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Green Summit uncovers 'footprint of food'



Executive Chef Don Miller discusses sustainable eating practices with guests at the Green Summit in the Joyce Center Monday.

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Chef: Notre Dame makes a difference with marine stewardship seafood

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

The food that you eat can be the greatest source of nourishment or the slowest form of poison, members of the Notre Dame community discussed at yesterday's Green Summit.

This year's Green Summit, titled "The Footprint of Food," was the third annual event presented by the Office of Sustainability.

Green Summit III opened with welcoming remarks from Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, followed by a keynote address by Executive Chef Don Miller.

"An important thing to gain from today is awareness of what is happening," Miller said in his keynote address yesterday.

Miller focused on seafood and sustainability within marine life in his speech.

"At Notre Dame, we decided we do want to make a difference and lead the way with marine stewardship foods," Miller said, "Now over 25 percent of seafood purchases are marine stewardship approved."

Senior Connor Kobeski gave the prayer, asking that we "show respect for the food that is our life-giving food" and remember to give food to the hungry "not just one day but every day."

Discussions about sustainability took place between participants, with attendees moving between four tables at which they spent 15 minutes each discussing new topics. The four topics discussed were seafood, food and climate change, food waste and local food. During the discussions, a different course of a sustainable, low-carbon emissions food was served at each table.

Members of the Notre Dame

community who attended the event were especially interested in knowing where their food came from and knowing what they were putting in their bodies.

"I really liked the awareness in the dining halls about sustainability and healthy eating but it's a lot harder living off campus, especially because you can't go to the store every day or every two days even as a college kid so you have to settle for frozen," senior Timothy Thayer, one of the participants, said.

"Healthy choices are difficult," sophomore Connor Skelly said. "Take Whole Foods, or as my dad calls it 'Whole Salary.' It might sell the best foods for you, but it's also the most expensive."

At each table, discussion leaders also had handouts for participants ranging from recipe cards for healthy

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Tickets run for Class Councils

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Seven tickets have been approved to run for Class Council. For Senior Class Council, two tickets have been approved, Junior Class Council, two tickets, and Sophomore Class Council, three tickets.

The elections will take place online from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Sophomore Class Council

◆ **Brett Rocheleau, Kevin Doherty, Kathleen Kehl, Patrick Adams**

Experience with student government at Notre Dame sets Brett Rocheleau's ticket apart from the others in the running for Sophomore Class Council, he said.

Rocheleau, currently the treasurer for Freshman Class Council, is running alongside Kevin Doherty, Kathleen Kehl and Patrick Adams to represent the Class of 2013 next year.

"Our biggest event would be

'Domecoming,' a homecoming dance for the sophomore class similar to those held at other colleges," Rocheleau said.

Some of the major plans incorporated in their platform also include class trips to Chicago and Cedar Point amusement park as well as a campus-wide poker tournament. Rocheleau said he hopes to see the sophomore class hand out free energy drinks during finals week.

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Olympics offer students needed break from class

Favorite sports to watch include skiing, skating

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

While students face academic challenges on Notre Dame's campus in South Bend, their minds are easily distracted by the athletic challenges of the Winter Olympics taking place now in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Freshman Peter Kerrian paired engineering work with online recaps of curling matches during his study breaks.

"I have learned a lot about curling because I've been watching it on my computer for the past few days," Kerrian said. "I think I could go out to play it and understand the rules."

Student favorites tended to include sports less obscure and more intense than curling. Junior Aryelle Emison watched the United States hockey team upset the Canadians in a surprise victory Sunday.

"The game was so intense," she said. "Everyone was really excited."

The intensity of the competition in the Winter Games

draws fans to high-profile events such as speed skating and downhill skiing.

"The Winter Olympics are more exciting because so many of the sports have a chance of death," sophomore Steph Lowe said. "You really get a sense of the passion and the competition because these athletes put their life on the line for their sport."

Freshman Ally Scalo mainly follows pairs ice skating and downhill skiing. She mentioned gold-medal-winning American skier Lindsey Vonn as one of the athletes that she is following in particular.

"The Winter Olympics are fun to watch but they are a lot of random events just thrown together," Scalo said. "I'm mostly a fan of the Summer Olympics."

Preferences between the Summer and Winter Games tended to vary between students' home environments.

"I prefer the Summer Olympics because I'm from Australia," senior Xavier Burton said. "And we always have more representatives in

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Scientists embrace their inner geek

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

For Notre Dame students who love science, the second annual Geek Week is a can't-miss series of science- and math-related events.

Geek Week, which kicked off Monday with a Geek Family Feud hosted by Notre Dame's chapter of the American Chemical Society, will continue through Friday and conclude with the "Beauty and the Geek" dance that evening at 8 p.m.

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GEEK WEEK EVENTS

DISSECTION NIGHT - TODAY

CHEMISTRY DEMONSTRATION - WEDNESDAY

SUDOKU CHALLENGE - THURSDAY

"BEAUTY & THE GEEK" DANCE - FRIDAY

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INSIDE COLUMN

Don't worry,
be happy

What's a six-letter word for the one thing that permeates every aspect of a college student's life, perpetually hangs over your head like the overcast weather in South Bend and refuses to disappear after the trials and tribulations of college life are a thing of the past?

Kristin Durbin
News Wire Editor

Stress. The word itself sends chills down my spine, and yet the concept it represents remains an inevitable, integral part of my daily life as a Notre Dame student. Planning my schedule a month in advance and attempting to write papers earlier than the night before they're due might temporarily relieve my anxieties, but generalized worry follows me around like that friend nobody likes.

We all know what stress feels like, and we've exhausted a wide variety of stress relief remedies: working out, eating chocolate, venting about stress to a friend, wasting our lives on Facebook, laughing about nothing for an extended period of time and embracing the blessing that is the weekend. Unfortunately, nearly all these methods are temporary cures, lingering just long enough to catch a glimpse of what our lives would be like without stress.

Despite the futile attempts I've made at simplifying my life, the unyielding stream of tests, papers, activities and events that fill my weeks is oddly comforting, a constant reminder of my (generally) good work ethic and how it got me to where I am.

Throughout high school, I crammed my days with almost every imaginable extracurricular activity, from softball and show choir to band and student government. Miraculously, I managed to succeed academically even though I spent the majority of my time inside the beige brick walls of my high school.

On the bright side, my daunting schedule taught me to manage my time by compartmentalizing my life into chunks of time. I've applied this method to my first semester and a half of college, achieving relative success. I have more free time now than I did in high school, but those extra hours sometimes seem to melt into nothing. Still, the overarching feeling of being overwhelmed by future events persists, leading me back to my original dilemma: how can you make stress evaporate into thin air forever?

As of right now, I haven't found a way to accomplish that lofty goal.

I wouldn't call myself an expert on stress relief, but I have realized a few things about stress and how to postpone its onset:

Don't sweat the small stuff. It's easier said than done, but being bitter about that A-minus in psych won't help you in the long run.

Make time for yourself. Watch a movie, listen to music, read a book or exercise. Just set aside some "me" time once in awhile.

Talk to someone about it. Venting sessions with friends can lighten the load of stress.

Have fun! Go out on weekends, spend time with friends and take advantage of all the opportunities Notre Dame has to offer.






When stress gets you down, just take Gary Go's advice: "Gotta look myself in the eye, and say it's gonna be alright."

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE ATHLETE IN THE 2010 WINTER OLYMPICS?

				
Mitch Gainer <i>sophomore Keenan</i>	Annie Castner <i>freshman Pangborn</i>	Kaity Veenstra <i>sophomore Lyons</i>	Andrew Ofsonka <i>sophomore Keenan</i>	Mike Wiederecht <i>sophomore Keenan</i>
<i>"That one Russian chick ... I dig accents."</i>	<i>"Apolo Ohno."</i>	<i>"Lindsey Vonn."</i>	<i>"Nicole Joraanstad."</i>	<i>"Debbie McCormick ... curling's where it's at!"</i>

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



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Chinese dancing tigers perform at the Notre Dame Chinese Friendship Association in celebration of the Chinese Spring Festival welcoming the Year of the Tiger Sunday.

OFFBEAT

Great Dane sets Guinness record for tallest dog

TUCSON, Ariz. — A 250-pound blue Great Dane from Arizona gives new meaning to the term "big dog." Guinness World Records says Giant George from Tucson is the tallest dog ever on record. Guinness said Monday that he stands 3 feet, 7 inches tall from paw to shoulder, which is three-quarters of an inch taller than his closest rival — Titan, a white Great Dane from San Diego.

The 4-year-old Titan took the title of world's tallest dog in 2009 after Gibson, a Great Dane from Grass Valley,

Calif., died of bone cancer.

Guinness officials say there were conflicting reports about Giant George's height, so they sent a judge to verify it.

The 4-year-old is owned by David Nasser.

Photographer causes delay in women's luge race

WHISTLER, British Columbia — A photographer caused a delay during a crucial moment of the women's luge competition on Tuesday when he accidentally knelt on a switch that sent water spurting on to the track.

Germany's bronze medalist Natalie Geisenberger

was just about to push off for her fourth run down the Whistler course when a red warning light flashed at the starting gate — causing a two-minute delay.

"It was a hold put on the track as a result of a hydrant being accidentally activated, spraying water on the track. It was a obviously a matter of safety for the athlete," race director Ed Moffat said.

Geisenberger, who did not make a fuss over the incident, missed silver by a fraction of a second.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

An exhibit titled "All Art is Propaganda" will open at 8 a.m. today in Room 102 of Hesburgh Library.

"Expanding the Boundaries: Selected Drawings from the Yvonne and Gabriel P. Weisberg Collection" will be hosted in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries West of the Snite Museum of Art beginning at 10 a.m. today.

Daily Mass will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. today.







The Kellogg Institute will host "Living by the Sword and Dying by the Sword?: Leadership Transitions in and out of Dictatorships" today in Room C103 of the Hesburgh Center. The lecture will begin at 12:30 p.m.

"Prospects for Peace in Israel-Palestine" will begin at 4 p.m. in the Sorin Room of LaFortune Student Center. The seminar will be sponsored by the Notre Dame International Security program and co-sponsored by Student Government.

Bengal Bouts semifinals will begin at 7 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. General admission is \$6.

Eric Coble's play "Natural Selection" will premiere at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$10.

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	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 33 LOW 29	HIGH 24 LOW 21	HIGH 26 LOW 22	HIGH 28 LOW 21	HIGH 32 LOW 22	HIGH 34 LOW 24

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Saint Mary’s celebrates women’s appreciation

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College will show its appreciation for women and raise awareness to some of the problems they face through the annual Women’s Appreciation Week.

Saint Mary’s College Student Diversity Board (SDB) sponsors the week, which began Monday and will run through Friday.

Women’s Appreciation Week is being held to “cele-

brate and empower women on our campus,” Sarah Ridley, a senior and one SDB’s women’s issues representatives, said.

Senior Gretchen Moore is also one of SDB’s women’s issues representatives.

The opening event for the week was a booth in the Student Center Atrium where members of SDB handed out free buttons in honor of women. Buttons were passed out from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Ridley said the events

have been planned to help alert students about matters concerning women.

“Student Diversity Board hopes to educate and raise awareness on women’s issues locally and globally,” Ridley said.

SDB has planned a panel discussion for Tuesday titled “What it Means to be a Feminist.” The panel will consist of Bettina Spencer, Alice Siqin Yang, Stacy Davis and Terri Russ, who will give their perspective on feminism. The discussion will be at 7 p.m. in

Conference Room F of the Student Center Basement.

Wednesday, SDB will host an informational session about the Women’s Studies Program at the College featuring program coordinator Jennifer Zachman. Zachman will discuss Women’s Studies majors and minors during the session, which will be in Conference Room F in the Student Center Basement at 7 p.m. Current Women Studies students will also be present to speak with students about the pro-

gram, Ridley said.

Thursday, SDB will be hold an open breakfast in the Women’s Resource Center from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Ridley said she believes the week is important because it allows women to be appreciated.

“[The week is important because it] takes time for recognition and appreciation towards the accomplishments and progressive movement women have made, and are still making today,” Ridley said. “Also, [it is important] to celebrate being a student at an empowering, all women’s college.”

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choices made with low carbon emitting foods or a seafood wallet card about making the right choices.

The Green Summit III was sponsored by the Office of Sustainability in collaboration with ND Food Services. Co-sponsors included Student Government, GreeND, Students for Environmental Action, ND For Animals and Gluten Free ND.

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Rocheleau said his class would host the annual Halloween dance, a class tailgate before a home football game and a service project with St. Baldrick's Day and Feed My Starving Children.

♦Richard Bevington, Ashley Armendariz, Elliot Pearce, Sadaf Meghani

Richard Bevington, Ashley Armendariz, Elliot Pearce and Sadaf Maghani hope to build an identity for the Class of 2013 that is influenced by its range of opinions and interests, Bevington said.

"We want there to be opportunities to break the bubble of our campus and learn about what our community can offer us, whether that is taking a local white water rafting trip or just learning what restaurants are in South Bend," Bevington said.

The "Breaking the Bubble" platform centers on allowing the Class of 2013 to explore the world outside of campus and plans for interactive cultural events, such as salsa dancing lessons and cultural cuisine nights.

