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Judicial council adjusts election rules

Write-in candidates will be permitted, runoff procedure in place for Wednesday's student body vote

By MEL FLANAGAN News Writer

This year's student body president and vice president election will proceed very similarly to last year's election in terms of rules and regulations, vice president of elections Katie Hennessy said.

The only major change involved write-in candidates, she said. Write-in nominations have technically always been allowed, but the old web-based voting system did not allow students to actually vote for them during the elections.

"We haven't had any writein candidates," Hennessy said. "It was something that was allowed for, but we didn't have means to make it actually happen. If someone said they wanted to [vote for a write-in candidate], we would have had a lot of issues."

This year, the Judicial Council switched to a different server and ticket ballot that would enable students to write in a candidate's name if necessary.

The Judicial Council also made changes to how writein candidates are approved, Hennessy said. The major effect of the new regulations posits that write-in nominations must be approved at least four calendar days prior to the election.

Outside of those changes to write-in candidates, Hennessy said today's election will function similarly to last year's. The Council announced six election tickets Jan. 28, and campaigning began the following day at 11 a.m.

"There are not many restrictions on campaigning other than certain rules regarding where they place posters, et cetera," Hennessy said.

Additionally, Hennessy said she and the election committee must approve any campaign-related poster, website or social media post prior to publication. Rule violations have delayed election results in the past.

The student body presidential and vice presidential debate took place Monday night in LaFortune Student Center, where each ticket outlined BALLOTS WILL ALLOW WRITE-IN CANDIDATES WRITE-IN NOMINATIONS MUST BE APPROVED FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION ELECTION COMMITTEE MUST APPROVE ANY

CAMPAIGN-RELATED POSTER, WEBSITE OR Social Media Post

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Voting will take place to-

day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

through an email sent out

by the Judicial Council, but

Hennessy said the results

are not likely to be finalized

administration.

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its primary goals for a pro- immediately. spective student government "With six

"With six tickets we will likely have a run-off election since, in order not to, someone has to win a majority," she said.

ELECTION RULES

In the case of a runoff, the

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Board of Trustees re-elects chair

Observer Staff Report

The Board of Trustees reelected its chair, Richard C. Notebaert, to a new three-



Mayor connects politics, ethics to experience

By VICKY MORENO News Writer

In a time when politics is more often a punch line in a comedy sketch than the act of governing constituents, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg's lecture about ethics and politics sent a timely, relevant message to the Notre Dame community.

A South Bend native, Harvard alumnus and Rhodes Scholar, Buttigieg talked to students Tuesday afternoon as a part of



Beers faces criminal charges

By MEGAN DOYLE Managing Editor

The St. Joseph Country Prosecutor's Office has filed three misdemeanor charges against a Notre Dame hockey player who allegedly hit a female manager at a local bar Sunday night.

Junior Jared Beers, 22, was charged Monday with one count each of criminal trespass, battery and resisting law enforcement. All charges are Class A misdemeanors.

year term at the group's Friday meeting, according to a University statement released Monday.

An alumnus of the University of Wisconsin, Notebaert has been a member of the board since 1997, and has led it since 2007. He is a University Fellow and former

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the Mendoza College of Business's 2013 Ethics Week Lecture Series and provided perspective on the intersection of politics and ethics.

"I fear that sometimes the word 'politics' is spoken and the last thing on people's mind is ethics," Buttigieg said.

The mayor spoke candidly about the nation's low public opinion of politicians, citing JODI LO | The Observer

South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg lectures on political ethics in the Mendoza College of Business on Tuesday as part of Ethics Week.

a poll released Jan. 8 by Public Policy Polling that revealed people preferred colonoscopies, NFL replacement referees and Nickelback to Congress, though the U.S. legislative branch ranked ahead of the Ebola virus, Fidel Castro and Lindsay Lohan. "There seems to be a disconnect between the ethical and the political," Buttigieg said.

In order to bridge that fundamental gap, Buttigieg said, politicians must frame their public life and action

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Irish hockey coach Jeff Jackson announced Tuesday in a statement that Beers, a defenseman, has been suspended from the team indefinitely due to this incident.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your dream job?



Allie Forlenza freshman Farley Hall "President of the USA."





Daniel Forney sophomore Dillon Hall "Physician's assistant."



Doug Marzan freshman Morrissey Manor "Astronaut."

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Erin Peterson freshman McGlinn Hall "Doctor in a developing country."



Evan Escobedo sophomore Fisher Hall "Teacher."



A volunteer at the Monroe Park Grocery Co-op in South Bend chops squash in preparation for a community meal Monday. The Monroe Park Grocery Co-op works to provide healthy and affordable groceries.

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Wednesday Thursday Interview Workshop 114 Flanner Hall 12 p.m.-1 p.m Interview tips. **Ethics Week Lecture** Mendoza College of Business 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Indiana Sen. Joe Zakas.

Ethics Week Lecture Mendoza College of Business 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Jack Colwell, South Bend Tribune columnist.

Film Screening 129 DeBartolo Hall 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "American Meat" discusses the national farming industry.

Bach Concert DeBartolo Performing Arts Center 12:10 p.m.-1 p.m. Informal concert by

Hockey Game

Arena

Compton Family Ice

7:35 p.m.-9:35 p.m.

Game vs. Michigan.

Friday

Heart 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Catholic Mass. Department of Music.

Men's Basketball

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Basilica of the Sacred

Saturday

Vigil Mass

Joyce Center 9 p.m.-11 p.m. Game vs. Louisville. Sunday

Exhibit Reception and Gallery Talk Snite Museum of Art 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Photos by Jennifer Trausch.

Basilica Concert Basilica of the Sacred Heart 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Music by Basilica choirs.

SMC office calls attention to relationship violence

By TABITHA RICKETTS News Writer

The Saint Mary's Belles Office Against Violence (BAVO) will sponsor several events and activities to commemorate National Dating Violence Awareness Month and continue the conversation about dating violence issues beyond February.

"A primary purpose for these events is to encourage continued discussion to raise awareness and ultimately reduce the incidence and impact of violence," BAVO director Connie Adams said.

To kick off the office's sponsored events, Adams said students, faculty and staff can watch and discuss a recorded lecture by Anne Munch, a consultant for the United States military. The lecture focuses on the intricacies of some sexual assault cases in America on Feb. 11.

Since sexual assault and dating violence are related issues, Adams said Munch's lecture is especially pertinent.

"According to national studies, the majority of sexual assaults ... occur within known relationships," Adams said. "The topic of sexual assault is relevant when discussing dating violence."

During the week prior to Valentine's Day, Adams said BAVO will host a Valentines Against Violence fundraiser by selling cards to support the Family Justice Center's SOS, a

by Women's Health and the

Student Nurse Association,

Saint Mary's will welcome

Francine Henley, coordinator

of the Sexual Assault Nurse

Examiner (SANE) program at

St. Joseph Regional Medical

Center, to campus to discuss

"myths and facts associated

with forensic and medical ex-

ams following physical and

sexual assaults," Adams said.

February, Adams said BAVO

SMC Facebook and Twitter ac-

counts will share facts and sta-

tistics about dating violence

Other events planned in-

clude a Green Dot video con-

test, which calls for student

teams to create and submit

a video promoting the Green

Dot Campaign, a program fo-

cused on bystander interven-

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due by 5 p.m. Feb. 22. Contest

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dividual entry, and desserts

and conversation with Saint

Mary's president Carol Ann

Mooney for the winning video.

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For more information about

Adams said submissions are

and healthy relationships.

Throughout the month of

"According to national studies, the majority of sexual assaults ... occur within known relationships."

Connie Adams director BAVO

local nonprofit service helping survivors of sexual assault and relationship violence.

Such fundraising events can make a real difference with widespread participation, Adams said.

"Each person can participate and support [BAVO's] mission," she said. "Whether that means starting to follow BAVO SMC on Twitter or buying a Valentine or attending one program, each action is important. Our individual actions matter and, when viewed collectively, promote change."

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Day of Man raises awareness, funds



Junior Matt Coats poses on South Quad during the 2012 Day of Man. Today's event will be the seventh annual Day of Man.

By MICHAEL FERNANDES News Writer

While most Notre Dame students scramble for their hats and scarves on snowy South Bend mornings, the men of Siegfried Hall will break out their summer wardrobes once again during today's seventh annual Day of Man.

The Ramblers will sport shorts, flip-flops and pink T-shirts to raise awareness of homelessness and fundraise for the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

Senior Andrew Ritter, a cocommissioner of the event, said the Day of Man is a unique and rewarding opportunity for students to experience solidarity with people who lack basic living necessities.

"We are more than glad to be cold one day for those who are cold everyday," he said. "It is our way of standing in solidarity with them and bringing awareness to the fact that a lot of people are not properly clothed and are having to live outside in this South Bend winter."

Historically, Ritter said the event has been highly successful in terms of both student participation and fundraising, as well as in direct donations to the Center for the Homeless. Last year's Day of Man brought in more than \$5,000. "Siegfried usually has about 175 out of the 240 men in the hall participate, and their efforts go along way in raising money," Ritter said. "Truthfully, though, we hope to increase [donations] this year in order to contribute more to the Center." Junior co-commissioner Johnny Dang said aside from the tangible benefits the fundraiser provides for the Center for the Homeless, the event has an equally important effect on student participants. "[Participants] come to

understand that during this time of year a lot of people who are homeless are struggling to find warmth," he said. "This is one day where they will learn to appreciate the things that they have ... and how fortunate they are." Sophomore Taylor Roberts

said he was initially hesi-

"We are more than glad to be cold one day for those who are cold everyday."

Andrew Ritter co-commissioner Day of Man

tant about participating in the Day of Man, but he was ultimately satisfied with the experience.

"You always question yourself when your cup is empty and you're walking out in the cold," he said. "But once you get your first couple of dollars, it really sinks in that you're doing a good thing."

Despite the event's benefits, Roberts said it is limited in terms of addressing the complexity of homelessness in a holistic manner.

"I admit that I don't think you can feel the full effect [of homelessness]," he said. "There are so many other factors including the lack of food, the lack of shelter during even harsher conditions and often mental and physical illness." Though the Day of Man may not be an authentic proxy experience for homelessness, Roberts said it provides students with a new perspective on a real issue. "The event does signify a big step forward in realizing some of the hardships that the homeless do experience while also extending a hand and making a difference," he said.

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Conference connects students, professionals

By CHARITHA ISANAKA News Writer

This weekend, the Undergraduate Women in Business (UWIB) club will host its fifth annual Women's Professional Development Conference to connect female students with representatives from a range of top-tier companies.

The conference, titled "Catalysts of Change: Women Transforming the Marketplace," features a keynote address by Notre Dame alumna Kimberly Farrell, who serves as president and CEO of Unlimited Performance Training, Inc.

Conference chair Kristina Hamilton said this weekend will "allow undergraduate women to network and build relationships with successful businesswomen" by learning about the diverse experiences of women in business.

