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Lacrosse brings hope to Ugandan children

Fields of Growth International, a non-profit organization, works to aid women and children afflicted by AIDS

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

Playing lacrosse gives children in Uganda whose parents have been afflicted by AIDS one thing they can't find anywhere else — something to call their own.

"They love playing lacrosse specifically because they all have their own stick when they get to play, and they don't really own anything," said Kevin Dugan, Notre Dame's director of men's lacrosse operations at Notre Dame. "That is just an incredible experience for them because they're just not used to having something [that is their own.]" Children in Uganda have been able to play lacrosse and other sports since Dugan created Fields of Growth International, a non-profit organization that strives to facilitate development in Uganda.

Notre Dame athletes, and particularly members of the men's lacrosse team, work with the organization to empower both children and their parents in Uganda.

"Lacrosse is certainly not the main priority in what we're doing. The main priority is social entrepreneurship, AIDS education and real, grassroots

village economic development," said Dugan, a 2001 graduate of Notre Dame. "What we really want to do is be able to intersect the things that bring us passion and joy with the need in the world."

Sophomore lacrosse player Jake Brems will travel to Uganda this summer to intern with the organization.

"I'm excited to get over there and be able to help other people. I've never done an international service like this," Brems said.

Brems will study the effectiveness of the organization's poultry-rearing project, which is meant to benefit women whose husbands have died from AIDS.

"It's a \$500 project where we build a chicken coop. We buy about 100 young chicks and we buy the family the vaccinations they need to keep the chickens healthy," Dugan said. "We buy them all the things they need to get the project up and running."

The family can then sell the eggs for profit or use them for familial nourishment, he said.

Dugan said the organization will pilot the poultry-rearing project in May.

"The woman is 31. She is

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Photo courtesy of Kevin Dugan

Ugandan children gather on their lacrosse field. Director of men's lacrosse operations Kevin Dugan started Fields of Growth International to aid those afflicted by AIDS in Uganda.

ND alum discusses work for Avatar

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Notre Dame alum Allan Hemberger told students who packed the DeBartolo Hall auditorium Tuesday evening that the most enjoyable and difficult area of his career is working in visual effects.

Hemberger discussed his experiences working in the field of feature films and the technical background that accompanied it.

"Every time I come here, I try to summarize what I do and the answer changes each time," he said.

Hemberger, a 2001 graduate of Notre Dame, has worked for WETA Digital, a five-time Academy Award winning visual effects facility in New Zealand, for several years. He will start work at Pixar in May.

"I spent the past year working on Avatar," he said. "I carved out a niche at WETA as a person who loved working on really hard problems. It was a lot of headaches and long hours, but I liked having an area to work on."



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Allan Hemberger, a 2001 Notre Dame graduate, discusses his work on the movie Avatar. He has worked with five-time Academy Award winning visual effects facility, WETA Digital for several years.

Hemberger worked as computer graphics supervisor for the Academy Award-winning movie "Avatar" and as a 3D digital water technical director for "King Kong".

He began the presentation by

showing students a demo reel he created while working as a computer graphics supervisor on the movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still."

"A lot of tricks that I learned on 'The Day the Earth Stood Still'

transferred over into my work with 'Avatar,'" he said.

While working on "Avatar," Hemberger said he was in charge of creating the graphics for the

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University supports research initiatives

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

The University recently announced the administration will continue to push its goal of becoming one of the best research institutions in the world and announced an additional \$40 million of internal funding to support nine projects.

"Doing research is fundamental to the University," Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said. "The goal of the University is fairly simple — to be a source for good throughout the world. We do that through three ways: our undergraduate

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INSIDE COLUMN

Ready? Absolutely

Today my little brother is visiting campus for the official Admissions Office information session and tour.

I will admit that I selfishly hope my little brother chooses, like I did, to go to Notre Dame. Having a sibling on campus will help keep my connection to the Golden Dome a little stronger after I graduate in a little over two weeks.



Aaron Steiner

Senior Staff
Writer

How I'll deal with separation from campus and whether I'm even ready to graduate has been on my mind this week.

In a column last semester, I wrote that seniors were regularly being asked, "What are you doing after graduation?" That question is being avoided now, because if you don't have plans at this point, the conversation quickly becomes an exchange of awkward pleasantries like "Oh, I'm sure something will work out," and "Don't worry about it."

Instead, the new question du jour is: "Are you ready to graduate?"

My answer is "yes."

I think most people expect the answer to be "no," like I'm supposed to be afraid of the future or sad to leave my college years behind.

On the first point, fear of the future, I'm not. I'm ready for the next adventure. I'm ready to be done with the homework, ready to move out of the dorms, ready to break out of the campus bubble for good. I'm ready to move on and do something different. In fact, I don't think I would enjoy a ninth semester or more at Notre Dame.

The second point, that I should be sad to leave my college years behind, is a little more complicated. I admit it will be hard to give up the closeness of good friends, the freedom a college student's schedule provides, or the general adventure that college entails. Notre Dame has become my home in the last four years. And moving day is never particularly easy.

But the good news is that I'll be able to keep, in some sense, my home under the Dome after graduation, even after I give up my single in Fisher Hall. Football games, reunions and strong friendships will all keep me from being alienated from Notre Dame. If nothing else, I know the phone center will keep on calling (they've already called me at least half a dozen times). All of this makes the separation a lot easier.

Additionally, if I can harass my younger brother into becoming a Domer (assuming Admissions lets him in — which they should, he's far smarter than I am), I'll have a great excuse to come back to campus even more often. I'd also really appreciate the insider reports on student life over the next few years.

So, Peter, do the right thing for your graduating brother and put Notre Dame at the top of your list.

Even if he doesn't end up at Notre Dame, I am confident I can handle being an alumnus instead of a student. I am ready for the next step, and "yes," I'm ready to graduate.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Aaron Steiner at asteiner@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

In the April 27 edition, the author of the column "Three principles of family friendliness" was incorrectly identified as a Notre Dame staff member. Richard Klee is a graduate student. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ONE CHANGE WOULD YOU MAKE TO NOTRE DAME?



