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Single ticket creates unique circumstance

By SAM STRYKER
News Editor

Last night's midnight deadline for any potential write-in candidates for the student body presidential election came and went with no approved candidates stepping forward. As a result, juniors Brett Rocheleau and Katie Rose will run unopposed — something unprecedented in student government records.

Students will be presented with the option of voting for Rocheleau and Rose or abstaining when ballots open at 8 a.m. Wednesday. An abstention signifies a presence, not a vote, according to the Judicial Council.

Rocheleau said though other members of student government may have had interest in running, they all agreed on the goal to continue the course of this year's administration.

Rocheleau currently serves as student body vice president with student body president Pat McCormick, who declined to comment for

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Rocheleau, Rose outline goals

Pair focuses on five tasks, aims to advance current administration's vision

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Who They Are

Student body presidential candidate Brett Rocheleau, a junior from Keenan Hall, is a Math and Finance major. Vice presidential candidate Katie Rose, a junior from Pasquerilla East Hall, is an Eco-

nomics and Political Science major with a minor in International Development Studies. Rocheleau is the current student body vice president and Rose serves as senator for Pasquerilla East and director of the student government Department of Gender Issues.

In Their Words

Rocheleau and Rose, who are running on a platform they call "Advancing the Vision," have a to-do list of five items in their plan of action. The list entails:

- Improving the constituent service capacity of Notre Dame, both on and off campus. Rocheleau and Rose want to continue the trend of addressing the wants and needs of the student body, saying it will be the primary focus of their administration.
- Increasing safety for all students by raising awareness about issues and addressing them effectively. Rocheleau and Rose want to install better lighting on campus and increase blue light phones off campus. They

plan to work with Notre Dame Security Police and the Department of Campus Technology to develop a mobile safety app for smart phones.

- Deepen relations with the neighboring community of South Bend. Rocheleau and Rose want to attract a specialty grocery store to Eddy Street Commons, such as Whole Foods or Trader Joe's. They also want to continue past administrations' work with the Robinson Learning Center and Communiversity Day.

- Modernize Notre Dame to make it a 21st Century Catholic university. The ticket wants to focus their efforts on making dorm life more ecologically friendly, updating school policies to reflect current Church teachings, and providing a forum for students to discuss the modernization of Notre Dame Stadium.

- Connecting the Notre Dame campus to the global community. Rocheleau and Rose want to continue the work started under this year's administration, partnering with David Clark Causes to bring a large-scale social jus-

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Send a message, demand a choice

In this unusual election with just one unopposed ticket, The Observer's annual task of interviewing candidates and endorsing one ticket seemed futile.

In fact, so does this election.

Without opposing candidacies or even accepted write-in ballots, current student body vice president Brett Rocheleau and vice presidential hopeful Katie Rose will win Wednesday's election simply by voting themselves. So why interview the pair and write the annual endorsement editorial?

Because as the student body, we deserve a choice.

While we may not have a choice between tickets, we do have a choice to abstain. The majority of The Observer's Editorial Board agreed not to endorse the Rocheleau-Rose ticket and instead encourages the student body to abstain in Wednesday's election. Make no mistake, abstaining is an active decision. It still requires opening the ballot and recording your presence.

It is quite possible Rocheleau and Rose are indeed the best candidates. But how can the student body know this without comparing their plans and ideas to those of another candidate?

While choosing to check "abstain" will not change the course of the election, a large cohort of "abstain" votes would serve as a needed wake-up call to student government.

It would send the message that the student body will not accept a ticket simply because it is the only ticket.

It would send the message that Rocheleau and Rose still need to be held accountable to their constituents.

It would send the message that as the student body, we deserve a choice.

Rocheleau and Rose said several people within student government expressed interest in running for president or vice president, but all agreed on a unified vision for student government in the next year. Rocheleau and Rose were chosen to represent that vision.

Just like that, the decision was made for the student body, not by the student body. Even if the majority of the student body is behind the vision student government sets out to achieve, students should get the opportunity to vote for whom they think will best represent and promote that vision.

Furthermore, it is hard to believe such unanimous agreement about student government's approach and priorities exists amongst all members. If, however, agreement truly is pervasive, this suggests a herd-like mentality not conducive to innovation and forward progress. If disagreement exists, what is going on behind the scenes to suppress the opposition? Either way, these questions point to a potentially disturbing backdrop from which the president and vice president hopefuls will enter office.

And yet, whether we like it or not, Rocheleau and Rose will represent the student body come April 1, with the goal of advancing the vision of the current administration. Their platform is detailed and structured, however, some ideas are more feasible and beneficial than others.

The platform includes some practical initiatives that will better the daily lives of the student body. For example, the pair wants to put printers in every building on campus and make residence halls "greener" by installing hydration stations and efficient hand dryers. These ideas are good and can likely be accomplished.

However, some larger scale ideas are both impractical

and ineffective.

The pair wants to bring a specialty grocery store — such as Trader Joe's or Whole Foods Market — to Eddy Street Commons to improve relations with the South Bend community.

But students and residents will not be able to form meaningful, long-term relationships simply by shopping at the same store. Furthermore, students already know the residents who would shop at an expensive grocery store — professors and students' parents. We need to reach out to the community as a whole and move beyond the wealth disparity that is perceived to exist between Notre Dame students and South Bend as a whole.

Rocheleau and Rose's campaign also includes goals past student government administrations have attempted. Adding sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause and setting up Domer Dollars off campus are worthy causes, but why will this ticket succeed where previous administrations have tried and failed?

The Observer's Editorial Board can see merit in Rocheleau and Rose's ideas, and Rocheleau's connections from his current term as vice president will be helpful in facilitating many of these initiatives. However, their platform is far from perfect.

Rocheleau and Rose are the only candidates for student body president and vice president. But are they the best candidates?

Without competition, we can't know. That is why we, the members of The Observer's Editorial Board, cannot endorse Brett Rocheleau and Katie Rose for Notre Dame's student body president and vice president.

Instead, come Wednesday's election, we endorse abstaining. Send a message.

Choose to demand a choice.

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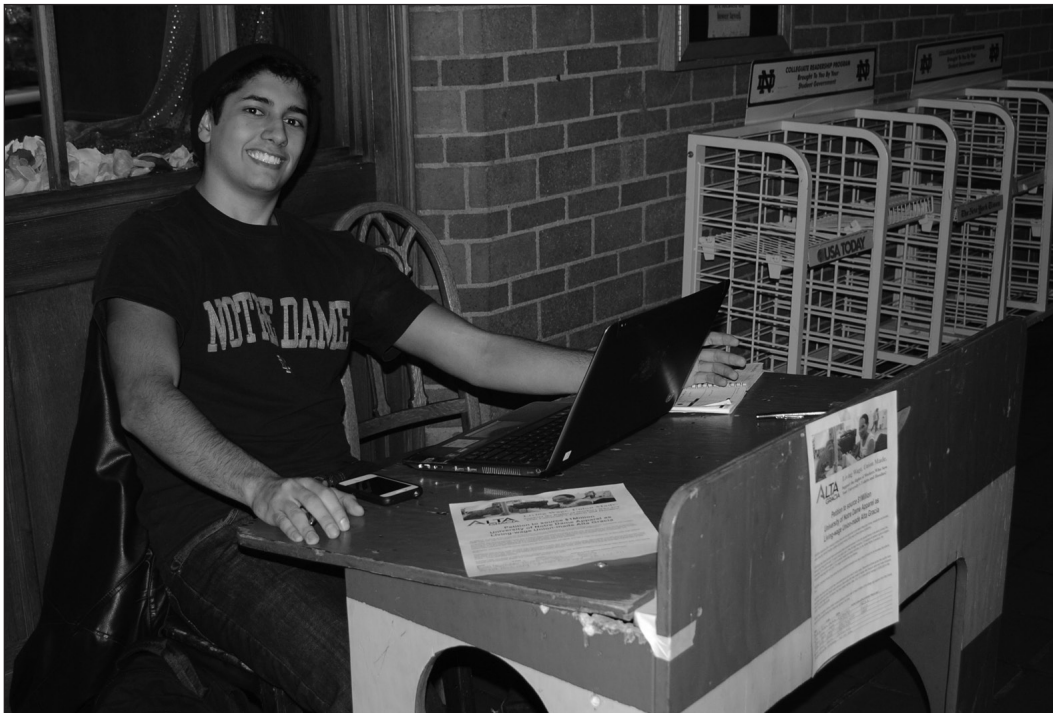


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Ricardo Barrios collected signatures in South Dining Hall to petition for Alta Gracia apparel to be sold in the Hammes Bookstore. Alta Gracia is a company that ensures their employees are paid an adequate wage to support themselves and their families.

OFFBEAT

Montana man fined for instigating police chase

BUTTE, Mont. — A Butte man who told officers he instigated a police chase because he always wanted to try it, found out it'll cost him a \$1,000 fine to go with his tire damage.

The Montana Standard in Butte reports 55-year-old John C. Hughes pleaded guilty Thursday in City Court to reckless driving while eluding a peace officer.

The chase began in the pre-dawn hours Thursday when officers reported a man followed a patrol car for seven blocks before pulling his SUV around and taking off at speeds of up to 70 mph. Officers say Hughes was traveling faster than 100 mph on

the interstate before officers laid out a spike strip to flatten his tires.

When asked why he started the chase, Hughes said, "I just always wanted to do that," according to the police report.

Chicago college offers class on Occupy movement

CHICAGO — A Chicago college is offering a class on the Occupy movement.

Thirty-two undergraduate students are enrolled at Roosevelt University's "Occupy Everywhere" class. It's a three-credit political science course that looks at the movement that started last summer near New York City's Wall Street and spread nationwide.

The Chicago Sun-Times

reports students' assignments include reading the movement's newspaper and attending Occupy Chicago's general assembly meetings held near Roosevelt's downtown campus.

Leaders from the Chicago movement may present guest lectures.

Professor Jeff Edwards studies social movements. He says the Occupy movement has been unfolding before students and the class is a good opportunity for them. He says they are reading a range of analysis on the movement concerned with corporate greed and the division of wealth.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Eduardo Posada Carbo will give a lecture titled "Church, Elections and Democratization in Colombia, 1830-1930" today at 12:30 p.m. in Room C103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Dr. Abdolrahim Gavahi will give a lecture titled "Men of God — Symbols of Love and Compassion: The story of Ismael Dulabi, a Contemporary Muslim Religious Healer" today at 4:30 p.m. at McKenna Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Have dinner with the Notre Dame baseball team today at 6 p.m. at Club Naimoli inside the Joyce Center. Tickets can be purchased at UND.com. Dinner will be provided by Famous Dave's.

Purchase Valentine's Day flowers from the Pasquerilla West Flower Sale today from 7 to 10 p.m. at the LaFortune Student Center. The cost is \$1 per flower. All proceeds benefit the Fr. Jim Karaffa Business Academy for Women.

Dalia Landau and Khader Al-Kalak will give a presentation titled "Open House: The Story of a Grassroots Model for Promoting Reconciliation in Israel/Palestine" today at 7:30 p.m. at the McKenna Hall auditorium.

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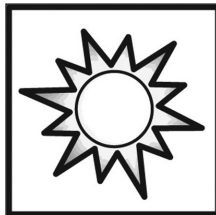
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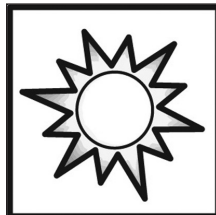
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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group discusses campus safety, GLBTQ club

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

Members of Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed updates in campus safety and the proposed GLBTQ student group during their meeting Monday.

Student body vice president Brett Rocheleau said NDSP Officer Keri Kei Shibata and University police have expanded the crime-tracking devices available to students.

Shibata said NDSP has subscribed to CrimeReports.com, a website the community can use to access up to date information on local crimes. Shibata said students could also create their own accounts on the website to receive email updates.

“It’s important for us to be aware of what’s going on around us. Not only by paying attention, looking and listening, but by knowing what types of crimes to look out for,” she said. “This is a user-friendly way for students to know about the info collected by police agencies.”

Shibata said the South Bend Police Department is in the process of working with CrimeReports, as well. She said NDSP would suggest a subscription to the Mishawaka Police Department.

Student body president Pat Mc-

Cormick said he and Rocheleau would continue discussions with local law enforcement today.

McCormick said the other goal of the meeting was to wrap up discussion on the proposed GLBTQ support group before Senate meets on Wednesday.

Sophomore Tom Lienhoop, a representative from the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Students, argued that students on campus need a peer GLBTQ group.

