes change color, making it one of the simplest ways to entertain oneself in an odd minute of spare time. Sure, there are newer, fancier games, but there is something strangely compelling about cube running.

2 "Bones"

"Bones" is back again! Fox's hit crime drama has begun its seventh season, complete with crazy murders and endearing "squints." "Bones" returned Nov. 3 after a hiatus due to actress Emily Deschanel's pregnancy.

Fans have rooted for the romance between main characters Brennan (Deschanel) and Booth (David Boreanaz) throughout the past six seasons, in spite of continuous denial of their mutual attraction. This season, viewers are excited to see the newly acknowledged relationship between the all-too-rational forensic anthropologist and the spiritual FBI agent play out, as the two prepare for the birth of their baby.

Intermingled with the usual dead bodies is a cast of quirky characters that make "Bones" worth the watch — and the wait. "Bones" airs Thursdays on FOX at 9 p.m.

3 Mouth-taped-shut.com

Who doesn't love a bit of viral advertising? This site, dedicated to the upcoming American adaptation of the best-selling novel "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," is basically all pictures. Someone from the production posts new, behind-the-scenes photos from the set on a regular basis. Sometimes, they're just fun to look at. Other times, they contain clues that, when paired together with other pictures or posts, lead to a secret. The secret often contains material from the film planted in some location for fans to find. If you're pumped for this movie, don't miss it.

4 Apple Cider

It's not quite cold enough for hot chocolate, but just cold enough for a little pick-me-up every once in a while. This perfect stretch of fall calls for one thing — apple cider. The sweet cinnamon-y taste of this warm beverage is just what every student could use this time of year.

5 Elf Yourself

Our campus is not yet covered in snow, but the winter season and all the Christmas delights that come with it are almost upon us. There are many ways to celebrate this upcoming season, from red cups at Starbucks to blasting Christmas carols in your room.

But for fun that never ends, check out elfyourself.com. Upload photos of your friends, professors, favorite TV show characters — anyone you want. Then choose the dance for them, as elves, to perform. Tunes range from funk to Charleston to classic Christmas. You'll laugh for days, and the crazy dance moves you never knew your friends could do will put you in a fantastic holiday spirit.

WEEKEND EVENTS CALENDAR

thursday 17



“Goodfellas”
Legends
Midnight
Free

You’ve always wanted to see this classic Scorsese gangster film, right? Legends has you covered. Make your way over to Legends to join your fellow Domers for a viewing of this strikingly realistic depiction of organized crime.

friday 18



Hypnotist Tom DeLuca
Washington Hall
9 p.m.
Free

Tom DeLuca has been hypnotizing — literally — the Notre Dame campus for years. He’s back, so bring out your favorite friends to volunteer to be hypnotized. You’ll be shocked at what Tom gets them to do.

saturday 19



“Cowboys and Aliens”
DeBartolo 101
8 and 11 p.m.
\$3

Brought to you by the director of “Iron Man,” this hybrid Western-science fiction film features Harrison Ford and Daniel Craig as two guys in the Old West who must battle aliens to save their frontier town.

sunday 20



“Provenance”
Philbin Studio Theatre
2:30 and 7:30 p.m.
\$5 for students, \$10 regular admission

Written by Notre Dame Moreau Fellow Anne Garcia-Romero, this story about the Mexican heritage of two sisters allows the Notre Dame community to see a play in its first on-stage incarnation.

COUNTRY MUSIC TAKES AMERICA

By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Scene Writer

Take a minute and think about the last few songs you heard on your favorite Top 40 radio station. If you’re reading this online, check out the most popular singles on iTunes or the Billboard Top 100. There’s quite a bit of country music on there. In fact, 28 songs on the Billboard chart are country.

From Taylor Swift and her teen angst songs to Toby Keith’s patriotic tunes, country music has secured a spot in today’s pop music. These artists have become such an enormous part of the music landscape that it’s almost hard to ignore or escape them. It’s not unusual to hear “Just a Kiss” by Lady Antebellum, no. 27 according to Billboard, played right behind Jason DeRulo’s “It Girl” on U93 these days.

The appearance of country music on

the pop scene is recent. Before Carrie Underwood won “American Idol” in 2005 and Taylor Swift released her self-titled debut album in 2006, the only country songs most people knew were one or two Kenny Chesney and Johnny Cash tunes. Artists like Garth Brooks, Shania Twain and Faith Hill had platinum-selling albums in the 90s, but their songs stayed mostly in the country genre with little overlap into popular music.

Many people associated country with hicks singing about their trucks, coon dogs and their women that left them. It was stereotyped and looked down on as a subpar genre of music by many, and sometimes still is.

I’ll be honest, I fell victim to the stereotypes. I hated country music on principle and wouldn’t even listen to Taylor Swift. When I got my roommate assignment the summer before freshman year, I freaked out when I found out one of my

roommates was from Texas. Using my 21st technology, I stalked her on Facebook and discovered her love of country music and “Twilight,” two of my least favorite things. I thanked my lucky stars my other roommate was from New York — at least she was from the Northeast, she had to be relatively normal.

Four years later, I’m still friends with both roommates and have lived with the Texan for all four years. And while she’ll never get me to crack open a “Twilight” book, I’m addicted to country music.

As much I like to think I’m unique, I’m definitely not in this case. Country music used to be contained to the South, but now you can find people from all over the U.S. with a country music station on their radio presets. It’s surprising to see how far the country genre has spread in popularity — it has enveloped people you would never expect.

Maybe it’s the deep gravelly voices on

the handsome male singers or the consistent theme of stubborn individualism in songs like “Country Boy Can Survive” by Hank Williams, Jr. that make the genre so appealing now. Maybe it’s the abundance of gorgeous blonde females. However it came about, country is big now. You can buy a country edition of People Magazine and find a country music festival in almost any major city.