Libbey VanDyke

junior
Badin

"Co-ed dorms."



Liz Moore

freshman
Ryan

"Move it to New York City."



Tori O'Malley

freshman
Welsh Family

"Have more carnivals on South Quad."



Mitchell Myers

freshman
Keough

"Free football tickets."



Teresa Keeney

freshman
Welsh Family

"Get rid of parietals."



Bruno Ayana

freshman
Duncan

"More sunshine."

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



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Irish football coach Brian Kelly addresses students as he hosts a question-and-answer session about the upcoming fall season Tuesday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

OFFBEAT

Vomiting dog causes man to crash into utility pole

WINONA, Minn. — A man has a pretty good excuse for why he crashed his car into a utility pole in Winona: his dog puked on him. The Winona Daily News reported police found the car unattended last Thursday morning against an Xcel Energy pole. Witnesses told officers they saw a man leaving the area and walking a beagle.

The 18-year-old, who does not have insurance or a Minnesota driver's license, called police about four hours later to confess.

The man told police he was driving when his dog started "throwing up all over him." Deputy Police Chief Tom Williams said the story checked out — police found vomit in the car.

6-pound foal born in N.H. may be world's tiniest

BARNSTEAD, N.H. — A diminutive horse born in New Hampshire could lay claim to the world record for lightweight foal. The pinto stallion named Einstein weighed just 6 pounds and measured 14 inches tall when he was born Friday in Barnstead,

N.H. Those proportions fit a human baby just about right but are downright tiny for horse, even a miniature breed like Einstein.

Dr. Rachel Wagner, Einstein's co-owner, says the Guinness Book of Records lists the smallest newborn horse as weighing in at 9 pounds.

Breeders say that unlike the current record holder, Thumbelina, Einstein shows no signs of dwarfism. He's just a tiny horse.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Legacies in Stone" will be on exhibit in the School of Architecture all day today.

"All Art is Propaganda" will be on display in Special Collections Room 102 in the Hesburgh Library. The exhibit will open at 8 a.m. today.

The theses projects for the 2010 BFA/MFA candidates will be on exhibit at 10 a.m. today in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art.

The Department of Physics will host a colloquium on "Ab initio" theory of light-ion reactions in Room 118 of Nieuwland Science at 4 p.m. today.

The Cushing Memorial Lecture on "Decoherence and Reality" will be delivered in Room 117 of DeBartolo Hall today at 4:15 p.m.

The Gender Relations Center will present the "Now is the Time" festival for violence prevention on South Quad today beginning at 5 p.m.

Collegium Musicum will present its spring concert in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. tonight. Tickets will be sold for \$3.

The Danielle Rose Concert will be held in the Keenan-Standord Chapel at 8:30 p.m. tonight.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

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Zimmer named 2010-2011 varsity leprechaun

By KATIE PERALTA
Senior News Writer

Brian Kelly won't be the only new face on the Notre Dame Stadium sidelines this fall.

David Zimmer, a junior from Angola, Ind. and a resident of O'Neill Hall, was named the new leprechaun for the 2010-2011 school year, kicking off his new role at The Shirt unveiling Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

"It's something I've always

wanted ever since I came here," Zimmer said. "I knew that I fit the bill. I've never been shy in front of crowds."

Zimmer said he has been vying for the position since last year's tryouts.

"I tried out last year and got the Blue Squad [leprechaun position] ... and came back this year with more experience and knowledge and was able to get the Gold Squad position," he said.

Zimmer, who transferred from Purdue, wrestled his freshman year and came to tryouts his

sophomore year as a cheerleading novice.

"I actually had never had any cheerleading experience before," Zimmer said.

As Blue Squad leprechaun, Zimmer led cheers at the men's and women's soccer, hockey, volleyball and women's basketball games.

Zimmer said his experience on the Blue Squad helped him secure the Gold Squad position, but it did have its difficulties.

"They like to see how you can handle yourself in a game time situation," Zimmer said.

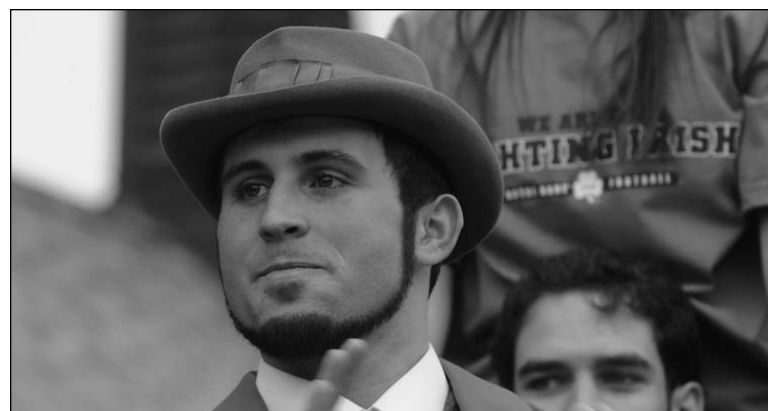
"Being a Blue Squad leprechaun was sometimes difficult because often there wasn't the same crowd capacity that men's football or basketball had. But toward the end of the season, women's basketball was very good and had the chance to travel with them to Connecticut and Kansas City.

"It was a very big learning experience."

Zimmer was named the new leprechaun two weeks ago after an intense tryout that included cheerleading stunts, a three-minute pep rally, a television interview adapted to a game time situation, a jig-off and a pushup contest.

Fifteen men originally came out for tryouts, and five remained for the final round of tryouts.

While practicing for the tryouts,



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Junior David Zimmer stepped into his new role as the varsity leprechaun during The Shirt unveiling Friday.

Zimmer said he and former leprechaun Dan Collins became friends.