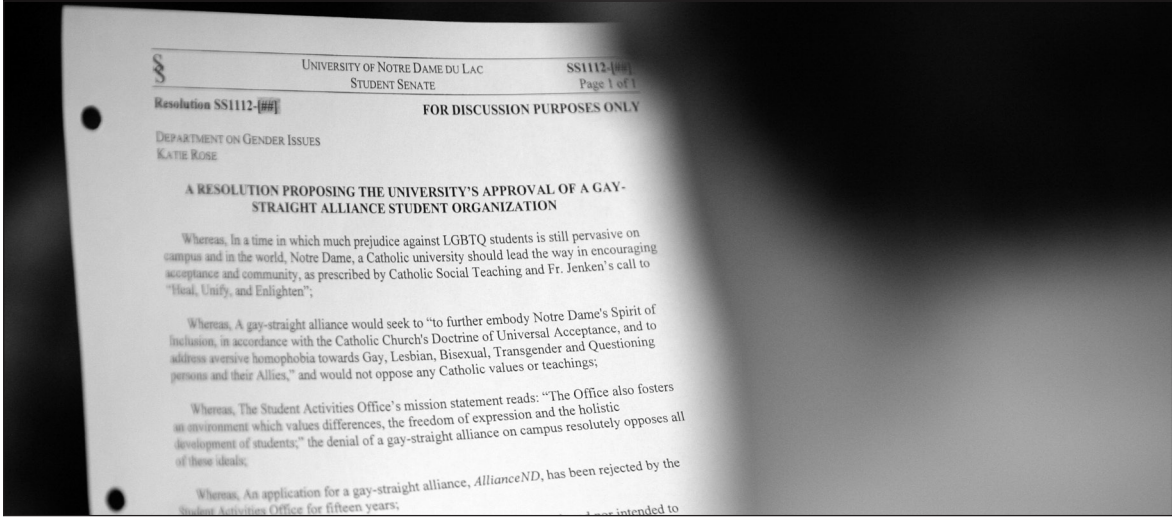
“AllianceND unofficially exists on campus and has been denied recognition at least 15 times,” he said. “This creates a negative stigma on campus that deters LGBT students because they don’t feel comfortable.”

Lienhoop said the hostile perception causes prospective students to choose other colleges and for some students to transfer out of Notre Dame.

“We’re losing excellent students and diversity to other universities,” he said. “(LGBTQ students) feel [excluded] and that they have a poor quality of life on campus.”

An official Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) group would allow for more student engagement, as well as give sovereignty to the gay community, he said.

“Core only has eight members,”



Student Senate discussed the proposed GSA resolution at the Jan. 24 meeting. Student body president Pat McCormick said Senate would vote on the resolution on Wednesday.

Lienhoop said. “Alliance could have an open membership.”

Lienhoop said AllianceND would adhere to Church teaching through acts of service and by promoting human dignity.

“AllianceND is committed to service in the South Bend community and has already partnered with local groups,” Lienhoop said. “It could partner with local high schools to offer positive role models there as well.”

He said Core and AllianceND

could work together to further the Spirit of Inclusion at Notre Dame.

“As a member of Core, I can attest they would serve unique spheres at Notre Dame,” Lienhoop said. “They would improve student life, alleviate the bad reputation ND has in this area and help the community.”

McCormick said that when a student articulates a need, student government has the responsibility to look into that need. It

is a serious priority for student government when a student feels discriminated against, he said.

“The fact is that a GSA or peer-to-peer group would meet a defined need ... From a student government point, then, we have to advocate,” he said.

McCormick said Senate would vote on the resolution on Wednesday.

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College renovates Le Mans Hall

By KAITLYN RABACH
News Writer

After several pipes broke in Le Mans Hall over winter break, Saint Mary’s College has decided to accelerate renovation plans originally intended to begin after the spring semester.

During winter break, a small leak in the Le Mans attic caused a flood in a resident’s room and the Financial Aid Office. Pipe replacements in Le Mans began at the end of January and will continue throughout the spring semester.

Bill Hambling, director of Facilities at Saint Mary’s, said the new pipes will not only have a longer life history but will save the College time and money.

“The pipes are from the early 1900s and are getting pretty old,” Hambling said. “What

we are trying to do with these repairs is replace the pipes with new ... plastic pipes that will ease both the repair and overall maintenance of pipes throughout the building.”

The project was originally planned to commence this summer, but Hambling said one of the reasons they began the repairs earlier was to complete renovations before students returned for the fall semester.

“With all the other renovations taking place this summer and with the different summer activities happening around campus, we needed to get a jumpstart on the Le Mans renovations,” Hambling said. “This is a very aggressive project of high magnitude and needed to be pushed up.”

Hambling said students have been notified that construction will take place in the public

bathrooms daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“Emails have been sent out to all students regarding the renovations and when certain bathrooms will be unavailable,” Hambling said. “There are also floor plans and schedules of when certain bathrooms will be unavailable posted throughout all halls of Le Mans.”

Hambling said students have been cooperative with the project so far, and that it is important to remember that these renovations will improve accommodations for all residents.

“Student cooperation is never a problem,” he said. “These renovations are to take care of old issues to make it more habitable for all students.”

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tice event to the University.

In Our Words

- Best Idea: Rocheleau and Rose want to push for the inclusion of a non-discrimination clause and the establishment of a gay-straight alliance on campus. Public opinion and Church teaching on such issues have dramatically shifted in the past few years.

- Worst Idea: The ticket plans to attract a high-end grocery store to Eddy Street Commons as an avenue to interact with locals. Such an idea is misguided, however, as stores like Trader Joe’s are too expensive for many residents and students. Their plan to address community relations was weak in general, as Rocheleau and Rose identified the relations as an issue and then outlined a plan to stay the course, saying much of what is currently being done is working.

- Most Feasible Idea: Continuing the role of constituency services in student government. A lot has been done in this area through the work of this year’s administration. There is no reason Rocheleau and Rose cannot do the same, especially if they set it as a priority of their term.

- Least Feasible Idea: Mod-

ernizing Notre Dame Stadium may seem like a nice idea on paper, but the thought that a student forum will change how things have always been done seems far-fetched. While changes have been made in the game day experience this year, these initiatives were not student led.

- Notable Quote: “Notre Dame student government should not only be about merits of consequence, but merits of convenience.” –Rocheleau

Bottom Line

Rocheleau and Rose say their years of experience within student government is a strength of their ticket, and will provide for a smoother than usual transition period between administrations. While their primary goal of promoting constituent services is both achievable and commendable, it is nothing revolutionary, as it has been the priority of this year’s administration. At times, both Rocheleau and Rose seemed naïve about the goals they want to achieve — they identify student-community relations as an issue and then say the current method of addressing that area is working. They also have somewhat lofty goals in terms of campus safety and modernization. Rocheleau and Rose certainly have the experience to do the job. Only time will tell if they can achieve what they set out to do.

City evicts Occupy demonstrators

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — A tent city that’s among the longest-lived Occupy protest encampments is coming down as part of a new wave of eviction orders against demonstrators aligned with the movement in communities including Miami, Washington and Pittsburgh.

Occupy Maine demonstrators removed several large tents over the weekend, and the city on Monday gave them additional time to remove the rest.

Demonstrators who established the encampment just two weeks after the Occupy Wall Street encampment set up shop in New York City vowed to continue their work to call attention to corporate excess and economic inequality.

“Just because the occupation is changing form doesn’t mean it’s going away,” Heather Curtis, one of the campers, said Monday before she started hauling away her belongings from snow-covered Lincoln Park.

The encampments that were the heart of the movement are becoming scarcer. On Monday, a judge issued what appeared to be the final notice for Occupy Pittsburgh to leave. Over the past week, police began removing demonstrators in Miami; Austin, Texas; and Washington, D.C.

The voices are still making themselves heard, though.

On Monday, about 20 demonstrators disrupted a legislative budget hearing in Albany, N.Y., shouting that millionaires should be taxed more. Albany’s camp was busted up in Decem-

ber.

Occupy Maine, which already has office space elsewhere in Portland, plans to continue getting its message out through other means, as well.

“You can only fight for so long and you realize at the end that it’s a new beginning,” said Deese Hamilton, one of the four named plaintiffs in a lawsuit aiming to keep protesters in Lincoln Park. Hamilton was homeless before joining with the Occupy protesters.

The campers were supposed to be out by Monday morning, and they dismantled four to five communal tents over the weekend. But 16 tents remained Monday morning, and the city granted the group’s request for more time, giving them until Friday to finish the cleanup.

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Election

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this story.

“Coming into this election, there were a lot of different candidates inside student government that were very interested in running, but this time, there weren’t different visions,” Rocheleau said. “So instead of having four tickets basically saying the same thing, we decided to stay unified as student government and push together.”

Other potential candidates were ultimately more interested in addressing specific concerns, Rocheleau said.

“Coming into this election, there were a lot of different candidates inside student government that were very interested in running, but this time, there weren’t different visions.”

Brett Rocheleau
student body vice president

“With us running, they saw that they could really focus on the issues they truly have at heart,” he said.

Senior Ben Noe, director of internal affairs for student government, agreed to speak for this story based on his perspective as a Notre Dame student, rather than as someone within student government. He said he sees a variety of potential explanations as to the lack of competition this year.

“Speaking as a student, not as a person in student government, there are several reasons why there could be only ticket right now,” Noe said. “It just may be a non-competitive year, people may be really accepting of continuing the vision Pat laid out ... and this transferred into Brett and Katie’s campaign.”

Rocheleau said he believes Notre Dame students support the work the administration has done this year.

“They saw what we did in the past year, and they wanted to see more of the same vision,” he said. “They decided they wanted to keep student government and the vision where it was, and didn’t want to bring in a different per-

spective or change.”

Though the Rocheleau-Rose ticket was the only official petition to be approved, Rocheleau said they did not know this when they formed a ticket.

“We went about this thinking it was going to be like last year,” he said. “We knew this whole process of being competitive is what makes student government thrive.”

Rocheleau said he faced competition in last year’s student body presidential elections, which featured five tickets. He said he and Rose wanted to bring a similar spirit to this year’s elections.

“I would hate for that to be lost in this year’s campaign, and that is why we’re going about it as if it was extremely competitive,” he said. “We want to hear the voices of the student body.”

Though he may be the only candidate running for student body president, Rocheleau said he is open to the opinion of the student body.

“It’s not just two people running unopposed. It’s a vast majority of student government, of different sectors,” he said. “We have people not a part of student government on our team; we have a lot of people who are a part of student government on our team ... We’re bringing different perspectives as well.”

Looking forward to the next year, Rocheleau said he believes little change needs to be made to how student government is currently run.

“Obviously, every year when you look at it, there are

“I’m not sure this is going to become a trend in future years.”

Ben Noe
director of internal affairs
student government

different things you see, but there is nothing drastic that needs to be changed,” he said.

Rocheleau said he does not believe the student body is apathetic to what student government does, nor do they perceive it as meaningless.

“I think they perceive [student government] to be strong,” he said. “I think they see what we have been working on in the past year and they want more of the same. I think they are happy with what we are doing.”

Noe said as a student, he believes the showing in this year’s election displays Notre Dame students understand what has been achieved this year in student government.

“I think it speaks to the fact that students are generally in support of and in favor of what we have done this year,” he said.

Sophomore Cait Ogren, vice president of elections with the Judicial Council, said this year’s situation is unusual, but the Judicial Council advertised the election to the student body in the same way as in previous years.

“In past years, we did the same where there was an information session for all people interested before Christmas break and after Christmas break,” she said. “I hold office hours every week where people can ask questions, the petitions were available ... It was the same protocol, just a unique year.”

Ogren said the fact that both candidates come from inside student government is not unusual.

“Usually most candidates are involved in student government in some aspect, so I wouldn’t say there is anything particularly unique,” she said.

Though only one ticket was ultimately approved, Ogren said there seemed to be interest from the student body in the election. However, the Judicial Council is not able to

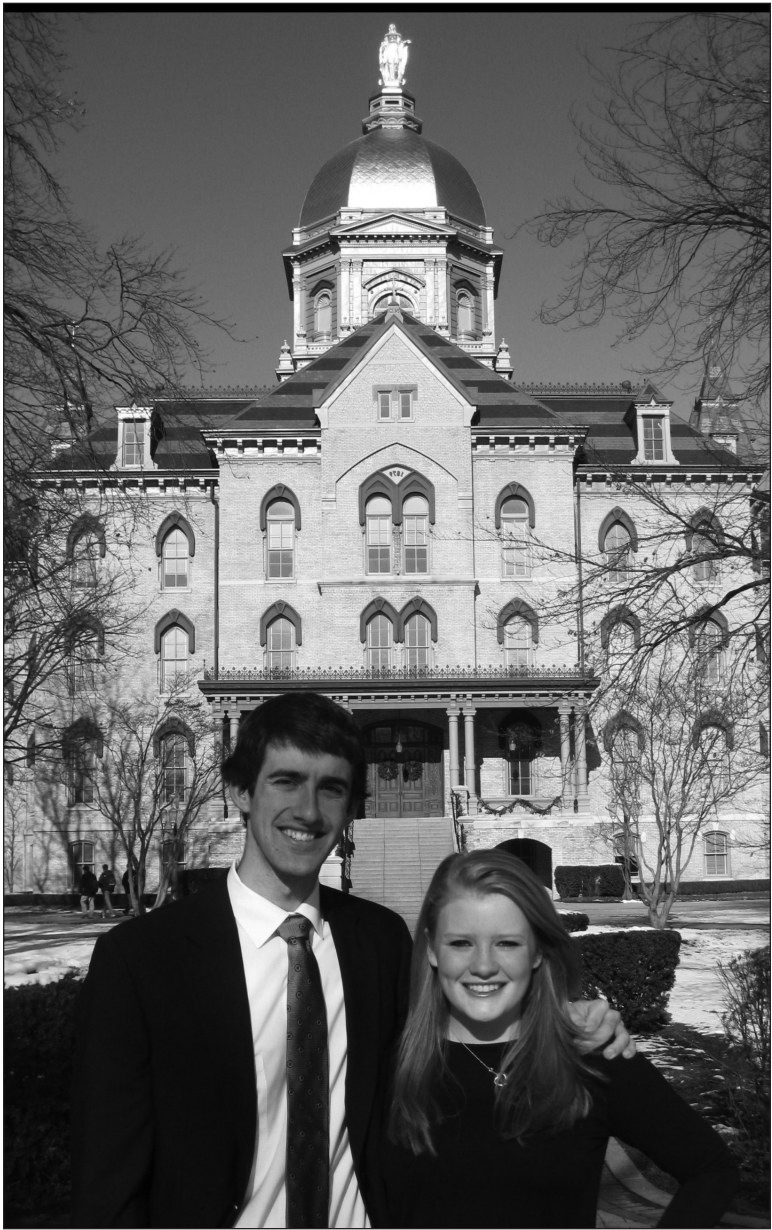


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Brett Rocheleau, left, and Katie Rose are the only ticket in this year’s election for student body president and vice president.

identify potential candidates until their petitions for approval are turned in.