Sure, none of the songs on the Billboard chart are above no. 20 — though that might change when T. Swift releases her next album in 2012. And it’ll be a while before I hear one of these songs at Feve. But nevertheless, country music is making its mark on today’s music scene.

I guess the title of Brantley Gilbert’s new single, “Country Must Be Country Wide,” speaks the truth. Fittingly, his song is at no. 53 according to Billboard.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Fear the beard

It's that time of the year again. It is the middle of November, which means the leaves are disappearing and surprisingly, so are the beards. This is No-Shave November, November, Noshember or whatever you want to call it but the beards and 'staches are becoming fewer and fewer.

Maybe to some of you it doesn't look right, it itches or it is patchier than the Chicago Bears offensive line. Even Andrew Luck shaved his lumber-jack beard and Stanford proceeded to lose to Oregon. Coincidence? I think not. So to encourage and inspire the few of you beard connoisseurs left, here are the top 10 beards/mustaches in sports history — all of whom have had successful careers that clearly would not have been possible without their whiskers.



Andrew Gastelum
Sports Writer

No. 10: Larry Bird
Okay sure, the Hick from French Lick's white-on-white 'stache was practically invisible, but that is what made it so great. Bird's blond invisistache first flew into the picture at Indiana State, where he led the Sycamores to the NCAA championship game. Oh and did I mention he won three NBA titles with the Celtics?

No. 9: Brett Keisel
In 2010, the Steelers' defensive end grew out his beard for eight months, making its encore performance at Super Bowl XLV. The beard almost had a mind of its own and probably trapped as much leftover food as Keisel did quarterbacks. Curly and outrageous, the essence of man was discovered (and has over 35,000 likes on Facebook).

No. 8: Any European NBA player
Whether they even know it is there, we will never know. But from Pau Gasol's neck beard to Dirk's goatee to Vlade Divac's beard that looked like it never grew, Europe is without a doubt the leader in raising men's health awareness.

No. 7: Baron Davis
Despite moonlighting as Kanye West, the Cavaliers point guard finds time to run an offense and is known most for leading the No. 8 seed Warriors over the heavily favored Mavericks in the 2007 "We Believe" playoffs. Thunder forward James Harden is a disciple of Davis and it is a proven fact the Most Interesting Man in the World fashioned his beard after the Baron.

No. 6: George Parros
NHL players are known for growing playoff beards to show team unity, but Parros' teams don't need to. His 'stache/soul patch combo makes the enforcer one of hockey's most feared players. Oh, and you can follow him on Twitter @stache16.

No. 5: Brian Wilson
The San Francisco Giants closer's beard is as unpredictable as the flamethrower himself, and intimidated so many hitters in the 2010 World Series that the Giants took home the title. And apparently the beard has taken a liking to Taco Bell and was the mastermind behind the onesie tuxedo at the ESPY's.

No. 4: Johnny Damon
The center fielder/caveman was Boston's savior in 2004. The Beard hit two home runs in Game 7 of the ALCS against the hated Yankees to get them to the World Series, leading the Sox to their first title in 86 years and breaking the Curse of the Bambino.

No. 3: The Ryder Cup Cigar Guy/Bobby Valentine
Both were impersonations and both were fake Groucho Marx 'staches, but that doesn't mean they can't be celebrated. The Cigar Guy took the 2010 Ryder Cup by storm as he stood in the background of each Tiger Woods tee-off with an orange-wig, cigar and a mustache that had more hair than Landon Donovan. The Cigar Guy became an internet sensation, appearing in classic pictures from Muhammed Ali's knockdown of Sonny Liston to the Mona Lisa. Meanwhile, Valentine, as manager of the Mets, was ejected from a game in 1999 and went down in sporting lore by returning to the dugout disguised in a casual fishing hat, glasses and fake mustache.

No. 2: Adam Morrison
This trash-stache led the Lakers to two-straight NBA titles in 2009 and 2010. The year they released Morrison, the franchise was swept in the second round and Phil Jackson retired. And the mustache (if you can call it that) is good for catching tears, right Gonzaga?

No. 1: Rollie Fingers
The waxy handlebar is more than just a mustache; it is an identity. Originally grown to receive a \$300 bonus from the Oakland A's owner, the 'stache became an icon of facial hair in sports. Consider him the Daniel Boone of sports 'staches.

If you "moustache", there is a point to all of this. This month represents a great cause, raising awareness for prostate cancer: a disease that takes the lives of over 30,000 men each year. One in every six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and beard-a-thons are taking place all over the country. These athletes above participated, just indirectly. But it is that time of the year again, time to show our support.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Record of McQuery report not found

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State campus police and their counterparts in State College said Wednesday that they had no record of Mike McQueary reporting an alleged sexual assault by Jerry Sandusky on a 10-year-old boy in a campus shower.

The details ran counter to McQueary's claims in an email to former teammates and made available to The Associated Press this week.

McQueary, then a graduate assistant, wrote in the email that he had discussions with police about what he saw. In the email, McQueary did not specify which police department he spoke to.

State College borough police chief Tom King said McQueary didn't make a report to his department.

Campus police referred questions on the Sandusky case to the university's public information office.

"At this point we have no record of any police report being filed in 2002" by McQueary in connection with the Sandusky case, university spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said, adding police searched their records Wednesday.

The football building is on university property, so campus police would have been the most likely to respond for a police call.

Mountz also noted the 23-page grand jury report was the state attorney general's summary of testimony, so it's unclear what McQueary's full testimony was.