With representatives from a wide variety of companies attendance, including in Accenture, Deloitte, Ernst and Young, General Mills, Grant Thornton, Pricewaterhouse Coopers and Procter and Gamble, Hamilton said the conference presents an excellent opportunity for undergraduate women to explore their career and leadership options.

"The purpose [of the conference] is to provide students with an opportunity to have a more intimate experience with companies and engage students with current topics or issues relevant to their futures as business professionals," Hamilton said.

Though the conference is an annual occurrence, Hamilton said UWIB sponsors oncampus networking events throughout the school year, including meetings with employers like Abercrombie and Fitch, KPMG, Houlihan Lokey and Bank of America.

"We encourage anyone that is still looking for a job, internship, leadership opportunity or looking to hone their professional skills to attend," she said. "Many company reps are Notre Dame alums and come back annually to our conference, so it has been a great opportunity for our members to build relationships with women in various companies."

Hamilton said UWIB started a mentorship program with-

"The best way to figure out what you want for your future is to talk with someone who has been in your shoes and hear why they chose to pursue their career."

Kristina Hamilton conference chair UWIB

in the club, pairing senior members with freshmen and sophomores.

"The best way to figure out what you want for your future is to talk with someone who has been in your shoes and hear why they chose to pursue their career," she said. "I think our conference is a perfect way to do just that, and I hope that our attendees leave with at least one new contact that they can develop a relationship with, regardless of their interest in the particular company."

Conference events will take place Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Innovation Park and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Mendoza College of Business Atrium. Notre Dame undergraduate and MBA students are eligible to register for the free conference on the UWIB website.

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Members of the UWIB conference committee pose in the Mendoza College of Business. This year's is the club's fifth annual conference.



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SIBC unveils new internship program

By LESLEY STEVENSON News Writer

As Notre Dame's largest student-run organization, the Student International Business Council (SIBC) will institute a program to give students a new kind of on-campus job as early as this semester, senior Brett Hummel said.

Hummel, who is the vice president of domestic internships for SIBC, said the Council will pair students with Fortune 500 companies, start-ups and small businesses for internships during the academic year. Depending on the companies' employment needs, engineering, science and Arts and Letters students could team with business students to do real work for major corporations for the duration of at least a semester, he said.

"While you're on campus, during your academic year, instead of working at the Huddle or dining hall, you'd get the opportunity to work for companies like [General Electric] for 10 to 20 hours per week," Hummel said. "And you'd be paid for that, and they'd be the highest-paid jobs on campus."

The internships will be open from students of classes ranging from second-semester sophomores to graduate students. Hummel said SIBC will broaden its reach and help students in all fields find valuable work experience with a new program for facilitating domestic internship opportunities.

"[SIBC] members are always drawn more from the Mendoza students, and so the whole goal now is to try to broaden that," Hummel said. "Students who are not necessarily business majors who want experience have the opportunity now to actually get that on their resumes."

Hummel said the domestic internship idea came from the "disconnect" he saw between the demands of employers for veteran workers and the struggle for undergraduates to gain meaningful work experience in the South Bend area. He worked with faculty advisors and associate vice president for career and professional development Lee Svete. "There is a degree of responsibility because it is actual, real work," Hummel said. "The company's going to take your work and give it to clients."

After completing an application and interview process modeled on that of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Hummel said students will then be assigned individual and team projects for a specific company. Team meetings and Skype calls with the company will ensure each student is making progress, he said.

The new program will complement the SIBC's existing international program, which currently consists of five positions in locations as far-reaching as Thailand and Ecuador.

Sophomore Pedro Suarez, SIBC vice president of international internships, said the domestic program could eventually begin to incorporate international elements.

"Hopefully, one day for the people who are looking for a global career, ... it could suddenly become something where a company in Brazil could outsource their work to us," Suarez



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said.

Suarez said past internship experience does not necessarily make an applicant competitive.

"I think more than experience, it's someone who's passionate about something, someone who can really learn and grow," Suarez said.

The new internship program will build invaluable skills for the future careers of students involved, Hummel said.

"[The companies] can teach

you all the stuff you need to learn, but they want to make sure that you are able to be taught and that you have those kinds of qualities to be a leader going forward," Hummel said.

An information session discussing both domestic and international internships will be held today at 7 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall.

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Ethics

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within two questions: "Who am I?" and "Why am I here?"

"Now, I don't mean, 'Who am I' in the philosophical sense," he said. "You need to understand who you are in the sense of what role you play, in what capacity you are making a decision."

The mayor said he personally answered that first question while visiting the site of a child homicide in South Bend to "get a feel for the place" that had been the site of a tragedy. However, his public role as mayor coincided with his personal feelings on the situation as he noticed the mother of the victim.

"I almost didn't go speak with her because I was so anxious," Buttigieg said. "But it meant so much that I talked to her, and it wasn't because of anything I said. It was because I was the mayor, and it meant something that the city cared." the tension politicians experience between representing the wishes of their constituents and leading their constituents based on what they believe to be in the people's best interests.

"You want to be faithful to your voters, but at the same time you can't lead by standing still," said Buttigieg.

In this vein, Buttigieg mentioned President Lyndon B.

"Life brings into confrontation the conflicts and tensions between our roles and our purpose, but in the end, the way in which we resolve those tensions is what we are made of."

Pete Buttigieg

strides for voting rights.

"When something as meaningful as voting rights for America is on the line, is it worth it to play the game?" Buttigieg said.

When the conversation shifted to address the second question of, the mayor emphasized the importance of job as a means to achieve one's goals instead of viewing a job as the ultimate goal.

"If the job is your goal, then as soon as you get the job, you have finished your purposeful journey," Buttigieg said.

Although his academic pursuits took him all over the globe, Buttigieg said he returned to his hometown to make a difference where he knew he could and where it would matter most.

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Charges

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that it will be handled in a prompt and professional manner through the criminal justice system," University Spokesman Dennis Brown said Tuesday.

Capt. Phil Trent, public information officer with the South Bend Police Department, said Beers had been at Brothers Bar and Grill at Eddy Street Commons on Sunday night just before midnight when other patrons complained he was stealing beer from their tables. When bar security asked him to leave, Beers allegedly became belligerent, Trent said.

As security tried to remove Beers from the bar, he pushed one security guard to the ground, Trent said. The police report stated that a female manager then approached him, and he punched her in the face. He allegedly then stepped on her face and jaw and grabbed her hair. A security video captured part of the incident, Trent said. The police report did not specify if the female manager received treatment at a hospital for her injuries.

scene, the report stated. He had left his wallet at Brothers, however, and the South Bend Police Department contacted him to pick it up at the station later that night. The officer

> "The University is aware of this incident and is confident that it will be handled in a prompt and professional manner through the criminal justice system."

Dennis Brown University Spokesman

on duty arrested Beers when he arrived at the department in the early hours of Monday morning, Trent said. He continued to resist law enforcement by kicking and yelling as he was transported to the jail, where he was booked at 2:44 a.m. Monday.

The mayor also addressed

mayor South Bend

Johnson as a leader who was "very politically devious" but who ultimately made great

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Chair

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chairman of the University Relations Committee.

Prior to attaining his position at Notre Dame, Notebaert was chairman and CEO of Qwest C o m m u n i c a t i o n s International Inc., and had previously served as CEO of Tellabs Inc. and Ameritech

Corp.

In the release, University President Fr. John Jenkins praised Notebaert's commitment to Notre Dame's mission.

"We are blessed with trustees of great talent and accomplishment who are deeply dedicated to Notre Dame," Jenkins stated in the release. "For six years, Dick Notebaert has been a tremendous chair of the board

who had shown unqualified dedication to serving Notre Dame. I look forward to continuing to work with him and benefit from his wise counsel."

The Board of Trustees has been a governing body of the University since the Congregation of Holy Cross transferred governance in 1967. It currently has 47 active members and 47 emeritus trustees. When witnesses called the police, Beers ran from the

Beers spent most of Monday at the St. Joseph County Jail before he was released upon posting bail at \$300 just after 5 p.m., according to jail records.

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Congress considers curtailing drone strikes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Uncomfortable with the Obama administration's use of deadly drones, a growing number in Congress is looking to limit America's authority to kill suspected terrorists, even U.S. citizens. The Democraticled outcry was emboldened by the revelation in a newly surfaced Justice Department memo that shows drones can strike against a wider range of threats, with less evidence, than previously believed.

The drone program, which has been used from Pakistan across the Middle East and into North Africa to find and kill an unknown number of suspected terrorists, is expected to be a top topic of debate when the Senate Intelligence Committee grills John Brennan, the White House's pick for CIA chief, at a hearing Thursday.

The White House on Tuesday defended its lethal drone program by citing the very laws that some in Congress once believed were appropriate in the years immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks but now think may be too broad.

"It has to be in the agenda of this Congress to reconsider the scope of action of drones and use of deadly force by the United States around the world because the original authorization of use of force, I think, is being strained to its limits," Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said in a recent interview.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the No. 2 Democrat in the House, said Tuesday that "it deserves a serious look at how we make the decisions in government to take out, kill, eliminate, whatever word you want to use, not just American citizens but other citizens as well."

Hoyer added: "We ought to carefully review our policies as a country."

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee likely will hold hearings on U.S. drone policy, an aide said Tuesday, and Chairman Robert Menendez,

D-N.J., and the panel's top Republican, Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, both have quietly expressed concerns about the deadly operations. And earlier this week, a group of 11 Democratic and Republican urged President senators Barack Obama to release a classified Justice Department legal opinion justifying when U.S. counterterror missions, including drone strikes, can be used to kill American citizens abroad.

Without those documents, it's impossible for Congress and the public to decide "whether this authority has been properly defined, and whether the president's power to deliberately kill Americans is subject to appropriate limitations and safeguards," the senators wrote.

It was a repeated request after receiving last June an unclassified Justice Department memo, which fell short of giving the senators all the information they requested.

First detailed publicly by NBC News late Monday, the memo for the first time outlines the Obama administration's decision to kill al-Qaida terror suspects without any evidence that specific and imminent plots are being planned against the United States.

"The threat posed by al-Qaida and its associated forces demands a broader concept of imminence in judging when a person continually planning terror attacks presents an imminent threat," concluded the document.

The memo was immediately decried by civil liberties groups as "flawed" and "profoundly disturbing" — especially in light of 2011 U.S. drone strikes in Yemen that killed three American citizens: Anwar al-Awlaki, his 16-year-old-son and Samir Khan. Al-Awlaki was linked to the planning and execution of several attacks targeting U.S. and Western interests, including the attempt to down a Detroit-bound airliner in 2009 and the plot to bomb cargo planes in 2010. His son was killed in a separate strike on a suspected al-Qaida den. Khan was an al-Qaida propagandist.

White House spokesman Jay Carney, echoing comments Brennan made in a speech last April, called the strikes legal, ethical and wise and said they are covered by a law that Congress approved allowing the use of military force against al-Qaida.

"And certainly, under that authority, the president acts in the United States' interest to protect the United States and its citizens from al-Qaida," Carney said Tuesday.