"I had a lot of chances to talk to Dan and ask him questions," Zimmer said. "He really did serve as a very good mentor. He was a wonderful leprechaun."

Collins said Zimmer is the right kind of leprechaun the program is looking for.

"Dave really brought an intense level of energy to his tryout and that's one of the most essential things that any leprechaun candidate needs," Collins said. "I think in addition to his energy, he also has that fighting Irish swagger that the leprechaun needs to have."

Collins also said Zimmer's long-time enthusiasm for Notre Dame

will benefit his work as the new leprechaun.

"He grew up a lifelong ND fan so he has a sense of the tradition he's now a part of," Collins said. "He really understands the spirit he's called to embody. He's going to do a great job."

Zimmer said he looks forward especially to next year's football opener.

"Being in the tunnel [before the Blue-Gold game] was such an amazing experience," Zimmer said. "I think the thing I'm looking forward to most is running onto the field and carrying that flag at our home opener against Purdue."

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GRC hosts 'Festival on the Quad'

By CAITLYN KALSCHUR
News Writer

The Notre Dame Gender Relations Center (GRC) will end

its year-long Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) by hosting its second annual "Now is the Time: Festival on the Quad" event from 5 to 8 p.m. on South Quad tonight.

In addition to free food and corn hole, there will be live music from 5 to 7:30 p.m. featuring student bands, including The Revelin' Family Band, Ana Livias Daughters and Pat McKillen.

Following the music, there will be readings from "A Time to Write," the GRC's journal of writings about experiences with violence. Select student writers will share excerpts of their pieces, and free copies of the journal will be provided to those in attendance.

"To do a public reading of these pieces will remind us of these stories and why we're here," said Elizabeth Moriarty, assistant director of the GRC. "While we may not have our own story, there are people in our midst who are survivors of sexual violence."

Senior and student representative Patrick Tighe said the readings are "powerful" to hear and help raise awareness for the cause.

"The festival started last year with five of us students just brainstorming about how to raise more awareness about sexual violence," Tighe said. "Through working with GRC we came up with VPI for a year-long effort to provide support and raise awareness."

VPI has five major goals, which the GRC hopes to accomplish throughout its year-long efforts: to raise awareness about violence in the local community, to increase understanding about global violence, to promote the healing of survivors of violence, to fundraise for local non-profits invested in violence prevention and/or service to survivors of violence and to

serve as a flagship for violence prevention programming on Catholic campuses.

Moriarty said the Festival is held at the end of the year to conclude the year's efforts.

"We wanted to have something that was more of a celebratory environment to celebrate our efforts in dealing with issues related to sexual violence," Moriarty said. "It's not all doom and gloom when working in advocacy and activism."

Moriarty said Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 is the inspiring message that unites the VPI events.

"Part of Notre Dame's uniqueness is that we can connect something like this to faith and we can find our inspiration from scripture," Moriarty said. "It teaches us how there are times of celebration and times of mourning, and we have to carry them all with us. Not just the happy and pleasant times but the struggles, too. That's what helps us to heal."

Aside from being an event to raise awareness about sexual violence, the festival is also a fundraiser for the SOS of the Family Justice Center, the Rape Crisis Center of St. Joseph County.

"We chose SOS because they are in desperate need of money and they work directly with Notre Dame and its students," Moriarty said.

Moriarty said SOS provides advocates for Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's students who have to go to the hospital for sexual violence. They also train advocates, take phone calls for the crisis hotline and support people who have suffered from violence.

In addition, SOS facilitates an on-campus support group for women who are survivors of sexual assault.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

COR talks strategic planning, textbook rentals



Student body president Catherine Soler leads discussion with representatives during a COR meeting in April.

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) brought in two guest speakers at its meeting Tuesday to discuss the Strategic Plan initiative within the College of Science as well as the new service that will allow Notre Dame students to rent their textbooks.

Dean Gregory Crawford from the College of Science discussed the strategic plan that is in the process of being implemented within the College. Crawford said he was there to see what the student leaders thought about the effort.

"This is a really important step in having student input in academic decisions," student body president Catherine Soler said. "This is about moving for-

ward and forming good relationships."

Crawford said his talk would be centered on developments the College of Science is making in order "to enhance and expand research and enterprise."

The plan features seven goals, most of which are centered around creating and providing more research opportunities for students within the College of Science.

"The first goal we have is to enhance and expand undergraduate research in our core disciplines," Crawford said.

This includes creating a new institute within the College for 2011 focused on pure mathematics. The institute "will bring in the best math professors from all over the world for a semester."

"That way every year will be different and it will help to expand our international collaborations," he said.

Crawford also said Notre Dame recently was awarded \$3.5 million to build a new nuclear accelerator for the federal government.

"A lot of universities like Michigan, Stanford and [the Massachusetts Institute of Technology] were fighting for this opportunity," Crawford said. "This is the first accelerator the U.S. government has invested in since 1982 and Notre Dame is going to build it."

Crawford said one of the goals was to cultivate Catholic tradition in the field of science. This particular initiative will be centered on the three Catholic pillars of truth, service and the common good.

"We're going to be launching a program called Compassionate Care, largely for our pre-med students," he said. "This will have our students partner with hospice care on the local level, but we will also be participating on the international level with sending a few students to Africa to do work in those communities."

Crawford said even with the individual proposals, the College will continue to be involved in continuous develop-

ment. "We're really excited about this," he said. "We've done a lot but we're still not quite there yet."

Director of Retail Operations for the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Keith Kirkpatrick then took the floor to talk about a rental system for textbooks for the 2010-2011 academic school year.

"The rental idea came up on the national level," Kirkpatrick said. "We did a pilot study in fall 2009 and we're going to be implementing across the country next academic year."

The program will allow students to pay a fee to rent the book for a semester for a price that is up to 50 percent off the price of the new book.

"The biggest plus to this program is the upfront savings," he said. "This program also provides the incentive for professor to make the books more affordable for students because they verbally commit to use the same book for four semesters."