The news came after a new judge was assigned to handle the child sex abuse charges against Sandusky, whose televised defense earlier this week drew a rebuke from a lawyer for one of his accusers.

The change removed a State College judge with ties to a charity founded by Sandusky for at-risk children, The Second Mile.

Harrisburg attorney Ben Andreozzi said he represents a client who will testify against Sandusky, who is accused of abusing eight boys, some on campus, over 15 years.

"I am appalled by the fact that Mr. Sandusky has elected to re-victimize these young men at a time when they should be healing," Andreozzi said in a statement released by his office. "He fully intends to testify that he was severely sexually assaulted by Mr. Sandusky."

Sandusky's lawyer, Joe Amendola, appeared with him on NBC's "Rock Center" on Monday night and cast doubt on the evidence in the case.

"We anticipate we're going to have at least several of those kids come forward and say, 'This never happened. This is me. This is the allegation. It



AP

Former Penn State football defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky leaves the District Judge's office in State College, Pa. on Nov. 5.

never occurred," Amendola said.

Andreozzi said he has his "finger on the pulse" of the case and knows of no accusers changing their stories or refusing to testify.

"To the contrary, others are actually coming forward, and I will have more information for you later this week," Andreozzi said.

Sandusky, 67, appeared on the show by phone and said he had showered with boys but never molested them.

Sandusky is due in court on Dec. 7, and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts announced that a Westmoreland County senior district judge would preside over his preliminary hearing. Robert E. Scott is taking over the hearing from Centre County District Judge Leslie Dutchcot.

Dutchcot has donated money to The Second Mile, where authorities say Sandusky met his victims. The office said Scott has no known ties to Penn State or The Second Mile.

Amendola defended the decision to have his client go on television, telling the Centre Daily Times on Wednesday the move was designed to demonstrate he had a defense.

"The more people who hear him explain that he didn't commit the acts of which he's been charged, the better off he's going to be down the road," Amendola told the newspaper.

It remains unclear how many accusers have surfaced more than a week after state police and the attorney general's office said at a news conference they were seeking additional potential victims and witnesses.

State police spokeswoman Maria Finn said investigators have told her that published accounts reporting how many people have come forward are inaccurate and they are not disclosing their internal figures.

Some plaintiffs' lawyers are starting to advertise on their websites for potential Sandusky victims, vowing to get justice. Jeff Anderson, a St. Paul, Minn., attorney, has long represented

clergy abuse victims and told The Associated Press that he has been retained by several people he described as Sandusky victims.

"There's a great deal of fury and confusion," particularly because Sandusky is free on bail, Anderson said. "Getting (them) help and cooperating with law enforcement is our first priority."

The "time for reckoning," in the form of civil lawsuits, will come later, Anderson said.

Anderson declined to say whether his clients are among the eight boys who were labeled as victims in the grand jury report.

Berks County lawyer Jay Abramowitch, who has represented about 150 child sex victims, many of them in clergy abuse cases, said he is following the Penn State case closely. He declined to say if he was representing anyone accusing Sandusky of abuse.

"The real significance of what happened in the Sandusky situation is that people are beginning to understand the cover-up that goes on in any structural organization that employs a pedophile," he said. "And that's why these pedophiles are running wild."

"What's the answer? One of the answers is to allow these victims the right to go to court and file suit against not only the pedophile but the group that employed them ... and didn't do anything," Abramowitch said.

Abramowitch long fought to get around the legal time limit for victims to sue the Roman Catholic Church for decades-old abuse. In 2005, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court rejected his argument that the suits should go through on grounds the church had concealed the abuse.

In State College, Penn State announced a physician and member of its board of trustees who played football and wrestled for the school would serve as acting athletic director. The school named Dr. David M. Joyner, an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine and a business consultant, as the interim replacement for Tim Curley.

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<http://pregnancysupport@nd.edu>

The Gettysburg Address:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us --

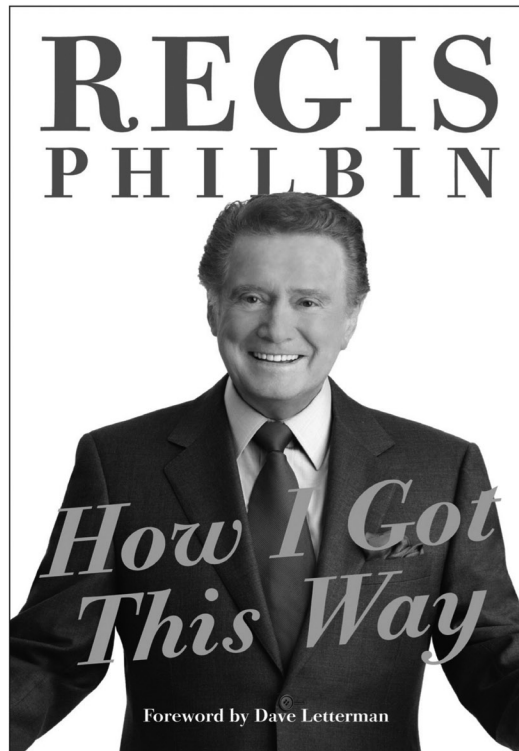
that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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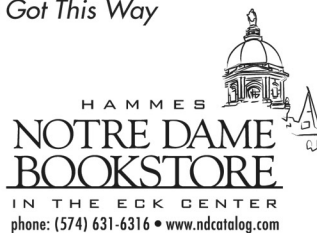


REGIS PHILBIN '53

Saturday, November 19th
Noon - 2pm

Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore

Join us as Regis Philbin signs his new
book, *How I Got This Way*



In this entertaining memoir, the irrepressible Reege—consummate talk-show host, man-about-town, loving husband, father, and yes, obsessive sports fan—looks back at his years in show business. *How I Got This Way* is filled with stories of lessons learned—and elbows rubbed—with extraordinary, and often unsuspecting, teachers: David Letterman; Donald Trump; George Clooney; Howard Stern; Jack Nicholson; legendary Notre Dame coaches Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian, and Lou Holtz; and, of course, longtime cohosts Kathie Lee Gifford and Kelly “Pippa” Ripa; as well as his own lovely wife, Joy—to name just a few.