"It is a matter of fact that Congress authorized the use of military force against al-Qaida," Carney said. "It is a matter of fact that al-Qaida is in a state of war against us and that senior leaders, operational leaders of al-Qaida are continually plotting to attack the United States, plotting to kill American citizens as they did most horrifically on September 11th of 2001."

Three days after 9/11, Congress approved a law authorizing the military to use "all necessary and appropriate force" against al-Qaida and other groups believed to be helping or harboring the global terror network, including the use of drone strikes. In the decade since the attacks, U.S. intelligence officials say, al-Qaida has splintered into a



An unmanned U.S. Predator drone flies over Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, on Jan. 31, 2010.

number of affiliates and allied sympathizers. That means the current laws could allow military force against thousands of extremists across the Mideast and North Africa who have limited or no ability to strike the United States.

Currently, both the CIA and the U.S. military are authorized to remotely pilot unmanned, missile-carrying drones against terror suspects. It's unknown exactly how many strikes have been carried out, but experts say that drone attacks in Pakistan are conducted by the CIA, while those in Yemen and Somalia, for example, are by military forces. The drones have strained diplomacy between the U.S. and the nations where the strikes are carried out, as civilians have been killed alongside the targeted terrorists, even though most nations have given Washington at least tacit agreement to carry out the attacks.

A Middle Eastern diplomat said that in Yemen, for example, an uptick of U.S. drone strikes last month have killed dozens of people and upset the local public, leading some leaders in Sanaa to reconsider how often they should be used. The diplomat spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity to avoid political retribution from the Obama administration.

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two tickets with the highest number of votes would participate in a debate Sunday night, Hennessy said, and the runoff election would take place Monday. The voting process would be the same Monday as it is today.

The high number of tickets running in this year's election likely resulted from last year's atypical singleticket race, Hennessy said.

"We tried to do whatever we could to publicize the running to get more tickets," she said. "Last year, a lot of people were upset about it ... so I think more people were interested in [running] now."

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Third party to investigate Super Bowl blackout

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Concerned the Superdome might not be able to handle the energy needed for its first Super Bowl since Hurricane Katrina, officials spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on upgrades to decayed utility lines, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The improvements apparently weren't enough, however, to prevent an embarrassing and puzzling 34-minute power outage during the third quarter of the game between the Baltimore Ravens and San Francisco 49ers on Sunday.

Two days later, officials still had not pinpointed the cause of the outage. The Superdome's management company, SMG, and the utility that supplies the stadium, Entergy New Orleans, announced Tuesday that they would hire outside experts to investigate.

"We wanted to leave no stone unturned," Entergy spokesman Chanel Lagarde told the AP. He said the two companies had not been able to reach a conclusion on the cause and wanted a third-party analysis.

"We thought it was important to get another party looking at this to make sure we were looking at everything that we need to examine," Lagarde said.

SMG Vice President Doug Thornton told a news conference at City Hall later Tuesday that the hiring of a third party does not signify a disagreement between SMG and Entergy.

"It's important for us to have total transparency and we have agreed among ourselves that we will exchange records," Thornton said. "We were metering the power. They were doing the same on their side. We need to figure out what the root cause of this is and fix it."

Documents obtained Monday through a records request by The Associated Press show that Superdome officials worried months ago about losing power during the NFL championship.

Tests on the electrical feeders that connect incoming power from utility lines to the stadium showed decay and "a chance of failure," state officials warned in a memo dated Oct. 15. The documents, obtained by the AP through a records request, also show that Entergy expressed concern about the reliability of the service before the Super Bowl.

The memo said Entergy and

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the Superdome's engineering staff "had concerns regarding the reliability of the Dome service from Entergy's connection point to the Dome."

The memo was prepared for the Louisiana Stadium & Exposition District, the state body responsible for the Superdome.

Authorities subsequently authorized spending nearly \$1 million on Superdome improvements, including more than \$600,000 for upgrading the dome's electrical feeder cable system, work that was done in December.

"As discussed in previous board meetings, this enhancement is necessary to maintain both the Superdome and the New Orleans Arena as top tier facilities, and to ensure that we do not experience any electrical issues during the Super Bowl," said an LSED document dated Dec. 19.

Superdome commission records show a \$513,250 contract to replace feeder cables was awarded to Allstar Electric, a company based in suburban New Orleans.

Arthur Westbrook, Allstar's project manager for the job, referred all questions about possible causes of the outage to the management company.

A lawyer for the LSED, Larry Roedel, said Monday a preliminary investigation found the replacement work done in December did not appear to have caused Sunday's outage.

Eric Grubman, NFL executive vice president of business operations, told the AP on Tuesday that the league was aware of the city's pre-game upgrades to the utility lines, "which we understood to be important and beneficial."

"SMG and others kept us apprised and those reports gave us no real cause for concern," Grubman said. "It is natural and understandable for energy suppliers to be concerned prior to a huge event. If an engineer is asked whether something is 100 percent failsafe, an engineer will normally say, 'No, there is always a risk of failure.""

Both Entergy and SMG said Sunday that an "abnormality" occurred where stadium equipment intersects with an Entergy electric feed, causing a breaker to create the outage. It remained unclear Monday exactly what the abnormality was or why it occurred.

The lights-out championship game proved an embarrassment for New Orleans just when it was hoping to show the rest of the world how far it has come since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. But many fans were forgiving, and officials expressed confidence that the episode wouldn't hurt the city's hopes of hosting the championship again.

To New Orleans' relief, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the city did a "terrific" job hosting its first pro-football championship in the post-Katrina era.

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be back here for Super Bowls," he said, noting a backup power system was poised to kick in but wasn't needed once the lights came back.

Mayor Mitch Landrieu told a news conference Tuesday that the outage won't hurt the city's chances of hosting another Super Bowl and he joked that the game got better after the blackout.

"That 34 minutes is not going to cast a shadow over the accomplishments of the city," Landrieu said, calling the event "as near-perfect a Super Bowl as the country has ever seen." He added that officials estimate the game brought \$432 million into the city.

VIEWPOINT

INSIDE COLUMN

The power of Nutella



Suzanna Pratt Photo Editor

February is the absolute worst month. Just look at this week. It has been snowing for days on end. I've had the words "get your life together" written on the back of my hand in Sharpie for more than 200 hours and I still haven't gotten anything together. Valentine's Day is a mere eight days away and I hate romance and the color pink. Everyone else has a job offer and I'm still waiting for graduate school admissions to determine whether I have a future or if I need to find a cardboard box to live in next year. Despite all this, Feb. 5 was a great day.

In case you missed it, yesterday was World Nutella Day. I had no idea this was a real holiday — isn't every day Nutella Day? - until I checked my Twitter during class and realized I had missed out on roughly 10 hours of global Nutella appreciation. When class finished, I beelined to LaFortune and managed to snag the very last jar of Nutella in the Huddle. Sorry I'm not sorry about that one - I got to enjoy Nutella the way it should be eaten: with a spoon, straight from the jar until it's all gone. While I couldn't allow myself to finish the entire jar, I made a sizeable dent in my Nutella nonetheless. I'm not sorry about that either. It was the highlight of my week.

Fortunately, for those of you who missed out on eating spoonfuls of heaven on World Nutella Day, there are other ways to get your fix.

Nutelladay.com features an archive of over 700 recipes incorporating Nutella, and every single one of them sounds sinful and delicious. If you check out the site, be warned if you click on the recipe links there are food porn pictures that will make you drool on your keyboard. From butternut squash with Nutella sauce to Nutella champagne shooters, salted caramel Nutella fudge to Nutella crème brulee, and Nutella-coated bacon to molten Nutella chocolate cake, everything on the list is worth trying. I will give up vegetarianism for 10 minutes if it means sampling chicken enchiladas with Nutella or Nutella-marinated steak My post-graduation life may still be up in the air, but I know for certain what I am doing this weekend. I will be in the kitchen, testing as many recipes from the archive as possible. So don't let February get you down. World Nutella Day may be over, but Nutella never fails to make even the worst days a little bit better. When the permacloud, wind tunnel and icy sidewalks get to be too much, or you just can't bring yourself to finish the reading for your philosophy class, grab a spoon and hope the Huddle restocks the Nutella shelf.

Curse of the Apple

Carter Boyd God, Country, Notre Dame

One of the most compelling biblical stories depicts the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. As the lives of Adam and Eve unfold, they are living in a perfect world when the serpent coerces them to eat the forbidden fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. These acts of free will result in their disobeying of God's orders, causing Adam and Eve's fall from their perfect state of grace and union with God. The fruit of the Tree of Knowledge is most commonly referenced as being an apple. Perhaps this story tells us more than the biblical origin of original sin. In fact, it seems to describe the current predicament of our world and the struggles we face.

We, people of the 21st century, have bitten into an apple as well: the apple of technology. The Apple company logo depicts this familiar image, an apple with a bite taken into it. When Adam and Eve took a bite into the forbidden fruit, they disobeyed God and with their bite gained the knowledge of right and wrong. With this knowledge, they became responsible for doing what was right over what was wrong. Adam and Eve were unprepared for this responsibility and thus sin, evil and all other bad things were allowed to run rampant in our world. We inherited this responsibility, and it is a responsibility we have struggled with throughout the ages to maintain, observing the many injustices occurring in our

world and society.

We have taken a bite into the technology surrounding us in the 21st century. This technology has afforded us an array of tools and resources that have helped us progress as a people. But with the good has also come the bad. There are many ways we can use technology to subject, use, abuse, cheat, objectify, hoax, kill and manipulate other people. Like Adam and Eve, we were unprepared for the responsibility that would be given to us when we acquired the fruit from which we ate. This unpreparedness is evident in many atrocities surrounding us in this world.

Look at the recent shooting in Newtown, Conn. A man did not use the technology of a gun responsibly, and he hurtfully took more than 20 innocent lives in an elementary school. Even if it is meant to be a positive tool, technology can cause chaos in our lives. It is increasingly popular for high schools and now some elementary schools to require iPads, tablets or laptops during school and for homework. Yet, many students have been using these devices for games and movies rather than schoolwork. Not only do their GPAs suffer, but they are also developing serious addictions to this technological empire.

More importantly, millions of innocent lives have been taken since the introduction of easy and inexpensive ways to abort babies developed in the last several decades. Modern day genetic testing technology allows for people to know what chances their child has of getting a disease before birth, and people are using this information to decide whether to abort the child. What has happened to our social responsibility?