Kirkpatrick said he believes the price of textbooks is "out of control" and the rental program will help drive costs down.

"We don't want to see this program fail," he said. "We don't want you to feel violated when you buy books."

"This is a really important step in having student input in academic decisions. This is about moving forward and forming good relationships."

Catherine Soler
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Unusual wake draws attention

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A funeral home in Puerto Rico that made international headlines two years ago is at it again.

Marin Funeral Home has embalmed the body of a young man and put the corpse atop a motorcycle in a hunched-over racing position. The body wears a black cap, black sunglasses and a long-sleeved black T-shirt.

Local television station WAPA says the unidentified 22-year-old shooting victim will be buried Wednesday.

Calls to the funeral home were not returned Tuesday.

Two years ago, the funeral home embalmed a 24-year-old man and kept the body standing upright for during a three-day wake.

Senator criticizes ambush site

ASUNCION, Paraguay — A Paraguayan senator who narrowly survived an ambush by gunmen said his country's remote border with Brazil is coming to resemble Mexico's violence-wracked Ciudad Juarez.

Sen. Roberto Acevedo spoke Tuesday as he recovered in a hospital bed from being shot twice in the arm when gunmen attacked his SUV, killing his driver and bodyguard.

Acevedo said he believes the attack in Pedro Juan Caballero, a border town in far northern Paraguay, was ordered by drug traffickers who put a \$300,000 price on his head.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ariz. law may be challenged in court

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday that the federal government may go to court to challenge Arizona's new law which makes it a state crime to be in the United States illegally.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano also voiced reservations about the new state law, saying it could siphon federal money and staff from hunting down dangerous immigrants.

The critical comments by the nation's top law enforcement official and the Cabinet secretary responsible for enforcing immigration laws came four days after Arizona's governor signed a law designed to crack down on illegal aliens.

Senate puts climate bill first

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Tuesday he is willing to bring up climate change legislation ahead of an immigration bill, the first step toward resolving a dispute with Senate Republicans that threatened to derail a bipartisan effort months in the making.

Reid said the long-delayed climate bill "is much further down the road in terms of a product" than the immigration measure, which remains unwritten.

"The energy bill is ready. We will move to that more quickly than a bill we don't have," Reid, D-Nev., told reporters. "I don't have an immigration bill."

Reid's comments were intended to help resolve a dispute that emerged last weekend when Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., threatened to withhold support for the climate bill if Reid pushes ahead first with an immigration bill.

LOCAL NEWS

Prisons to instate DNA testing

INDIANAPOLIS — When a prison inmate sharpens a piece of metal or plastic into a handmade knife, he may not realize traces of his identity are left behind every time it's handled.

Beginning next week, prison officials in Indiana will begin using a new system that tests trace amounts of DNA left on "shanks," cell phones and other contraband used by inmates. The so-called "touch DNA" technology tests DNA contained in skin cells left behind where someone has touched something.

FRANCE

Ex-dictator extradited to France

Former Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega set to face money laundering charges

Associated Press

PARIS — Former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega, fresh out of a Miami prison where he spent two decades, was sent back behind bars in France on Tuesday to await a new legal battle — this time on charges he laundered cocaine profits by buying luxury apartments in Paris.

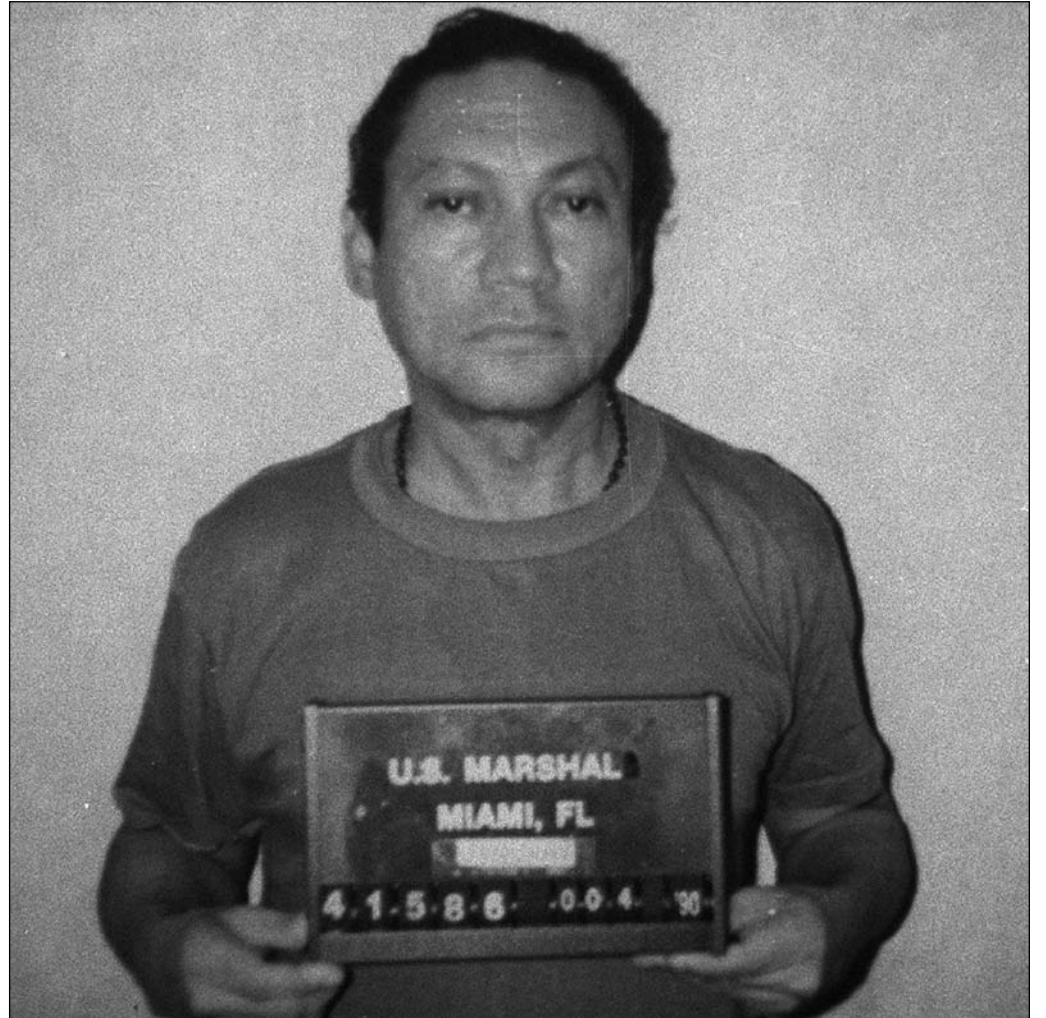
Hours after Noriega arrived in Paris following his extradition from the United States, a judge deemed him a flight risk and dispatched him to La Sante, a grim brick prison in southern Paris. Famous past La Sante inmates include convicted terrorist Carlos the Jackal and Nazi collaborator Maurice Papon.