“There were various individuals who attended each individual information session,” she said. “At the information sessions, we don’t have any indication of whether those people are running themselves, whether they are getting information for future years, or information for other people, so we can never really know who is intending to run until petitions come in.”

Though the same protocol is used every election for notifying the student body, Ogren said every year yields different results.

“It completely depends on

the year, the students, the interest, it’s just beyond our control,” she said. “We never know what we’re going to get until petitions come rolling in.”

Ultimately, Noe said he believes the circumstances of this year’s election are unique.

“I’m not sure this is going to become a trend in future years,” he said.

The faculty adviser for Judicial Council declined to comment, and the director of student activities for programming could not be reached by press time.

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Man accused of killing homeless faces new charges

Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A former Marine already accused of killing four homeless men was charged Monday with two new counts of murder in the stabbing deaths of his high school friend's mother and older brother.

Izcoatl Ocampo, 23, was charged in the killing of 53-year-old Raquel Estrada and her son, 34-year-old Juan Herrera, in the family's rented home on a quiet Yorba Linda cul-de-sac in October.

Charges were dropped against Estrada's son Eder Herrera, a former schoolmate of Ocampo, who was freed after more than three months in jail.

Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas said authorities found DNA evidence linking Ocampo to the murders of Estrada and Juan Herrera on an item of clothing found during a search of his family's home last month, when Ocampo was charged with the homeless murders.

"The homeless people killed were all easy victims but he clearly wasn't limited to that," Rackauckas told reporters. "He's just a monstrous serial killer."

The slender, bearded Ocampo appeared briefly in court Monday in an orange jail jumpsuit and agreed to postpone his arraignment until March 16. He will also be arraigned

on charges of murdering four homeless men in a killing spree in December and January in the county known as the home of Disneyland.

The killings led police to fan out and urge people to seek shelter indoors.

Ocampo's attorney Randall Longwith said the new murder charges didn't fit with the previous allegations against his client, who was mainly concerned on Monday with being allowed to visit with his family. His younger brother and sister sobbed after seeing him shackled in a caged area of the courtroom.

"I'm shocked as to these charges," said Longwith, who declined to comment on the details until he had reviewed the evidence.

Estrada and her son were stabbed to death in their home in October, and Herrera, 24, was arrested shortly afterward. Police found large amounts of blood smeared inside the house and a black ski mask, black hat, wallet and sunglasses on the kitchen table, according to a copy of the search warrant affidavit.

Police seized numerous items from the home, including multiple cell phones and a notebook containing sorrowful writings from Herrera's room, court papers showed.

Authorities deemed Herrera's behavior suspicious that night because he was driving around with a friend but did



At the end of his arraignment hearing, Izcoatl Ocampo, left, talks with his defense attorney, Randall Longwith, right, in Santa Ana, Calif. on Monday.

not want to stop and check on his family when police swarmed the small street after the murders, prosecutors said. In addition, authorities said a video surveillance tape from a drug store near the spot where a 911 call was made from a pay phone, reporting loud noises

coming from the home, showed a person who resembled Herrera and wore similar-looking shoes.

Rackauckas said Herrera is still considered to be suspicious, but the newly discovered DNA evidence changed the way authorities viewed the case and

they no longer felt they had sufficient evidence to detain him.

Herrera's attorney Huy Nguyen declined to comment on the details of the case, citing the ongoing investigation. He declined to say whether his client was cooperating with investigators.

Senate develops online security plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A developing Senate plan that would bolster the government's ability to regulate the computer security of companies that run critical industries is drawing strong opposition from businesses that say it goes too far and security experts who believe it should have even more teeth.

Legislation set to come out in the days ahead is intended to ensure that computer systems running power plants and other essential parts of the country's infrastructure are protected from hackers, terrorists or other criminals. The Department of Homeland Security, with input from businesses, would select which companies to regulate; the agency would have the power to require better computer security, according to officials who described the bill. They spoke on condition of anonymity because lawmakers have not finalized all the details.

Those are the most contentious parts of legislation designed to boost cybersecurity against the constant attacks that target U.S. government, corporate and personal computer networks and accounts. Authorities are increasingly worried that cybercriminals are trying to take over systems that control the inner workings of water, electrical, nuclear or other power plants.

That was the case with the Stuxnet computer worm, which targeted Iran's nuclear program in 2010, infecting laptops at the Bushehr nuclear power plant.

As much as 85 percent of America's critical infrastructure is owned and operated by private companies

The emerging proposal isn't

sitting well with those who believe it gives Homeland Security too much power and those who think it's too watered down to achieve real security improvements.

One issue under debate is how the bill narrowly limits the industries that would be subject to regulation.

Summaries of the bill refer to companies with systems "whose disruption could result in the interruption of life-sustaining services, catastrophic economic damage or severe degradation of national security capabilities."

Critics suggest that such limits may make it too difficult for the government to regulate those who need it.

There are sharp disagreements over whether Homeland Security is the right department to enforce the rules and whether it can handle the new responsibilities. U.S. officials familiar with the debate said the department would move gradually, taking on higher priority industries first.

"The debate taking place in Congress is not whether the government should protect the American people from catastrophic harms caused by cyberattacks on critical infrastructure, but which entity can do that most effectively," said Jacob Olcott, a senior cybersecurity expert at Good Harbor Consulting.

Under the legislation, Homeland Security would not regulate industries that are under the authority of an agency, such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, with jurisdiction already over cyber issues.

"Where the market has worked, and systems are appropriately secure, we don't

interfere," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "But where the market has failed, and critical systems are insecure, the government has a responsibility to step in."

The bill, written largely by the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and the Senate homeland panel, is also notable for what it does not include: a provision that would give the president authority to shut down Internet traffic to compromised Web sites during a national emergency. This "kill switch" idea was discussed in early drafts, but drew outrage from corporate leaders, privacy advocates and Internet purists who believe cyberspace should remain an untouched digital universe.

While the Senate is pulling together one major piece of cybersecurity legislation, the House has several bills that deal with various aspects of the issue.

A bill from a House Homeland Security subcommittee doesn't go as far as the Senate's in setting the government's role. Still, it would require DHS to develop cybersecurity standards and work with industry to meet them.

"We know voluntary guidelines simply have not worked," said Rep. Jim Langevin, D-R.I. "For the industries upon which we most rely, government has a role to work with the private sector on setting security guidelines and ensuring they are followed."

Stewart Baker, a former assistant secretary at Homeland Security, said the government must get involved to force companies to take cybersecurity more seriously.

Walmart launches new 'healthy' icon

Associated Press

NEW YORK — You may like the food you buy, but is it "Great for You"?

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. plans to help its customers figure that out by adding a new green icon that reads "Great for You" to packaging of some of its house-brand foods.

The green and white seal, which shows the stylized outline of a human figure with its arms spread toward the sky, is part of a multiyear campaign the world's largest retailer is undertaking to promote healthier products and fight childhood obesity.

Food makers and sellers have come under scrutiny in the past for adding nutritional seals to the fronts of packages. The Food and Drug Administration said in 2009 that some companies used them misleadingly.

The FDA is developing standards for what health claims can be made on food packages, but Wal-Mart says its customers want the information now.

Wal-Mart's new seal, which echoes the name of one of its key house brands, Great Value, won't impart any actual nutritional information when it starts appearing this spring. But the company says the seal will be affixed to in-house products with lower levels of fat, sugar and artificial additives.

The seal also will appear on signs near bins of fruits and vegetables and on some of Wal-Mart's in-house products under the Marketside brand. The company said 20 to 25 percent of its Great Value-brand foods

meet the criteria for the new seal, though it didn't say how many products will carry it.

"It helps customers see very, very quickly what healthier choices are for them," Andrea Thomas, senior vice president of sustainability for Wal-Mart Stores, said Monday in a conference call with reporters.

The criteria will be outlined at www.walmartgreatforyou.com and allow all-natural foods, as well as foods without added sugar or too much fat, including fresh fruits and vegetables and items such as whole wheat pasta and low-fat dairy products.

Foods that have too many artificial additives, or too much fat, don't make the cut, Wal-Mart said. Regular pasta, white rice and yogurt with added sugar will not carry the seal.

Nutritional guidelines always have gray areas. Eggs were debated because of worries over their high cholesterol, for example, but Thomas said they earned the seal because they are a low-cost source of protein.

The FDA in 2009 said it would develop its own standards for health claims on food package fronts, but it has yet to do so. The agency said then that the proliferation of different labels created by different food companies could confuse consumers.

Wal-Mart officials say they consulted with the FDA as it developed the "Great For You" seal and would comply with whatever standards the agency eventually sets. But customers are looking for information now, they say.

INSIDE COLUMN

From actress to inspiration

While lounging around my friends' house the other night, we decided to check Netflix's Instant Queue out of pure boredom. We had just watched "A Clockwork Orange" and needed something slightly less vexing or cerebral as an endnote to a lazy movie night.

Much to our delight, we landed on "The Wonder Years." If any of you haven't had the pleasure of watching this fine blast to the past, I suggest you log onto Netflix immediately and watch an episode. It's the perfect

mixture of fictional adolescent trials and tribulations and a realistic retrospective on the Vietnam War era.

The show features protagonist Kevin Arnold, a teenager growing up in the nameless American suburbs during the war, along with his family, his nerdy yet endearing friend Paul Pfeiffer and his friend-turned-love interest Winnie Cooper.

While watching an episode in which Kevin and Winnie get into a quarrel, my friends and I began discussing where the actors are now. We were all impressed by the fact that Danica McKellar, who portrayed Winnie, had since become a mathematician and published three New York Times bestsellers pandered to adolescent girls about the merits of succeeding in math.

Focused on her math career, McKellar studied mathematics at UCLA and graduated with highest honors in 1998. During her undergrad years, she coauthored a scientific paper with Professor Lincoln Chayes and fellow colleague Brandy Winn, which resulted in the "Chayes-McKellar-Winn theorem."

I'm sure most of you have heard of a Bacon Number. As in the game Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon? Similar to the "six degrees of separation" concept, this game rests on the assumption that any Hollywood actor can be linked to actor Kevin Bacon in six steps or fewer.

But have you heard of an Erds-Bacon number? Probably not. That's because McKellar is one of the few people with the number, which combines a Bacon number with an Erds number (the degrees of collaboration on mathematical papers between a person and prolific modern math paper writer Paul Erds). Among other celebrities with the esoteric number are Carl Sagan, Stephen Hawking and Natalie Portman, who authored a psychology paper during her time at Harvard.

In a world filled with mindless reality TV stars and child actors-turned-drug-addicts, I find it more than refreshing that some child stars grow up to live well-adjusted lives. Not to belittle McKellar's acting career by any means.

In fact, McKellar still acts on the side and has recently appeared in episodes of "How I Met Your Mother" and "The Big Bang Theory," as a Cal Tech graduate student no less. If nothing else, McKellar is simply proof that not all child stars grow up to become meth addicts or spontaneously shave their heads in times of distress. But even more so, she's an accomplished writer, mathematician and actress, an excellent role model to young women and someone who should be acknowledged more so than the countless reality TV stars of the world.

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Alexandra Kilpatrick

Scene Writer

Why runners are more funner

As anyone who has seen the "Race for Rabies" episode of "The Office" can attest, runners are a funny bunch. Through SSLP, I spent my last summer living in Utah, an active community of ski bums, mountain bikers, white-water rafters and yes, runners. At one point during the summer, I recall seeing an entire family — mother, father, son and daughter — all in running clothes and all in matching FiveFinger shoes. Granted, I was in a Wal-Mart at the time, but still — in no other sport do people willingly wear shoes that make them appear to have gorilla feet.