Class activities would also include a Disney movie night or a special pep rally for the athletes of the sophomore class.

In order to encourage students to share their thoughts for Class Council, Bevington would use idea boards and Class of 2013 Stall Notes to post ideas and stay updated on student government plans.

"We want to make the Class of 2013 a model for future classes

in learning how to reach past the barriers that sometimes confine us at Notre Dame," Bevington said.

♦John McKissick, Brianna Neblung, Alex Draime, Ian Trudell

John McKissick, Brianna Neblung, Alex Draime and Ian Trudell hope to build an identity for the Class of 2013 centered around the relationships formed between members of the sophomore class.

"The main idea in our campaign is communication," McKissick said.

"Communication is huge because in something like student government, a great idea can do nothing if it is not heard."

McKissick plans to create an accessible and engaging Web site for the sophomore class to help facilitate communication.

McKissick cited choosing a major and planning for study abroad as areas that his ticket hopes to highlight in its plans. One event on the agenda is a stress-relieving dance called "A Night of Indecision."

More transportation options for away games and more widespread service opportunities are also important elements of McKissick's platform.

"We also want to commission work and projects by the Class of 2013 to unite and engage students as intellectuals," McKissick said.

Junior Class Council

♦Chase Riddle, Paul Moya, CJ Kelly, Megan Carey

Chase Riddle and his running mates Paul Moya, CJ Kelly and Megan Carey will call on extensive experience in student gov-

ernment to make the Junior Class Council accessible to as many ideas from students as possible.

One of the featured events in their platform's plans is a CEO coffee talk where students can sit down and speak with executives from various companies to learn from their input, Riddle said.

A quarter dog eating contest, a spelling bee and a four-square tournament would also be on the docket for a "useful skill decathlon" to bring students from different interest groups together. Junior Parents Weekend, a focus for Junior Class Council, would also include a charity ball or auction in order to give back to the community.

In order to maintain a unified Class of 2012, Riddle also hopes to plan activities to better incorporate and welcome students returning from study abroad.

"As leaders we want to focus on the things that are important but not leave any portion of the class out," Riddle said. "As four people, we have to put together the ideas of all to allow for the dynamic of our class to develop."

♦James Ward, William Thwaites, Tess Fitzpatrick, Lauren Ruhling

Tackling financial hurdles and creating an approachable student government are among the challenges that James Ward, William Thwaites, Tess Fitzpatrick and Lauren Ruhling plan to conquer as leaders of Junior Class Council.

"We would like to plan bigger events and make them more affordable to students," Ward said.

Class apparel would be upgraded to include a wider and "nicer range of options," including polo shirts and zip-up jackets, to fund larger events for the class.

Some possible events include a trip to the Indianapolis 500 and a class ball to replace Prom on the Lawn.

Their platform also includes service opportunities such as a class training day with the Human Society to make the service group more accessible to students.

Ward also hopes to set up informal "office hours" for Class Council in order for juniors to have a relaxed forum to contribute their ideas.

Senior Class Council

♦Tim Castellini, Jessica Leiferman, Brittany Johnson, Cole Patterson

Tim Castellini, Jessica Leiferman, Brittany Johnson and Cole Patterson plan to unify the Class of 2011 during their last year at Notre Dame if elected as leaders of Senior Class Council.

"The main reason I want to run for this is that, for me, it's about making sure that our class leaves this place after having the best time it possibly could and leaving it better than we found it," Castellini said.

Castellini hopes for more class events in Chicago and a networking series to help students learn how to make connections inside and outside of the Notre Dame community as they prepare for graduation.

The ticket's platform also includes plans for a senior service competition to benefit the Notre Dame and South Bend communities.

In order to accomplish their goals, this team promises to more fully include other student organizations and leaders outside of student government in its decisions and projects.

"We want to make sure that what we do is for the whole class," Castellini said.

♦Kate Clitheroe, Cath Flynn, Michael Wagner, Evan James

Celebrating senior year is the focus of the platform presented by candidates Kate Clitheroe, Cath Flynn, Michael Wagner and Evan James.

"We have been building our class community for a few years now," Clitheroe said. "And we hope to continue that process to make it last through graduation and years to come."

Events planned by the Senior Class Council would focus on integrating students living off and on campus and emphasizing the more sentimental experiences of senior year.

Senior Week would include not only traditions such as a Dunes trip and a Cubs game, but also a huge field day for seniors to represent their dorms in one last competition. Throughout the year, Senior Class Council would also hope to host a beer and wine tasting or Margaritaville night.

The four candidates also hope for the Class of 2011 to make a lasting contribution by supporting a local organization during its final year at Notre Dame and reunions in years to come.

"Our ticket is really excited because this is something that we really care about," Clitheroe said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Two buses crash, killing 38

LIMA — Two buses crashed head-on along a remote stretch of highway in northeast Peru Monday, killing at least 38 people and injuring 58, police said.

Police and firefighters used cutting equipment to reach the injured trapped inside the twisted wreckage of the buses, which collided shortly before dawn on the Panamerican Highway between Rio Hondo and Viru, 290 miles (485 kilometers) northeast of the capital.

No official cause was given for the accident, but Peruvian newspaper El Comercio posted pictures showing that the stretch of highway where the accident took place lacked an obligatory white dividing line separating the opposing lanes.

German pilots end strike

FRANKFURT — Lufthansa and its pilots are set to return to the cockpit after the German airline and a key union agreed to halt a four-day strike that disrupted travelers and was poised to go on through Friday.

The four-day walkout ended less than 24 hours after it began after two hours in a Frankfurt labor court that saw both sides agree to suspend the strike and hold talks, they said Monday night.

Lufthansa confirmed the decision and said the walkout would end at midnight (2300 GMT, 6 p.m. EST).

"The parties agreed in front of the court that the strike is to be suspended through the 8th of March," Lufthansa spokesman Andreas Bartels told AP, adding the 4,000 pilots will return to work Tuesday though it would take some time for normal operations to resume.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. general creates Iraq exit plan

WASHINGTON — The top U.S. general in Iraq said Monday he could slow the exit of U.S. combat forces this year if Iraq's politics are chaotic following elections this spring.

Gen. Ray Odierno said there are no signs that will be necessary, but he says he has a Plan B and told his superiors about it during Washington meetings over the past week.

The U.S. has about 96,000 troops in Iraq nearly seven years after the American-led invasion that overthrew dictator Saddam Hussein. That's the lowest number of American forces in the country since the invasion.

Under an agreement negotiated under former President George W. Bush, all combat troops are to leave the country by Aug. 31 although some 50,000 will remain behind to help train Iraqi security forces.

The remaining support troops are to be gone by the end of 2011.

Students to vote on new mascot

JACKSON — Colonel Reb shall not rise again. That much is certain.

The University of Mississippi dumped the mascot — a caricature of a white plantation owner — in a 2003 effort to distance the school from Old South stereotypes. It's been without a mascot ever since. A vote Tuesday could change that.

Students will have only two choices in the online referendum: yes, replace the colonel with something else — perhaps a riverboat gambler or a colonial soldier — or no, remain the only school in the Southeastern Conference without a mascot.

LOCAL NEWS

Governor considers presidential run

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, who last year said he had no interest in running for president, now says he will keep the door open to a possible 2012 presidential run.

The Republican told The Washington Post over the weekend that he has spoken with former president George W. Bush and others in recent months and agreed to keep an open mind about a White House bid.

"Just to get them off my back, I agreed to a number of people that I will now stay open to the idea," Daniels told the Post.

IVORY COAST

PM to annouce new government

Move could end violent protests across the country after dissolution of old gov't.

Associated Press

ABIDJAN — Ivory Coast's prime minister said late Monday he will announce the composition of the country's new government within 24 hours, a move that could bring an end to a week of violent protests sparked by the president's dissolution of the former government.

After a day of marathon meetings between the two sides, Prime Minister Guillaume Soro told reporters that the countries "political players" had come to an agreement and that he planned to announce the details of the new government on Wednesday morning.

His announcement came as at least two more protesters died Monday when an opposition demonstration turned violent, deepening the political crisis that has gripped this nation of 20 million since its government was summarily disbanded by President Laurent Gbagbo earlier this month.

The protests came after top opposition leaders refused to join a new coalition government, effectively stopping the formation of the government that had been expected to be announced Monday. Although the opposition has not yet made an official declaration, Soro spoke to reporters following a meeting of a council that includes the country's top two opposition leaders.

"I'm pleased to announce that these talks have come to fruition and have allowed the Ivoirian political players to come to an understanding to advance the process of exiting this crisis — and above all to bring peace to our country," Soro said flanked by Gbagbo and Blaise Compaore, the president of neighboring Burkina Faso.

Compaore, who had flown in Monday at the



AP

A protester runs past a burning barricade in the northern Abobo district of Abidjan Monday. At least two protesters died during an opposition demonstration that turned violent.

invitation of the opposition and has been acting as a negotiator between the warring factions, said that the talks had yielded "positive results."

As of late Sunday, the opposition had refused to participate in a new government with Gbagbo, whom they accuse of trying to cling on to power. The spat began when Gbagbo dissolved the government claiming the electoral commission committed fraud. The move will cause presidential elections to replace him, which were due to be held no later than next month, to once again be delayed.

The political dispute sparked protests in at least five cities across the country on Monday.

During a protest in the northern Abobo district of Abidjan, an Associated Press Television News journalist said he saw two dead bodies being guarded by police. Alexandre Brou, a local pastor, also said he watched police severely beat several protesters.

Bus driver Mema Camara said hundreds of young men started gathering early Monday morning, building barricades, cutting off all traffic and burning tires. They hurled stones at approaching cars before riot police used tear gas and fired into the air to disperse the crowds.

"The police began beating anyone they could catch," he said. "We hid in our houses to avoid them."

Opposition supporter

Ahmed Coulibaly said the police followed demonstrators into their houses and took them away.

"We're scandalized. We're traumatized. It reminds us of the worst moments of the civil war," he said.

The West African nation has been divided between a rebel-controlled north and a government-controlled south since war broke out in 2002. The sides formed a unity government in 2007 and were preparing for presidential elections when President Laurent Gbagbo dissolved the government on Feb. 12. Presidential elections have been postponed every year since 2005, when Gbagbo's term ended.

Debate surrounds the saftey of raw milk

Associated Press

DES MOINES — Debate about the health attributes and risks of raw milk is spilling into statehouses and courtrooms across the country as proponents of unpasteurized dairy products push to make them easier for consumers to buy.

Supporters of the raw milk cause say pasteurization, the process of heating milk to destroy bacteria and extend shelf life, destroys important nutrients and enzymes.

"We have new science today that shows raw milk contains ... enzymes that kill pathogens and strengthens the immune system," said Sally Fallon

Morell, president of the Washington D.C.-based Weston A. Price Foundation, a nonprofit group pushing for increased access to raw milk.

Enzymes and other nutrients are "greatly reduced in pasteurized milk," she said.

Public health officials disagree, saying raw milk carries an increased risk for bacterial contamination that can lead to illness and even death.

More than 1,500 people became ill from drinking raw milk between 1993 and 2006, the most recent data available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of those, 185 were hospitalized and two died.

The CDC said not all foodborne ill-

nesses are reported, meaning the actual number is likely higher.

Fallon Morell said there also have been illnesses and deaths related to pasteurized products and that linking illnesses to raw milk is not an accurate assessment of the nutritional benefits of drinking unpasteurized milk.

The sale of raw milk is prohibited in 23 states, although seven of them let people get milk through so-called herd-share programs, in which customers can buy ownership in a cow in return for raw milk from the animal.

Retail sales of raw milk is allowed in nine states and 19 allow the sale of raw milk from a farm directly to an individual.

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in Jordan Hall.

Senior Sarah Pastorek, the president of the Math Club, said the Geek Week provides students with an opportunity to meet others who share their interests.

"[Geek Week is] a great way to have students who are interested in different areas of science to do 'geeky' activities while getting to know others," she said.

Geek Week's other activities include a Dissection Night sponsored by the Biology Club today at 5:30 p.m., a chemistry demonstration with Professor Seth Brown tomorrow at 7 p.m. and a Sudoku challenge sponsored by the Math Club Thursday at 8 p.m. All events will take place in the Jordan Hall of Science.

According to sophomore Paul Baranay, social chair of the Biology Club, one of the main objectives of Geek Week is to bring together students from different disciplines.

"As far as Geek Week goes, I think it's a really exciting collaboration between all the clubs in the College of Science," Baranay said. "It's a really exciting chance for people to get to know each other, because a lot of people in the difference majors don't really interact."

Junior Annette Ruth, co-president of the Biology

Club, said although the various science clubs on campus hold many events separately, they rarely combine forces and hold joint events. Geek Week aims to change that, she said.

"You see a lot of the individual groups on campus doing their individual events, but you don't really see them team up that much," Ruth said.

Baranay said another benefit of Geek Week is that it provides a more relaxed environment than the more traditional classroom setting.

"It's a chance for socialization that wouldn't be happening inside the classroom," Baranay said.

Another goal of Geek Week is to show non-science majors that science isn't only about academic work, but that it has a lighter side and can actually be fun, Ruth said.