Noriega lost his first battle on French territory — he unsuccessfully pressed a judge to send him home to Panama. If convicted in France, he could face another 10 years in prison, a daunting prospect for the 72-year-old. Noriega's French lawyers said they will appeal the decision putting him behind bars and say his detention and transfer are unlawful.

If Noriega had been released in France, even to house arrest, it would have been a victory after a generation in prison. It could also have been an awkward situation for France, where a string of former dictators from Haiti to Africa have settled or bought second homes in the past.

Officials are to set a trial date on May 12 for Noriega, who was deposed after a 1989 U.S. invasion and imprisoned in Florida for drug trafficking. After finishing his U.S. sentence, he was extradited from Miami and sent on a direct flight to Paris, where he was immediately served with an arrest warrant Tuesday.

France already has convicted Noriega and his wife in absentia of laundering some \$7 million in cocaine profits through three major French banks and using



A French judge ordered former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega, pictured in 1990, to be jailed Tuesday, pending a trial for money laundering.

drug cash to invest in three posh Paris apartments. But France agreed to give him a new trial if he was extradited. Noriega's wife, Felicidad Siero de Noriega, is living in Panama and faces no charges there.

In a hearing before Paris judge Jean-Michel Maton, Noriega pleaded to be sent home to Panama, citing his prisoner of war status. "I don't agree with the action against me," he said through a translator.

Noriega spoke little during the hearing and appeared tired. Wearing a white button-up shirt and black jacket, his black hair thinning, he periodically rested his head in one hand during the proceedings.

After the judge denied Noriega's request, he was

escorted out a side door of the court by armed guards. Limping, he used a cane.

Yves Leberquier, a lawyer for Noriega, said the former dictator has been partially paralyzed since suffering a mild stroke four years ago.

Another of Noriega's lawyers said his client had seemed resigned to returning behind bars.

"Having been extradited from the U.S., he was not really expecting to be released tonight, even if he hoped for it," Olivier Metzner said.

Noriega's legal team argued that it was illegal to try a former head of state who should have immunity from prosecution.

Other legal objections are that Noriega is considered a prisoner of war, a status

Leberquier said French jails aren't ready to accommodate, and that the charges against him are no longer valid because the acts he is accused of happened too long ago, the lawyer said.

Noriega was declared a POW after his 1992 drug conviction by a Miami federal judge. In Miami, Noriega had separate quarters in prison, the right to wear his military uniform and insignia, access to a television and monitoring by international rights groups.

Panama also has an outstanding request for the former dictator's extradition. He was convicted in Panama in absentia and sentenced to 60 years in prison on charges of embezzlement, corruption and murdering opponents.

Malcom X assassin released on parole

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The only man to admit shooting Malcolm X was freed on parole Tuesday, 45 years after he assassinated the civil rights leader.

Thomas Hagan, the last man still serving time in the 1965 killing, was freed from a Manhattan prison where he spent two days a week under a work-release program, state Department of Correctional Services spokeswoman Linda Foglia said.

Hagan, 69, has said he was one of three gunmen who shot Malcolm X as he began a speech at Harlem's Audubon Ballroom on Feb. 21, 1965. But Hagan has said the two men con-

victed with him were not involved.

They maintained their innocence and were paroled in the 1980s. No one else has ever been charged.

The assassins gunned down Malcolm X out of anger at his split with the leadership of the Nation of Islam, the black Muslim movement for which he had once served as chief spokesman, said Hagan, who was then known as Talmadge X Hayer.

He has repeatedly expressed regret for his role in the assassination, which he described in a 2008 court filing as the deed of a young man who "acted out of rage on impulse and loyalty" to religious leaders.

"I've had a lot of time, a heck of a

lot of time, to think about it," Hagan told a parole board last month, according to a transcript of the interview.

"I understand a lot better the dynamics of movements and what can happen inside movements, and conflicts that can come up, but I have deep regrets about my participation in that," said Hagan, adding that he had earned a master's degree in sociology since his conviction.

The board granted Hagan's parole request on his 17th try. He was initially scheduled for release Wednesday, but the date was moved up because his paperwork was completed, Foglia said.

Lecture emphasizes advantages of fair trade

Members of Catholic Relief Services explain merits of system for dealing with transactions in Central America

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Fair trade does not just mean fair wages, John Taylor, a member of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), said Tuesday.

The lecture titled "A Piece of Fair Trade" focused on the benefits of fair trade among Central American countries.

The talk was held in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

Taylor, along with fellow CRS member Jessica

Howell, said fair trade is beneficial for impoverished nations.

Taylor said CRS began to assist refugees coming out of Europe in 1933. Today, CRS focuses on international aid and development.

According to Taylor, CRS currently is working in over 100 countries throughout the world to promote fair trade.