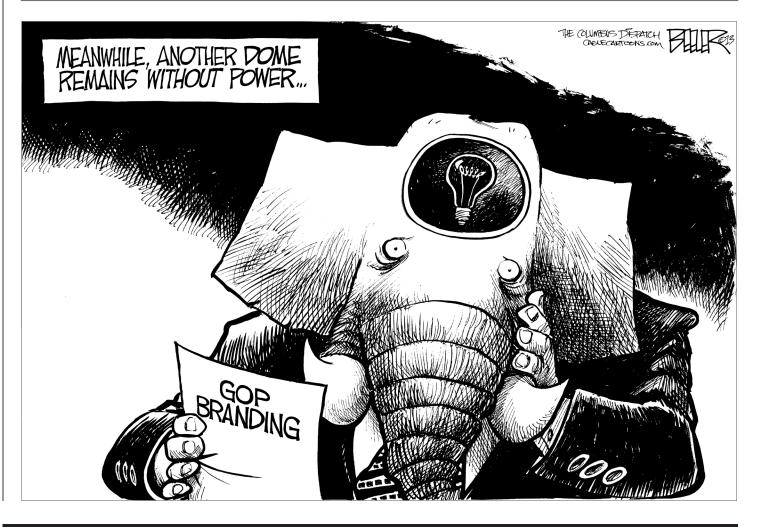
The Internet can be a great tool for communicating, researching information, conducting business and shopping, yet there are many horrific circumstances this new invention has made available to the world. Some examples include online banking fraud, identity theft, pornography, slander via social media and online stalking. Just ask Manti Te'o how he feels about online dating.

I am not against technology. I would not be able to type this article, travel home for the holidays, keep in touch with friends or have the amazing opportunities we all take for granted every day without it. I do, however, suggest we must instill morals and values in our society so technology does not impede our social conscience anymore. At this point, technological advancement is inevitable. There is no turning back. We have entered onto a one-way road with no easy turnaround. The world needs technology. There is no way around that. But as a society, we need to figure out how to ensure technology will be utilized prudently and safely for the betterment our world.

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VIEWPOINT

The politics of dying: part two

Adam Newman Elephant in the Room

In my last article, I wrote on a pretty heavy subject: end-of-life care. Endof-life care in America is very expensive and threatens our nation's future solvency. Not only that, the exorbitant amount we spend on health care does not produce better outcomes due to a lack of coordination and due to incentives to perform unnecessary tests and procedures. This usually leads the patient to die in a hospital, instead of dying at home surrounded by loved ones.

The politics of death is very complicated, and the 24-hour news cycle filled with 30-second sound bites has done an atrocious job of explaining it to people. Even though our health care system is expensive and confusing, people are used to it, and as a result are very sensitive to reform, especially coming from the government.

For example, there was a minor provision in the Affordable Care Act that allowed Medicare to reimburse physicians for providing end-of-life counseling to seniors. This counseling was intended to allow seniors to discuss and plan end-of-life treatment with their physicians.

Most were not familiar with this provision within the health care bill

as described. Many know it by a different name: "death panels." Indeed, this small provision meant to tackle one of the most important health care problems we face was given this title, even though it is similar to calling a butter knife a "weapon of mass destruction." However, this did not stop former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin from writing on her Facebook wall in August 2009, "The America I know and love is not one in which my parents or my baby with Down syndrome will have to stand in front of Obama's 'death panel' so his bureaucrats can decide, based on a subjective judgment of their 'level of productivity in society,' whether they are worthy of health care. Such a system is downright evil."

The term "death panels" quickly swept across America and was used by many others to oppose reform. Even sensible Republicans stooped to Palin's level. The end-of-life reimbursement provision was removed from the health care bill, but its memory still lives on: The death panels were the non-partisan fact checker Politifact's "Lie of the Year" in 2009.

Quotes like Sarah Palin's are the reason why controlling health care spending is so difficult, because it requires an adult conversation and a stable political climate. As Mark Twain once said, "A lie can get half way round the world while the truth is still tying its shoes".

The politics of health care affects seniors the most. Seniors are a very important voting group because they benefit more than any other group from government services - Social Security for their pension and Medicare and Medicaid for their health care. Unfortunately, seniors are more easily scared and fooled by political ads. Republicans and Democrats are both guilty of attempting to scare seniors into voting for them. The Republicans became known for promoting Democratic initiatives as death panels and rationing. Democrats used Paul Ryan's plan to privatize Medicare to scare seniors by suggesting, "Medicare would be ended as we know it." Probably the lowest point was a one-minute commercial created by a Democratic group, showing a tall man in a suit with black hair whose face is not revealed — but who is obviously supposed to be Paul Ryan — pushing an elderly woman in a wheelchair along a trail through a forest. Upon arriving at the edge of a cliff, the man proceeds to push the senior off. The commercial then ends with an appeal against privatizing Medicare.

One would think the principles of both parties would make them more responsive to the end-of-life crisis. Republicans favor a smaller government, so they should want to do everything they can to ensure unnecessary end-of-life care does not gobble up the federal budget. Thus, while Sarah Palin may believe in a smaller government, her "death panel" comment killed an opportunity to lower unnecessary government spending. Democrats are known as the party that protects the elderly, and thus should prove it by working to curb unneeded medical care and by providing a better alternative to lowering health care costs than Paul Ryan's Medicare plan. This does not make for good political sound bites but does make for good policy.

The end-of-life care challenge we face is a uniquely American challenge: Reforming a system so it provides better and cheaper care for those at the end of life, while steering American families, businesses and the government away from bankruptcy. But if we are going to accomplish this, there have to be changes to how we talk about end-of-life care. Otherwise, the terms "death" and "taxes" may well become synonymous.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If gun control is futile, what isn't?

I found Mr. Roth's characterization of the impracticality of gun control very compelling ["No such thing as gun control," Feb. 4]. For the first time, I realized, "Wow, the American government really is powerless. It can pass laws and statutes left and right to restrict people's rights, it can impose fines and penalties to try to change behavior it deems contrary to the public interest, but in the end, people are going to do what they want to do regardless of what the law dictates."

And then I continued along this line of reasoning and wondered, "Why do

we bother posting speed limits on highways? Or requiring driver's licenses, for that matter? What's really going to stop someone without a license, or a basic regard for other people's safety, from getting behind the wheel and going 80 in a 45?"

Finally, I brought this rhetoric to its logical conclusion and asked myself why the United States has a standing government at all. Clearly there's nothing we can really do to control the population except to "shoot people who resist," as "popular blogger" Stefan Molyneux put it. Through the lens of Mr. Roth's logic, expanding gun control legislation really does appear futile. But so does basically every other government activity imaginable: enforcing speed limits, regulating pharmaceutical sales or collecting taxes. The truth is, every law will have opponents, and every law will face noncompliance. Does that mean our society should abandon all legal attempts to ensure public safety and protect the common interest of citizens?

I find it especially ironic that such a cynical view of our government's effectiveness at maintaining law and order would be articulated by a constitutional studies minor. But then again, I'm a theology major, and I must have missed the day in class when we learned about our "right to defend ourselves ... not given by Congress, but by God," which must have been mentioned somewhere in the Bible between "Thou shalt not kill" and "He who lives by the sword shall die by the sword."

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PUPPY BOWL

By ANKUR CHAWLA Scene Writer

This past Sunday, we all witnessed one of the greatest games in sporting history — Puppy Bowl IX. Airing on Animal Planet, this annual competition of cuteness beats out any Super Bowl blackout, overly sexual GoDaddy commercial and dare I say even the Beyonce and Destiny's Child halftime performance. In its ninth consecutive year, the puppy all-stars played their hearts out on the field while winning their way into our hearts on gameday.

While not exactly dividing the puppies into teams, the game was extremely competitive with much "intentional growling" and at times some "unnecessary ruff-ness." Touchdowns were scored when a puppy would bring a chew toy into the end zone. I must say the coaching of the pups left much to be desired, with most of the athletes uninterested in ball but rather playing with each other. However, that is pretty understandable, as every puppy is under four months old.

Still, there were a few standouts that not only got the game but flat out dominated from start to finish. Crowned MVP (Most Valuable Pup) after the game, Marta was a little scrapper who, despite being bullied in the middle of the field, would sneakily grab the ball and take it in for the score. While not the most valuable on the field, the cutest was Aurora, the Siberian Husky/Retriever mix. Some of the other puppies may have been making fun of her weight, but in my opinion she was just a little

husky.

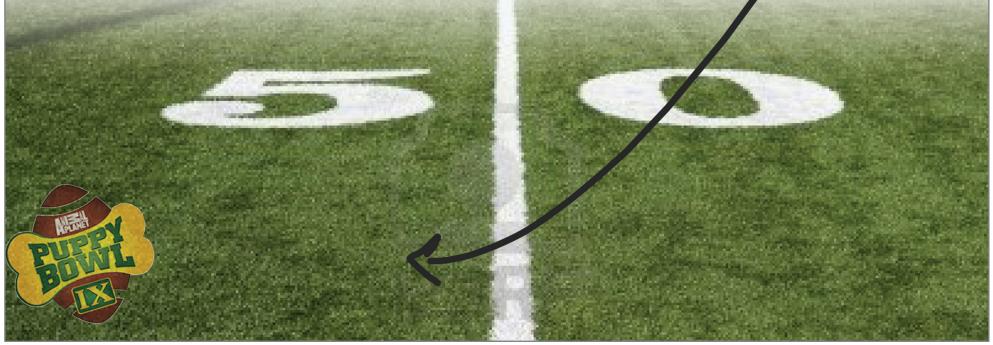
Beyond the on-the-field excitement, just as much fanfare surrounded the Puppy Bowl as the Super Bowl. With heavy sponsorship from "Despicable Me 2," the minions from the movie had better commercials than Budweiser and Samsung. The cheerleader hedgehogs and kitten halftime show were adorable, but not much could compete with the live-tweeting bird Meep (@MeepTheBird) and the blimp steered by a hamster.

Coverage

While all of the pups we saw this year will not make a return to the big game next February, there will without a doubt be another group of precious pups battling out on the gridiron in the Puppy Bowl X. Tune in next time to not miss out on the guaranteed cuteness.

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By COURTNEY COX Scene Editor

A chair, a belt, a cell phone and sunglasses. There was nothing else on the small stage in Geddes Hall on Monday night when New York-based playwright and actor Josh Rivedal stepped up to perform his one-man show "The Gospel According to Josh."

The show is an autobiographical account of the time leading up to Rivedal's father's suicide, a subject he approaches with both humor and sincerity.

Put on by the Notre Dame chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI-ND) and the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, the performance was meant to educate about mental illness. It did so in a much more enjoyable and clever way than expected, but the show never trivialized the painful results that can occur if difficult illnesses are left unattended.

Rivedal brought to life at least 20 different characters from his past to fill out the context for his life and his relationship with his father.

The show began with Rivedal portraying a Sunday school teacher instructing a young

Josh on how to sing a song about obedience. Josh described his upbringing as an almost cult-like religious environment.

Punishments for even small mistakes at the Rivedal household were extreme, hence the belt on stage, he said, and Rivedal's performance showed he knew he was being treated unjustly.

Through his time at church, however, Rivedal said he discovered how much he enjoyed singing.

His father was also a passionate singer who was very active in the church, but once Rivedal began to audition for plays, he said his father was discouraging.

He got through middle school and high school by ignoring his father's request that he play football and trying out for as many plays as possible instead. When he was onstage, he said his whole world disappeared and he felt an incredible sense of relief.