Carolyn Green

Holy Half Marathon

Whether a competitive racer or a recreational jogger, you are guaranteed to find something that interests you in the world of running. For example, the "Runyon 5K" in New York, N.Y., features a course entirely inside Yankee Stadium, winding up and down aisles, ramps and stairs and circling around the baseball diamond. The "Man vs. Horse Marathon" in Llanwrtyd Wells, Wales (yeah, I don't know how to pronounce that, either) pits man against beast in a 22-mile race over rough terrain. In 27 years, man has beaten horse only two times, but over 500 runners still attempt the contest every year.

Two North Carolina undergrads dreamed up a dare that became the annual "Krispy Kreme Challenge," where runners have one hour to run two miles, consume a box of Krispy Kreme donuts, then run the two miles back to the start. The "Freeze Yer Gizzard" run takes place in one of the coldest cities in America — surprisingly, not South Bend, but International Falls, Minn. Held in mid-January, the

race typically falls on one of the coldest days of the year with temperatures dipping into the low negative 50s. Hundreds of people run the "Impossible 5K" each year in Woodstock, Cal. ... or do they? The race begins at 1:50 a.m., ensuring that participants are running at the exact moment Daylight Savings Time begins. A runner can complete the course in 25 minutes, finishing at 1:15 AM, making this the only race in the world where runners can have negative finishing times.

Though the Holy Half Marathon doesn't feature Speedo-clad Santas, humans pursuing costumed zombies or leaps over live electrical wires (all real races), it is still plenty of fun. Holy Half Marathons in the years past have featured race bags filled with gummy bears, mile-markers decorated with Holy Cows, runners dressed as Clifford the Big Red Dog and even a marriage proposal. There are plenty of new features adding to the spirit of this year's race, as well.

We are hoping to have all dorms sponsor either an aid or entertainment station, so get together with your roommates, hall council and dorm commissioners to decide if you will be passing out Gatorade or performing to Gaga. The most supportive dorm will win the coveted Holy Half Spirit Award, a noteworthy title for all dorms vying for Hall of the Year.

The Holy Half 2012 also introduces the "Holy Half Heroes" program. Runners ask for sponsorships from family and friends to run the race, and enter these donations online. All runners who raise \$50 will receive a limited edition "Holy Half Heroes" t-shirt, and every \$10 above \$50 gives a runner another chance to enter a drawing for fabulous prizes from elite athletes and famed Notre Dame football coaches.

See the "Holy Half Heroes" section under the donation page of the holyhalf.nd.edu website, and keep an eye on the Holy Half Facebook and Twitter for more details.

Training for the Holy Half can be fun, too. Most runners are looking for a buddy, so ask around to find a training partner for those lovely long runs. The half marathon training plan on the Holy Half website includes ways to shake up your routine, such as fast-finishers or cruise-intervals. A fartlek run, meaning "speed play" in Swedish (although, when I ran fartleks during high school cross country, my dad would say the name sounded more like something the dog would do) encourage you to change up your pace and run fast for as long (or short) as you like.

Finally, I present a list of the top 10 songs to listen to while running, as suggested by fans of the Holy Half Facebook page:

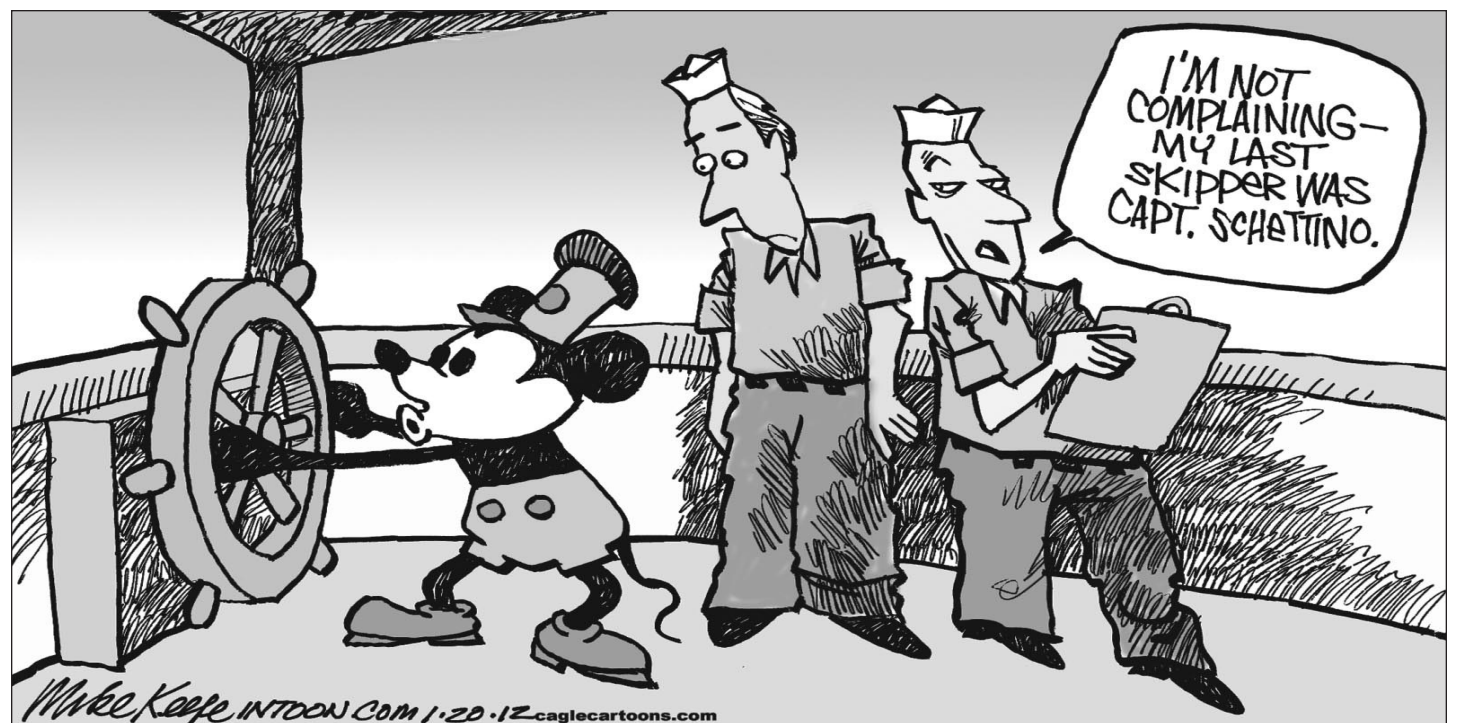
1. "Good Feeling" by Flo Rida
2. "International Love" by Pitbull
3. "And We Danced" by Macklemore
4. "Levels" by Avicii
5. "Lose Yourself" by Eminem
6. "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" by The Darkness
7. "I Won't Back Down" by Tom Petty
8. "Who's that Chick?" by Rihanna and David Guetta
9. "We'll Be Alright" by Travie McCoy
10. "Beat It" by Michael Jackson

There's just something about gratuitously bad hip-hop and classic rock that makes you run faster. Happy running!

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."

Louisa May Alcott
U.S. writer

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WEEKLY POLL

Which was the best Super Bowl commercial?

Pepsi — King's Court
Audi — Vampire Party
Budweiser — Prohibition
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Taking the fifth

The way I see it, barring divine inspiration or outright plagiarism, you can't write anything good if your heart isn't in it. And as the posters the College of Arts and Letters puts up in O'Shaughnessy Hall suggest, the College would like undergrads to summon up as much heart (or pray for as much inspiration) as they need to produce exceptional senior theses. So do institutions like the Kellog and Nanovic Institutes, which provide funding to undergrad thesis writers, or the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement (CUSE), which helps undergrad researchers find funding.

As undergrads, we inevitably face the overwhelming question: "To thesis, or not to thesis?" To all of those who are deciding: If it makes a difference, it sure looks like the growing contributors to thesis culture at Notre Dame want you to do it and are willing to help. Of course, that won't help you if you don't know what to write about in the first place.

Don't get me wrong — undergraduate thesis writers appreciate the funding, the workshops, the advising that this school provides. And the results

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Guest Columnist

reflect this, I think. I consider myself fortunate to be a student at a school that so actively promotes undergraduate research. But these resources address problems thesis-writers face after deciding to write about a specific topic. What of those who are conflicted as to the topic they should research? Or those who aren't sure they want to write a thesis at all?

The point of thesis culture is for students to identify areas of study about which they are passionate, and to then channel their passion, a whole lot of effort and whatever other resources they have at their disposal into a thesis paper or some other final project. The trouble is, it isn't easy for most students to identify what they are passionate about, or as is often the case, a single area of study they are passionate about. Most students have enough trouble picking a major and sticking with it.

My experience here, and that of my friends, suggests the five-course status quo here makes it very tough to really immerse oneself in the experience of a given class. There is rarely a limit to what may be done or learned in a given class here, and Notre Dame is full of students whose curiosity doesn't evaporate with the assurance of a high

grade. What I've observed is that in order to avoid having to choose between their academic interests and other goods like sleep, their grade point averages, extracurricular reading, clubs, sports and what have you, many students will single out one of their five classes and ignore it. That, or they'll just drop one. Take four courses, or "blow off" one or more out of five, and you are suddenly able to give the remaining ones the time and effort they deserve.

And teachers and classes here certainly deserve students who are willing and able to give them a great deal of attention and time. I think the University means to allow students to develop their academic interests in this way — by being exposed to new ideas and being given the rare opportunity to lose themselves in them. This is a lot more likely to happen when students don't have to split their time five ways.

I think the most attractive alternative to our academic schedule is the "4-1-4" system in use at MIT, Williams, Johns Hopkins and Maryland. This academic calendar consists of two four month-long semesters split by winter break and a one month "minimester" in January. Students take four courses during each semester, and can take up

to two classes in January. Like us, they can take 9-10 classes every academic year, but they never take more than four at a time. They are also free to confine one of their majors to January, or to break up their usual curriculum with a month of wildly esoteric elective courses. From what I've heard, it's a blast.

This is not to say Notre Dame students can't handle five courses at once. Notre Dame students produce some really special senior essays every year, all course-juggling aside. I encourage everyone to pick up a copy of The Journal of Undergraduate Research and see what I mean first-hand. But I think we'd all rather students did better work rather than more work. Why ask Notre Dame students to balance more academic pursuits than their friends at Northwestern, Chicago, MIT, Caltech, Williams, Hopkins, Princeton and so on? If we are committed to promoting not only thesis culture, but also academic interest as a whole at Notre Dame, that fifth course has got to go.

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Changing lives with Teach For America

On my first day as a teacher at Audubon Middle School in Los Angeles, I realized that my career trajectory had forever been altered. The career in law I had imagined as an undergrad at Notre Dame was capsized by Xavier, one of my 190 seventh-grade English students who single-handedly changed my understanding of a meaningful career.

Xavier arrived on the first day wearing a tie and walked right up to me and shook my hand. He seemed very eager to participate in class, and when asked to read, he was the first to raise his hand. When he required a lot of help from classmates and was struggling with basic vowel sounds, I realized we needed to evaluate his reading skills. Xavier's reading assessment revealed that as a seventh grader he was reading at a first grade level.

Xavier's story is all too common among students growing up in low-income communities. Often, when kids growing up in poverty enter kindergarten, they are already academically behind their wealthier peers. This gap in educational opportunity only widens over time. By the fourth grade, they are three grade levels behind and half won't graduate from high school. Only one in 10 will attend college and for those lacking a college degree, many doors are firmly shut.

While Xavier was a joy to have in the classroom, he simply didn't have the skills necessary to be successful in middle school. For years, he had been promoted from grade to grade because he showed up to school every day, endeared himself to teachers and administrators, and his homework was graded for completion rather than mastery. In fact, his aunt — his caregiver — was surprised and saddened to learn that Xavier couldn't read. Because he had always earned Bs, she assumed he was doing just fine in school. I knew that Xavier was capable of so much — he just needed the right support to get back on track.

At first, Xavier was mad that I had discovered his secret, but after some negotiation, he was attending Saturday tutoring sessions and making incredible progress. By the end of the year he had grown four grade levels in just one year, reading at a fifth grade level. By the end of the next year, he was ready to enter ninth grade reading on grade-level.

Kids like Xavier can't wait. They only get one shot at a good education. That's why I joined Teach For America a year out of Notre Dame. After my initial two-year commitment, I taught for another two years and then spent several years working at education nonprofits and in school administration. About three and a half years ago, I had the opportunity to return to Teach For America, this time as the executive director of our St. Louis region. Leading a corps of nearly 200 teachers and a network of close to 350 alumni in the area, I'm able to utilize the leadership skills I built at Notre Dame and in the classroom.

I can think of nothing more impactful a recent college graduate can undertake than shaping the lives and building the brains of some amazing and deserving students. For too long, a kid's zip code has defined his destiny. But we know that with an all-hands-on-deck approach, educational inequity is a solvable problem.