Howell said fair trade is much more than just creating fair wages for small farmers.

"Fair trade ultimately is the realization that there's a person behind every item that we purchase, and how we choose to buy that item affects that person in a positive or a negative way," Howell said.

According to Taylor, free trade is far more complex than fair trade. Taylor explained the process of free, or conventional, trade in relationship to coffee farmers. Coffee farmers begin the process of free trade by producing coffee beans. The beans are then sent to intermediaries, who are responsible for negotiating the price with the farmer. Once the intermediaries agree on a price, the coffee beans are then taken to a processing mill. There, the hull of the bean is removed.

Taylor said the beans are sent to an exporter, who works to find a place to sell the beans. A broker then works with the exporter to connect with an importer, who brings the coffee beans to the roaster. After the beans are roasted, they are taken to a distributor, who ensures the beans are put in a store to be sold. A retailer then sells the beans to a consumer, and the revenue from the beans is distributed throughout each member of the chain.

Howell said the fair trade system is far less complex and provides more value to the products.

"What's different about the fair trade system is that it's added value," Howell said.

According to Howell, fair trade also begins with the farmer. After the beans are raised, they are sent to a cooperative, which is a democratically run resource that allows the farmers to receive more money per pound of product. The beans are then taken to a processing mill and then sold to coffee companies. From there, consumers have the capability to purchase the product.

Taylor said typically, the goal for the consumer for any transaction is to pay as little as possible for the products purchased. However, in a fair trade system, consumers look at the wages that the producer will receive instead of the cost of the product.

"After all, the bottom line is to pay as little as possible, regardless of what the producers or the farmer gets out of it," Taylor said.

Taylor also said there were five main principals in the fair trade system.

Those principals include fair wages, cooperative workplaces, long-term relationships, good working condi-

tions and environmental sustainability.

"For each of us who have jobs, or for each of us who are working within a structure ... we really care individually about each of these steps," Taylor said. "Fair trade is to make sure that these five principals are not shoved aside in order to provide the lowest price for the consumer," he said.

Howell added that fair trade worked to strengthen communities by utilizing all of these principals.

"It's pretty powerful to know that when you buy a

cup of coffee, or a chocolate bar, or a handcraft that is fair trade certified, you know because there is a fair trade

certification system that what you are buying with that money is again not just a living wage for someone, but that there is no exploitative child labor, no harsh environmental conditions," Howell said.

Additionally, Howell discussed the ways in which students can participate in the fair trade system.

Howell encouraged students to purchase fair trade products. Another way to

become involved is to learn more about fair trade.

According to Howell, there are a variety of ways to encourage fair trade within local communities. Howell said to organize fair trade tastings, film nights or informational events.

She also said selling fair trade products and hosting fair trade sales around holidays would be beneficial for fair trade communities.

Howell encouraged students to get involved in fair trade practices. Other ways students can become involved, Howell said, is to discuss fair trade with families and friends, change the purchasing practices of stores in the area and call on the College to provide fair trade products.

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Jessica Howell
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Catholic Relief Services

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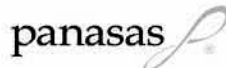
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IN BRIEF

Calif. bans toys with fattening food

SAN JOSE — In an effort to curb childhood obesity, county officials in Silicon Valley voted Tuesday to ban restaurants from giving away toys and other freebies that often come with high-calorie meals aimed at kids.

The ordinance is largely symbolic as it would only cover unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County, meaning only about a dozen fast-food outlets and several other family-owned restaurants would be affected.

But its chief sponsor says it's still important because it paves the way for other areas to act, may spur action by fast-food chains to offer healthier choices and can help parents by taking away a child's incentive for wanting less healthy food.

"This ordinance does not attack toys. Obviously, toys, in and of themselves, do not make children obese," said county Supervisor Ken Yeager, who pushed for the ban. "But it is unfair to parents and children to use toys to capture the tastes of children when they are young to get them hooked on eating high-sugar, high-fat foods early in life."

BLM settles dispute over N.M. land

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The Bureau of Land Management and conservation groups have settled an eight-year dispute over a management plan for nearly 10,000 natural gas wells in the San Juan Basin of northwestern New Mexico.

The groups claimed the BLM violated the National Environmental Policy Act and other federal laws in developing a 2003 management plan for drilling over 20 years in the 16,000-square-mile basin that straddles the border of New Mexico and Colorado.

A federal court ruled in favor of the agency in 2008, and the groups countered with an appeal. That appeal was dismissed Monday after both sides reached a compromise that, in part, calls for the BLM to consider impacts to cultural, wildlife and other resources when reviewing new lease sales.

The agency also plans to hold annual meetings to discuss proposed oil and gas development in the basin, consult with tribal officials from the Navajo Nation and develop an online system that the public can access for information on existing wells and lease locations as well as proposed oil and gas projects.

CHINA

China aims to tighten control

Government hopes to strengthen laws regarding telecommunications services

Associated Press

BELJING — China is poised to strengthen a law to require telecommunications and Internet companies to inform on customers who discuss state secrets, potentially forcing businesses to collaborate with the country's vast security apparatus that stifles political dissent.

The move, reported Tuesday by state media, comes as China continues tightening controls on communications services. It also follows a spat over censorship that prompted search giant Google Inc. last month to move its Chinese site to Hong Kong, which provides broader protection of civil liberties than mainland China.

A draft of amendments to the Law on Guarding State Secrets submitted to China's top legislature for review will make more explicit the requirement that telecoms operators and Internet service providers help police and state security departments in investigations about leaks of state secrets, the state-run China Daily newspaper said.

"Information transmissions should be immediately stopped if they are found to contain state secrets," the official Xinhua News Agency cited the amendment as saying. Xinhua said that according to the amendment, once a state secret leak has been discovered, records should be kept and the finding reported to authorities.