After graduating high school, Rivedal moved to New York and began auditioning for Broadway shows.

After a summer tour in Pennsylvania performing "Footloose," he moved to New Jersey and began working at Denny's and Ruby Tuesday.

A self-proclaimed workaholic, Rivedal worked so much that he said he completely gave up on auditioning for shows until one day he was invited to audition for "Maury." He landed the gig and was briefly famous for his stint portraying a white trash version of himself.

It was pithy anecdotes like these about the acting world that made the audience forget this performance was supposed to be about suicide until Rivedal's parents get divorced.

His father entered a downward spiral and Rivedal said he did his best to visit him despite his current acting success. Then one day, he received a call from his mother with the bad news.

The end of the play was remarkably different from the charming beginning because in many ways it was so much more raw. Rivedal showed very clearly how an event like this can take a person's entire world and bring everything to a crashing halt.

While Josh knew his father was having a difficult time with the divorce, he said he didn't see this coming.

The performance is both Rivedal's way of

coping with the loss of his father as well as a way of raising awareness about the circumstances that often surround suicides, he said.

At the end of the show, Rivedal stayed and answered questions from the audience. He cited statistics on the issues he had presented in his performance, stating that approximately 90 percent of those who commit suicide have an untreated mental illness at the time of death.

Through his performance, Rivedal reminded his audience to be attentive to those in their own communities who might need help with mental illness or who could be struggling alone. For the small audience in Geddes on Monday night, he got his message across.

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Writer and performer: Josh Rivedal





By ALLIE TOLLAKSEN Scene Writer

When Tegan and Sara fans press play on one of their tracks, they might have trouble describing the group's sound to anyone else. The duo has been called folk-rock in the past with guitar-driven songs making up their first few albums, and they were undisputedly thought of as an "indie rock" outlet. Listen for their sad, indie ballad "Where Does The Good Go" on a particularly depressing episode of "Grey's Anatomy." This kind of music was how Tegan and Sara got their start and how I came to know them. Then came their 2004 album release "So Jealous" and its single "Walking With a Ghost," and a turning point in their song-writing style - the band was sounding poppy. Tegan and Sara continued to release "alt-pop" records like 2007's "The Con" and with it their insanely catchy, aptly titled single "Back In Your Head," as well as 2009's "Sainthood." Suddenly, Tegan and Sara seemed a little more radio-friendly but still were no Natasha Bedingfield. Four years later, however, everyone's favorite Canadian twin sister band has released its newest studio album "Heartthrob" and have emerged yet again with a new sound. "Heartthrob" is upbeat, synth-heavy and surprisingly danceable. Suddenly, the sisters have dropped the guitars entirely and moved full-time behind their keyboards, offering their take on the electronic sound that has become so salient in today's music. "I Couldn't Be Your Friend," though it at times sounds alarmingly similar to Katy Perry's "The One That Got Away." The difference is, however, that the lyrics are more complex and sung more sincerely than in Katy Perry's hit. I will hand it to the duo — they may have crossed genres, but their powerful voices and perfect harmonies have remained. messed up/Sick inside/Wondering where you're leaving your makeup."

Though it may be difficult for fans like me to grapple with the idea of Tegan and Sara as an electro-pop band, "Heartthrob" is beginning to grow on me. At first listen, I thought of the power ballads and synth-filled hooks as "selling out" or at least changing for the worse, but upon giving it a few more listens, I appreciate the band's ability to somehow blend their personality and stories of heartbreak with a completely new upbeat sound.

The thing is, I'm not so sure how I feel about this change. While the album, which was released Jan. 29, has generally been a critical success, it was difficult for me, a long-time fan of the group, to process this electro-pop production. If someone had told me in 2006 that Tegan and Sara would release an album that sounds like Gwen Stefani's solo work, I would have laughed and said something snarky because I was 13 years old.

The standout song on the album is indisputably "Closer," which brings the group's songwriting abilities together with an unexpected electro-sound. The song's chorus is classic Tegan and Sara — racy and catchy and easy to sing along with — and the track is destined to land in the iPods of many a student here.

The next best song on the album is probably

"Heartthrob" also features slowed-down ballads that evoke an almost R&B quality. "I Was a Fool," the third track on the album, is a sad song about heartbreak that sounds nothing like the Tegan and Sara we've ever heard before. "Now I'm All Messed Up" sounds like a cross between Vitamin C's "Graduation" and Sinéad O'Connor's version of "Nothing Compares 2U."

Though the songs are almost overwhelmingly poppy and strangely familiar at times, Tegan and Sara set themselves apart with their lyrics. "Heartthrob" as a whole explores themes of young love, infatuation and heartbreak, and though the songs may at first appear cheesy or dated, upon closer inspection, they are genuine, often melancholy lyrics set to upbeat anthems. In a particularly personal and somber lyric, Tegan sings, "Now I'm all Contact Allie Tollaksen at atollaks@nd.edu

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Issac Lorton Sports Writer

Editor's note: This is eighth in a 10-part series discussing the best event in sports. In this installment, Issac Lorton argues for the Olympics.

There is only one true sporting event, and it is absolutely, unequivocally, hands down, bar none, you-get the-picture certain — the Olympics.

For the sake of space I will speak only of the Summer Olympics, because it is the original Granddaddy of them all (Please, the Rose Bowl?).

The Summer Olympics is more than just a sporting event. It is a global event that grasps the world's attention for two weeks in the spirit of competition. It is not a competition for money, it is not for contract extensions, it is not for being drafted; the Olympics are for pride, for nationalism and for the love of the game. The Olympics are the essence of what sports should be.

Thousands of athletes in 28 different sports train their whole lives for one chance on a global stage to show the world that they are truly the best in their respective sport.

What other sporting event boasts swimming, track and field, gymnastics, soccer and much more at one venue, at one time and with the whole world watching? Exactly. No other sporting event but the Olympics does this.

Then there is the pageantry. When people tune in to the Opening Ceremonies, the host country has the opportunity to display itself to the world, and the world gets to know the host country. I did not understand what was being said or sung at the 2008 Opening Ceremony of the Beijing Olympics, but it was beautiful nonetheless.

The Olympics transcend sports and capture human nature in a way no other sporting event can. In a growing global community, the Olympics do what politicians and world leaders cannot. For two weeks, the world comes together and is a bit more peaceful with four years later in 1900. All of the athletes are there at one time. How can an event be the best in sports if it is not all-inclusive? And how would Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh have won three gold medals without the Olympics, or how would we express our apathy without the "McKayla Maroney is not impressed" meme?

allowed women to compete just

Furthermore, the Olympics break down barriers and bring the world closer. In the 1936 Berlin Olympics, when racism was prevalent and Hitler was championing an ideal Aryan race, African-American track athlete Jesse Owens stood atop the podium, not once, but four times. In 1968 after the 200-meter dash, gold medalist Tommie Smith and bronze medalist John Carlos, raised their fists clad in black gloves and bowed their heads in solidarity with the civil rights movement.

The stories do not get any larger than at the Olympics. Jim Thorpe winning two gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon in Stockholm in 1912, Ethiopian marathoner Abebe Bikila's barefoot run in Rome in 1960 to become the first black African athlete to win a gold, 14-year-old Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci's flawless performances on her way to three golds, a silver and a bronze in 1976 in Montreal, runner Kirani James winning Grenada's first gold medal ever in the 2012 London Olympics, Michael Phelps winning eight in Beijing in 2008—the list goes on.

And if the emotions and stories are not enough to convince that the Olympics are the greatest sporting event, here are some numbers for the heartless people out there. In the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Nielson Media Research estimated 4.7 billion people tuned into the Games over the course of two weeks. That's nearly 70 percent of the world's population. Hypothetically, if we watched the Super Bowl every day over the course of the 16-day Olympiad (using Super Bowl XLV, the most watched event in U.S. history with 111 million viewers), it falls nearly 3 billion viewers short of the Beijing Olympics. The 2006 FIFA World Cup in South Africa, over 30 days, had a total of 715 million viewers, according to FIFA. The World Cup, which was held twice in the time span between Olympic Games, has 6.5 times less viewership than the Olympics. Even the Opening Ceremonies of the 2008 Olympics beat all 30 days of the World Cup by 269 million viewers.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies win in rout



Connecticut junior guard Bria Hartley fights through a Marquette defender during the Huskies' 94-37 victory over the Golden Eagles on Tuesday night. Hartley made five three-pointers to tie her career high.

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis scored 24 points and Bria Hartley added 20 to lead No. 3 Connecticut to a 94-37 rout of Marquette on Tuesday night.

Mosqueda-Lewis hit her first eight shots and her first five 3-point attempts, while Hartley tied a career high with five 3-pointers. Six Huskies scored in double figures, including all five starters. Caroline Doty added 12 points, going 4-of-4 from behind the arc for the Huskies (21-1, 8-1 Big East), who were coming off a lackluster sixpoint win at St. John's. Brookly Pumroy had 11 points to lead Marquette (11-11, 3-6), which has never beaten UConn in nine attempts. Marquette opened the game with a 3-point basket from Chelsie Butler, but that was the only lead the Golden Eagles would enjoy. UConn responded with a 19-0 run, capped by Doty's third 3-pointer of the game. A pair of free throws from Kelly Faris gave the Huskies their first 30-point lead at 38-8 midway through the first half

and the rout was on.

Coach Geno Auriemma had criticized Mosqueda-Lewis recently for not looking for her shot as much as she should. She responded by hitting all seven of her attempts in the first half Tuesday, including five from behind the arc. Mosqueda-Lewis now leads the nation with 67 3-pointers. She came into the game ranked second in accuracy from behind the arc hitting just under 50 percent of her attempts.

Marquette, meanwhile, made just six baskets as a team in the first half, shooting 20 percent from the floor. They went into the locker room trailing 62-17 at halftime.

UConn did not let up much in the second half, leading by as many as 58 points. The Huskies were 15 of 23 from 3-point range and shot 55 percent from the floor.

Hartley, who was 0 for 7

on the bench, the Red Storm matched the Huskies, scoring 26 points in the paint. UConn had 30 inside points Tuesday, to just 14 for Marquette.

Katherine Plouffe, Marquette's leading scorer, was held to just four points. She didn't score in the teams' first meeting this season, an 85-51 UConn win on Jan. 12.

The game was the first in a three-game road trip for Marquette, which heads to Villanova and Cincinnati before going home to host No. 2 Notre Dame on Feb. 17.

UConn played without backup point guard Brianna Banks, who will miss the remainder of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her right leg.

Banks suffered the injury during the first half of the Huskies' 71-65 victory over St. John's on Saturday. The school released the diagnosis on Monday and said surgery would be scheduled in the coming weeks. The sophomore from Newnan, Ga. had been averaging 7.3 points and 1.7 assists in just over 17 minutes per game. She was shooting 47.9 percent from the field.

people cheering on their athletes and their nation.

It does not matter what sport is being played — people cheer for their countrymen. I don't know about you, but I was yelling at the TV when the United States badminton team was playing.