Knowing that we can close the achievement gap for students like Xavier, I simply can't walk away from this work. As you think about the role you will play in the broader world upon graduation, I hope you will consider joining me in these efforts. Teach For America's final application deadline is approaching on Feb. 10 so I urge you to visit www.teachforamerica.org to learn more or start your application.

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Guest Columnist

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Government must respect University's autonomy

I read with interest the letter published on Feb. 2 by sophomore Evan Graham ("Protecting the right to choose") regarding the University's desire to not provide coverage for contraception in its health plans. Evan, yours is a well-constructed and well-thought-out defense of contraception. Only two problems with it: It entirely leaves God out of the equation and it leaves the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church out of it. You see, the University's employees and students already have "freedom of choice" — they can choose not to work for Notre Dame and they can choose not to attend Notre Dame. But you are advocating taking away any freedom of choice on the part of the University. You, sir, would prefer that the University be forced by the heavy hand of government to fund an act which the Church teaches is gravely sinful. Would you support a law that forced Islamic or Jewish institutions to serve pork? I think not. This is no different. Our government must respect the autonomy of religious and affiliated institutions to make these decisions in the light of faith and conscience.

Edward Knauf

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



The QUEEN of Pop reclaims her throne

Gaga, Britney and Beyoncé better watch their backs, because the Queen of Pop chose this Sunday’s Super Bowl halftime show to announce she is back to reclaim her throne.

Ostensibly, the Super Bowl is all about football, but let’s be real. Sunday centered on three things: food, commercials and the halftime show. More often than not, the halftime show lands somewhere in forgettable to disaster territory, but not this year. Madonna was the perfect choice of performer, appealing to all ages since she always seems hip and relevant despite more than three decades in the business.

Madonna hit all the right notes with her performance — spectacle, choreography and a slew of fabulous supporting performance artists. Her songs made you want to get up and dance despite all that pizza and guacamole you just ate.

The Queen of Pop entered the field as only true pop royalty could, carried by a procession of Roman soldiers. She immediately launched into “Vogue,” complete with leather-clad backup dancers and a gigantic light-up stage that mimicked the cover of a magazine, literally bringing the lyrics to life.

Her next song “Music” featured cho-



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reography that almost made you forget Madonna is 53. She is still ready to perform in front of a live audience of over 100 million Americans. Admittedly, Madonna did nearly fall during this portion of the set, but she caught herself.

Just when you thought Madonna was going to carry the half time show on her back, frat boy party staples LMFAO showed up to mix in some of their hits. They provided a boost of energy midway through the performance and their presence led to some of the more awkward choreography of the night. Madonna launched into a weird workout routine, but hey, she’s got to keep her figure somehow.

Next up for viewers was Madonna’s new single “Gimme All Your Luvin’,” off her upcoming “MDNA” album, set to be released later this year. Madonna was able to pull off a peppy cheerleader costume change thanks to the deadly duo of Nicki Minaj and M.I.A.

Minaj killed it as per usual, launching into a rapid-fire rap verse that was over before you knew it. M.I.A. provided a needed test for the censors, dropping an expletive and giving the middle finger to all of America (but keeping her breasts to herself).

After kicking her two supporting acts (whose combined age is roughly the same as her own) off the stage, Madonna brought the jovial Cee Lo and an entire marching band on stage. They performed a few verses of “Express Yourself” before

launching into her closing number of “Like A Prayer,” complete with a full gospel choir. At the end of the song, Madonna disappeared beneath the stage in a cloud of smoke. It was an uplifting end to a sassy, spunky and ultimately fun performance.

Madonna’s strong selection of songs from her catalog was bolstered by the visual spectacle of the show. Modern circus whizzes Cirque du Soleil were collaborators for the performance, and it clearly showed in the set design, backup dancers and choreography. In fact, the light-up stage nearly stole the show, seemingly pulling the turf off and transforming into a magazine cover and giant boom box.

You have to give it to Madonna — even after three decades in the business, she still put on a high-energy show that obviously required a fair amount of preparation. Minaj even described rehearsals as “grueling.” Madonna clearly knew that with an upcoming album and tour, she had one shot to remind America who the Queen of Pop really is.

Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Britney Spears and Rihanna may have battled for the top spot of the charts the past year, but Madonna let the whole world know Sunday that 2012 is hers.

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Despite Dogs, Super Bowl commercials disappoint

The American television-viewing public is lucky that some exciting football was played Sunday evening. Otherwise, the night would have been a total bust.

This year’s Super Bowl was the most watched event in television history, beating out last year’s NFL championship game, with 111.3 million viewers. And those viewers were engaged, breaking the English language record for tweets per second, with 12,223 toward the end of the game.

The Super Bowl is the last vestige of an America in which television-watching was a communal activity. Devoid of myriad entertainment alternatives, the old America laughed and cried at the same television moments, which could later be discussed with coworkers and friends.

Today, the Super Bowl is the last outlet by which advertisers can reach such a large percentage of the public. And for that reason, a grand tradition of innovative and often hilarious commercials has developed around the event, which in turn makes it all the more palatable to those segments of the population not normally inclined toward sporting events.

Included amongst the great (or at least culturally resonant) ads of the past are Terry Tate: Office Linebacker, Coca-Cola’s Mean Joe Green, Macintosh’s 1984 and Budweiser’s Wassup commercials.

But this year’s crop of commercials to entertain spectators in-between downs was not fantastic. As “Mad Men” character Donald Draper said, “Advertising is based on one thing: happiness.” And a lot of Sunday’s ads failed to make me happy.

The funniest commercial was undoubtedly the spot in which a dog, having killed a cat, bribes a man to keep quiet about it. Animals behaving unethically? That’s hilarious.

The best use of a dog in a commercial, though, goes to Volkswagen for their commercial in which a dog exercises so it can fit through the doggy door and chase a Volkswagen. The only thing cuter (though not funnier, obviously) than a dog with questionable morals is a motivated dog bent on self-improvement.

The worst use of a dog belongs to Bud Light, for their commercial featuring a dog trained to bring Bud Light to lazy

partygoers. The poor canine seemed awfully overworked. There was also a Skechers commercial with a dog — advertisers must think we really like dogs.

The most-awesome-commercial-of-the-night award belongs to the Chrysler commercial narrated by Clint Eastwood. The ad has since caught flack from various right-wing people who took umbrage with it on some vaguely political ground, but Clint Eastwood was talking “America.” What else do you need?

The most comforting series of commercials involved the Coca-Cola polar bears. It wasn’t abundantly clear what they were doing or why they should make me want Coke, but animated polar bears are cool and I sort of wanted Coke afterwards.

The most ill-advised commercial was certainly the Audi ad in which the headlights killed a bunch of vampires at a party, along with the vampire driver. Sure, it was killing vampires, but why even invite the association?

The award for commercial with most cartoon characters goes to the MetLife commercial with all those cartoon characters. It was nice to see Jabberjaw again after all these years.

A rather interesting, almost surreal commercial involved Toyota rethinking the Camry, and along the way, other things like couches and the DMV. One of the best car commercials was the Chevy Sonic spot in which the car skydives and makes a music video with OK Go. I’d like to drive that sort of car.

There weren’t many standout moments during the ad breaks of this year’s Super Bowl. A lot of ads relied on sex appeal, like Go Daddy’s commercials, two separate commercials with Adriana Lima and a Fiat ad. Many more used celebrities, with appearances by

Jerry Seinfeld, Matthew Broderick, Elton John, David Beckham, Ricky Gervais, Will Arnett, Donald Trump, Deion Sanders and Regis Philbin. However, none of them seemed terribly exciting, including the anticipated-until-it-was-leaked Ferris Bueller-inspired Honda commercial.

Maybe next year’s class of commercials will provide moments of hilarity or spawn catchphrases. Or maybe it won’t, but that’s alright, they’re only commercials.

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NEW TO Your Queue

The Best of Watch Instantly

Wading through the excessive amount of horrible films on Instant Netflix can be daunting for any subscriber. To ease the process, Scene has graciously provided a list of the best Netflix has to offer.

1. "Labyrinth"

David Bowie never looked so good. In this '80s fantasy movie you've likely never seen, Bowie stars as the Goblin King of a giant labyrinth created by master "Muppets"-man Jim Henson. Sarah (Jennifer Connelly), charged with the task of babysitting her insufferable little brother Toby, accidentally wishes him into the captivity of the Goblin King. She only has 13 hours to navigate the labyrinth and rescue her brother. It sounds cheesy (it was the '80s, so it was), but Henson's puppet mastery extends to the many creatures of the Labyrinth. Plus, Bowie is the best-singing villain outside a Disney movie, ever.

2. "Blue Mountain State"

This TV show from Spike is not for the easily offended. The series is about a fictional university, Blue Mountain State, and its football team, the Mountain Goats. Every college stereotype is present, from the dumb jocks to the wild partying to the hazing of fraternities. The humor can verge on lewd sometimes, but it's not bad enough to turn you off from the whole show. The Goats may be a little dimwitted, but they are amusing and sometimes loveable. Check out all three seasons of this show on Netflix Instant.

3. "White Chicks"

Although it aired in theaters in 2004, "White Chicks" is one of those forever-quotable comedies that never gets old. Shawn and Marlon Wayans star as Kevin and Marcus Copeland, two FBI agents who undergo drastic transformations to protect hotel heiresses from a kidnapping plot. The two brothers disguise themselves as the female socialites and, throughout their undercover mission, are faced with crazy mishaps and laughable situations. From awkward dates to shopping with girlfriends, Kevin and Marcus are willing to do anything to get the approval of their mistrusting boss and to save the Wilson sisters. An afternoon watching "White Chicks" will certainly be a very entertaining one.

4. "Jackie Brown"

Though it is probably Quentin Tarantino's least discussed film, his third directorial effort, "Jackie Brown," is a worthwhile entry in the Tarantino collection. Coming on the heels of "Reservoir Dogs" and "Pulp Fiction," the film maintains the same distinct feel as those two modern classics, though it is based on the novel "Rum Punch" by Elmore Leonard. Pam Grier stars alongside Samuel L. Jackson and Robert De Niro.

5. "The Wonder Years"

This coming of age retrospective is now on Netflix Instant. As a now 30-something protagonist, an earnest Kevin tells the story of his hey-day growing up in the suburbs in the late '60s and early '70s. "The Wonder Years" features everything a classic coming of age tale should, from Kevin's first simple to his first crush. It also addresses political and historical issues, giving viewers a realistic look at what it was like to grow up during the Vietnam War era.

"The Grey"

A Thrilling & Unpredictably Soulful Ride

By NEIL MATHIESON
Scene Writer

The wilderness is a paradox for man. From a photograph or plane window, its visceral beauty is calming. Its stillness is reassuring. But for those that must survive in it, or despite it, its character is a more fatalistic one.

In "The Grey," Liam Neeson ("Schindler's List") plays Ottway, a security guard for an oil company in Alaska. He spends his days alone with only his rifle for companionship protecting the men from vicious Arctic wolves. Once-married Ottway has escaped society to try and find serenity at the end of the earth.

However, still haunted by his past, Ottway has become a depressed recluse. Much like his surroundings, he is cold and desolate. Enveloped by this cloud of indifference, he begins to question whether life is still worth living. After his plane crashes in the middle of nowhere, Ottway must use his wits and expertise to lead a group of survivors. He must bring them through not only the bitter Arctic landscape, but a pack of unusually savage wolves that are hunting them as well.

At age 60, Neeson's resurgence as an action star is a peculiar one. Ever since "Taken," audiences have largely embraced his new persona. Neeson's rugged masculine features coupled with that firm baritone Irish accent give him an incredibly affirming nature. He gains our trust immediately and, therefore, our fondness. This natural likability allows for the action that follows to become ever more meaningful.

In "The Grey," Neeson does a wonderful job allowing for his God-given demeanor to take the lead. He expresses his character exquisitely with longing looks and a simple frowning of the brow. Like an odd mixture of Jimmy Stewart and Clint Eastwood, Neeson blends vulnerability with a fierce toughness.

"The Grey" is a film with rampant schizophrenia. It can't ever seem to make up its mind on what personality it wants to have. One's initial reaction would be that it is an action-adventure movie. On some level this is correct. It is full of gorgeous cinematography of the wondrous Alaskan setting.

But the emphasis on the wolves that attack the men, like demons in the night, is more prominent than the journey itself. The wolves provide plenty of startling

moments and you find yourself solely waiting for the next one. This makes "The Grey" more reminiscent of an animal attack film like "Jaws" or "Cujo."

However, there is another element to "The Grey" one would not expect. The film painstakingly attempts to develop a heartbreaking sentimentality to it. Poetic narration by Neeson throughout the film is a testament to this. As Ottway deals with his own suicidal struggles, he begins to reflect on motivations for both living and dying. He is not the only one, though, because as the men to come to terms with the rampant death that surrounds them, they also begin such philosophical deliberations. The conclusions are sometimes sharp, but largely overshadowed by the violent wolf attacks that take up most of the viewer's focus.