"I think students from other majors should definitely come out to the events," Ruth said. "I think sometimes people are afraid that it'll be too rigid or academic but it's not. It's really loose and laid back and fun."

Pastorek said Geek Week's events are a chance for students to learn that science is interesting and stimulating.

"Hopefully students can see the exciting side of science during Geek Week," Pastorek said.

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Olympics

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those events."

It's not just the competition that draws students to watch the Olympics.

"The whole Opening Ceremonies is there as a spectacle," Burton said. "I like the way that it can communicate a country's culture."

Burton has never participated in any of the winter sports featured in Vancouver but if given the chance to be an Olympic athlete in the Winter Games he would want to compete in skeleton events.

Sophomore Hal Melia felt a stronger connection with the winter sports going on in Vancouver because of his home in Ohio.

"I like the Winter Games because they create a connection with areas that have a lot of snow and not much else," Melia said.

Not all students, however, have had the time to avidly follow the Games. Freshman Alison Collins admitted that she has not watched much of the coverage outside of the Opening Ceremonies.

"I wish I was watching the events," Collins said. "I do not really want to watch people run or row a boat in the Summer Olympics, but I like pretty much everything from the Winter Games."

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Mendoza announces conservation speaker

Special to The Observer

Prompted by concerns over urban sprawl and loss of open land space, land conservation finance is the subject of a new spring speaker series sponsored by the Mendoza College of Business.

The Hartman Series in Land Conservation Finance features experts in land conservation strategies and discussions on topics including conservation-oriented development practices, the for-profit conservation industry, public capital, tax incentives and local initiatives aimed at land conservation.

While sustainable development practices such as smart growth, brown field reclamation and urban in-fill development have gained momentum, there also has been an explosion of programs and important funding mechanisms to protect open spaces directly.

"This series is going to look not only at some trends in real estate and land use practices, but we're also looking at the mechanisms that conservationists use to conserve land," said David Hutchison, director of the Opus Corp. Real Estate Program at the Mendoza College of Business. "Primarily, we're going to look at the financing structures that are available because ultimately, the money is a crit-

ical part of this process."

Lectures, which are free and open to the public, will be held at 7 p.m. in 210 DeBartolo Hall. The schedule is as follows:

♦Feb. 24 — Story Clark, a land conservation strategy and finance specialist from Conservation Consulting

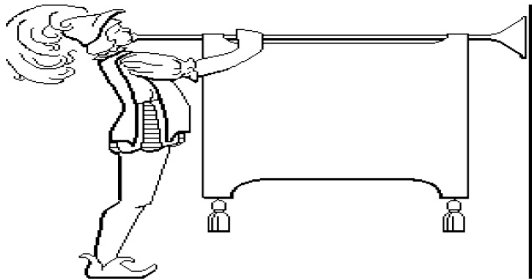
♦March 3 — Peg Kohring, Midwest director of The Conservation Fund, a group dedicated to land and water conservation

♦March 24 — Kathy DeCoster, vice president of the Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit land conservation organization that conserves land for parks, community gardens, historic sites and rural lands

♦March 31 — John Turner, the Beverly and Eldon Spicer Visiting Professor of Environmental and Natural Resources at the University of Wyoming

♦April 14 — David Hutchison, finance assistant professional specialist and director of the Opus Corp. Real Estate Program at Notre Dame

The Hartman Series is supported with funding provided by Mary Louise Campbell Hartman in memory of her late husband Charles M. Hartman, a 1963 Notre Dame graduate and pioneer in the field of conservation financing.



Announcing the Year 2010 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2010 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

- 1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame;
- 2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
- 3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
- 4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
- 5) two letters of recommendation
- 6) a transcript showing all grades and courses completed
- 7) a list of other sources of funding (being sought or confirmed) for the same project (i.e. Office of International Studies, Nanovic Institute, etc.)

Application Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2010
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IN BRIEF

Doctor pleads guilty to fraud

BOSTON — A Massachusetts doctor has pleaded guilty to one count of health care fraud stemming from accusations that he faked research in published studies that suggested after-surgery benefits from painkillers including Vioxx and Celebrex.

Anesthesiologist Scott Reuben also agreed during Monday's plea hearing to repay more than \$360,000 of research grants and forfeit assets worth at least \$50,000.

Federal prosecutors have recommended up to 10 years of prison. Sentencing is set for May 24.

Prosecutors allege the former chief of acute pain at a Springfield hospital received research grants from pharmaceutical companies for a dozen years but never performed the studies.

His attorney says Reuben was suffering from undiagnosed bipolar disorder and had no financial motive.

Wal-Mart acquires Vudu Inc.

NEW YORK — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Monday it will buy broadband entertainment provider Vudu, a deal that gives the world's biggest retailer the ability to sell movies directly through TVs and Blu-ray players over the Internet.

With the acquisition, Wal-Mart returns to the video-on-demand business, which it tried in the past but failed. Its most recent attempt, offering movie downloads, ended in 2007 after less than a year.

Wal-Mart did not disclose the terms of the newest deal.

Vudu Inc.'s technology can deliver video to consumers who have broadband Internet access and own an Internet-ready TV or Blu-ray player.

Since August, Vudu has offered its service on LG and Mitsubishi-made devices.

In January, Vudu announced it had expanded its partnership deals to Sanyo, Sharp, Toshiba and Vizio. And it said it planned to launch an application platform that would include apps from Facebook, Flickr, Twitter, The New York Times and The Associated Press.

Vudu has licensing agreements with major movie studios and distributors for about 16,000 movies. Its movies cost \$3.99 to rent or \$19.99 to purchase.

Toyota Motor Corp. subpoenaed

Federal prosecutors suspect misleading of consumers, criminal investigation underway

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors have launched a criminal investigation into Toyota Motor Corp.'s safety problems and the Securities and Exchange Commission was probing what the automaker told investors, the company disclosed Monday. Newly released internal documents showed that Toyota officials visited with U.S. regulators years ago who "laughed and rolled their eyes in disbelief" over safety claims.

The twin developments created new public relations challenges for Toyota plus the prospects — however likely or unlikely — of hefty federal fines or even indictments against executives in the U.S. and Japan. They also complicate Toyota's ability to discuss details driving its recall of 8.5 million vehicles because anything executives say could be used against the company inside a courtroom.

Top Toyota executives were expected to testify at hearings Tuesday and Wednesday on Capitol Hill. One lawmaker said he believed Toyota misled owners about the repairs and relied upon a hastily-arranged study to reassure the public.

In a new filing with the SEC, Toyota said it received the grand jury request from the Southern District of New York on Feb. 8 and got the SEC requests Friday.

It wasn't immediately clear what U.S. laws Toyota might have broken. A subpoena would specify why prosecutors sought company documents, but Toyota would not comment beyond its disclosure with the SEC. A spokeswoman with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York declined to comment, saying it does not confirm or deny its investigations as a matter of policy.

The government could be looking into product safety



AP

Toyota employee Linda Patrick installs an accelerator into a new Camry. Toyota received a subpoena from a federal grand jury requesting documents related to recent recalls.

law violations or whether Toyota made false statements to a federal safety agency involving unintended acceleration or the Prius braking system, said Peter Henning, a law professor at Wayne State University in Detroit. The SEC is seeking documents related to unintended acceleration as well as to its disclosure policies and practices, Toyota said.

Legal experts said the fresh subpoenas could affect how Toyota executives respond to the questions from lawmakers.

Eric Dezenhall, a crisis management consultant in Washington, said the subpoena might cause Toyota to limit its testimony because apologies are admissible in court. He predicted the company would

walk a line between carefully phrased testimony and enough disclosure to describe the cars' mechanical problems and steps Toyota had taken to make the vehicles safer.

House investigators said they believe Toyota intentionally resisted the possibility that electronic defects caused unintended acceleration in their vehicles and then misled the public into thinking its recalls would fix all the problems.

Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., who will run Tuesday's hearing, said documents and interviews demonstrate that the company relied on a flawed engineering report to reassure the public that it found the answer to the problem.

In a letter to Toyota,

Stupak said a review of consumer complaints shows company personnel identified sticking pedals or floor mats as the cause of only 16 percent of the unintended acceleration reports.

Some 70 percent of the acceleration incidents in Toyota's customer call database involved vehicles that are not subject to the 2009 and 2010 floor mat and "sticky pedal" recalls.

In a letter to NHTSA, Stupak's committee raised questions about whether the agency lacked the expertise to review defects in vehicle electronics and said NHTSA was slow to respond to 2,600 complaints of sudden unintended acceleration from 2000 to 2010.

Interest rates remain low to aid economy

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Short-term interest rates inched lower in the bond market Monday after a Federal Reserve official reiterated that record-low interest rates are still needed to help the economy.

Rates rose and bond prices fell as Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco president Janet Yellen became the latest Fed official to stress that the central bank isn't in any rush to boost borrowing costs for millions of Americans. The remarks come after the Fed took a surprise step Thursday and bumped up the discount rate, the interest banks pay for emergency loans.

On Monday, stocks ended the session with a modest loss after big

consumer companies gave a cautious outlook for economic growth.

Short-term rates are often dictated by the federal funds rate, which currently sits in a range between zero and 0.25 percent. If the Fed follows through with keeping rates low, then there should be no pressure to send short-term market rates higher.

The yield on the two-year note that matures in January 2012 fell to 0.89 percent late Monday from 0.93 percent late Friday and its price rose 2/32 at 99 31/32. Yield and price move in opposite directions.

"There wasn't a lot of activity, it was a very quiet day, today," said John Spinello, a bond strategist at Jefferies & Co.

However, as the economy grows,

inflation could become a problem in the future, affecting long-term interest rates, Spinello said. Inflation is one of the biggest concerns for bond traders because it eats into the value of the fixed returns on bonds over time.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note maturing in February 2020, which is a basis for rates on mortgages and other consumer loans, rose to 3.80 percent from 3.78 percent. Its price fell 5/32 to 98 18/32.

Meanwhile, longer-term Treasury prices fell after a Treasury Department auction of \$8 billion in 30-year Treasury inflation protected securities, or TIPS, drew weaker demand than an auction for 10-year TIPS last month. Prices often fall as new supply is added to the market.

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Democrats wave good-Bayh

Indiana Senator Evan Bayh shocked Democrats and Republicans alike last week by suddenly announcing his retirement from the U.S. Senate. The moderate Democrat has held the seat since 1999, and most analysts agree that he was not at significant risk of losing reelection.

"There is much too much partisanship and not enough progress," he declared in a statement accompanying his announcement, "too much narrow ideology and not enough practical problem-solving. Even at a time of enormous national challenge, the people's business is not getting done."

Bayh's given rationale for retirement strikes me as coming a bit late, given the fact that he has served as a senator for nearly a dozen years. Anyone who has spent that much time in either the Senate or Congress should have realized long ago that the partisan divide is deeply entrenched in our national consciousness and pervades our institutions. Not even Barack Obama has managed to forge consensus, and for good reason: His definition of bipartisanship requires Republicans to either bow to his liberal agenda or be criticized for stubborn obstructionism and subsequently labeled "the party of 'no.'"

To be fair, the Republican Party still has yet to propose substantive alternatives to Obama's policies that gain national attention, mainly because it lacks coherent leadership. But because the Democrats control both houses of Congress and the presidency, it makes it virtually impossible for the opposing party to set any sort of

agenda, and thus Republicans are forced to muster what little power they have to defeat what they see as a dangerous encroachment by the national government into the lives of Americans.

Ironically, however, it isn't the Republicans who are blocking Obama's legislative agenda. If that were the case, Democrats should have had no problem pushing through their bills with the overwhelming majorities they hold in the House and the Senate. Centrist, fiscally-conservative Democrats like Evan Bayh are the real stumbling blocks to proposals like the health care overhaul and cap-and-trade, which says something about Obama's vision of bipartisanship. If members of his own party cannot swallow his far-left policies, how can he expect any Republicans to do so?

Pundits and the public alike are apt to look at the gridlock in Congress and declare that the system is broken. Yet oddly enough, they forget that the Founders deliberately designed the legislative process in a way that would make it difficult for bills to reach the president's desk. They did this specifically to promote reasoned deliberation rather than the hasty passage of legislation based on the fickle whims of the masses that can easily be swayed by demagogues, especially in times of crisis. Obama tried to take advantage of his popularity early in his term, but squandered his political capital on a massive stimulus package that has received mixed reviews at best, leaving him little momentum to push his health care plan through Congress. The system is working, just not quite the way those who wish to expand the national government would like it.

In light of their stalled efforts at health care reform, liberal pundits, in typical condescending fashion, have begun lashing out at the American people. They insist that their prob-

lems stem from conservative misinformation campaigns, poor presentation of their arguments, or, to use the words of Jacob Weisberg of Slate Magazine, "the childishness, ignorance and growing incoherence of the public at large."

Excuse me, Mr. Weisberg, but didn't that same group of "childish," "ignorant," "incoherent" Americans elect Obama to the presidency just over a year ago? My how things change so quickly!