In China, state secrets have been so broadly defined that virtually anything — maps, GPS coordinates, even economic statistics — could fall under the category, and officials sometimes use the classification as a way to avoid disclosing information.

The new draft maintains that wide scope, defining state secrets as: "information that concerns state security and interests and, if leaked, would damage state security and interests in the areas of politics, economy and national defense, among



Pushing internet and telecommunications companies to work with its security apparatus, the Chinese government is poised to require they report any revelations of state secrets.

others," Xinhua said. Reports did not say what penalties for violations would be under the amended law.

But its passage is unlikely to result in a significant change as communications companies are already often compelled by powerful authorities to comply with investigations.

The amended law is most likely to affect people using local Internet service providers, but it is unclear if Google, which still runs some services on its China site such as Google Video, will fall under the radar. Many other overseas websites, like Facebook and Twitter, are already blocked in China. It probably also won't interfere with companies that do not provide

China-based services or store data in the country.

In 2006, Yahoo Inc. was heavily criticized by media and human rights activists and U.S. lawmakers after it emerged that the American Internet company had given Chinese prosecutors e-mails from the account of Chinese journalist Shi Tao. Shi was jailed in 2005 for allegedly providing state secrets to foreigners. His e-mails allegedly contained notes about a government memo on media restrictions.

The draft amendments were submitted Monday to the National People's Congress Standing Committee for a third review — usually the final stage before being adopted by lawmakers.

Chinese leaders appear

determined to monitor the flow of information that reaches the world's largest Internet population, with some 384 million users. The government recently also issued new regulations to tighten procedures for domain name registration and to remove websites that are not officially registered.

Chinese authorities view the control of information as key to heading off or stemming the spread of unrest. After deadly ethnic riots broke out in a Muslim region in western China in July, Beijing unplugged the Internet entirely in the region and slowed cell phone service to stifle reports about the violence. Limited Internet and phone texting services were restored in recent months.

Hawaii's ailing tourism industry gains

Associated Press

HONOLULU — More people are vacationing in Hawaii and spending more, tourism officials said Tuesday, signaling a possible recovery for the hard-hit industry.

The Hawaii Tourism Authority said nearly 608,000 people visited the islands in March, a 9.3 percent increase over the same month last year.

All top four feeder markets showed gains, including a 17.3 percent jump in visitors from Canada, followed by the West Coast (9.2 percent), East Coast (7.9 percent) and Japan (6.5 percent).

"It is encouraging to see tourism in

our state stabilizing," said Marsha Wienert, Hawaii's tourism liaison.

Total expenditures by visitors who came by air was up 12.7 percent to \$874.2 million. That was the largest increase since April 2006, when the measure grew 15.6 percent.

Wienert said the increased visitor arrivals and the slightly higher spending resulted in an additional \$99 million in visitor spending, which "benefited almost every sector of our economy."

Tourism is the No. 1 industry in Hawaii and the economic lifeblood of the islands. Last year's sharp drop-off in visitors stemming from the economic crisis has taken a toll on everything from jobs to tax revenues.

The island of Maui saw the biggest growth. Visitor spending rose 25 percent last month because of the addition of several new flights to the Valley Island from Canada and four cities in California. Arrivals on Maui increased 14.2 percent, followed by Oahu (9.5 percent), Kauai (8.2 percent) and the Big Island (0.2 percent).

For the first three months of the year, total spending statewide grew by 5 percent, or \$130 million, over the same period last year to \$2.7 billion.

The number of tourists from Asian markets outside Japan rose sharply in the quarter, with the number of Koreans nearly doubling and Chinese surging 23 percent.

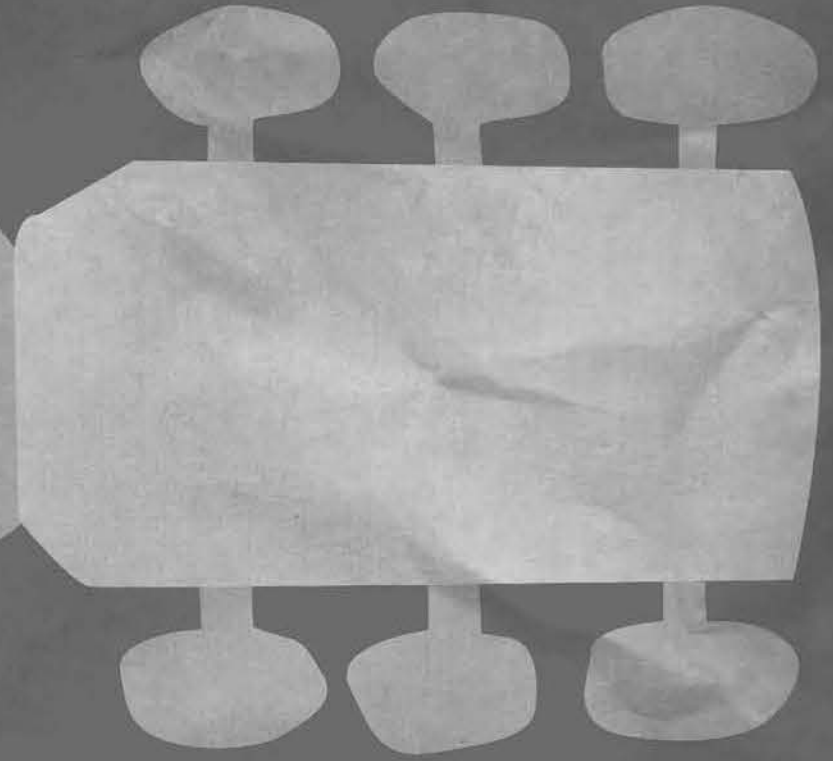


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Program will allow students to rent textbooks in the fall

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Student body president Catherine Soler said a new program, Follett's Rent-A-Text, will allow students to rent textbooks from the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore for a

fraction of the cost of buying them, beginning next fall. "We think that this is a great opportunity for all students," Soler said. "It gives them another way to address the issue of textbook affordability, which is obviously something that everyone here struggles with. We're always looking for

lower prices." The program will allow students the option to rent books at up to 50 percent off the purchase price, Soler said. The program will be available online and in the Bookstore. "Just like you would go to the Bookstore and purchase your textbooks, you can walk

in and have the option of renting them," Soler said. Books are to be returned at the end of the semester, Soler said. Students do not sell back their rented textbooks — the monetary transaction at the beginning of the semester is the only time money is exchanged. If students lose or damage a rented textbook, there will be procedures applied on a case-by-case basis, Soler said. "It is a program that you need to be responsible and accountable for, just like any other textbook renting or purchasing process now," Soler said.