Other than Neeson, the other characters are forgettable and serve more as wolf bait than anything else. Another issue is that anyone who has ridden a plane knows that when it crashes, there is a GPS on board that allows him or her to immediately pinpoint its whereabouts. So the decision of the men to simply march south in search of rescue rather than staying with the wreckage was tough to swallow.

Joe Carnahan does stupendous work, however, giving the film its own feel and visual style. The filming of the plane crash was tremendous, executed with hair-raising brilliance. "The Grey" radiates its own gritty exterior, aggressively catching one's attention in its web.

But, once the journey is over and the story is told, one feels satisfied but unmoved. The movie hits all its marks, but "The Grey's" inability to mature any of its many thematic styles effectively hinders it.

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"The Grey"

Produced by: Liddell Entertainment and Scott Free Productions

Directed by: Joe Carnahan

Starring: Liam Neeson, Dermot Mulroney, Dallas Roberts and Joe Anderson



SPORTS AUTHORITY

If I ruled the world of sports for one week

For this week, I've been granted the position of Dictator of Sports, free to cut and change whatever I please and right the wrongs that plague the sports world. Sports Dictator sounds a little harsh to me though. I want a title with the same power, but with more grace, like Prince Fielder rounding the bases.



Jack Hefferon

Sports Writer

I'll settle on High Chancellor of Sports, which has a nice, regal, English sound to it. And speaking of England, we'll start there: FOX's Super Bowl Sunday coverage began at 10 a.m. with a high-profile soccer match from the English Premiership between Chelsea and Manchester United. The two elite teams poured in six goals in front of a sizable TV audience for an exciting 3-3 tie. As High Chancellor, I decree that this become a weekly tradition.

The 10 a.m. timeslot (4 p.m. across the pond) could be the EPL's version of Monday Night Football, with a featured match-up showcasing its product around the world.

This would also limit the overdone NFL pregame shows to one hour, cutting out the blowhard hype, opinions and gimmicks that haunt my constituents' Sunday mornings. We just witnessed this hype machine at its worst, where the flimsy Pro Bowl is the only event breaking up two full weeks of repetitive guesswork and hot air before the Super Bowl.

Football is not a sport that supports an all-star game, and I, your Fearless Leader, am sending the Pro Bowl to Siberia. Instead, the league's premier players will be invited to the Super Bowl host city for a week of skills competitions and bragging rights.

Combine Day will feature Devin Hester, Chris Johnson and the NFL's fastest in a winner-take-all 40-yard dash. The Bench Press and Wonderlic test titles would also be fought for in front of a live audience downtown (I've got No. 1 seed Ryan Fitzpatrick covering the spread against No. 16 Vince Young in the Wonderlic. Did I mention sports gambling is legal now, too?).

Other days would feature the AFC/NFC 3-on-3 basketball game, 7-on-7 football tourna-

ment and an O-line vs. D-line hot dog eating contest, to boot. These events would spice up the coverage of the week, and would be another attraction for the Super Bowl host. Plus, it gives the league's all-stars an excuse to come party with A-list celebrities, leading to more athlete/Kardashian weddings (I give the people what they want).

Attending to the other sports, I'd move the three-point line in college and the NBA back two more feet, so that it's not the near-automatic shot it is now. Also, I'd introduce a new NBA rule that sets travelling at three steps, as opposed to the current five.

The NHL's current alignment makes no sense at all, as Winnipeg, Washington, D.C. and Tampa Bay currently play in the same five-team division. I'm sending the Jets to the Northwest, Colorado to the Pacific, Dallas to the Central and Nashville to the Southeast. This will cut down on travel, make much more sense and create an incredibly fun Canada/Minnesota division.

Last week, then-Sports King Douglas Farmer introduced a "Cigar Rule", which decreed that any "sport" that could be played while smoking a cigar is not actually a sport. I'm adding an addendum, which demotes to a lower tier any "sport" that can be played while chewing gum or packing a lip full of tobacco. Baseball, I'm looking at you.

Lastly, a few quick fixes: the BCS gets a plus-one playoff, with the national semifinals falling on Jan. 1. NASCAR's 10-race playoff system shall include a road course (Infineon) and a short track (Bristol), rewarding an all-around driver.

Finally, season ticket holders of any team will lock in ticket prices for as long as they buy their tickets, retroactive immediately. So, if your family has been at every Notre Dame football home game since 1960, you're guaranteed your same season tickets at \$25 apiece.

Well, my term is up, but it's been an honor and a privilege to serve you.

God bless you, and God bless the world of sports.

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NFL

Coughlin plans to return in 2012

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tom Coughlin is looking forward to the parade and a couple weeks off to reflect on the Giants' second championship in five seasons. Then he will begin preparations for defending the title.

The 65-year-old coach sees no reason to retire now.

"I mean, it's what I do," Coughlin said Monday morning, hours after New York beat the New England Patriots 21-17 in the Super Bowl. "So the alternative I've never really given it a whole lot of consideration. (Just coach) as long as I can."

Coughlin could be around for a while following his second title as a head coach. He signed a contract extension in July that runs through next season, but it looks as the Giants could revisit that deal following the franchise's fourth Super Bowl win.

It's obvious he still wants to coach.

"I don't fish, I don't golf," he said. "My wife keeps telling me, 'You better have something to do, buddy boy. If you think you're going to hang around here, you're crazy.'"

Giants chief executive John Mara said it's safe to say the team wants Coughlin to return.

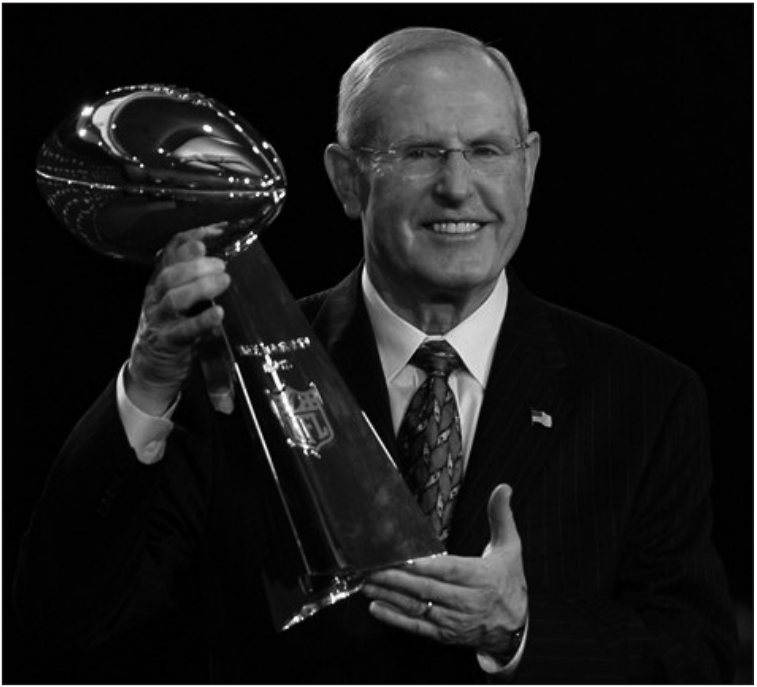
"He might be 65, but he's got the energy of somebody quite younger than that," he said.

The Giants packed up early Monday morning and boarded busses around 11 a.m. for a trip to the airport and the flight back to New Jersey. Several players saluted the crowd as they departed the aircraft at Newark Liberty International Airport, and some used video recorders to capture the scene. Coughlin also had a big smile as he waved to the crowd.

The big parade up the Canyon of Heroes in lower Manhattan is scheduled for Tuesday.

"If you're any kind of historian, and you do have any recollection of this parade, the 'Parade of Champions' if you will, the 'Canyon of Heroes' - I remember John Mara looking at me and saying, 'You don't want to miss this now,'" Coughlin said of a conversion with Mara in 2008 after their first title win over the Patriots.

"It's the same thing I would convey to all of our players, you don't want to miss this,"



AP

Giants head coach Tom Coughlin holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy during a news conference one day after New York won the Super Bowl.

Coughlin added. "Heart-warming doesn't quite cover this, what you go through and what your feelings are. When you are looking down the side streets, and there's people forever down those side streets, and they're all there because they are taking ownership of their team."

Before he skipped town with the rest of the team, quarterback Eli Manning got the keys to the car he won for his second Super Bowl MVP award.

Manning, who led a game-winning 88-yard drive that culminated in Ahmad Bradshaw's uncontested touchdown run with 57 seconds to play, spent the evening with family and friends. Like most Giants, he had little sleep.

Coughlin quipped he had 15 minutes of rest.

Manning said his brother, Peyton, congratulated him on his performance and the title. They also talked football, with Peyton asking Eli if he saw the middle linebacker on his touchdown pass to Victor Cruz.

Eli said no.

Peyton, whose future with the Colts was a hot topic in Indianapolis during Super Bowl week, also defended his little brother, Eli said, referring to the 38-yard pass to Mario Manningham on the final Giants drive.

Manningham made a terrific catch between two defenders and managed to get his feet down in one of the game's biggest plays.

Many associated the importance of the catch with the one David Tyree made against his helmet in New York's winning drive four years ago.

It wasn't as good, but it helped just as much.

"He (Peyton) talked about the throw to Manningham," Eli said. "He was mad, he said everybody was talking about how great of a catch it was. He said it was a pretty good throw, also. It's a brother looking out for me. He was proud of me and happy for me."

Eli Manning didn't want to hear anything about bragging rights over his brother with two championships.

"This isn't about bragging rights," Eli said. "This is a lot bigger. This is about a team, an organization being named world champions, and that was the ultimate goal. That's the only thing that's important, is the team finding a way to get a victory. That's the only thing I care about and Peyton and I both know that's what the goal is every year. It's not about anything else."

Mara said everyone in the organization enjoyed themselves after the game.

"One thing that struck me just watching our guys all week was they have great camaraderie," Mara said. "Everybody got along really well, and just great spirit. Really unlike any other team that I've been around. It really was a special group."

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Seinfeld Quotes:

"Maybe I could be like, an announcer. Like a color man. You know how I always make those interesting comments during the game." - George Costanza

"Bookman? The library investigator's name is actually Bookman? That's amazing. That's like an ice cream man named 'Cone.'" - Cosmo Kramer

"No, no, I don't think I'm special. My mother always said I'm not special." - George Costanza

"Just because a hospital gets a grant to study DNA doesn't mean they are creating a race of mutant pigmen." - Jerry Seinfeld

"The sea was angry that day, my friends, like an old man trying to send back soup at a deli!" - George Costanza

"People on dates shouldn't even be allowed out in public." - Jerry Seinfeld

"Oh, by the way, tomorrow night Paul O'Neill has to catch a fly ball in his hat." - Cosmo Kramer

"All names sound strange the first time you hear 'em. What, you telling me people loved the name Blanche the first time they heard it?" - George Costanza

"Well, it all sounds pretty glamorous, but it's business as usual at Kramerica." - Cosmo Kramer

"You can stuff your sorries in a sack, mister!" - George Costanza

"Kramer, listen to me. I'm never gonna have a child. If I lose this 'Frogger' high score, that's it for me." - George Costanza



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Clubs

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In the second round, the Irish fell to Purdue, 21-18. Freshman Casey Leary and Smith lost the men's doubles 6-3, while freshman Liz Quinn and Devoe dropped the women's doubles 6-2. Junior Stefan Hogle defeated his opponent 6-0 but Wanzek suffered a tough 6-1 loss in women's singles. The Irish ended on a strong note though, as freshmen Elle Harding and Matt Hing won the mixed doubles 6-3.

The Irish prevailed in their final match, 30-8 over Bowling Green. Hogle and Kielb swept the men's doubles, winning 6-0, and Harding and Lis took women's doubles 6-2. Hing played men's singles, securing his match at 6-0, and Rush won the women's singles 6-3. To finish up the win Neils and Quinn took home mixed doubles with a 6-0 victory. The final tally was 30-8, as Notre Dame dominated Bowling Green.

Men's Volleyball

For a team with hopes of garnering a national championship, it was a difficult season opening tournament for No. 2 Notre Dame, who suffered a disap-

pointing 2-4 outcome.

Senior Josh Rehberg and junior Jim Waclawik led the squad throughout the weekend. However, the Irish suffered losses to No. 22 UW-Milwaukee — 31-29, 25-23 — No. 14 Northern Illinois — 25-20, 25-21 — Illinois State — 25-15, 25-33 — and No. 1 UW-Oshkosh — 25-19, 20-25, 15-13.

The Irish rebounded though with wins over Iowa State — 25-16, 25-22 — and Ball State — 26-24, 23-25, 15-4.

Bowling

The Irish traveled to Cincinnati this weekend for the Fourth Annual American Heartland Conference Tournament. The team bowled particularly well this weekend, showing steady improvement as the freshmen mature and the veterans continue to put up solid numbers under the coaching of Dan Dews Sr.