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NASCAR

Johnson disappointed with Sprint Cup finish

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Just a few weeks after winning his first NASCAR championship, Jimmie Johnson was goofing around with his friends when he decided to climb atop a golf cart during a charity event. As he pretended to surf, Johnson fell off the cart and broke his wrist.

Concerned that such a silly incident could tarnish his reputation, or anger his team and sponsors, he lied about the circumstances of the accident.

Of course, the truth eventually came out, and Johnson was even more embarrassed.

So began a journey of personal growth and maturation for one of NASCAR's greatest drivers. For some athletes, that means toning down the nightlife and focusing on the job. For Johnson, it's been more about balancing the two sides of personality — the talented, super ambitious driver and the guy who likes to have a good time.

In the early morning after his fourth championship, Johnson was found asleep on the curb outside his South Beach hotel when the car service arrived to take him to what ended up being a grueling day of media appearances for a hungover champion.

The next year, his first as a father, he rolled his pants legs up and stood in the sand and surf surrounded by his five championship trophies in a quiet moment of reflection at sunrise.

There won't be such a celebration for Johnson this year. His record run of five consecutive championships came to an end with a whimper last weekend at Phoenix, where he crossed the finish line in 14th and was mathematically eliminated from title contention. Sunday will mark the first time since the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship format began in 2004 that Johnson won't be eligible to win the title heading into the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

“I'm definitely disappointed, but that's motor sports,” Johnson said. “It's a very tough business. What we did over the last five years was absolutely spectacular. Being on top for as long as we have been takes a lot of effort to maintain that.”

“It just takes a lot out of you. So this will be a nice winter to unplug and relax and dissect the different areas of the race team and come back stronger.”

Nobody has been stronger the last five years — more, maybe, if you go back to 2003, when he finished second in the final points standings.

He won eight races in 2004, the first year of the Chase, and finished eight points behind champion Kurt Busch. The next year, he went to Homestead ranked second and with leader Tony Stewart in reach, only to crash out of the race with a tire issue and finish a distant fifth in the final standings.

Johnson left Homestead possessed.

“The pressure I put on myself to win a championship was so great, it was like life or death in 2006,” Johnson said. “I watched two great opportunities pass me by in '04 and '05, and I wasn't sure I was going to get another chance at a championship. So it was really like life or death for me in '06. Then when I won one, then

came trying to chill out a little bit and learn to enjoy racing and enjoy the challenges and learning how to be more confident and comfortable in my own skin.”

He's the first to admit it's not been an easy road.

Johnson, a 35-year-old Californian, worked his entire life trying to wow sponsors into giving him the money he needed to pursue a racing career. It required him to be buttoned-up, the consummate professional and constant salesman. It left him guarded, and for a long time didn't help him get the on-track success he craved.

He was collecting a paycheck, but he didn't start picking up wins until he signed with Hendrick Motorsports in late 2001. Even with that big break, Johnson kept a clear distinction between work and play that created the stereotype of a “plain, vanilla driver.”

Here we are now, five championships, 55 victories and more than \$108 million in purse winnings, and Johnson is that guy sparring with hateful fans on Twitter and unafraid to speak his mind.

“The last five years, from a professional standpoint, the biggest thing has just been the confidence I now have in my own shoes,” he said. “The race track has always been who I am, and I spent the majority of my life as like a “B” or “C” driver. You don't build a lot of confidence being a mid-packer.”

“So being able to prove to myself, to our industry, what I'm capable of, it's helped me gain a lot of confidence in myself, in my role in the sport and how I fit into the sport. It's also allowed me to have a lot more fun.”

Yet it's still a struggle sometimes, evidenced last month when Johnson said IndyCar should not be racing on ovals in the wake of two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon's death. He meant high-banked ovals, but because he wasn't clear, and because he's currently the face of motorsports, his words spread throughout the industry and drew heavy criticism from some racing icons.

“That was a really tough week for me. I was only speaking out of concern for my friends in the sport, and boy, did it get turned around,” he said. “It's so conflicting at times because, sometimes, I'll say or do something and it will go unnoticed. At times my success is criticized, at times my focus is criticized, and there's all these mixed signals and you never know where the masses are because it's always moving around.”

“Maybe because I've always been so far in my head about being concerned about what I've said, that, I didn't notice how it could blow up. And as I've relaxed a lot more and learned to be comfortable speaking my opinion — I feel I've earned the right to speak my opinion — you still get these eye-opening moments that are like ‘Whoa, that really backfired!’”

Johnson goes into Homestead ranked fifth in the standings, and when Sunday's race concludes, either Carl Edwards or Tony Stewart will officially end his reign. He's motivated to move up in the standings — Johnson has never finished lower than fifth in points — and he's anxious to sit down with crew chief Chad Knaus to figure out how they can get back to the top of NASCAR.

FIFA

Blatter addresses anger over interview

Associated Press

GENEVA — Sepp Blatter faced a wave of angry criticism Wednesday after the FIFA president downplayed the problem of racist abuse on the pitch and said players involved in such spats should settle the issue with a handshake.

The comments in a TV interview sparked a furious backlash in England, where two top players are being investigated for racially insulting opponents during recent Premier League games. Blatter quickly issued a statement saying he had been “misunderstood,” but by then he had already drawn heavy condemnation from players and pundits in Britain.