Instead of pointing the finger of blame at Republicans and the public, perhaps Democrats should take time to reexamine their policy proposals and reevaluate their dismissal of conservative ideas. Senator Bayh's parting words of advice are especially pertinent to this undertaking:

"Our most strident partisans must learn to occasionally sacrifice short-term tactical political advantage for the sake of the nation. Otherwise, Congress will remain stuck in an endless cycle of recrimination and revenge ... What is required from members of Congress and the public alike is a new spirit of devotion to the national welfare beyond party or self-interest. In a time of national peril, with our problems compounding, we must remember that more unites us as Americans than divides us."

If Obama truly wants to promote bipartisanship, he must be just as willing to compromise as he expects Republicans to be. Otherwise he will be fighting against not only the American public, but the very system of government he has vowed to uphold.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



OBSERVER POLL

What are your plans for Spring Break?

I'm too poor to go anywhere
Staying here for the weather
Going to Puerta Vallarta with the rest of the Senior class
Home sweet home

Vote by Thursday at 5 p.m. at
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Friendship is certainly the finest balm for the pangs of disappointed love."

Jane Austen
British novelist

People and power at Notre Dame and beyond

The University of Notre Dame strives to develop not only great students but, global citizens, who, through their education, develop an understanding and commitment to seeking justice for the world's oppressed. But it is more than just talk, the University excels at putting this mission into action through the resources and opportunities that it offers to students each year. Like many of our peers on campus, we have had the good fortune to live, study and work abroad in developing countries in a variety of capacities during our undergraduate career. These experiences have both shaped and challenged our understanding of human development, highlighting the dynamic nature of the concept and the need for critical evaluation of its practice. It was the very

**Barbara Vi Ho
Andrew Seelaus**

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complexity of the idea that spurred both of us to become involved as co-chairs of this year's Human Development Conference at Notre Dame.

Although our experience abroad is limited, reflection has led us to identify an array of dichotomies that push us to question current development practices around the world. In northern Uganda, the Acholi people are a society with a rich culture and tradition and a strong sense of solidarity, but are bombarded by constant local and international messages of their powerlessness. In some regions of Ghana, the NGOs and mission groups seeking to "help the poor" or "spread the good news" are outnumbered only by the number of children who are consumed by the cycle of poverty every year. There is definite need around the world, but what is the best way to go about affecting change? Where is the line between the obligation to help, the danger of imposing our own culture and notions of what is right? How can we find the

right balance between working for the common good without taking away the agency and power of the local people?

Our distinct experiences allow us to bring one small part of the answer to these questions, but they are by no means a full answer. In order for any development effort to be successful, the voices of every individual involved must be heard and considered. Authentic human development requires the knowledge and work of engineers just as much that of peacebuilders. It requires the commitment of business owners, architects and artists. It requires the involvement of international and local people alike. This is the fundamental inspiration for this year's conference theme, People, Power and Pragmatism: The Future of Human Development in Our Changing World. The enormous task of alleviating poverty and realizing authentic human development is achievable only with the participation of people and leaders from all different levels and fields on a global scale.

The long-term goal is grand indeed but it is not impossible if we all realize just how much power lies within ourselves and each other. The Human Development Conference strives to employ multidisciplinary and collaborative approach to development that is consistent with the message of interconnectedness in Catholic Social Thought and will inspire a diverse group of students and attendees. Please bring your experience and voice to the discussion Friday and Saturday at the Human Development Conference and see how your vision of the future of development compares to that of your peers from around the country.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the wage 'experts'

In the "living wage" debate, I had decided to sit in silence and laugh at all the silly college kids thinking they knew all about the real world and a "living wage." But I can't hold it in when an alumnus with clearly insufficient experience of his own implies Mr. Easley's lacking experience is a counter-argument ("Get some real experience," Feb. 22).

Mr. Witt, you attempt to debunk Mr. Easley based solely on his (lack of) experience. Where, may I ask, is yours? I'm assuming from your letter that you have a good "9-to-5" job. But I did not glean from your letter if you understand that the food industry is not on "9-to-5" shifts. Working the eight-hour block makes it much harder to take a second job. Hence, it often pays better. The food industry has varying hours, which allows workers to alternate jobs throughout the week, either by day or by shift. Your "experience" in this issue is a whole nine months of a better job than any non-managerial food worker in America. You haven't even been out of school one year. You have no experience with long-employed food workers.

Now, why am I not just another ignorant college kid? Thanks to not being in school for all of 2007, I was able to get a job waiting tables. Having worked during breaks, I have accumu-

lated about 17 months there. I have not only waited tables, but also bussed, worked carry-out, hosted, dish-tanked and worked as an expo. And you know what? You can live off of it. I did. I had an apartment for six months in 2007, and not only was I able to live and eat comfortably, but I was able to save extra money.

The fact is that you can live on \$9 per hour, if you're smart and careful. Saving can be just as valuable as earning. Do your best to limit/quit smoking. Don't screw around (literally) and have a child out of wedlock. Limit/quit drinking. These are just a few that I picked up around my co-workers. There are more ways to save money that most of us can't see.

I do not claim to be the wisest on this issue. Nor could I, simply based on my limited experience. But I have more than Mr. Witt, Mr. Easley and nearly all of the rest of you. Times will be tough; that's part of life. But one can live off of this type of job, especially if you take Mr. Easley's advice by working hard and seeking help from family.

Douglas Schuda
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O'Neill Hall
Feb. 22

Eating Disorders Awareness Week

In light of this week being National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, I would like to pose a challenge: start talking.

Eating disorders, disordered eating and poor body image plague the lives of so many girls, women, boys and men. Although causes vary from person to person, and literature fails to agree on the exact etiology of eating disorders, they are often linked to underlying psychological disorders such as depression and anxiety. Poor body image, disordered eating and eating disorders can begin to take over someone's life, guiding behaviors, decisions and affecting the quality of living. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Lives don't have to be dominated by these; control doesn't have to be lost in an effort to maintain it. Struggles with eating are often kept personal — arguably especially on this campus where everyone seems to have it all together. Admitting to have a problem leaves one extremely vulnerable, a feeling generally not well accepted. Challenge this. Being vulnerable yourself may create an environment in which your friends can be vulnera-

ble with you, in which they can share their struggles.

Start talking.

Start talking about worrisome behavior you notice in your friends: her new diet, his seemingly obsessive gym time. Talking creates community. Community leads to support and support can cause someone to get the help that they may need.

So my challenge is this: Listen to what your friends say about themselves. If it's alarming, please say something. Your words of concern, out of compassion, could be the catalyst toward healing. Start listening and start talking. Start creating a community who understands and who cares.

I challenge you to just say something. It might be the most difficult thing you've ever had to do, but just imagine what you could be in the life of someone you care about.

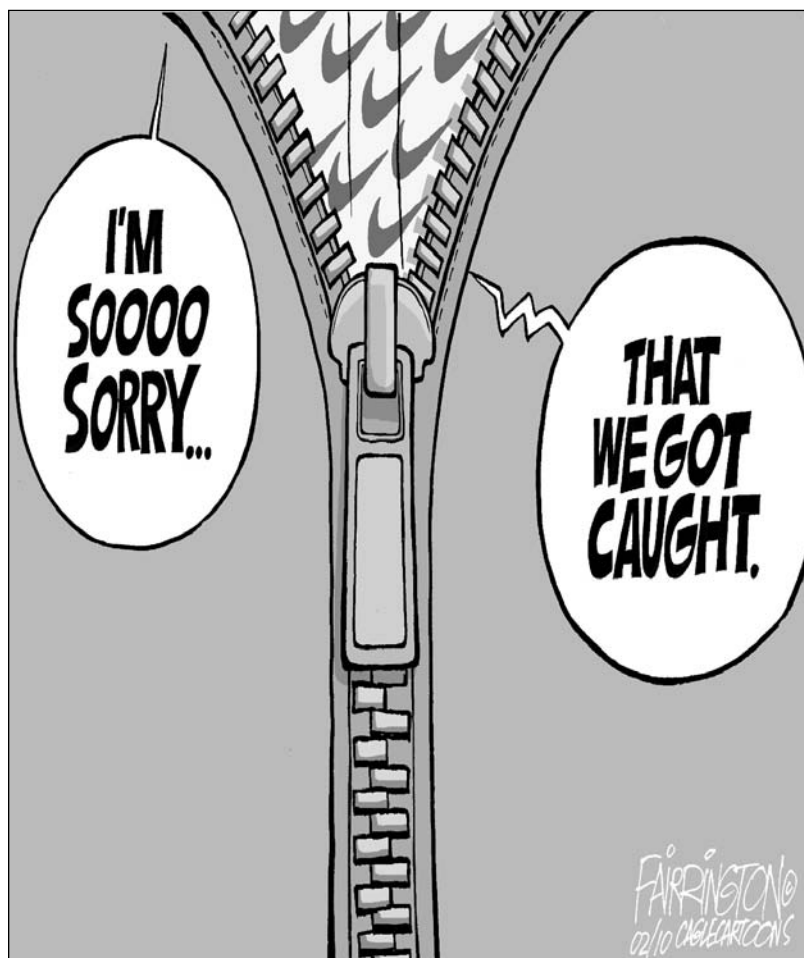
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Exhibitions

I write with regard to the recent article on the Eric Gill exhibition at the Hesburgh Library. I have noticed that both The Observer article and a recent piece in ND Works make no explicit mention of Eric Gill's troubling sexual behavior, in particular, the sexual abuse of his family members, that has been well-documented by his biographer, Fiona McCarthy. I have not yet had the opportunity to visit the Special Collections exhibition but the irony of The Observer's front page coverage of this display juxtaposed to the major article on Sexual Assault Awareness Week is rather bitter. Eric Gill was a fine artist and a deeply religious man but the way in which he attempted to integrate his art, political convictions, sexuality and family life does not offer a model worthy of emulation. We may admire his artistic talent and his religious and social convictions, but it is important to grapple also with the fact of his unbridled and exploitative sexual behavior. Acknowledging Gill's hypersexuality will alter our perception of much of his imagery in a profound way.

Dianne Phillips
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Institute for Scholarship in Liberal Arts
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Germany embraced a different VW this weekend — an American export that proved just as polished, just as quick and perhaps more dependable than anything circuiting the autobahn of late.

Vampire Weekend took center stage in East Berlin Friday night as the band continued its month-long European tour. The tour includes 19 stops in all and will wrap up before March in preparation for a similar series of shows in the U.S.

Vampire Weekend burst onto the college music scene in early 2008 with their self-titled debut. They grew to alternative prominence as a Brooklyn-based indie band characterized by Afro-pop melodies, orchestral backing and lead singer Ezra Koenig's Paul Simon-like wail. With the recent release of their critically acclaimed second album, "Contra," the band ruptured its bag of cross-cultural influences and clean guitar sound and poured out an album with, if possible, far more contours and charm than its predecessor.

I am an admittedly mild Vampire Weekend fan for a couple of reasons, the first of which is a question in their music that suggests they lack an identity. Their youth (an even more pronounced realization in person) and their eclectic array of genres, instruments and stylistic nuances epitomize a band that tosses a lot at its listeners with the hope that something different will resonate with everyone.

Two albums down, Vampire Weekend covers much ground in terms of sound and theme, but a difference exists between confident musicianship and youthful expression. The second reason lies in the fleeting nature of success in the race of alternative rock, and a question of the band's staying power. Vampire Weekend came into 2010 in the indie music pole position with its collegiate niche well established, its music surfacing in TV ads and movie soundtracks and its

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name splashed across most music magazines.

However, this means little to an expedient music world where "What's next?" unfortunately often trumps "What lasts?" (e.g. Has anybody seen The Shins in three years?)

This all only serves to provide the backdrop for the exciting, engaging and impressively enjoyable live show Vampire Weekend put on last Friday in Berlin. Their steady set oscillated between their new and newer material, and the packed "haus" to which they played responded with vigorous delight.

Built on quick-hitting singles, neither debut, "Vampire Weekend" nor "Contra," ostensibly offer the balladry from which to launch a full-on live jam, however the show hit all of the two album's highlights and concluded with a smooth blend of "Campus" and "Oxford Comma."

Especially noteworthy performances included a foot-stomping "M79," a wandering and wild "Walcott" in the encore and a rousing rendition of "Boston," a VW piece from one of their earliest EPs. Koenig still needs to grow into his skin in terms of a commanding stage presence, but endeared himself to the audience with his boyishness and infectious energy.

Vampire Weekend's Columbia-educated background and upper-class aesthetics easily lends itself to criticism from tortured, anti-establishment music purists, but the aura of pretension that surrounds the band proved negligible.

Yes, they're rich and white, but so are the Beastie Boys. Yes, they sing about grammatical conjunctions and escaping their troubled lives in Cape Cod, but it smacks of disingenuousness and at least it translates into an undeniably fun sound. Coldplay, Oasis, Kasabian ... plenty of seemingly working-class bands are pretentious and act humble, but VW's lyrical and thematic self-awareness, in addition to their lustrous pop veneer, made the show an altogether satisfying experience.

ND student catches a VAMPIRE WEEKEND concert in Berlin



To a moderate fan, the show exceeded expectations, and all loyal Weekenders would do well to try and catch their upcoming show circuit in the United States.

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MUSIC REWIND:

THE ACADEMY IS...