The team finished 18 out of 36 (10th out of 21 "A" Teams) and took down a few scholarship teams in head-to-head play. Michael Murray averaged 189 for the tournament on a very difficult pattern (field average was 172.8) to finish 25th in total pin fall.

The Irish head to Indianapolis in two weeks for the Hoosier Classic, the largest bowling tournament in the Midwest.

NBA

Love suspended next two games for stomp



Timberwolves forward Kevin Love posts up on Rockets forward Luis Scola during Minnesota's 100-91 win Feb. 4. in Minneapolis.

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Love's frustration with physical play and officiating have been apparent early and often this season.

Emotion got the best of him on Saturday night against the Rockets, and now he and the Minnesota Timberwolves have to pay the price: Love, his team's leading scorer and rebounder, was suspended for two games by the NBA for "driving his foot into the upper body and face of the Rockets' Luis Scola as Scola was lying on the floor."

The play happened in the third quarter of Saturday's victory over the Rockets after the two tangled while going for a rebound. As Love went to step over Scola, who a week earlier had thrown a ball off Love's groin while trying to save it from going out of bounds, he looked down at the Rockets forward and stepped on him as he headed back up the court.

It marked the second time last week Love delivered a hard foul after not getting a call on the other end. He raked Pacers for-

ward Danny Granger across the chest on Wednesday, touching off a small skirmish in a loss to Indiana.

Love apologized to Scola both after the game and in a statement issued by the team on Monday following the suspension, and said he has to do a better job handling his emotions.

"I don't want to be known for that," Love said after practice. "I want to be known as a stand-up guy who happened to make a mistake with a size 19 shoe and just move on. So everybody knows there were no ill intentions there."

He will miss Tuesday's game against Sacramento and Wednesday's game at Memphis as the Timberwolves (12-12) look to climb above .500 for the first time this season.

Love is averaging 25.0 points and 13.7 rebounds per game and leads the NBA with 39.4 minutes per game. The All-Star forward was contrite on Monday, saying he thought the suspension from NBA executive vice president of basketball operations Stu Jackson "was warranted."



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CLUB SPORTS

Irish club teams compete across country over weekend

Women’s ice hockey sweeps; No. 7 women’s water polo captures three wins; tennis splits

Special to The Observer

Women’s Ice Hockey

The Irish got their two-game series against Northwestern off to an impressive start by besting the Wildcats 9-1 on Saturday. Sophomore Maddie Schneeman started the Irish off with an unassisted goal early in the first period. Sophomore Meaghan

Ayers tipped in a second off of a shot from freshman Suzanne Fitzpatrick. Senior Brinya Bjork served a two-minute penalty, but the Irish had no problem on the penalty kill. Sophomore Kayla Maple made it 3-0 with two minutes left in the period with help from juniors Mara Catlaw and Veronica Ryan.

The Irish continued to capital-

ize on their lead with the support of a large home crowd in the second period. Freshman Megan Covington scored on a backhand shot from a pass from sophomore Kate Bowie early in period. Bowie, celebrating her birthday, then scored back-to-back goals, the first assisted by Maple and Schneeman, the second unassisted. Freshman

Tori White put the puck in the net to make it 7-0. But with only eight seconds left in the period, Northwestern caught the Irish off guard, scoring its only goal of the game.

It didn’t take long for freshman Kelsey Osinski to respond with a goal assisted by Catlaw and Fitzpatrick in the third period. The Irish scored once more on the power play with an unassisted goal from Schneeman. Although senior goalie Elissa Cmunt did not see much action, she was able to help keep the team focused. Notre Dame came out on top with a final score of 9-1.

On Sunday, the Irish continued to dominate Northwestern, coming out on top with a score of 8-1. Osinski scored the first goal of the game off of an assist from senior Kristin Hepburn. Ayers netted her second goal of the series, unassisted, only five minutes into the game. Covington scored number three for the Irish off of an assist from freshman Mary Salvi. Catlaw finished up the scoring in the first period with an assist by Bjork.

White scored an unassisted goal to start off the second period, and Hepburn quickly followed up with a goal off a pass from White. Two minutes later, Northwestern was able to slip past the Irish defensemen and netted its only goal of the game. The Irish responded before the period ended with a goal from Salvi off an impressive assist by Bjork.

Covington scored the only goal in the third period, assisted by Bjork and Salvi. Defensemen Ryan, sophomore Caroline Thomas and freshman Kaleigh McLaughlin were able to keep the tempo up despite playing with a three-man rotation after Catlaw was injured. Cmunt helped the Irish out in the net and had her second outstanding performance of the weekend. The Irish defeated the Wildcats again, with a final score of 8-1.

The Irish look forward to a busy next weekend, when they will take on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Badgers.

Women’s Water Polo

No. 7 Notre Dame opened its 2012 season with a solid 3-1 record after the Michigan State Invitational this weekend.

The Irish began the Michigan State Invitational on Saturday playing against No. 2 Michigan. With three goals from senior Maisie O’Malley and a goal each from seniors Erin Gibson and Kasia Ahern, the Irish started strong, finishing the first half only down 7-5.

In the second half, however, the Irish struggled to keep up their momentum. Michigan scored several goals off Irish ejections, and Notre Dame was not able to respond offensively, finishing the game with a 16-5 loss.

The Irish bounced back in their second game of the tournament against Ohio State. The first half was strong offensively, with senior Erin Gibson scoring four goals and

freshman Kathleen Schiavenza tallying two to contribute to a 9-2 lead.

The Irish maintained their lead in the second half and finished the game with a 13-6 win. Showcasing their depth, Notre Dame’s 13 goals were scored by nine different players. Along with Gibson and Schiavenza, O’Malley, senior Colleen Middleton, juniors Adi Austgen and Victoria Anglin, sophomores Anastasia Hansen and Rachael Glenister and freshman Ellen Dowling each contributed a goal.

The Irish then played their third game of the tournament Saturday against Michigan State B. After a scoreless first quarter, the Irish picked up their offensive play with Ahern scoring three goals and O’Malley scoring two. Middleton and Anglin also contributed a goal each. Senior goalkeeper Kelly Gibson and set-defender Middleton anchored the defense to secure a 7-4 victory over the Spartans.

In its last game of the tournament, the squad played Eastern Michigan University. Utilizing their speed and counter-attack opportunities, the Irish got off to a quick lead in the first half with a score of 8-0. The Irish were led offensively by Erin

Gibson with three goals and O’Malley, Middleton and Alex Whelan each scored two. Senior Alissa Ott, sophomores Anastasia Hansen, Rachael Glenister, Schiavenza and Dowling each added a goal as well. With nine players scoring and three different goalies taking turns in the net, the Irish finished with a 14-1 victory that was a true team effort.

Tennis

Notre Dame split four matches this weekend, dropping the opening pair to Western Michigan and Purdue then rallying to defeat Bowling Green and Grand Valley.

Against Western Michigan, freshman Drew Neils and sophomore Shane Hannon lost the men’s doubles set 6-1, and freshman Christine Rush and junior Claire Lis lost the women’s doubles set 6-2. Freshman Ed Kielb won men’s singles 6-2 and sophomore Elena Devoe lost the women’s singles 6-1. Junior Anna Wanzek and senior Matt Smith won mixed doubles 6-3, as the club lost 23-16.

India and Human Rights—Development Discrimination

A discussion with:

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man, it was tough not playing much, but we have really good groups of guys, especially the guys in my class and the seniors now that were sophomores then. “They really helped me in giving me confidence to come back and play back, and I could still be a part of the team when I was out.”

With the injury behind him, Calabrese took to the ice last season and led all Irish defensemen in points with 18 as the team went on a run to the Frozen Four. This season, Calabrese has tallied 15 points with a handful of series to play. He again leads all Notre Dame defensemen in both assists and points.

Calabrese said he has grown more comfortable with the program of Irish coach Jeff Jackson from season-to-season.

“You know, as you move through here and you mature,

you can relate with [Jackson] a little more,” he said. “He’s a tough coach and he does give you confidence when it’s needed. Throughout my time here, as I’ve gotten older, he’s given me a little more leeway and he’s not as strict with some aspects of my game as he was when I got here.

“Defense is still really important to him so we try and take care of the defensive end of things and let offense take care of itself.”

As a player with the reputation of a defender who can contribute on the offensive end, Calabrese has been paired frequently with reigning CCHA Defensive Defenseman of the Year and senior captain Sean Lorenz on the blue line. Calabrese said the pairing has given him more confidence to contribute to the offensive attack.

“Sean’s a great guy to play with,” he said. “I definitely like being out there with him because it gives me a little confidence to know that there’s such a great defensive player back

there if I do want to jump in the rush or whatnot. He helps me out a little with the defensive aspect, and I can take more risks.”

As one of the more tenured members of the Irish roster, Calabrese will help lead the Irish in a crucial home-and-home series with No. 6/5 Ferris State, the CCHA leaders. In a series that will go a long way toward determining who will hang a regular season CCHA championship banner, Calabrese said the key will be discipline.

“You’ve got to be really disciplined here at the end of the season,” he said. “Teams are playing their best hockey. You’ve got to stay out of the box and play smart hockey. It’s going to be important for us to take advantage of special teams and play Ferris State tough.”

Calabrese and the rest of the Irish will hit the rink Friday at 7:05 p.m. at Compton Family Ice Arena.

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Junior Blas Moros returns a forehand volley during the Tom Fallon Invitational Sept. 23 in the Eck Tennis Center.

Bayliss

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doubles because that point is so vital for momentum.”

These improvements might be a result of significant lineup changes Bayliss made prior to last weekend’s matches. The Irish coach said the lineup changes showed promise.

“We switched around our No. 1 and No. 2 teams by having senior Casey Watt play with senior Niall Fitzgerald at No. 1 and junior Spencer Talmadge play with sophomore Greg Andrews at No. 2,” Bayliss said. “[Watt and Fitzgerald] won on Friday night and played a pretty good match in defeat on Sunday. The pair of

[Talmadge and Andrews] won both its matches this weekend. I thought [Andrews] really adjusted well to the change, as he played some of his best doubles tennis I have seen him play.”

Bayliss said he is not sure if the changes will stick long term, but as of right now he is content with the lineup.

“Our new combinations look to be fairly solid at least for the short-term,” Bayliss said. “We will have to see how things go in the next few matches, but I liked how things went with them this past weekend.”

The Irish return to the court tonight against Northwestern in Evanston, Ill. at 6:30 p.m.

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Junior Kevin Overholt battles the competition in the freestyle during Notre Dame’s 174-121 win over Michigan State on Jan. 24 in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Overholt

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a progression. The nine-time high school All-American was tabbed as the No. 24 recruit in the country coming into college. Swimming for Neuqua Valley High School, he broke Olympian Matt Grevers state record in the 100-meter freestyle.

“I got a letter from Matt saying, ‘Congratulations, and I can’t wait to see what you’re going to do in the future,’” Overholt said. “That has been my favorite swimming memory.”

Yet when the talented swimmer arrived on campus his

freshman year, he faced a steep learning curve.

“Once I got to college, I realized there was an adjustment period,” Overholt said. “There was a huge learning curve, and I struggled my freshman year.”

Since then, Overholt has steadily improved, achieving personal best times in each of his last two seasons. Now as a junior he assumes a leadership role on the team to help guide the 16 freshmen that face the same learning curve this year.

“I think it’s really important with such a huge freshman class to set an example in and out of the pool,” Overholt said. “Out of the pool, I’m thinking about how I conduct myself and act around

other teams. In the pool, it’s important to train hard and do what the coaches ask of you. I’m sure they’ll do phenomenally at Big East.”

With another regular season behind him and visions of personal best times ahead, Overholt said his aspirations do not end at the conference championship meet.

“We all expect to go our fastest at the Big East Championships,” Overholt said. “Hopefully from there, I can go to nationals.”

The four-day conference championship meet begins Feb. 15 in Pittsburgh.

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Syracuse

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Big East Player of the Week; she’s a very good player. I think we’re going to have to mix up who guards her and try different people on different sides because she likes both sides.”

Notre Dame (23-1, 10-0 Big East) holds a 24-2 all-time record against Syracuse, and has won the previous 12 meetings. However, in 2001 Syracuse recorded an 84-79 victory over the Irish in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament. In their match-up last season, the then-No.8 ranked Irish bested the Orange 71-48 at Purcell Pavilion.

Despite playing on the road this time around, McGraw said her team is relatively unaffected by negative environments.

“I think every team plays better at home, but we have really played well in hostile environments,” she said. “I think we don’t let things bother us. I think that’s because we’re a very mature team, we have good leadership, and I don’t think they let anything bother them.”

Both teams are fighting

to maintain their Big East standings, with Notre Dame leading the conference and Syracuse in tenth place. McGraw said the game will be a battle.

“It’s a big game for Syracuse, because they’re fighting for position,” she said. “And so are we, so I think it’s an important game for both teams.”

The Irish tip off against the Orange tonight at the Carrier Dome at 7 p.m.

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16 Apple communication tool

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19 Palace employee

20 Appeal

21 "Aren't you special!"