Manchester United defender Rio Ferdinand — whose brother Anton was the target of an alleged slur by England captain John Terry — was one of the most outspoken critics, saying on Twitter that he was “astonished” by Blatter’s comments.

“Sepp Blatter your comments on racism are so condescending its almost laughable. If fans shout racist chants but shake our hands is that ok?” Ferdinand wrote. “I feel stupid for thinking that football was taking a leading role against racism.....it seems it was just on mute for a while.”

In an interview with broadcaster Al-Jazeera, Blatter said football has no problem with racism and downplayed the recent allegations of abuse on the field. He said comments are often made in anger during games but then “forgotten” after the final whistle. Blatter went on to suggest that if league officials have to deal with an issue or complaint then they should “bring two people together and say ‘Shake hands.’”

The comments come on the same day that Liverpool forward Luis Suarez was charged by the English Football Association with racially abusing Manchester United defender Patrice Evra, who is black.

Evra told French TV that Suarez used a racist slur “at least 10 times” during United’s 1-1 draw at Liverpool in the Premier League.

Liverpool said Suarez will plead not guilty and insisted that the club is “fully supportive of Luis in this matter.”

Terry has said his comments were taken out of context, but is being investigated by the FA and London police.

Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of England’s players’ union, said Blatter’s comments were “insensitive and inappropriate at this time.”

“It’s ironic that Sepp Blatter should come out and talk like that because we’ve worked hard to get FIFA to have anti-racism on the agenda,” Taylor said. “As the president of FIFA he’s got to be shouting from the top of the hills that it’s unacceptable on the pitch. We want players to set an example to the rest of the world and particu-

larly the supporters.”

Seeking to calm a growing furor, Blatter issued a statement to try to clarify his comments, saying he is taking racism seriously.

“I am committed to fighting this plague and kicking it out of football,” Blatter said. “What I wanted to express is that, as football players, during a match, you have ‘battles’ with your opponents, and sometimes things are done which are wrong.

“But, normally, at the end of the match, you apologize to your opponent if you had a confrontation during the match, you shake hands, and when the game is over, it is over.”

The statement was posted on FIFA’s website underneath a picture from 2009 of Blatter embracing Tokyo Sexwale, a black South African government minister and former Robben Island prisoner.

The FIFA president had earlier turned to Twitter trying to calm the growing anger in England.

“Racism and discrimination of any kind have no place in football,” Blatter wrote. “I have said this many times before, and I will say it again and again.”

“However, - and it is not an excuse - sometimes, in the heat of the moment, things are said and done on the field of play,” he wrote. “This does not mean that, in general, there is racism on the field of play.”

Despite backtracking, Blatter still faced renewed calls for his resignation in Britain — where he was already unpopular following allegations of corruption within FIFA in relation to England’s failed bid to host the 2018 World Cup.

“Blatter needs to apologize at the very least, resign at the very best,” wrote Daily Telegraph columnist Henry Winter.

In the interview with Al-Jazeera, Blatter sought to defuse suggestions that racism and discrimination were problems in world football.

“During a match you may make a movement towards somebody or you may say something to somebody who is not exactly looking like you, but at the end of the day it is forgotten,” Blatter insisted. “Racism is if there are spectators or, outside the field of play, there are movements to discrimination, but, on the field of play, I deny that there is racism.”

However, in further evidence that suggests racism persists in football stadiums, UEFA will on Thursday prosecute a case in which England was the victim of alleged discrimination.

The Bulgarian football federation has been charged after its fans allegedly directed verbal abuse at England players during a European Championship qualifier in Sofia in September.

English anti-racism group Kick It Out said Blatter’s comments “don’t help in the ultimate goal of kicking racism out of football and making it a discrimination free zone.”

“I am committed to fighting this plague and kicking it out of football.”

Sepp Blatter
FIFA president

MLB

Future of Astros in NL uncertain

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Major League Baseball told Houston businessman Jim Crane it would not approve his purchase of the Astros unless he agreed to move the team to the American League, The Associated Press has learned.

Crane was forced to agree to move the sale along, a person familiar with the negotiations said Wednesday on condition of anonymity because no official announcement has been made by MLB or the Astros. Approval of the sale could be announced as early as Thursday at a meeting of baseball executives in Milwaukee.

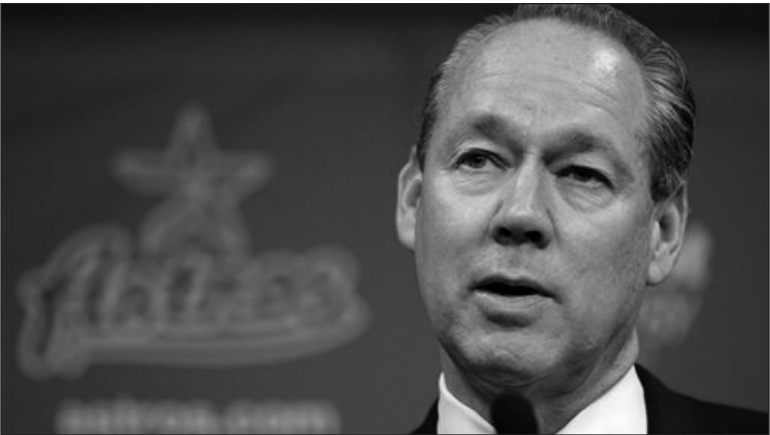
Crane reportedly agreed to the move in exchange for a drop in the sales price valued earlier this year at \$680 million. The person who spoke to the AP could not confirm the sales price.

The MLB Players Association believes two 15-team leagues would create a more proportionate schedule and has urged baseball to make the switch. With schedules for next season already completed, the earliest such a move could take place is 2013.