WAS 'ALMOST' PERFECT ON DEBUT ALBUM

The Academy Is ... is a hard band to define. Once dubbed emo, thanks to some concerts played with fellow Illinois rock band Fall Out Boy, sometimes called pop punk, and now considered a part of the broad "alternative rock" movement (and what does that really mean?), these spunky rockers have mostly been on the back burner lately, recently playing a special concert in Chicago featuring only songs from their first album "Almost Here."

But that's a good thing. Their first album is an awesome tribute to unadulterated fun and upbeat music, while their more recent efforts have gotten

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lost in efforts to be more musically sophisticated, or something like that. Too bad their original formula was just fine as it was. No one ever said good music has to be clever or highbrow, it just has to be good. Just ask Ke\$ha.

The Academy Is ... has that great ability to create rock music you just want get up and dance to. "Almost Here" is full of that. I dare you to listen to "The Phrase That Pays" and not bob your head to it, at the very least. And William Beckett's oddly soaring vocals add that something special to all their songs.

While many of his emo contemporaries also tried to utilize the high male falsetto to create something (was it supposed to be emotion?) in their songs, ala Patrick Stump of Fall Out Boy, Beckett is actually good at it — in real life too.

While Stump's vocals are positively ear-bursting in live concert (no offense, man) Beckett pulls it off with swagger in performance. For more evidence of this, check out Beckett's cameo work on Cobra Starship's "Bring It," that song from "Snakes on a Plane."

"Almost Here" is a compilation of awesome tracks, none of which sound all that similar. Or at least not similar beyond reason. This isn't Nickelback, after all. "Attention" is pretty much just unadulterated pop fun. "Season" is a little slower, but has a killer guitar hook and some brooding, but not too brooding, vocals.

The Academy Is ... takes on a slower, more melodic tone in "Slow Down," at least until the second verse. Then they pick things up in a lament about "Hollywood hills and suburban thrills." Like I said before, "The Phrase That Pays" is a head-bobber, pure and simple. And though short, "Black Mamba" ups the ante with a little acoustic guitar love.

"Skeptics and True Believers" opens on a different note, highlighting Beckett's vocals above all else. And "Classifieds" is just awesome, running

through a range of different sounds in one song. "Checkmarks" is one of their "harder" songs. It relies on heavier guitars and drums and has Beckett singing in his lower register.

But "Down and Out" totally changes things up, sounding something like what you might hear at an intimate acoustic set. Except that it's not acoustic. But that's beside the point. It's one of those show-closing songs that seems to wrap up a perfect night. "Almost Here" ends with, appropriately, the song "Almost Here." Another quick one, it seems to sum up, in the best way possible, the entire album as a whole. Definitely one of their best songs ever recorded.

Another instant toe-tapper.

If you're really interested, check out the band's other albums, "Santi," released in 2007, and "Fast Times at Barrington High," from 2008. The Academy Is ... also has an early EP from 2004 called "The Academy" and an EP released in 2009 called "Lost in Pacific Time."

Feel free to give these other albums a chance. But do yourself a favor and just take some time soaking up the greatness that is "Almost Here." Don't be embarrassed. Don't be guilty. Just do it. You won't regret it. Allow yourself to float back to the yesteryears of high school when all you cared about was cruising the highway, blasting some sweet tunes. The Academy Is ... will definitely do it for you.

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'SHUTTER ISLAND' twists and turns but falls short



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"Shutter Island" plays as though it's so many things that it's not: a horror film, a 1950s detective tale, mainstream entertainment for everyday filmgoers, a complicated psychological thriller that some might call a "mindbender"... the list goes on and on.

Martin Scorsese's latest film is in fact a genre-bending, smartly-crafted thriller veiled as an exercise in complicated "make you think" filmmaking that is actually pretty straightforward and easy to guess at, yet enjoyable nonetheless. That is to say, it succeeds as a journey and in its destination.

Why? I'll tell you why, and some will understand this, while the rest of you (the ones who will either be perplexed by or think of the film's ending as a work of utter genius) will think I'm speaking a foreign language: "Shutter Island" is "Memento" stripped of its emotional closeness, mixed in with a more intricate "The Machinist" with the same exact themes. Add to that a less meticulous and more accessible brand of David Lynch-like filmmaking.

At the heart of this winding homage to 50s noir, set in a mental asylum, is a mystery in his own right: Teddy Daniels, a U.S. Marshal with a past that'd raise hairs on the backs of even the prison's inmates (Leonardo DiCaprio, sporting the same heavy "Mahk"-instead-of-"Mark" Boston accent as he did in "The Departed").

At the film's foggy open we're introduced to Teddy's cold, suspicious stare as he looks outward to the foreboding island ahead, his new partner, Mark (Mark Ruffalo), at his side. The pair of them have been sent to the island to investigate

the mysterious (you might say improbable) disappearance of the elusive Rachel Solando, an inmate convicted of drowning her three children. However, as they question and start to learn about the institution and its rather perplexing, seemingly villainous director (Ben Kingsley), it becomes increasingly apparent that there may be more to this than just the disappearance of a murderer.

It's that underlying uneasiness and ambiguity that shrouds every scene and establishes the intrigue in the film that thankfully survives the film's rather long runtime. With each door unopened and each person questioned comes yet another round of questions that add another dimension to the maze that is Rachel's disappearance and the institution itself. Add to that the flashbacks and hallucinations that quickly and increasingly become more and more a part of Teddy's psyche.

Something wrong is afoot as the film's score plays underling to deliberate camerawork meant to parallel Teddy's mental freefall, and it's not until the very end of the film that it starts to make sense (that is if you haven't correctly guessed what that something is).

Yes, something is very wrong, and as what's only mildly clear begins to become more unclear, the focus both literally and figuratively shifts and looks inward rather than outward as the true mystery — the one mined throughout the film in flashbacks and hallucinogenic dreams — unveils itself.

"Shutter Island" is the work of a master showcasing his love and knowledge of the medium, yet it falls short of its lofty aspirations. Its fatal flaw is that it tries so hard to be emotionally wrought. Despite its valiant attempts to make any sem-

blance of an emotional connection with the audience, it fails miserably. There is no punch in the stomach (or heart, to better represent the film's intentions), only "show-stopping" sequences where DiCaprio mourns the loss of his wife and thinks back to liberating a Nazi death camp, where he shines like none other yet still somehow remains in his own mind and not in ours. It's that extra dimension — that missing piece to the puzzle that is "Shutter Island" — that made "Memento" so exceptional and by that same measure makes this film "good."

Nevertheless, "Shutter Island", despite its shortcomings, remains a successful marriage between one of the great filmmakers in the world and one of his favorite actors, in what might be DiCaprio's best performance to date. He's one of the best American actors of this time, and while the film may be Scorsese's, it's DiCaprio who transcends all else and gives himself unto a performance that should be remembered come Oscar season.

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'Shutter Island'

Director: Martin Scorsese
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio,
Mark Ruffalo



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I must admit that I have been a long-time Motion City Soundtrack fan. Ever since I heard Justin Pierre crooning about his heartache and quirky obsessions, I was hooked. I have a feeling it's his extreme honesty that makes him most endearing. From his obsessive compulsive behavior to his touching, though seemingly perpetual, heartache, Motion City Soundtrack can't be described as anything less than my guilty pleasure. I would rarely admit to enjoying a band so strikingly punk rock. Yet sometimes everyone needs a little bit of angst and heartache. It keeps us all human.

Motion City Soundtrack's new album "The Dinosaur Life" is no exception to my general affection for the band. If asked, I would likely name "Even If It Kills Me" as my favorite album of theirs, but "The Dinosaur Life" does not disappoint.

Overall, the album delivers exactly what MCS fans will be looking for. There is enough variety to keep the listener interested, with driving melodies and sing-along lyrics. Because they haven't produced anything particularly unique, I wouldn't say this album is an accomplishment for the band. Still, as it is their fourth album, MCS can't be expected to have completely redefined their sound.

Their previous album, "Even If It Kills Me," was the paramount of a break-up album. It was about love and sadness, the recovery from drug addiction, the end of relationships and the emptiness that comes along with it. "The Dinosaur Life" seems to be a new beginning for the band, a new stage in its life. With songs about triumph and starting over, it appears that their inspiration has come from a better, perhaps happier place this time around.

The album certainly has its highlights and lowlights. The first track starts off with the upbeat, reflective song, "Worker Bee." Pierre belts out, "It's been a good year, a good new beginning," signaling the beginning of a new



era for the band. In the following track, "A Lifeless Ordinary," Pierre sings "I think I can figure it out, but I'm gonna need a little help to get me through it." Both songs have catchy hooks that will have the listener singing along by the second listen.

The single "Her Words Destroyed My Planet" is, if nothing else, the Motion City Soundtrack that their fans know and love. With their iconic synthesized, punk-pop sound and lyrics detailing yet another account of Pierre's off-beat life, "Her Words Destroyed My Planet" is a fun listen.

My favorite track from the album is "Stand Too Close." With a somewhat lighter, more raw feeling than most of the other songs on the album, it shows the pure, smooth nature of Pierre's singing voice, as well as provides another glimpse into Pierre's clearly conflicted psyche.

A big part of what makes this band is the honesty and accessibility of their music. Though it is easy to get caught up in the fun, compelling punk-pop sound, it is also nice to listen to the lyrics and appreciate the courage it takes to share such raw stories of heart break, drug addiction and personal awareness. Without the power of Pierre's lyrics, Motion City Soundtrack would be just another punk-pop band with nothing new to say.

"The Dinosaur Life" is another success for Motion City Soundtrack, capturing the essence and character of the band. It isn't anything revolutionary, but it will certainly satisfy anyone hungering for another Motion City Soundtrack fix.

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'The Dinosaur Life' Motion City Soundtrack

Record label: Sony
Best tracks: "Worker Bee," "Stand Too Close,"
"A Lifeless Ordinary"



CLUB SPORTS

Gallagher, Gisriel lead Squash squad at nationals

Bowling concludes season with eighth tournament; Field Hockey defeats Michigan State despite playoff loss

Special to the Observer

Squash

Notre Dame finished 1-2 at the CSA National Squash Tournament at Yale from Feb. 19-21. The Irish competed in the Hawthorn “G” division alongside Bard, Bryant, Bucknell, College of Charleston, Fordham, Lafayette and Vermont. Coming in at No. 7 in the “G” division, the Irish held true to their ranking, losing 8-1 to Bard and to Bucknell 5-4. Notre Dame did come back to defeat Charleston 5-4.

Individual performances were exciting and fast paced. Senior first seed Peter Gallagher saved the team from a shutout in his final CSA tournament when he defeated Bard’s top player 14-12, 11-2, 11-2. Gallagher also had a valiant victory against Bucknell, but it was not enough for the Irish to get the win. No. 2 seed fresh-

man Ryan Gisriel played three hard matches, each time coming up short in four games. Third-place sophomore Kevin Ortenzio played higher than usual and met the challenge, but lost three close matches. No. 4 Mark Hincapi, a senior, playing in his first and last CSA National tournament, overcame rookie nerves to finish with a three-game win over College of Charleston.

No. 5 seed sophomore Dennis Grabowski struggled early against Bard and Bucknell but fought back to win in four games against Charleston. No. 6 seed freshman Jamie Urbana improved with each match but was not able to get the win. No. 7 sophomore Matthew Sushinsky and No. 9 freshman Thomas Dore both posted winning records on the weekend. No. 8 junior Kenneth Schlax won in five games against Bucknell, but was defeated in close

matches against Bard and Charleston. Despite playing as the alternate, No. 10 Eric Huang, a freshman, finished strong in coming back from a 2-0 deficit to win 3-2 over Charleston.

Bowling

The Irish participated in the Backhaul Direct Hoosier tournament in Indianapolis this weekend to mark the club’s eighth and final season tournament. Bowling against the largest and toughest field of any national collegiate tournament, the men’s team finished 64th out of 69 while the women’s team placed 39th out of 41. Freshman Armani Sutton and senior Chris Kieser exhibited strong performances on the men’s side. Sutton averaged 192.4 over nine games and individually placed 75th out of more than 450 bowlers. Kieser ended near Sutton, placing 93rd overall with a 190.7

average. This was the final tournament for seniors Kieser, James Breen and CJ Kaltenbach.

Saint Mary’s junior Allie Hensley and freshman Codi Coslet, averaging 161.8 and 159.2 respectively, led the women.

Equestrian

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s equestrians competed in two IHSA shows this weekend. Host St. Mary’s of the Woods tied Purdue for first Saturday, with the Irish close behind in third out of the 12-school field. SMWC took first Sunday, with Purdue, Illinois and the Irish bunched behind in the standings. Celina Tolson, Mana Espahbodi, Victoria Scheid and Mia Genereux all qualified for regionals with strong performances.

Men’s Volleyball

The Irish hosted St. Ambrose Friday evening. Despite key performances

from Alex Lewis and Mark Iandolo, the Irish dropped the match 30-16, 31-29, 30-28.