22 Caleb who wrote "The Alienist"

23 See 37-Across

28 Provider of a jawbone to Samson

29 G.I. address

30 Traffic caution
- 31 "Stat!"

34 Clingy wrap

36 London's ____ Gardens

37 Grammatical infelicity ... or what 17-, 23-, 48- or 60-Across is?

41 Part of R.S.V.P.

42 Runaways

43 Linear, briefly

44 "____ tu" (Verdi aria)

45 Foot soldiers: Abbr.

46 TV extraterrestrial

48 See 37-Across

54 Neck of the woods

55 Crones

56 A hand

58 Where the brain resides, slangily

60 See 37-Across

62 "Ask me anything"
- 63 Part of Georgia is in it

64 Sound

65 "____ Doonee," 1869 historical romance

66 Alpine capital

67 Food safety org.

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1 Some prison furnishings

2 Circa

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4 Wahine wear

5 Bar lineup

6 Weasley family owl, in Harry Potter books

7 ____ Picchu (Inca site)

8 Put away

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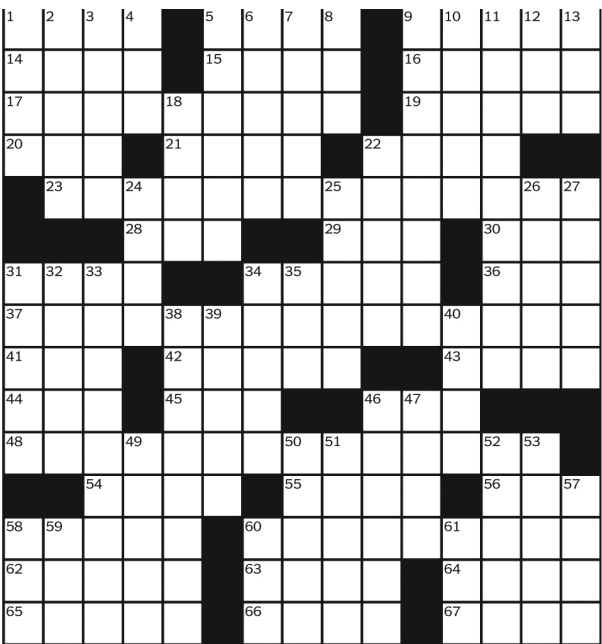
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51 P.L.O.'s Arafat

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kris Humphries, 27; Kathy Najimy, 55; Natalie Cole, 62; Tom Brokaw, 72.

Happy Birthday: Originality will count. Don't be afraid to make suggestions that are somewhat unique. You may not get everyone on board, but the people who make the decisions will see you as an insightful and capable game changer. Follow your intuition and strive for perfection. Your numbers are 2, 8, 13, 25, 29, 33, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be open to new ideas. Let your creative juices flow. Socialize and network, and most of all, look for love, friendship or a business partner who has as much to bring to the table as you do. It's time to embrace new people and experiences. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let what others do or say cause volatility in your life. Remain calm and keep your emotions tucked away where no one will be able to take advantage of your vulnerabilities. It's what you accomplish that will count. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't give in to emotional blackmail. Realize what you are capable of doing and head for the finish line. Strive to stand out and make a difference. Speak on behalf of a cause and you will discover new talents. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A change is necessary. Make it happen instead of waiting to be forced to move on. Choice is a wonderful thing, but if you don't utilize the right to choose, you will continue to give in and give up. Take control and win. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your emotions will spark an impulsive streak that, if controlled properly, can catapult you into the winner's circle. Calculate your every move, but do so with finesse. Take the spotlight and wear the recognition you receive with pride. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Question your decisions before you follow through. You may not be thinking too clearly when it comes to the outcome. Look to someone you respect and follow whatever pattern or course will result in your success. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Wager the pros and cons, especially when it comes to long-term employment. Recognizing the potential of a company, service or opportunity will be the key to choosing the best option that arises. Your ideas will be valued and put to use. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Physical action will be your best alternative. Focus on networking, creativity and staying out of trouble with people connected to you personally. Love is on the rise, but only if it's a physical encounter. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be fighting a losing battle at home if you don't stick to the budget. Alternative living arrangements will give you a new perspective on the possibilities that exist. Let past experience help you make a good choice now. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be pulled in different directions. Size up your situation and make a choice based on what's tangible. Keeping your wits about you will save you when unexpected developments appear. Assess your situation and make a strategic move. ★★★★★

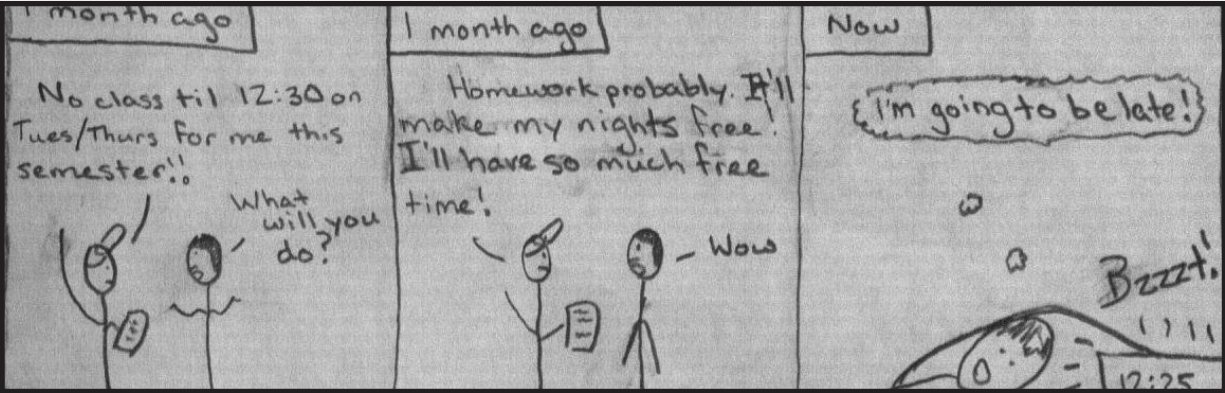
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll handle any situation you face with clarity and common sense. Listen to your inner voice and believe in your own ability to do what's best. Greater stability will be yours if you make the right choice now. Be good to you. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Kindness and generosity will win support and help you put past mistakes behind you. Size up your situation and make your decisions based on facts, figures and the truth and you will bypass an emotional mistake caused by overreacting. ★★★★★

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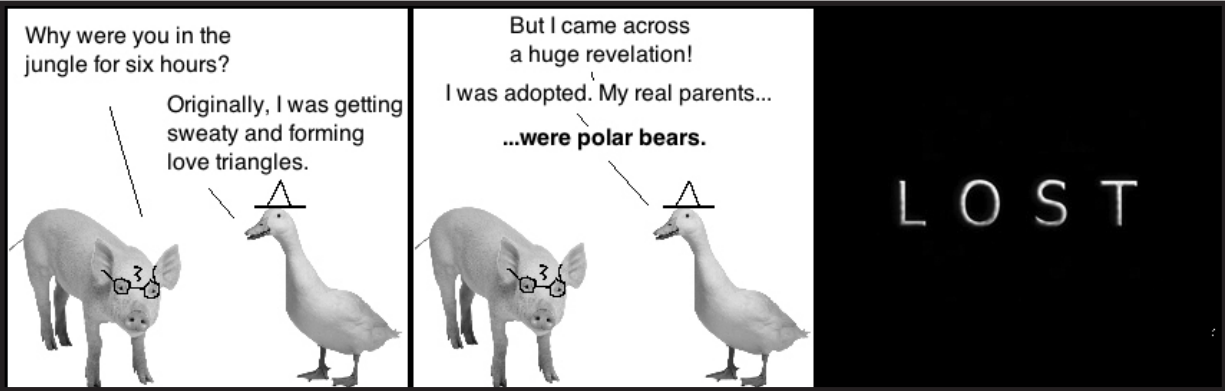
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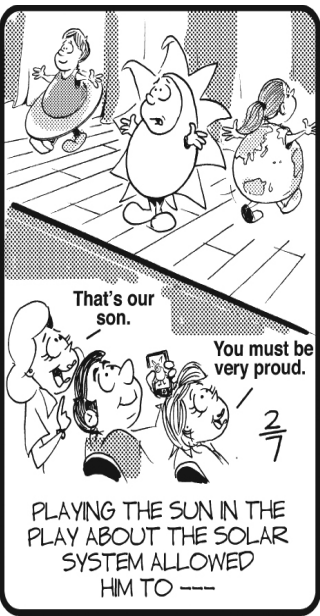
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hitting the road



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Irish senior guard Natalie Novosel drives on DePaul during Notre Dame's 90-70 victory over the Blue Demons on Sunday in the Purcell Pavilion. Novosel and the Irish face Syracuse tonight.

No. 2 Irish travel to take on nation's second-best rebounding team in Syracuse

By KELSEY MANNING

Sports Writer

As No. 2 Notre Dame takes on Syracuse tonight, the focus will be on one aspect of the game the Irish have struggled with all season — rebounding.

The Orange (15-9, 4-6 Big East) are tied with No. 1 Baylor — the team that handed Notre Dame its first and only loss this season — for second in the NCAA in rebounds per game with 47.7. They also lead the Big East in both rebounds per game and offensive boards per game with 21.3, and boast four of the top 20 rebounders in the league.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she is concerned about Syracuse's proficiency on the boards, especially after her team recorded just 31 total rebounds in its 90-70 victory over DePaul on Sunday.

"We're really worried about [rebounding] because we did not rebound well in the last game against DePaul and rebounding has not been one of our strengths, so that is number one on our list of keys for the game," she said. "That is something we really need to concentrate on."

Meanwhile, the Orange are coming off a two-game winning streak, topping Providence and South Florida. Senior forward Iasia Hemingway recorded back-to-back 24-point performances in the two contests, which earned her Big East Player of the Week. McGraw said she will experiment with different defensive approaches to face the versatile forward.

"I think we're going to put a couple of different people on her, try a couple different looks," she said. "She is

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame to face unique challenge against Wildcats

By WALKER CAREY

Sports Writer

The Irish return to action at Northwestern tonight for what Irish coach Bobby Bayliss anticipates will be a unique challenge.

"[Northwestern] is a really good team in a very competitive conference," Bayliss said. "Its lineup is very balanced. We

have to be sharp at every position because there will be a test at every spot."

Bayliss said he attributes much of the Wildcats' successes to their head coach, Arvid Swan, who is in his fifth season at Northwestern (5-0). Swan has had a noticeable effect on the program, and in 2009 leading the Wildcats to their first NCAA

tournament appearance since 2005.

"[Northwestern] has a really good coach in Arvid Swan," Bayliss said. "[Swan] was a very good player at Michigan in the late nineties and has done a remarkable job in turning around the program at Northwestern. I believe this could be the year that [Northwestern] really be-

comes a big factor in the Big Ten."

The Irish split a pair of away matches this past weekend, winning at Wake Forest on Friday and losing at Duke on Sunday. Despite the split, Bayliss said he believes his squad made a solid improvement in at least one area of the game — doubles play.

"Our doubles play was much

better on both Friday and Sunday," he said. "We were able to win four of the six doubles matches on the weekend, which was pretty encouraging. It was also encouraging to see that we fought hard and played pretty well in the matches we did lose. We need to keep improving our

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Overholt leads Irish into Big East trials

By JONATHAN WARREN

Sports Writer

With the Big East Championship less than two weeks away, junior Kevin Overholt said this time of year brings back fond memories of last year's championships.

"Being able to get college best times in the 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard freestyles at last year's Big East Championship has been one of my favorite college moments," Overholt said. "It led me to be more motivated this year."

Having two years of experience under his belt, Overholt said he hopes he will be valuable to a team that includes 21 underclassmen.

"Having done it twice already, it's going to help me be cool under pressure, especially in the

relays," Overholt said. "I'm hoping last season's experience will help me achieve personal best times again so I can help the team win a Big East Championship."

Getting into a position to swim personal best times again this year has not been easy for Overholt, though he has managed to improve in spite of a shoulder injury.

"This season has been pretty difficult," Overholt said. "I've had to struggle with tendonitis in my shoulder. To be able to get a personal best in the [50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle] this season has been really great. I'm definitely looking forward to getting even better times."

Overholt said his college swimming career has been

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HOCKEY

Calabrese battles injury, adversity

By CHRIS ALLEN

Sports Writer

Calabrese, a name typically associated with Notre Dame football, is quickly becoming an Irish hockey staple thanks to junior defenseman Sam Calabrese, who is enjoying a breakout season.

It has not always been easy for the Illinois native, who suffered a massive setback early in his career. In October of his freshman year, seeing action in just his third college game, Calabrese suffered a debilitating leg injury against Miami (OH) and missed the remainder of the slate. The defenseman said he relied on his teammates to get him through the injury.

"I have great teammates here," Calabrese said. "When I broke my ankle as a fresh-



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Irish junior defenseman Sam Calabrese clears the puck in a 3-2 loss to Bowling Green on Saturday in the Compton Family Ice Arena.

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