Time is running out for approval of the deal: Crane has said that his offer, which was announced on May 16 expires Nov. 30.

An MLB spokesman did not immediately return messages seeking comment, though Commissioner Bud Selig addressed an Astros’ move during a Twitter chat on Monday.

“For 15/15 realignment, Houston would be the team



Jim Crane announces his offer to purchase the Astros at a news conference on May 16. The sale could be approved at a Thursday meeting.

moving to AL West. Would create more fairness in baseball,” Selig tweeted via the Colorado Rockies Twitter feed. He also added that “15 teams in each league would necessitate interleague play every day but it will be better schedule overall.”

The Astros currently play in the six-team NL Central. The AL West is the only league in the majors with four teams (Rangers, Angels, Athletics and Mariners).

The Astros would be in a division with in-state rival Texas. But fans are unhappy that the other three teams are all on the West Coast, meaning many road games would routinely end past midnight Central time.

Drayton McLane bought the team in November 1992 for about \$117 million and put the franchise up for sale in November. He turned down an offer from Crane to buy the team in 2008.

The \$680 million sale price is the second-highest in major league history, trailing the \$845 million purchase of the Chicago

Cubs by the Ricketts family two years ago. The \$660 million sale of the Boston Red Sox in 2002 currently is second. Like the Astros’ deal, the Cubs and Red Sox transactions included related entities.

A major selling point in Houston was the Astros’ share in a new deal with the NBA’s Houston Rockets to create a regional sports network that will begin airing Rockets games in 2012 and the Astros in 2013. Crane has said the team’s 30-year lease at Minute Maid Park, which is owned by the Harris County Houston Sports Authority, will remain intact under his ownership.

Crane, who founded a Houston-based logistics company in 2008, is also the chairman and chief executive of Crane Capital, a private equity fund company. In 2009, he was in the running to buy the Cubs and last summer teamed with Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban in an unsuccessful bid to buy the Texas Rangers.

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Irish sophomore goalie Steven Summerhays protects the net in Notre Dame's 5-4 home win over Alaska on Friday.

Johnson

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good, healthy relationship. This weekend he played great and I was rooting him on, and he was rooting me on Tuesday. We have a really good relationship and I think that's a lot better than other goalies you hear about that might not like each other."

With the success the pair has been having, Jackson has been left with a tough decision on who to start this Friday in a crucial matchup against No. 3 Boston College.

"I think [Summerhays] deserves another start, it's just a matter of when it's going to be," Jackson said. "I always evaluate based on practice performance and game performance. It's kind of a last-minute decision for me. I don't know [who will start] yet. I may start against BC."

And while it's doubtful that Jackson will call his own number on Friday, Summerhays expects the start to go to Johnson, but remains ready for an opportunity at any time.

"I think [the situation with]

me and Johnson is unique because not every college has two guys who could probably start, whereas here I think we both know we're both capable of starting, so I think that completion between us pushes us to be better every day," he said. "So I want to be in that position, given the opportunity and chance to show the team and this school and everyone that I can be the starting guy."

Regardless of who earns the start on Friday though, both goaltenders will need to be on their game to shut down the high-flying Eagles attack.

"Their forwards are probably the most talented in the nation," Summerhays said. "It's going to be a really offensive game, so we're going to have to shut their top line down and that comes with good defensive play, special teams and of course goaltending. We've got to be at our best."

The Irish will return to the ice Friday against Boston College. The puck will drop at the Compton Family Ice Arena at 7:35 p.m.

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Wright

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Wright and Peters will be to lead the Irish as they try to put forth a strong defensive performance against Hartford (2-0) and lock down junior forward Ruthanne Doherty, McGraw said. In the Hawks' 54-45 victory over Long Island in the tournament's second round, Doherty poured in 18 points and swallowed up 12 rebounds for a double-double of her own.

"She's a really good player," McGraw said of Doherty. "I think she is a matchup challenge for us because she's got good size, and yet she plays like a guard and she's a really good shooter and she can do so many things. That's a challenge that we worked on a little bit [in practice], but we are going to need a lot of really good team defense."

The Irish have had success on the defensive end thus far, piling up 54 steals and holding their opponents to just .370 shooting over the last two games.

In the tournament's other semifinal game, No. 1 Baylor (2-0) hosts No. 22 UCLA (2-0) tonight at 8 p.m. The championship game will be played Sunday to determine the 2011 Pre-season WNIT champion.

For the Irish, the preseason tournament creates an atmosphere that can provide more immediate goals and increase motivation and focus, McGraw said. She also noted that the tournament gives Notre Dame a small taste for the postseason NCAA tournament.

"I think that starting off with a tournament does give you a little more motivation early in the season, that there is some tangible reward after the game — that you would get to advance," she said. "So it is similar to the NCAA tournament in that way."

Notre Dame will try to improve to 3-0 and advance to the tournament semifinals when the team tips off its semifinal contest with Hartford at 7 p.m. today in the Purcell Pavilion.