Field Hockey

Notre Dame traveled to Cleveland to compete in a tournament at Cleveland State University last weekend. The indoor tournament included both women’s and men’s teams from across the Midwest, featuring university and club teams. Notre Dame played four games Saturday against the Cleveland Thorns, Pittsburgh, Michigan and Michigan State. The Irish lost their first three games, but defeated the Spartans in the fourth in a high-scoring match. Sunday, Notre Dame lost in close matches against the Cleveland Roses and the Steel Styx. Seeded 6th, Notre Dame took on the Cleveland Thorns in the tournament playoffs, losing 1-0 in a tight defensive match.

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Walker and Dyson aid Connecticut in NCAA quest

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Kemba Walker scored 21 points and Jerome Dyson added 17 as Connecticut beat No. 8 West Virginia 73-62 on Monday night, the Huskies’ third win this season over a top 10 team.

Stanley Robinson had 15 points and 13 rebounds for UConn (17-11, 7-8 Big East), which has won three straight to keep its NCAA tournament hopes alive.

The Huskies are 3-1 since coach Jim Calhoun returned from a medical leave of absence. Connecticut was 3-4 during the 23 days he was gone.

Devin Ebanks had 17 points and nine rebounds to lead West Virginia (21-6, 10-5). The Mountaineers finished the game without head coach Bob Huggins, who received two technical fouls in the final minute.

Calhoun called the game a street fight, and the teams combined for 46 personal fouls. UConn hit 30 of 42 free throws and Walker was

14 of 17 from the line.

West Virginia was 12 of 23 from the free throw line and hit just four of 18 shots from 3-point range.

UConn led by as many as 15 points in the first half, and by nine at halftime after outrebounding the Mountaineers 21-11.

But the Mountaineers whittled away at the lead in the second half, and when Ebanks followed up a missed shot with 8:44 left they were down 53-52. But they were never able to take the lead.

It was 66-62 with just over a minute left when Calhoun called a timeout.

Stanley Robinson then followed up a missed layup by Dyson with a dunk, and Walker’s steal and dunk made it 70-62.

An irate Huggins received two technical fouls after calling a timeout, and Walker hit three of four free throws to ice the game.

West Virginia committed 26 fouls and UConn was called for 20.

UConn lost 6-foot-11 Ater Majok to fouls with 5 min-

utes left and 6-10 Gavin Edwards fouled out less than a minute later with UConn up 63-56.

Wellington Smith fouled out for the Mountaineers with 2:55 left.

West Virginia quickly scored the game’s first five points, prompting Calhoun to call a timeout less than a minute into the game. Calhoun then said something to official Michael Stephens that led to a technical foul.

But Wellington Smith missed both free throws, and the Huskies responded by going on a 14-1 run. UConn scored 13 straight points midway through the half, and a short bank shot by Robinson gave the Huskies a 28-13 lead.

West Virginia responded with a 10-1 run, but trailed 37-28 at halftime.

UConn improved an NCAA tournament resume that also includes victories over then-no. 1 Texas last month and at No. 3 Villanova last week.

Connecticut is 15-4 all-time against West Virginia, including 8-0 at home.



AP

Mountaineer forward Kevin Jones reaches over Husky forward Ater Majok in the first half of the NCAA game in Hartford, Conn. Monday.

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Dear Michelle,
Happy six-month, baby girl!
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Today is the youngest you will ever be. Live like it.

Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend. ---- Albert Camus

Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything. ----Muhammad Ali

NCAA Division I Men's Basketball AP Poll		
	team	previous
1	Kansas	1
2	Kentucky	2
3	Purdue	4
4	Syracuse	5
5	Duke	6
6	Kansas State	7
7	Villanova	3
8	West Virginia	8
9	Ohio State	9
10	New Mexico	12
11	Georgetown	10
12	Pittsburgh	19
13	BYU	16
14	Michigan State	11
15	Butler	18
16	Vanderbilt	17
17	Wisconsin	14
18	Gonzaga	13
19	Tennessee	20
20	Temple	21
21	Texas	15
22	Texas A&M	24
23	Richmond	25
24	Baylor	22
25	Northern Iowa	NR

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball AP Poll		
	team	previous
1	Connecticut	1
2	Stanford	2
3	Nebraska	3
4	Tennessee	5
5	Xavier	6
6	Duke	8
7	NOTRE DAME	4
8	West Virginia	9
9	Florida State	10
10	Ohio State	7
11	Oklahoma	11
12	Texas A&M	15
13	Georgetown	14
14	Texas	12
15	Iowa State	13
16	Kentucky	16
17	Baylor	18
18	St. John's (N.Y.)	22
19	Gonzaga	21
20	LSU	23
21	Virginia	NR
22	Georgia Tech	14
23	Oklahoma State	17
24	Georgia	20
25	Hartford	NR

Men's Basketball Big East Standings		
	team	conf. W-L
1	Syracuse	12-2
2	Villanova	11-3
3	West Virginia	10-4
4	Pittsburgh	10-4
5	Louisville	9-5
6	Marquette	8-6
7	Georgetown	8-6
8	Cincinnati	6-8
9	NOTRE DAME	6-8
10	Seton Hall	6-8

around the dial

NCAA Men's Basketball

Illinois at Michigan

7 p.m., ESPN

Olympic Men's Hockey

Russia vs. Latvia

9 p.m., NBC

MLB



Hank Aaron, the former all-time home run leader, offered his support Monday for disgraced slugger Mark McGwire. McGwire returned to baseball as the Cardinals hitting coach after steroid allegations forced him into obscurity.

Former slugger Aaron supportive of McGwire

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Former career home run king Hank Aaron says Mark McGwire should have a clear conscience after his recent admission he used performance-enhancing drugs as a player.

Aaron said other players still harboring similar secrets also should come clean.

“I think baseball is cleaning up its act a little bit, I really do,” Aaron said Monday during a visit to Atlanta Braves camp. “I’ve said this and I’ll say it again, over and over again, this is the most forgiving country in the world. If you come through and tell the

truth, then you’re going to be forgiven.

“The kid with the Yankees, (Andy) Pettitte, came out and it was a week of news and after that it was over. We all make mistakes. If they ever did enhancing drugs, whatever they did, they should come clean and be able to sleep at night.”

Aaron said McGwire’s admission and apology this year was overdue but still welcome.

“I would have loved to have seen him do it a long time ago, but since he did it, I think that he himself will tell you right now he’s able to sleep at night and he’s able to look at his teammates,” Aaron said.

“He’s done everything that he can do.”

McGwire, who hit a then-single-season record 70 homers in 1998, admitted this year he used steroids and human growth hormone as a player. He is beginning his first season as the Cardinals’ hitting coach.

“It’s nice to have him back,” Aaron said.

The 76-year-old Aaron’s enduring popularity was clear as he attracted a crowd of autograph-seekers.

“It makes you feel good,” he said. “I’ve tried to carry myself that way. I don’t try to push myself on nobody. I just try to do what I’m supposed to do.”

Aaron hit a record 755 home runs for the Braves and Brewers. His record was broken by Barry Bonds, who also eclipsed McGwire’s mark with 73 homers in 2001. Bonds has pleaded not guilty to charges of lying when he told a federal grand jury in 2003 that he never knowingly used steroids.

Aaron did not mention Bonds.

Aaron was asked if he appreciates some fans still referring to him as the home run king.

“Regardless of what happened, I’m not going to hit another home run,” he said. “Not in this world. I may do it somewhere else.”

IN BRIEF

Patriots to place franchise tag on tackle Wilfork

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots put the franchise tag on Pro Bowl nose tackle Vince Wilfork on Monday, providing more time for negotiations toward a long-term contract.

The six-year veteran said he hoped the team would use the tag for that purpose.

The Patriots placed a non-exclusive tag on Wilfork, according to ESPN.com. That gives the Patriots the right to match any other team’s offer or let Wilfork go for two first-round draft picks. An exclusive tag would have tied Wilfork to the Patriots for the season.

As a non-exclusive franchise player, if a long-term deal is not reached, his 2011 salary with the Patriots would be \$7 million, the average 2009 salary of the top five paid players at his position.

Outfielder Gomes signs deal to return to Reds

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Free agent outfielder Jonny Gomes signed a one-year deal with Cincinnati on Monday, providing the right-handed power hitter the Reds wanted in the outfield.

General manager Walt Jocketty said the 29-year-old Gomes will compete for the job in left field. His contract includes a club option for 2011.

The Reds put right-hander Edinson Volquez on the 60-day disabled list to create room on the roster. Volquez had reconstructive elbow surgery last August and isn’t expected back before midseason.

Gomes appeared in 98 games for the Reds last season, batting .267 with 20 homers and 51 runs batted in. He started 33 games in left field, 33 in right and nine as a designated hitter during interleague play.

Cubs’ Soriano recovering well from knee surgery

MESA, Ariz. — Alfonso Soriano came to spring training Monday with his typical big smile and offered up a question mark about his surgically repaired left knee.

Soriano underwent arthroscopic surgery on the knee on Sept. 15. Four months later, he said he isn’t sure when he’ll be able to go full speed on it — not what fans were hoping to hear from a guy who played in only 117 games with the Cubs in 2009, batting .241 with 20 homers and 55 RBIs in the third season of an eight-year, \$136 million contract.

Soriano said he has been working out in his native Dominican Republic. He said he’s probably at about 80 percent or 85 percent but hasn’t completely tested the knee by running the bases or chasing fly balls. He said he doesn’t want to push things too quickly with a goal of being ready for opening day.

NFL

Chargers release Tomlinson after nine years

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The slashing, dazzling runs came less frequently. The yards didn't pile up as easily as in previous seasons.

LaDainian Tomlinson was slowing down because of injuries and age, becoming less and less the face of the franchise as his role was reduced in a pass-happy offense.

On Monday, he was released by the San Diego Chargers, a franchise he helped revive with a brilliant nine-year run in which he became one of the NFL's greatest running backs.

The move had been expected for some time. Tomlinson, one of the most beloved athletes in San Diego sports history, got the word in a meeting with team president Dean Spanos.

"I told him that in the 26 years that I've been in this business, it was probably the hardest thing I've had to do," Spanos told The Associated Press. "I'm not close to a lot of the players, but there's a handful that I've been close with, and he's probably the closest. It was really difficult to tell him. But out of respect, I wanted to tell him earlier rather than later."

Tomlinson was due a \$2 million roster bonus in early March, which all but guaranteed he would be cut loose. He still had two years left on his contract, which was reworked

during a somewhat tumultuous period last offseason.

L.T. wasn't immediately available for comment. He said after the Chargers' playoff loss to the New York Jets that he felt he could still play for a few more seasons.

"He was one of the greatest players and people that I've ever had a chance to be around and he will be missed," outside linebacker Shawne Merriman said in an e-mail to the AP.

General manager A.J. Smith called it "a tough day, a sad day for everybody in the organization. But it's always tough to part ways with great players who helped you win games. It's not a pleasant day, but we're working through it."

Agent Tom Condon said he'll spend time at the forthcoming NFL combine in Indianapolis determining interest from other teams.

"I think they did us a favor in terms of releasing him before we go to the combine. That part of it was positive," Condon told the AP. "L.T. during Super Bowl week had indicated it was time to move on, and they accommodated him. He's had a Hall of Fame run there as a Charger."

Tomlinson, who turned 30 last summer, was injured early in the 2009 season and finished with 730 yards on 223 carries for an average of 3.3 yards per carry, all career lows.

Condon doesn't think

Tomlinson is finished.

"It's one of those things with the very, very special players, like Emmitt Smith, Marcus Allen, guys like that," Condon said. "You can't predict what they're going to do. They seem to defy the odds. He keeps himself in tremendous condition. I think he feels like he can go forward for several more years."

Tomlinson ranks eighth on the all-time rushing list with 12,490 yards. His 138 career rushing touchdowns rank second, and his 153 total touchdowns rank third.

He was the NFL's MVP in 2006, when he set league single-season records with 31 touchdowns, including 28 rushing, and 186 points. Tomlinson won the NFL's rushing title in 2006 and '07.

Perhaps his most memorable moment as a Charger came on Dec. 10, 2006, when he swept into the end zone late in a game against the Denver Broncos for his third touchdown of the afternoon to break Shaun Alexander's year-old record of 28 touchdowns.

His linemen hoisted him onto their shoulders and carried him toward the sideline, with Tomlinson holding the ball high in his right hand and waving his left index finger, while the fans chanted "L.T.! L.T.!" and "MVP! MVP!"

"He's just been a great player for us," Smith said. "Also, the

character, integrity, work ethic, along with his talent, have been unbelievable. He's a Hall of Famer right now. He will be a first-ballot Hall of Famer."

Coming off a 1-15 finish in 2000, and trying to dig out from the nightmarish Ryan Leaf years, the Chargers held the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 draft. They sent that pick to the Atlanta Falcons on the day before the draft began for a package that included the fifth pick, which they used to select Tomlinson. The Falcons took Michael Vick with the top pick.

"When he came here in 2001, we were a struggling franchise," Spanos said. "It's clear that we are where we are today because of him. He truly has been the heart and soul of our team all these years, and just done an outstanding job and helped turn this franchise around into a winning franchise. It couldn't have been done without him."

Spanos said he and Tomlinson expressed disappointment that the player never got a chance to win a Super Bowl title.

"We came close but just never quite got there," Spanos said.