The Olympics give sports that usually do not get airtime the chance to be seen for once (albeit every four years), and the athletes who are not recognized on a daily basis have the chance to showcase their truly incredible talents.

The Olympics are the most inclusive of all sporting events. It does not discriminate. It was one of the first sporting events to allow women to compete. After beginning in 1896, the modern Olympiad So there you have it.

By tradition, by emotions, by the numbers and by the essence of sports, the Olympics are the oneand-only true sporting event.

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The views expressed in this Sports Authority are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. from 3-point range Saturday, hit 5-of-7 against the Golden Eagles.

Stefanie Dolson returned to the lineup after missing the St. John's game with a stomach bug and chipped in with 15 points. With the junior center

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MLB

Cardinals' Carpenter to miss season

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS Chris Carpenter, one of the best clutch pitchers in the storied history of the St. Louis Cardinals, may have thrown his final pitch.

General manager John Mozeliak and manager Mike Matheny announced Tuesday that Carpenter almost certainly won't pitch in 2013 and that his star-crossed career is probably over after a recurrence of a nerve injury that cost him most of last season. Carpenter did not attend, and Mozeliak said the emotions for the 37-year-old are still too raw.

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Retirement isn't official yet. Carpenter plans to seek further medical evaluation. But Mozeliak seemed resigned to losing him.

"He's leaving the door slightly open, but it's unlikely," Mozeliak said of Carpenter's return.

Carpenter's career numbers don't reflect his value to the team. He is 144-94 with a 3.76 ERA in a career that began in Toronto in 1997. He spent six seasons with the Blue Jays and nine in St. Louis. He won the 2005 NL Cy Young Award, going 21-5 with a 2.83 ERA, and was second in 2009 after going 17-4 with a 2.24 ERA.

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postseason results, including a 10-4 record and 3.00 ERA in 18 starts. There were the eight innings of three-hit shutout baseball in a Game 3 World Series win over Detroit in 2006, a series the Cardinals won in five games; a 1-0 shutout to beat Roy Halladay in Philadelphia in the deciding game of the 2011 NL division series; and the gutty Game 7 World Series-clinching win over Texas on three days' rest in 2011.

His career is all the more remarkable considering the amount of time he spent on the disabled list due to various shoulder, elbow and nerve injuries. He missed most of 2002, all of 2003, most of 2007 and 2008, and then last year's season that was limited to three regular-season starts.

Carpenter phoned Mozeliak on Friday and told him that after trying to throw off a mound, the nerve injury was back, this time including numbness in his right arm, even bruising on his shoulder and hand.

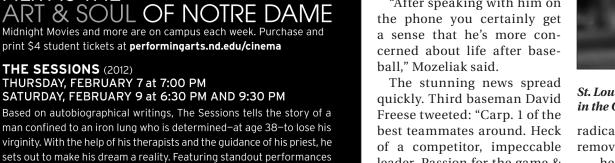
"After speaking with him on ball," Mozeliak said.

leader. Passion for the game & to win, cant top. (hash)ace."

Carpenter was a clubhouse force, a no-nonsense presence who set an example of grit and toughness. Consider 2012: He was written off as lost for the season after the nerve injury first emerged during spring training.

But in July, Carpenter had





the velocity and command not up to his normal standard.

witnessed a better competitor than Chris, and also leader," said Matheny, a former catcher and teammate of Carpenter's before his current role as manager.

Mozeliak agreed.

"When he was healthy he was one of the best," Mozeliak said. "He was blessed with talent but he also worked extremely hard. When I think back over the last 10 to 15 years here in St. Louis he was one of those guys who just helped create the model of success. He left nothing to chance."

Carpenter's contract calls for a \$12.5 million salary this year, of which \$2 million is deferred without interest and is to be paid in \$200,000 installments each July 1 from 2017-26.

As recently as the Cardinals' annual fan gathering in mid-January, Carpenter was saying he was healthy and eager to pitch in 2013. Mozeliak said Carpenter tried throwing from a mound perhaps three times before calling him, emotionally saying he didn't think he could pitch. "He felt to some degree he was letting us down," Mozeliak said. "I assured him nothing was further from the truth." Still, Matheny called the news "a kick in the gut" and the Cardinals have been through this before, too. Adam Wainwright had Tommy John surgery after hurting his elbow in 2011 and missed the entire season.



St. Louis starting pitcher Chris Carpenter reacts after giving up a triple in the Cardinals' 5-0 loss to the Giants in Game 6 of the 2012 NLCS.

radical surgery that included removal of a rib, and it worked — he pitched three games down the stretch to help St. Louis earn the final NL wild card spot. He beat Washington in the division series but was 0-2 in the NL championship series against eventual World Series winner San Francisco,

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SKIING

Vonn severely injured in championship crash

Associated Press

SCHLADMING, Austria — All it took was a moment. Lindsey Vonn landed hard and tumbled face first with a piercing shriek.

Just like that, the star American skier was on the ground with two torn ligaments in her right knee and a broken bone in her lower leg.

The cascading fall down the slope during the super-G at the world championships Tuesday knocked out the four-time World Cup champion for the rest of the season, the latest and most serious in a string of injuries for Vonn at skiing's biggest events.

The U.S. team said in a statement it expects her back for the next World Cup season and the 2014 Sochi Olympics, which start a year from this week.

The harrowing accident came after Vonn was lifted into the air off a jump in the opening race at the championships. As she hit the ground, her right leg gave way and she spun down face first, throwing an arm out to protect herself. She ended up on her back as she smashed through a gate.

On the television feed, Vonn was clearly heard screaming an expletive as she landed, then a despairing "Yes, yes," when someone asked, "Are you hurt?"

Race leader and eventual champion Tina Maze watched with her mouth agape. The concern also was obvious on the face of Vonn's sister, Laura Kildow, who has been traveling with her full time this season.

For 12 minutes, Vonn lay on the snow getting medical treatment before being airlifted by helicopter to a hospital in Schladming.

Vonn tore her anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament in her right knee, U.S. ski team medical director Kyle Wilkens said in a statement. The broken bone was described as a "lateral tibial plateau fracture."

Christian Kaulfersch, the assistant medical director at the worlds, said Vonn left the Schladming hospital on Tuesday afternoon and will have surgery in another hospital. "She first wanted to go back to the team

Tom Hackett, an orthopedic surgeon at the clinic and the team physician for the U.S. snowboard squad.

But Vonn could be looking at six-to-eight months before she's back on skis.

"It's not like at six months you say, 'OK, you can get back on a super-G course," Hackett said. "There's a progression to getting back on skis, getting back to taking some easy runs, getting back to some gates, and working your way back to some steeper terrain. There's a whole return to snow progression that we've developed over many years."

Time enough to get back for Sochi?

"I think so," Hackett said. "I would be very optimistic she could come back strong. She's a fierce competitor. She's a fighter and chances are that she will — I would think — essentially take all of that athletic energy and put it into her rehabilitation. There's a really good chance she could come back as strong as ever."

Comebacks are nothing new for Vonn, who has also been afflicted by injuries at her last six major championships - from a thumb she sliced on a champagne bottle at the 2009 worlds in Val d'Isere, France, to a bruised shin that she cured with Austrian cheese at the Vancouver Olympics.

This one, however, could prove the biggest test yet for the 28-year-old who won the downhill at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

Vonn took a month off this season after being hospitalized for an intestinal illness in November, and had just regained her form with two wins last month.

That was evident at the start of her Tuesday's run. She led Maze by 0.04 seconds at the first checkpoint and was just 0.12 back at the second interval and seemingly on her way to a medal, if not victory.

Exactly what went wrong was debated by competitors and officials at the championships.

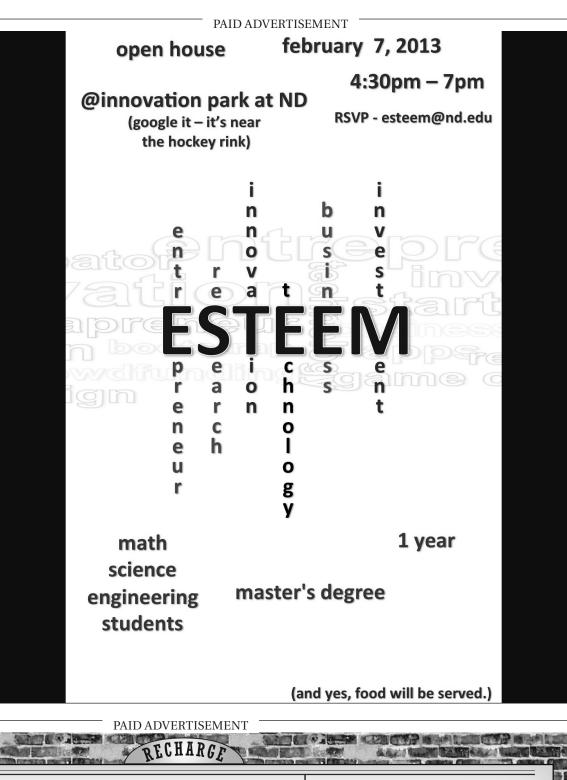
The start of the race was

delayed by three-and-a-half hours because of fog hanging over the course and it began in waning light at 2:30 p.m local time. Even before Vonn's crash, a course worker fell and also had to be airlifted. He was reported to have broken his nose.

All the delays made for what

skiers call flat light - overcast and dreary conditions — when Vonn raced.

"Lindsey did a great job on top and Lindsey has won a lot of races in flat light so the flat light was definitely not a problem," U.S. Alpine director Patrick Riml told the AP.



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hotel to mentally deal with all what has happened," Kaulfersch said.

Vonn's father, Alan Kildow, spoke with her by phone and said that she's, "mad at the way things turned out." His daughter told him that she landed in a clump of sugar snow, or ice crystals, that caused her to fall forward, he said.

"She's a tough character. A very determined and tough character," Kildow told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "She will be back."

Kildow said that surgery could take place as soon as this weekend, likely at the Steadman Clinic, in Vail, Colo. Recovery time varies, according to Dr.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Arkansas tops rival Gators

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Florida ran into an Arkansas team lying in wait Tuesday night, one that started quickly and never let up in an 80-69 win over the second-ranked Gators.

The loss snapped a 10-game winning streak for Florida (18-3, 8-1 Southeastern Conference), which had ascended to the No. 2 spot in the AP Top 25 one day earlier.

Arkansas opened the game 15 of 20 from the field. Michael Qualls and Marshawn Powell had 11 points each and 11 players scored for the Razorbacks (14-8, 5-4) in their first win over a top 10 team since early in 2008-09.

Mike Rosario led Florida with 15 points, while Scottie Wilbekin added 14, Michael Frazier 11 and Kennny Boynton 10. The Gators hit just 4 of their first 15 shots, 7 of 24 in the first half, and never recovered in suffering their first loss since a 67-61 setback at Kansas State on Dec. 22.

That loss was also the most points Florida had allowed in a game this season before Tuesday night.