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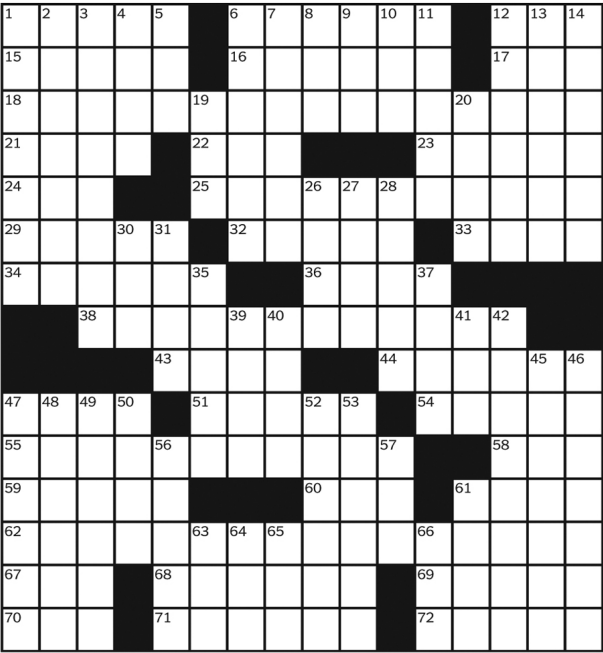
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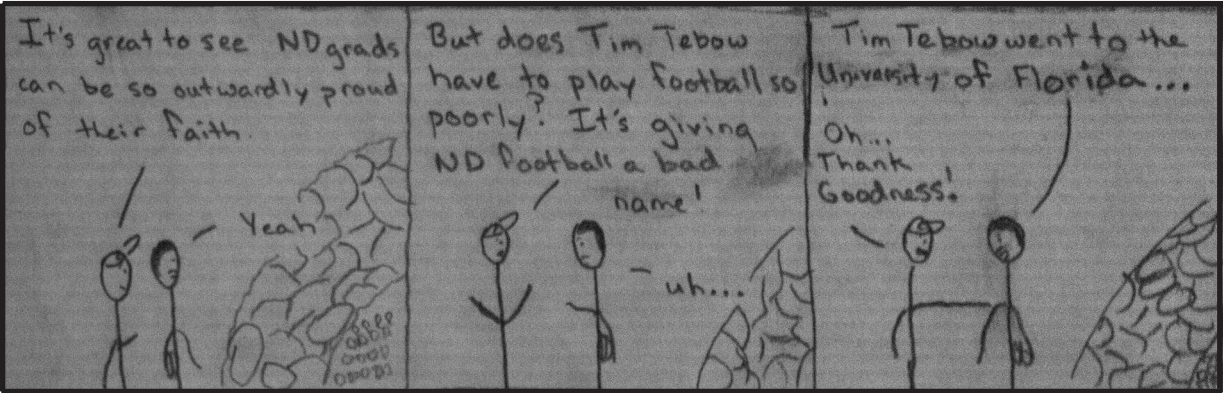
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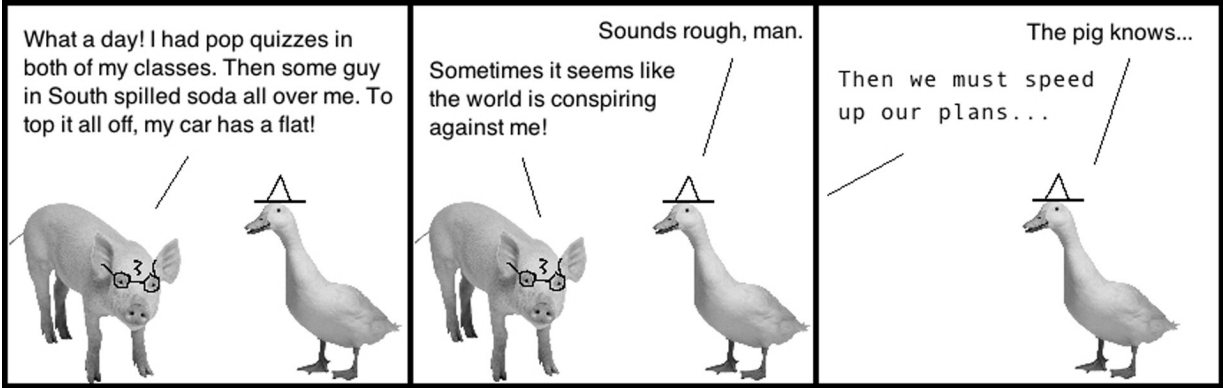
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make personal changes that will help you raise your profile, update your image or get ahead. Focus on self-improvement and marketing what you have to offer. Your ability to express your view will impress someone important. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Overreacting, being stubborn and letting emotions cause disruptions in your family or with a friend must be avoided. You are best to keep busy and quiet. Idle time will be your enemy. Productivity will bring positive results. ★★

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Plan something exciting or take a day trip that will bring you in contact with people you find stimulating. Focus on change and trying new things. Your experiences will add to your knowledge and provide vision for future projects. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll get all worked up over little things that should be ignored. Concentrate on what you know and contribute to a cause you feel is worthy. Don't let your domestic life stifle your dreams, hopes and wishes for the future. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anyone play with your emotions. Your ability to concentrate and get things done will wane if you are bothered by what others do or say. Spend time helping those in need or making your home more comfortable and manageable. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take advantage of any opportunity you get to express your thoughts and to interact with interesting people. Your ideas can be turned into a moneymaking project. Don't sit back and procrastinate when there is so much you can do. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make changes at home that are conducive to developing something that you want to pursue. Good fortune will come your way if you are proactive and discuss your plans with people who have experience and knowledge you lack. ★★★

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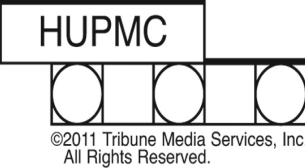
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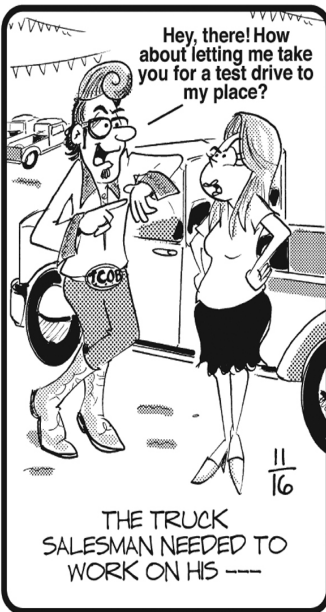
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Rise and shine

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

With sophomore point guard Eric Atkins and fifth-year forward Tim Abromaitis out, Notre Dame got an unexpected boost from freshman guard Pat Connaughton's 24 points en route to a 74-41 victory over Sam Houston State in the Progressive CBE Classic regional round Wednesday night.