The Chargers made five playoff appearances during Tomlinson's time here. They advanced to the AFC championship game following the 2007 season but lost to the New

England Patriots.

Tomlinson's squeaky-clean image took a hit during that AFC championship game. Forced out early with a knee injury, Tomlinson watched glumly from the sideline, huddled in a parka and his face hidden behind the tinted visor on his helmet.

The Chargers gave an overly optimistic prognosis about his injury, announcing that he "can return," which caused fans and commentators to question his toughness.

Tomlinson was always the most brutally honest employee in the Chargers' organization. When he sustained a groin injury in the 2008 regular-season finale, he was more forthright with the media about its severity, causing Smith to bristle.

That groin injury sidelined Tomlinson in a divisional-round loss to Pittsburgh, the first time he missed a game due to injury in his pro career. He had been slowed earlier that season by a toe injury.

He sprained his right ankle in the 2009 season opener against Oakland and missed the next two games.

Spanos said Tomlinson "was very, very gracious and very respectful" during their meeting. "He had his typical smile. He was just as good as could be, as respectful as could be. Just really, like he is, first class."

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NBA

Blatche leads Wizards to win; Bogut leads Bucks



Washington guard Mike Miller goes for a shot against Chicago forward Taj Gibson in the first half of their game Monday night.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Andray Blatche scored 25 points and had 11 rebounds to lead the Washington Wizards to a 101-95 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

Blatche, averaging 25 points in the four games since the trades of Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler, helped Washington to its first three-game home winning streak since April 4-12, 2008. He also made all nine of his free throws.

Washington is 3-1 since the trades, and the Wizards ended Chicago's four-game winning streak.

Early in the third quarter, the Wizards scored 14 straight to take a 62-58 lead, holding Chicago scoreless for 6 minutes, 10 seconds. Blatche, Al Thornton and James Singleton each scored four points in the run.

Derrick Rose scored 22 points to lead the Bulls.

Washington played nearly the entire game after one of their newest players, Josh Howard, playing in his fourth game, collided with Flip Murray with 4:23 to play in the first quarter. He was helped off the court and suffered a strained left knee.

Both teams made major moves last week. The Wizards made two trades and have four new players, while the Bulls made two trades and also have four new players, though one, forward Joe Alexander is yet to play.

Both coaches, Chicago's Vinny Del Negro and Washington's Flip Saunders, noted that some of their new players have yet to participate in a full practice, reducing the number of plays they could run.

Blatche had nine points in the third quarter when Washington outscored Chicago 31-16 as the Bulls missed 15 of their 21 shots. Washington led 77-72 after three.

The Wizards increased their lead to 93-80 after Blatche hit two free throws with 5:25 to play.

Rose, who led Chicago with 22 points, led a late rally that cut Washington's lead to 96-95 with 1:55 left. Rose scored nine points in the run, including a three-point play that featured a beautiful scoop shot. Flip Murray added 16 for the Bulls.

Thornton and Randy Foye hit late jumpers to give the Wizards a 100-95 lead with 1:01 to play. Thornton had 17 points, Foye had 16 and nine assists, and Singleton had a season-high 12 rebounds.

Bucks 83, Knicks 67

Andrew Bogut had 24 points and 20 rebounds in his third career 20-20 game, and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the New York Knicks on Monday night for their third straight victory.

Limited to just 5 1/2 minutes at Madison Square Garden three weeks ago because of a migraine, Bogut played 36 this time and overwhelmed the Knicks' smaller front line. He shot 12 of 15 from the field in his first 20-20 game since Dec. 13, 2008, against Indiana, according to STATS, LLC.

John Salmons scored 15 points for the Bucks, who forced the Knicks into their worst offensive performance of the season and completed a three-game sweep of the series.

Tracy McGrady scored 15 points in his second game with the Knicks, but shot only 5 of 14. He wasn't alone in struggling, as the team hit just 33.8 percent from the field in its season-high seventh straight loss.

Newcomer Sergio Rodriguez replaced Chris Duhon in the lineup, but Duhon couldn't have done any worse than the Spanish point guard, who had four points and one assist and shot 2 for 8 in 30 minutes.

Bogut seemed on his way to a dominant effort in the Bucks' 114-107 win here on Feb. 5, making all three shots for six points before he was forced to leave. He was the one causing the pain this time, helping the Bucks improve to 27-28 with their fourth straight road victory.

Despite its woeful shooting, New York was within six with under 9 minutes. Jerry Stackhouse then made a 3-pointer before consecutive baskets by Luke Ridnour and Salmons made it 74-61 with 7:49 left. Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni promised his team would speed up the tempo after last week's trades, yet finished nowhere near its previous worst scoring night of 78 points against Dallas on Jan. 24.

The Bucks, who came in a game out of the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, swept the series for the first time since going 4-0 in 1990-91.

Milwaukee never trailed in the first half, but the Knicks put together their only prolonged stretch of good offense with a 12-0 burst that turned a 10-point deficit into a 53-51 lead on Wilson Chandler's layup with 5:20 remaining in the third quarter.

The Bucks answered immediately with 13 straight points, including consecutive layups by Bogut, to open a 64-53 advantage on two free throws by Brandon Jennings with 41 seconds to go. They led by nine entering the fourth.

Bogut scored 14 points on 7-of-9 shooting and grabbed nine rebounds in the first quarter as Milwaukee opened a 27-20 lead. The Bucks pushed the lead into double digits early in the second while the Knicks continued to misfire, and they led 47-41 at halftime after limiting New York to 37.5 percent shooting.



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MLB

Damon admits Detroit Tigers were first choice

Associated Press

LAKELAND, Fla. — To Johnny Damon, the Detroit Tigers were the right team. “This is where I wanted to be,” he said Monday after completing his \$8 million, one-year contract. “The Tigers were my first choice. I love it here and think I am a good fit.”

Let go by the World Series champion New York Yankees, Damon also drew interest from the Atlanta Braves and Chicago White Sox. When it came time to choose, he darted to Detroit.

“The Tigers are a scary team and the fact that this team has gotten even younger makes it a lot more fun,” he said.

The 36-year-old outfielder brings another left-handed bat to the Tigers’ lineup besides switch-hitter Carlos Guillen.

Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski has said Damon wasn’t in the team’s plans as late as January. But Damon came into the picture after the Tigers dealt leadoff hitter Curtis Granderson to the Yankees, then saw Placido Polanco leave as a free agent.

“We needed to make some adjustments,” Dombrowski said. “We aren’t doing it only for this year, but we also needed to move forward. The moves we made earlier in the year allowed us to make some adjustments, not only for now but also for the future. We also brought in some young talent.”

Damon hit .282 with 24 homers for the Yankees last season and is expected to lead off for the Tigers.

“I’m happy for him that he’s found out where he’s going to go,” Yankees manager Joe Girardi said Sunday. “I think for players that’s an anxious time. Trying to figure out where you’re going to be. Usually it doesn’t go on this long. I wish Johnny luck. Johnny was good for us here. We all miss Johnny. This is the hard part of the game when those relationships change a little bit. I’ll root for Johnny except when he’s playing against us.”

The Tigers lost to Minnesota in a one-game tiebreaker for the AL Central title last year after collapsing down the stretch. Dombrowski said Damon’s attitude means as much as his talent.

“He makes us better,” Dombrowski said. “He’s a proven winner.”

Damon said he seriously considered offers from three other teams, though he wouldn’t name them. He denied reports that his wife, Michelle, was against signing with the Tigers.

“This is where we wanted to be,” Damon said. “It is where my family wanted to be. Contrary to what has been reported, I wanted a place where I could win right away. I have always been truthful and Detroit was always my first choice, and my wife and I are going to love it there.”

Damon said he’s more comfortable now than when he made the awkward transition from Boston to rival New York before the 2006 season. He grew up in Orlando, about a 30-minute drive from the Tigers’ spring training home in

Lakeland.

The Tigers will be Damon’s fifth team. He also played for the Kansas City Royals and Oakland Athletics before his stints in Boston and New York.

“This is so much different than the last time,” Damon said. “This is the first time I feel at home.”

He said he knew his days in New York were numbered after he was informed by Yankees general manager Brian Cashman that he was the second choice behind free agent Nick Johnson, who signed with New York in December.

NBA

Ilgauskas, Cavs may reunite

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An official within the league told The Associated Press on Monday the NBA has not threatened to stop a potential reunion between the Cleveland Cavaliers and Zydrunas Ilgauskas.

The Cavaliers traded their longtime center to Washington last week in the three-team deal that brought Antawn Jamison to Cleveland. The Wizards may decide to buy out Ilgauskas, allowing him to become a free agent.

The Los Angeles Times quoted an unnamed source Sunday saying the NBA had told other teams it wouldn’t let Ilgauskas go back to the Cavs. However, the official told the AP the

league would only step in if there was proof of an agreement before the trade was completed.

The person was granted anonymity because he was not authorized to comment publicly about the Ilgauskas situation.

A message was left with Ilgauskas’ agent seeking comment.

If a buyout is reached with the Wizards, Ilgauskas would be placed on waivers. No team is far enough under the salary cap to absorb his \$11.5 million salary for this season, so he would become a free agent eligible to join any team for a prorated share of the veteran’s minimum.

NBA rules allow a player being traded and then waived to

rejoin his old team after 30 days, as long as that wasn’t planned before the deal was completed. Last season, Antonio McDyess went back to Detroit after the Pistons dealt him to Denver along with Chauncey Billups for Allen Iverson, and players such as Brent Barry (San Antonio) and Gary Payton (Boston) have also gone back to clubs that dealt them in recent seasons.

Though he lost his starting job this season after the Cavs traded for Shaquille O’Neal, a return to the Cavs could be attractive for Ilgauskas. He’s spent his whole career in Cleveland after he was drafted in 1996, and the Cavaliers are one of the favorites to win the championship this season.

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Big East

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Irish will face in their new conference is the number of top-ranked teams. Syracuse sits in first in the most recent USILA Coaches Poll as Georgetown moves to No. 13.

"The Big East gives us a great national profile and name recognition in the lacrosse world," Corrigan said. "Not many people really know about a team from Denver, but they know teams like Syracuse and Georgetown. I think that having them come out here every other year will really attract attention and help us build rivals in all the sports we play in."

Despite the challenges set

by the other teams in the conference, Corrigan believes playing in the Big East will aid is team in the long run.

"We need the challenge of Big East play to prepare for the N C A A Tournament," he said.

Without playing a conference match, the Irish have

already made a name for themselves on the Big East stage. Senior goalie Scott Rodgers was named the first-ever Big East defensive player of the week and junior midfielder Zach Brenneman was named to the weekly honor

roll as a result of their performances at Duke.

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Irish coach

secret, he's one of the best goalies in the country," Corrigan said. "He benefited from a great defensive effort from the whole team. It's a great honor to him, but it's something not only he should take pride in, but also the whole team."

Although Corrigan has previously said he and his team don't set many long-term season goals, he has already stated some for Notre Dame in this new conference.

"We want to win it," Corrigan said. "We don't talk much about season goals, we talk about today, but there's only one goal when you're in a conference like this: to win the Big East. It's going to be quite a challenge and an accomplishment."

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Florida

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strides. We got off to a horrible start at Michigan State," Holt told und.com. "But they went out and got better every time they competed."

The Irish are not starting off their spring season easy. The Central District Invitational involves 15 teams, seven of which are ranked in the Golfstat Top 25.

Florida leads the field at 5-under par, followed by TCU at 15 over. Notre Dame is one of a group of 10 teams grouped

within 16 shots of one another between 27-and 43-over par.

"I think we are really looking to just get comfortable again," Holt said.

The first tournament of the spring season has characteristically been a tough one for the Irish, as the team has had a tough time starting with a solid round and typically performs better as the year progresses. But this year may be different for Notre Dame.

"I think the girls realize what's ahead of them," Holt said. "We don't have time with our schedule to come lollygagging out. They need to

come out ready to play."

The Irish came out with the same lineup with which they ended the fall season, including Huffer, senior co-captains Annie Brophy and Kristin Wetzel and juniors Katie Conway and So-Hyun Park.

"We have a lot of experience which I think will really benefit us in this spring season," Holt said.

The Irish will conclude their play in the Central District Invitational today as they hope to improve upon Monday's performance.

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NBA

Hawks beat Jazz to end 17-year drought

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Joe Johnson scored 28 points and Josh Smith added 18 as the Atlanta Hawks won in Utah for the first time in 17 years, beating the short-handed Jazz 105-100 on Monday night.

Johnson scored 11 points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer with 2:28 left that gave the Hawks a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Jamal Crawford, who had 17 points, followed Johnson's long shot with a steal and two free throws and the Jazz lost for just the third time in 20 games.

Playing without Deron Williams and Andrei Kirilenko, the Jazz stayed close until the final minute, but allowed the Hawks to shoot 54 percent.

The Hawks hadn't won in Utah since Feb. 13, 1993, when Dominique Wilkins scored 43 points to lead Atlanta to a 121-112 victory.

Paul Millsap scored 14 points and Ronnie Price and Kyle Korver each had 13 points for the Jazz, who missed a chance to catch Denver for a share of the Northwest Division lead and the second position in the Western Conference standings.