"Clearly we did not play the level of defense that we had played," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "A combination of I didn't think we did a very good job and a combination of I thought they did do a very good job.

"They made some shots there early in the game and got themselves going."

The Razorbacks gave secondyear coach Mike Anderson the signature win had he been looking for in an electric Bud Walton Arena.

BJ Young led three players in double figures with 13 points as Arkansas opened quickly and never let up, fueled by a raucous crowd of 13,816. It was an energy-filled arena that reminded Anderson of the Arkansas of old — when he was an assistant to former coach Nolan Richardson when the Razorbacks were among the nation's best. half and extending the lead 49-26 following a jumper by Qualls. Florida had one final run in it — responding with an 11-2 stretch to cut the deficit to 51-37

after an inside basket by Frazier. The Gators did close the lead to 11 points, but by then it was too late against an Arkansas team in desperate need of a signature win, one that hasn't reached the NCAA tournament since 2008. The Razorbacks were then coached by current Florida assistant coach John Pelphrey, who entered Bud Walton Arena to handshakes and hugs Tuesday night before walking off the court with a stunning loss in his second return to his former home.

"They had that lead and we just kept trying to chip away, but they kept coming at us and eventually time just ran out," Florida's Erik Murphy said.

The win was Arkansas' first over a team ranked in the top 10 since victories over No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 7 Texas early in 2008-09, Pelphrey's second season.

Anderson took over last season, and his previous best win was over then-No. 15 Mississippi State. Tuesday's game was the third in six days for the Razorbacks, who have yet to win a game away from home this season.

"They were ready to play," Anderson said. "And I don't think it was just one game. Hopefully, I think, they want to continue to build on what's been taking place with this team."

Hunter Mickelson responded to Florida's second-half run with a putback for the Razorbacks, beginning a 16-3 run that opened the lead to 67-40 and put the game well out of reach. Coty Clarke closed out the run in emphatic fashion for Arkansas, flying high on the fast break to put down a one-handed dunk off an alley-oop pass from Ky Madden.

Arkansas, whose only home loss this season was to No. 9 Syracuse, owned the first half. The Razorbacks entered the

Sestito's goal lifts Flyers

Associated Press

NHL

PHILADELPHIA — Tom Sestito scored his first two goals in three years to lead the Philadelphia Flyers over the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Ilya Bryzgalov made 21 saves, shutting down the NHL's highest-scoring team to help the Flyers win their second straight game and improve to 4-6.

The Lightning, who entered averaging 4.9 goals per game, had dominated the series, winning seven of the previous nine meetings.

Benoit Pouliot scored for Tampa Bay. Steven Stamkos was held without a point for the first time this season as the Lightning (6-3) lost their second consecutive game.

Less than 2 minutes after Pouliot tied it in the third period, Sestito scored the go-ahead goal on a nearly identical move.

Sestito skated down the center on a break, took a pass from Ruslan Fedotenko and slipped a backhander under Andres Lindback's pads for a 2-1 lead with 8:49 left.

Sestito gave the Flyers a 1-0 lead 4:25 into the second period. He took a crossing pass from Jake Voracek, skated in from the right circle and niftily went to his backhand to beat



Philadelphia winger Tom Sestito scores on Lightning goaltender Anders Lindback during the Flyers' 2-1 victory Tuesday night.

Lindback.

Before that, Sestito's last NHL goal was on Dec. 23, 2010, for Columbus against Vancouver.

Bryzgalov was sent crashing to the ice after stopping Cory Conacher's shot in the third period. He got up slowly and earned a loud ovation from the crowd.

But shortly afterward, Pouliot lifted a shot over Bryzgalov's right shoulder to tie it.

Bryzgalov, who had an upand-down first season in Philadelphia after signing a \$51 million contract, has been excellent this year. He lowered his 2.40 goals-against average and improved his .920 save percentage.

Bryzgalov made an outstanding save on Stamkos, sliding post-to-post to keep the game scoreless late in the first.

Philadelphia's Zac Rinaldo decked B.J. Crombeen with a flurry of fists after they dropped their gloves a few minutes into the game. Crombeen seemed woozy as he slowly got up and left the ice. He didn't return as a precaution.

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The win improves the Razorbacks to 14-1 at home this season.

"If I gave two game balls tonight, one would certainly go to our fans," Anderson said. "This place was lively tonight. It brought back a lot of memories for myself, especially sitting on that bench and seeing our fans so engaged in the game."

After trailing by as many as 23 points in the first half, the Gators cut the lead to 43-26 at halftime.

The Razorbacks didn't give Florida a chance to come up for air to open the second half, forcing turnovers on two straight possessions to open the second game 12th in the SEC in 3-point shooting at 29.8 percent, but they opened the game 5 of 6 from behind the arc and built a 36-13 lead midway through the half.

Mardracus Wade and Young hit 3-pointers in the half for Arkansas, which easily sent Florida to its largest deficit of the season at 36-13. The most the Gators had trailed before Tuesday was 11 points in the first half of the loss to Kansas State.

Florida's winning streak was the school's longest since 2008-09. That included four straight SEC road games, and the Gators were attempting to win five straight conference games away from home for the first time in a season.

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Belles prepare to host No. 2 Calvin

By A.J. GODEAUX Sports Writer

Coming off a 73-58 loss to Albion, Saint Mary's will look to right the ship with a tough home matchup Wednesday night against No. 2 Calvin.

The teams come into the game in the middle of two very different seasons. The Belles (5-17, 3-10 MIAA), have lost six straight and seem to be building for next year, giving their young roster some valuable experience. The Knights (19-1, 11-0), on the other hand, are riding an 18-game winning streak that has vaulted them up the national polls.

The competitors met almost two months ago on Dec. 15, and the Knights took home a 77-56 victory. When asked what needed to change from the teams' first matchup, Belles coach Jenn Henley said her team needed to tighten its game at both ends of the floor.

"We need to cut down on turnovers and be more efficient on the offensive end of things," she said.

In that first matchup, the Belles shot a paltry 38.7 percent from the floor and turned the ball over 24 times, which the Knights converted into 19 points. By contrast, the Belles only scored six points off of 19 Calvin turnovers.

Despite its turnover problem, Henley said the team's focus during practice this week was primarily on defense.

"[We] have to keep teams off the free throw line," Henley said. "The only way you do that is through better defense."

The play of junior guard Shanlynn Bias has been one bright spot for the Belles during their losing streak. Bias has lead the team in scoring four of the past five games, putting up 15 points in three of those contests. She also led the Belles with 14 points in the first matchup with Calvin.

Despite Bias' scoring surge, it will take a lot for the Belles to take down the Knights. Other than a five-point win against No. 4 Hope, the Knights' closest conference game was a 22-point win against Alma.

Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Angela Athletic Center.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats win in SEC clash

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky was so effective Tuesday night against South Carolina that Wildcats coach John Calipari almost seemed to regret pointing out some of his team's mistakes.

That's because the Wildcats' successes outweighed their failures in a 77-55 blowout that brought the Wildcats within a game of first-place Florida in the Southeastern Conference. Julius Mays' 15 points led five Kentucky players in double figures as the defending national champions shot 61 percent for their fourth straight victory and perhaps most complete in conference play.

The Wildcats shot 27 of 44 from the field and outrebounded the Gamecocks 42-25. Kentucky's shooting percentage was its third-highest effort this season.

Calipari found fault with Kentucky's 17 turnovers, which didn't matter because the Wildcats also held the Gamecocks to 17-of-59 shooting (28.8 percent).

"We shoot 60 percent, hold them to 28 percent and I'm not totally happy. I must be a jerk,"

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Kentucky freshman guard Archie Goodwin elevates for a layup during the Wildcats' 77-55 win over South Carolina on Tuesday.

the coach said. "I've been called worse, by the way. I don't know if you know that."

The Wildcats (16-6, 7-2), meanwhile can be called conference contenders again on a night that began with them two games behind Florida before the No. 2 Gators suffered their first league loss, 80-69 at Arkansas, earlier in the evening.

Kentucky ended the night

within striking distance of Florida, just what the Wildcats were looking for with their first meeting against the Gators next Tuesday in Gainesville, Fla.

Mays' four 3-pointers led the way Tuesday as he paced Kentucky's scorers after tying with Nerlens Noel for the team lead in Saturday's overtime win at Texas A&M with a seasonhigh 19.

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said the Wildcats' slow offensive tempo kept the game tight.

"Their style of play, that's the way they play, they use the clock," she said. "You get one shot and then you know they're going to come down and use 30 seconds, and if they get an offensive rebound they're going to use 30 more.

"It's a hard game to flow when you're an up-tempo team like we are, because our whole game is based on running and getting the transition going and we just weren't able to do that. It's a very difficult game for us."

The Irish turned up the defensive heat early in the contest, implementing a full-court press every time the Wildcats inbounded the ball. According to McGraw, the tactic was meant to counteract Villanova's methodical offense.

"We were trying to use some of

the clock so that when we were (on defense), we only had to guard their offense for maybe 13 seconds instead of 30," McGraw said.

Senior guard and leading scorer Skylar Diggins struggled from the field, shooting 4-for-17 from the field, including 0-for-3 from beyond the 3-point arc.

"I think the pace was difficult. To play at that pace, you start to press a little bit because you want to go a little faster than normal, so I think (Diggins) was probably just trying too hard," McGraw said of the guard's struggles.

Unlike Diggins, junior forward Natalie Achonwa thrived in the matchup against the Wildcats. Consistently playing against undersized Villanova defenders, she registered 19 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks to lead Notre Dame.

"She's playing extremely well," McGraw said of Achonwa. "She's just such a big part of our and we got her the ball, and she did a great job."

Dame held on to defeat the Wildcats on Tuesday night 59-52.

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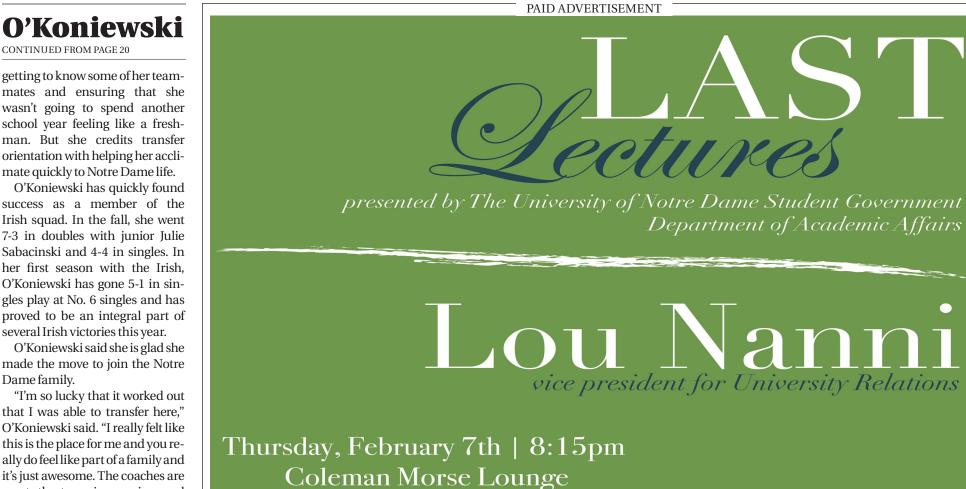
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The Irish will head east again this weekend when they face Seton Hall in South Orange, N.J.,

at the Walsh Gymnasium on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Refreshments will be provided

Louis M. Nanni is the vice president for University Relations at the University of Notre Dame. In this role, he oversees the University's efforts in development, advisory councils, special events and the Notre Dame Alumni Association. Mr. Nanni graduated from Notre Dame in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in government and the Program of Liberal Studies.

getting to know some of her teammates and ensuring that she wasn't going to spend another school year feeling like a freshman. But she credits transfer orientation with helping her acclimate quickly to Notre Dame life.