Atkins, Notre Dame's leading scorer, didn't even make the Irish bench because he was sick with the flu, while junior guard Joey Brooks left the game near the end of the first half with flu-like symptoms. With the four-game suspension of Abromaitis due to eligibility issues, this left the Irish with just eight players.

"I was nervous coming into the game [with two starters out]," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I had Big East butterflies. I don't know my team yet. It is kind of fun and exciting to try and figure it out. I told them the first day, 'We are going to need all of you

to play and get a part of it.' As you get further into the season, that can all change at some point but for right now, I want all of those guys' heads good because you don't know where things are going to go. And they have been good so far."

Connaughton rose to the occasion, scoring 17 of his 24 points on five 3-pointers in the first half. With 3:54 remaining in the first, the freshman brought the crowd to its feet when his back-to-back 3-pointers led to his eighth-straight point for the Irish.

"To be honest [attacking the basket] is usually what my game is," Connaughton said. "Coach Brey always tells me when I am open to shoot it and not worry about it. That's what I did tonight and that is just how it worked out. [The first 3-pointer] is a confidence builder. When you hit the first one and then hit the second one, it [becomes], 'Okay we are just playing basketball.'"

Meanwhile the Bearkats got

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Freshman guard Pat Connaughton elevates for a jumper in Notre Dame's 74-41 win over Sam Houston State on Wednesday. Connaughton led the Irish with 24 points on the night.

HOCKEY

Two goaltenders vie for net time, thrive on competition

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

It is a problem with no solution, or it is no problem at all depending on your point of view.

The dilemma for Irish coach Jeff Jackson is how to fit two very talented goaltenders into a crease that holds only one at a time. Both junior Mike Johnson and sophomore Steven Summerhays have made big saves, posted requisite numbers and back-

stopped their team admirably so far this year.

The tandem has been a big reason why No. 4 Notre Dame (8-2-2, 6-1-2 CCHA) has won its past three games and is unbeaten in its last eight. For a team looking to improve upon their Frozen Four appearance last year, optimizing the production out of the goaltender position may be the extra push the Irish need.

As recently as two and a half weeks ago, Jackson commented

that the competition between Johnson and Summerhays wasn't as close as he had hoped, as Johnson led the team through five games without defeat. After surrendering four goals in a chaotic opening period against Alaska though, Jackson sent in Summerhays, who shut out the Nanooks the rest of the way to earn the 5-4 victory. Summerhays earned the start and the victory the next night, and the competition appeared to tighten

back up.

"The defense did a good job letting me see the shots," Summerhays said. "And coming in cold, you want to be able to take the first couple of shots nice and easy and play your game and get settled into the game like that, that had been so high-scoring. So they did a good job letting me settle in that game, and I think the confidence I gained there carried into the next night."

On Tuesday though, John-

son bounced right back with a midweek win over Western Michigan. Johnson said he was pushed to be his best because of Summerhays' performance, and that the competition is good for both of them and the team.

"We push each other every day in practice to get better, but at the same time we both want the best for each other," Johnson said. "So I think it's a really

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish head into semifinal game

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After securing one of the biggest margins of victory in school history their last time out, the Irish will retake the court in the semifinals of the Preseason WNIT against Hartford tonight.

No. 2 Notre Dame (2-0) enters the contest having rolled to a 99-34 victory over Indiana State on Sunday in a performance that relied on contributions from a variety of sources. Six players scored in double figures for the Irish as the team's offensive depth was on full display, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

"I think we are much harder to guard when we have a team [comprised of players] that can all really score. We have great balance in our offense," McGraw said. "I don't think I would be surprised if anybody was the leading scorer of the starting five, or really even the top six. I think everybody is capable of a big game, but we are a really



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Graduate student forward Devereaux Peters surveys the court against Akron on Nov. 11 en route to an Irish win, 81-61.

unselfish team right now and that makes us a lot harder to guard."

The Irish were led in the scoring column by sophomore guard Kayla McBride's 16 points Sunday, but junior guard Skylar Diggins, graduate student forward

Devereaux Peters and freshman forward Markisha Wright each contributed 14 points. Wright added 11 rebounds to notch a double-double for the night.

Tonight, the primary task for

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Mathews looks for strong career finish

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For senior captain Shannon Mathews, her final season at Notre Dame means the culmination of a lifetime of competitive tennis and the chance to leave it all on the court.

Mathews is one of two Irish seniors on the team, the other being doubles partner and fellow captain Kristy Frilling. Frilling and Mathews have been teammates for the last four years and, entering their final season, are looking to make their mark on the University.

"Going into our senior year, we definitely want to put everything out there," Mathews said. "It's our last spring season and it's our last season playing for Notre

Dame, and both of us are going to put our heart and soul into every match every time we're on the court."

Mathews, who has received All-Big East honors in each of her years at Notre Dame, is eager to keep up her streak of success. The Irish have won the Big East Championship every year that Mathews and Frilling have been a part of the team, and Mathews said she plans on continuing that streak.

"We would love to win another Big East Championship," Mathews said. "Our ultimate goal is to bring home a national championship for Notre Dame."

As the Irish enter the winter off-season, Mathews said the focus will be maintaining the squad's work ethic and off-court conditioning.

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