A night after a 22-point, 23-rebound effort, Carlos Boozer had 12 points, 10 rebounds and a season-high eight assists but missed a couple of late shots and dropped a rebound out of bounds when the Jazz had a chance to tie it in the final minute.

Williams briefly left Sunday's game at Portland with a leg injury, but returned to help the Jazz complete a 93-89 overtime victory after trailing by 25 points. Williams had 18 points and 12 assists, while playing tenacious defense against Brandon Roy in the final minutes.

Kirilenko left the game against the Trail Blazers in the first quarter with back pain, an ongoing issue for the lanky forward. His recent play has been critical in Utah's surge, but he has now sat out seven games this season with the ailment.

The Hawks squandered a 17-point fourth-quarter advantage in a 108-104 loss at Golden State on Sunday and had dropped three of four games. But they made 10 of 15 shots in the fourth quarter and outscored the Jazz 31-25 to claim the rare win at Utah.

Johnson made a contested jumper to make it 101-97 and then C.J. Miles missed two free throws on the other end with 32.2 seconds remaining. The rebound resulted in a jump ball that Smith won. Johnson and Crawford made free throws in the final seconds to clinch the victory.

Beyond snapping a 15-game road losing streak in Utah, the win clinched Atlanta's first season series sweep of the Jazz since the 1992-93 season.

Without two of their

starters, the Jazz came out flat and fell behind by as many as 11 in the first quarter. But seldom-used center Kyrylo Fesenko led the Jazz on a 17-2 run to start the second period. Fesenko's three-point play capped the surge and gave Utah a 41-30 lead.

Mavericks 91, Pacers 82

Brendan Haywood tied a career high with 20 rebounds and the Dallas Mavericks improved to 4-0 with him as their starting center in a victory against the Indiana Pacers on Monday night.

Haywood, who came over from Washington in a Feb. 13 trade, scored 13 points and added three blocks to anchor a defense that was struggling. The Mavericks have held all five opponents since the trade to less than 100 points after the previous eight broke that mark.

Haywood is starting in place of Erick Dampier, who dislocated a finger in the first game with his new backup.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 23 points.

Playing his second straight game in his native Texas, T.J. Ford led the Pacers with 14 points.

Jason Kidd had two of his seven assists and the punctuating 3-pointer on an 11-3 run that put the Mavericks ahead 64-48 in the third quarter. Their lead was never less than nine after that.

Haywood also had a hand in the defining run, getting four points, a rebound and a block.

The rest of the Mavericks were harassing the Pacers, too. Indiana shot 39 percent and went nearly five minutes without a field goal while the Mavericks pulled away in the second half.

The Mavericks improved to 4-1 since the All-Star break and the trade, taking advantage of their second straight game against a team playing without its leading scorer. Indiana's Danny Granger missed the game for unspecified personal reasons after Miami's Dwyane Wade sat out Saturday night with a calf strain.

Some of the Pacers' shooting woes were self-inflicted. They missed plenty of open 3-pointers, finishing 3 of 23 from beyond the arc.

Coming off a 23-point night during a win in his hometown of Houston, Ford played despite a sore groin and kept the Pacers close in the first half. He led all first-half scorers with 10 points. He used his quickness to draw fouls, converting a three-point play and going 6 of 7 from the line.

The three Dallas newcomers played strong first-half roles. Haywood had 10 rebounds before halftime, the last an emphatic putback dunk that gave him seven points. Caron Butler led the Mavericks in the first half with eight points despite 3 of 9 shooting, and DeShawn Stevenson hit a pair of 3-pointers to finish with seven.

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Hofstra

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tect the ball in transition," she said.

Despite working on this in practice, Hofstra will still provide a test of the Notre Dame's progress as it opens its season.

"We need to see what we can do," Coyne said. "Because we've only played ourselves."

The first game will be no easy win, either. Notre Dame has faced the Pride twice before, holding them off 14-13 in 2008 and prevailing 17-15 last season. Hofstra returned a strong contingent from last year's 10-6 campaign and opened the season with an impressive victory.

"They always play us really tough. They're a very quick, athletic, feisty and physical team," Coyne said. "This is one

of the toughest games because everyone expects us to win and Hofstra always plays us close."

Senior Pride midfielder Corrine Gandolfini is a member of the U.S. National Developmental Team that faced the Irish, and she will be Notre Dame's biggest concern. The game will be played in weather conditions that emphasize one-on-one attacking and ball possession, areas where Hofstra has been traditionally strong.

"Defensively, we've been working on our one-on-one defense," Coyne said. "Draw control will also be huge."

Coyne said she believes that no one player on the team will have to play well, but rather the entire squad as a whole, especially since this is the first game of the season in which the Irish will cement their lineup changes from last year.

"We're trying a different

midfield rotation," Coyne said. "There will be lots of surprises, and hopefully they're all pleasant ones."

This game will be the first in Notre Dame's campaign to reach its goals, including defending last season's Big East title, and winning it outright, which the squad has never done. Notre Dame is also looking to win the conference tournament and advancing deep into the NCAA Tournament. Although much is up in the air as to how ready the team is to accomplish those goals, one thing is sure after preseason workouts.

"We'll be as prepared as we can be," Coyne said.

Notre Dame will face Hofstra at 3:30 p.m. to open its 14th season at the James M. Stuart Stadium in Hempstead, N.Y.

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Seniors

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much-needed spark as they look for a return to the win column.

"Getting Lindsay Schrader back is going to be a big part of that," McGraw said. "It's Senior Night, we're playing at home, we have a lot of things going our way right now. I think we just need to gain our confidence back, and just go out and concentrate on the fundamentals."

Schrader brings a special set of skills with her every time she steps on the court, namely the ability to score, rebound and play lockdown defense when the game is on the line. Nevertheless, Notre Dame features a talented cast that many believed would be able to carry the slack in Schrader's absence.

"I think it was definitely a shot, shook our confidence a little bit knowing we've lost two games without her," McGraw said. "I think everybody knows we didn't play well, individually or as a team. It's disappointing for all of them to be able to look at themselves and know they kind of let the team down."

Schrader's return comes at a pivotal point in the season. The Irish have slipped to fourth in the conference standings and face a desperate Marquette team that must win to keep its NCAA Tournament dreams alive.

"It's always a good game with them," McGraw said. "They've beaten us a couple of times now up there. Every game's tough, every game. Their backs are against the wall. They want to really try to win this game and we feel kind of the same way."

The Golden Eagles (14-12, 5-8) are led by junior Angel Robinson, an aggressive point guard averaging 13.3 points and 4.5 assists per game. Complemented by sophomore forward Jessica Pachko in the post, McGraw said she believes Marquette has developed an effective inside-outside offense that may pose a potential mismatch.

Senior guard Melissa Lechlitner said she is optimistic, and believes Schrader's return and a renewed focus at practice will deliver an Irish victory.

"Anytime you get a player back that's been injured or has been out for a little bit, it's always an extra boost, always going to help," Lechlitner said. "We just need to get back to rebounding and playing defense and getting big stops, just playing Notre Dame basketball."

Playing in the Purcell Pavilion will be a welcome advantage, but going out with a win on Senior Night should also be a motivating factor for the veteran-heavy squad.

"We have some of the best attendance in the nation, and our fans are the absolute best in the country," Lechlitner said. "Anytime that we start getting on a little run, we feed off their enthusiasm. It's not really our last home game, but it's still really sad the season is coming to an end. Four years are coming to an end. It's definitely going to be an emotional night."

The Irish tip-off against the Golden Eagles is at 7 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion. Notre Dame's seven seniors (five players, two managers) will be honored prior to the game.

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under control and keep Albion off the foul line."

Not only will Saint Mary's need to provide ample offensive firepower, but they also will need to step up on the defensive side of the ball as Albion has a few players who could pose as a real threat to the Belles.

"Albion is a good team," Henley said. "They have some very good shooters who are able to take over a game at any point."

Junior guard Melissa Shaw

led the Britons with 13.9 points per game, playing a vital role in Albion's guard play as she leads the team in assists and steals by a large margin for the season.

The Belles will need to come out ready to play against Albion in order to advance in the playoffs and a team can no longer expect to win without full energy on both offense and defense. The Britons are looking for an opportunity to upset Saint Mary's on the Belles' home court after losing at home Saturday.

"We are going to need to play more than just one half of solid defense as well as

create second shots for us with offensive boards," Henley said.

Belles senior Anna Kammrath has become a vital asset in grabbing rebounds as she recently set the Saint Mary's career rebounding record, surpassing the previous mark of 830. Sophomore Kelley Murphy has been adding an average 7.2 rebounds per game as well for the Belles.

Saint Mary's will take on Albion at 7:30 p.m. in the first round of MIAA playoff action in the Angela Athletic Center.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Ready to attack

Irish travel to Hofstra to open spring season

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

The Irish traveled to Hempstead, N.Y. for today's 3:30 p.m. clash at Hofstra to open their spring season. It will be the Pride's second match after opening the season with a 21-3 dismantling of Saint Mary's (Calif.).

Notre Dame has been practicing hard throughout the off-season and in the preseason. The Irish traveled to Lake Buena Vista, Fla., to scrimmage the U.S. National Elite team and U.S. National Developmental team in January at the Disney World of Sports in the Champion Challenge. The trip to Florida revealed important areas to focus on in practice, Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

"Playing the U.S. team exposed that we need to pro-



Junior midfielder and co-captain Shaylyn Blaney takes on an Ohio State defender in a Feb. 22, 2009 match. She will look to help the Irish open up the spring season at Hofstra today in Hempsted, N.Y.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles earn No. 3 seed in playoffs

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's earned the No. 3 seed in the MIAA playoffs and will play host to Albion in the first round.

The Belles are looking to build upon their two-game win streak to close out the regular season, winning their final two games by a combined total of 35 points.

The two teams last met Saturday when the Belles were able to keep their composure and handle the pressure from the Britons. But Saint Mary's committed a number of fouls that led to easy points for Albion, but not enough as the Belles won 62-47.

"Tuesday's rematch is going to be a battle," Belles coach Jenn Henley said. "We are going to need to keep our fouls

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MEN'S LACROSSE

No. 3 Notre Dame ready for new Big East opponents

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

With the beginning of the 2010 season comes a number of firsts for the No. 3 Irish. Not only did they take down now-No. 8 Duke in the season opener, the first time the Irish have defeated a team that was ranked in the top two of the national polls in program history, but Notre Dame is also one of seven teams in the

newly-formed and highly competitive Big East men's lacrosse league.

"One of the good things is the quality of the teams," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "At the top of this league is excellence with Syracuse and Georgetown, and I think that Villanova and Rutgers are moving up as well."

A member of the recently dissolved Great Western Lacrosse League from 1994 to

2009, the Irish (1-0) will join Georgetown, Providence, Rutgers, St. John's, Syracuse and Villanova as the 11th men's team sponsored by the Big East conference. Notre Dame earned 12 GWLL regular-season titles and won two back-to-back league tournaments in 2008 and 2009.

"To be involved in such a big conference is great for our team," Corrigan said. "Syracuse has five national championships. No one in the

Great Western Lacrosse League had been in the Final Four except us."

As part of the new conference, the teams will play a six-game single round-robin regular season schedule. Notre Dame's first conference match will take place March 27 when it plays host to Rutgers.

"It's a very competitive group of schools," Corrigan said. "The league's teams are in all areas of the country in

which we recruit. It'll be great for recruiting and playing in front of the kids we're trying to attract."

The Irish grabbed the preseason No. 2 spot in the Big East by the conference's head coaches. Syracuse was chosen in front of the Irish with six-first place votes to Notre Dame's one; Georgetown was ranked third.

One of the challenges the

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Schrader returns to the court

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

With a two-game losing streak hovering over its head, No. 7 Notre Dame finds itself in unfamiliar territory heading into the last week of the regular season. Fighting for a top seed in the Big East Championship, the Irish (23-3, 10-3 Big East) will have their first chance to exorcise their demons as they host Marquette tonight for Senior Night.

Notre Dame's fall in the polls and conference standings comes on the heels of senior Lindsay Schrader's ankle injury that has sidelined the guard for two games. Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she believes Schrader's return Tuesday will give the Irish a



Senior guard Lindsay Schrader is set to return to the court tonight for the Irish after recovering from an ankle injury.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Huffer leads the way for Irish in Florida

By JOHN HELMS
Sports Writer

After a few months spent practicing in the Rolfs Golf Facility, the Irish are happy to be competing in the Central District Invitational in Parrish, Fla., in a two-day event at the River Wilderness Country Club. Notre Dame came out of Monday's competition in 11th after two rounds of play.

In Monday morning's first round, the Irish opened with a 310 and followed with a 308 in the afternoon. Sophomore Becca Huffer leads the Irish with a 149 two-round total, 5-over par,

to place her in 14th overall.

Going into the competition, the Irish were excited about the chance to play outside again.

"It's been a while since we've actually gotten to play golf," Irish coach Susan Holt told und.com. "I think the biggest thing is getting back out there and starting to hit some shots and feel comfortable again."

Notre Dame has not competed in an event since the Alamo Invitational in October 2009, the finale of a fall season that was characterized by improvement.

"We made a lot of great

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