O'Koniewski has quickly found success as a member of the Irish squad. In the fall, she went 7-3 in doubles with junior Julie Sabacinski and 4-4 in singles. In her first season with the Irish, O'Koniewski has gone 5-1 in singles play at No. 6 singles and has proved to be an integral part of several Irish victories this year.

O'Koniewski said she is glad she made the move to join the Notre Dame family.

"I'm so lucky that it worked out that I was able to transfer here," O'Koniewski said. "I really felt like this is the place for me and you really do feel like part of a family and it's just awesome. The coaches are great, the team is amazing, and I'm just very lucky to be a part of it."

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competition.

"[Reaching the NCAA Championships] kind of raises the standard," she said. "It kind of puts more pressure on you, thinking, 'I made NCAA's in spring, I should make it in the winter'. It's a lot harder in the winter because they take fewer people. But the fact that you've been there before makes you want it that much more again."

Yanik and the rest of the Irish will next compete in the Grand Valley Big Meet Invitational in Allendale, Mich., this weekend.

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The Last Lecture Series is an opportunity for some of the most dynamic and entertaining professors at Notre Dame to share with students their life lessons and experiences and to extol what we really need to know in life. The Origin of the Series: Just a month after receiving a prognosis that his pancreatic cancer was terminal, Randy Pausch delivered his "last lecture" entitled Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams at Carnegie Mellon University. Shortly after the lecture, a book entitled The Last Lecture was released based on Pausch's speech, which became a New York Times best seller. The book brought about great publicity to the concept of a last lecture.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Cristiano Ronaldo, 28; Michael Sheen, 44; Jennifer Jason Leigh, 51; Christopher Guest, 65

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Happy Birthday: Take responsibility and follow your own path. Learn from experi-ence in order to keep moving in a positive direction. Learn that you can do with less and you will end up with much more. Do things that make you proud and cause others to take note. Direct and honest communication will bring good results. Your numbers are 4, 14, 22, 29, 31, 42, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Change things up a bit. Try something new or get involved in activities that are conducive to love, romance and expanding your circle of friends. Greater opportunity to earn money doing something you enjoy is apparent. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotions and money will not mix well. Don't make a donation based on guilt. Put more thought into how you can make a difference without limiting your cash flow or your integrity. A past partner will cause problems. $\star\star\star$ GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Uncertainty will set in, causing a lack of vision with regard to both personal and professional matters. Proceed with caution to avoid being blamed for passing along false information. Spend time improving your skills or updating your appearance. $\star\star\star$

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be faced with opportunities and choices to make. Don't let a flashy offer override other possibilities. Give ample time to figuring out what is best for you. Sometimes a slower start leads to a solid and secure future.. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Shake things up by traveling to unfamiliar places or trying your hand at something new and exciting. Sharing with people you feel emotionally attached to will help you realize what you want to achieve. Consider an investment opportunity. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a closer look at what's going on in your life and with the people you must deal with daily. A problem with a peer or boss can lead to emotional mistakes. You should be working toward securing your position practically. ** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Fix up a space at home that will encourage you to develop a

profitable skill or service. You shouldn't have to go over budget if you have worked out all your expenses carefully. A partnership change will improve your prospects. ****** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid controversy when it's creative input that will help you explore and expand new avenues. Walk away from anyone placing restrictions on you or the activities you want to attend. A personal change will turn out to be inspirational. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't believe everything. Ask questions and rely on the people you know and trust to help you see your situation clearly. Love is in the stars, and a special partnership can make your life better financially, emotionally and physically. *****

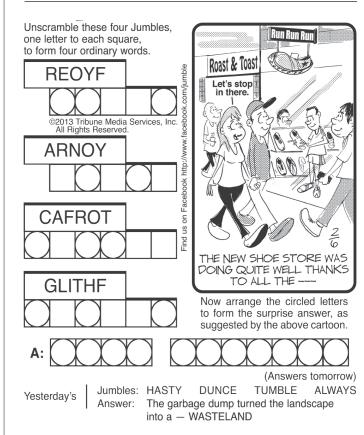
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Proceed with caution if you are dealing with someone using personal information in the workplace. Protect your reputation and focus on diplomacy and doing the best job possible. Offer positive help and you will redirect negative connotations. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep everyone guessing. The more changeable you are, the more intriguing you will become. A personal opportunity will lead to a change of residence or living situation. Romance is in the stars and personal stability within reach. ********

PISCES (Feb. 19- March 20): Go over your personal papers. Update your skills or talk to someone about a problem you face that could lead to legal repercussions. Don't blow situations out of proportion. Bide your time, but be prepared to take action if necessary. **

Birthday Baby: You are emotional, driven and competitive. You think big and take action.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ND 59, VILLANOVA 52

McGraw joins 700-win club

With friends and family watching, coach returns to home state to reach milestone victory

By CORY BERNARD Sports Writer

Irish coach Muffet McGraw spent much of her pre-Notre Dame life either playing or coaching basketball in the Philadelphia area, so it was only fitting she record her 700th career win there Tuesday night.

No. 2 Notre Dame held on to beat Villanova 59-52 at The Pavilion in Villanova, Pa., and McGraw joined 12 other Division I coaches in the 700-win club.

"It made it so much sweeter," McGraw said of the homecoming atmosphere. "It was just so much better and so great to have all my friends and family in my hometown. It just really made this one special."

McGraw said her players wanted to get the milestone win, but a road victory over the Wildcats (16-6, 5-4 Big East) was enough

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cause for celebration.

"I think they were acutely aware (of the milestone) early. I think they were aware and I think they wanted to get it done," she said. "It's a hard game for us. It was just a great effort by them to maintain their poise down the stretch. And having a win not just for 700, but just getting a win at Villanova is difficult, so I'm just really thrilled we got that."

The Irish (21-1, 9-0) never trailed, but never pulled away either. They closed the first half on a 10-2 run to take a 29-21 lead into the locker room, but never led by more than 10 in the second half. With 4:45 remaining in the game, Villanova junior guard Devon Kane sank a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 48-46. Notre Dame responded with an 11-6 run to seal the victory. McGraw

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Irish coach Muffett McGraw joined the elite club of 12 other Division I women's basketball coaches with 700 career wins Tuesday night when Notre Dame defeated Villanova 59-52 at The Pavilion in Villanova, Pa.

TRACK

Transfer finds home with Irish



Sprinter leads by example

By LAURA COLETTI Sports Writer

During the dreary days of February, one need look no further than Irish junior sprinter Megan Yanik for living proof that hard work does pay off.

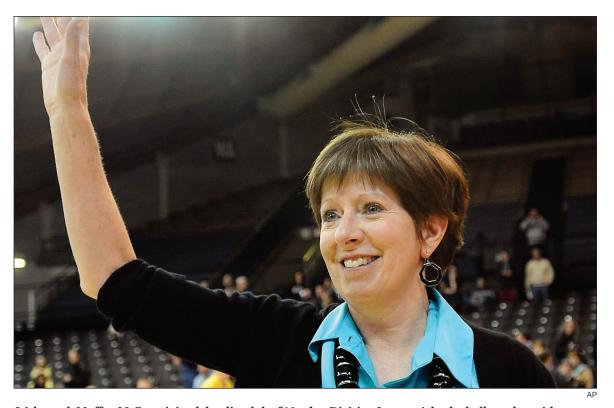
During her sophomore campaign, the Plymouth, Mich., native competed in 12 indoor and outdoor events for the Irish, and she reached the Outdoor NCAA Championships in both the 400-meter hurdles and as a part of the 4x400m relay team. A major in pre-professional

results."

This indoor season, Yanik said she is looking to add to her list of accomplishments. Her 4-x-400 meter relay team has its sights set on qualifying for the Indoor NCAA Championships.

"I think we have a pretty good chance at doing it," she said. "They only take about 10 teams each year, but if we work really hard we have a really good chance of doing it."

Along the way, she has already started to collect other victories. She placed first in the 500-meter race last weekend with a time of 1:13.22 at



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Irish sophomore Molly O'Koniewski serves during Notre Dame's match against Bowling Green on January 18. O'Koniewski transferred to Notre Dame from Virginia after her freshman year.

By VICKY JACOBSEN

Sports Writer

For a while, it looked like Molly O'Koniewski was the one that got away.

Irish coach Jay Louderback showed the high schooler from Hilton Head, S.C., around Notre Dame's campus the day before Thanksgiving Break in Nov. 2010. Even though most of the student body had already left, O'Koniewski said the campus "had that special feel to it."

But this special feeling didn't keep her from committing to the

University of Virginia. "I had recruited her when she was in high school and really liked her, and we were interested in her," Louderback said. "She committed to Virginia early, so even though she was probably someone we would've offered a scholarship to, we didn't do it because she had already committed."

But by the end of her freshman season last May, O'Koniewski was having second thoughts about her college choice, and called Louderback to see if she could transfer to Notre Dame.

"When she called me we

were interested, definitely," Louderback said. "We had a scholarship open, and it was a good year to bring someone in."

O'Koniewski didn't hesitate. "[There were] a few different reasons [for leaving Virginia], but I just felt like I could do really well under Jay and [assistant coach Kelcy Flores's] coaching style," O'Koniewski said. "I always loved Notre Dame, I just felt like it would be a better fit for me."

She spent the summer on campus, attending summer school,

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studies and Spanish, she also earned the distinction of Big East Academic All-Star.

With that bank of experience, Yanik said she is an advocate of leading by example. And on a team with such high standards, she said it is important to help the underclassmen buy into the work ethic.

"A goal for the team is to win the Big East Championships," she said. "We have a really talented team all across the board in each event. At practice, it could sometimes be easy to slack off or not work as hard, but I always try to put forth my best effort to show the underclassmen that if you put in the work, you'll see the Notre Dame's annual Meyo Invitational.

"It's definitely exciting to [win at] the [Meyo Invitational] because there's a lot of good competition with teams from all over," Yanik said. "I kind of try to think of each race in the same way, I try to run them all as if it's the same meet. I try to focus on myself running and not the competition and where they're at."

Since she has already made a trip to the NCAA Championships once, Yanik said she is determined to get there again, this time during both indoor and outdoor

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