Soler said. "By having this program customized to our Bookstore, you're getting the exact books you need for all of your courses," Soler said. Not every textbook is going to be rentable, Soler said. "Some disciplines lend themselves more availability in terms of titles that you can rent," Soler said. However, Soler said, there is a unique option to Notre Dame's program called the "local title option." "If professors make a commitment to the Bookstore to use the book for a certain amount of semesters, then they will be able to rent those

books," she said. Soler and Bell said they encourage professors to consider texts that either are rentable or could be used under the "local title option." "We're not suggesting that every single professor be forced to use a rentable textbook," Bell said. "Our intention is not at all to compromise the academic integrity of a class here at Notre Dame. We just ask that every professor at least consider the options because it could save students a significant amount of money." Soler said the amount of savable money is high. "If Notre Dame would've had this program last fall, eight percent of books would've been available to rent, and if everyone would've rented them, we would've saved half a million dollars," Soler said. The 2009 pilot program in 27 schools saved over \$2 million, Soler said. "We're very excited we can bring this program to the students and follow through on one of our big campaign promises," Soler said. "We think this is something really valuable for students and is something that will hopefully go forward and stay at Notre Dame, making an impact on everyone that comes through the University."

"Just like you would go to the Bookstore and purchase your textbooks, you can walk in and have the option of renting them."

Catherine Soler
student body president

Soler, along with student body vice president Andrew Bell, said one of the main advantages of the program is convenience. "You'll be able to buy or rent all of your books at the same time, rather than renting from an online provider or buying your books from various websites and waiting for them to come in," Soler said. "You'll be able to get everything from the Bookstore for a cheaper price." Bell added: "Convenience is a huge factor. In the past, it's been that convenience at the Bookstore came at a much higher price than if you spent a lot of time searching online, going to different websites." Some of the rentable textbooks will include customized textbooks, which can normally only be purchased at the Bookstore. "[Soler] and I are business majors. In the business school, their customized accounting textbooks include only the chapters we need," Bell said. "You're going to have to buy that at the Bookstore. There's no other option." Soler said there is flexibility in the program, in case course textbooks change or a student drops a course. Students can also purchase books at the end of the semester, if the student rented the textbook and wants to keep it. The program was designed by Follett and is used by other schools, but it has been customized for Notre Dame's cam-

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Sophomore Rina Ventrella searches for textbooks in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

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Leadership award honors late business professor

Special to The Observer

As a faculty member at the University of Notre Dame for more than 34 years, Management Professor Robert Vecchio was known internationally as a prolific and respected researcher who studied topics that fell into the nexus between psychology and business. Vecchio frequently provided an expert voice for articles on leadership, workplace emotion and motivation. Students relied on him for advice on management and career matters.

Bob Vecchio tragically passed away in February 2009 as a result of injuries incurred in a fall. In his memory, the Management Department of the Mendoza College of Business announced a new commemorative award, with graduating senior Kristen Koch receiving the first Robert Vecchio Leadership Award.

"I know Professor Vecchio made an incredible impact on

the business school and the entire Notre Dame community," said Koch, who served as the president of the Management Club at the Mendoza College of Business. "I am honored to even be remotely associated with his memory."

"The award is given at the discretion of the faculty to a consulting or entrepreneurship student who embraces the spirit of Notre Dame and has excelled in developing leadership skills," said J. Michael Crant, professor and chair of the Management Department. "Kristie received the nomination from several faculty members."

Recipients of the award will receive a watch and have their names engraved on a wall plaque on display outside the

Mendoza College Department of Management office.

A Chicago native, Vecchio was graduated from De Paul University in 1972. He earned master's and doctoral degrees in industrial psychology from the University of Illinois in 1972 and 1976, respectively. He chaired the management department at the Mendoza College from 1983 to 1990. In addition to publishing

highly regarded articles on a variety of issues in organizational behavior and corporate management, he authored "Organizational Behavior," the sixth edition of which was published in 2006 by Thomson/Southwest. Vecchio was the editor of "Leadership: Understanding the Dynamics of

Power and Influence in Organizations," and he served from 1995 to 2000 as the editor of the prestigious Journal of Management.

"Bob's leadership of the department during the 1980s set the stage for the transition to a stronger research culture, while still emphasizing excellent teaching," said Crant. "He actively mentored many of our faculty, and he was a popular and effective teacher. Bob Vecchio embodied the spirit of the management department, and we honor his memory through this award."

Koch graduated in December with a bachelor's degree in

management consulting and in May 2009 with a bachelor's in psychology. She is currently completing a three-year internship in people development at ABB, an electrical engineering company in Koch's hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. In July, she plans to begin a two-year Human Resources Rotational Program with SPX Corp. in Charlotte, N.C.

For more information about the Robert Vecchio Leadership Award or the Mendoza College of Business Department of Management, call (574) 631-6183 or e-mail mgtdept@nd.edu

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senior**

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**J. Michael Crant
department chair
management**

Avatar

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character Jake playing around in the water.

"The first task they gave me [when I was working] on 'Avatar' was to create a river," he said. "That one scene took about eight months from start to finish."

As a computer graphic supervisor on "Avatar," Hemberger was in charge of a number of light artists.

"Everything that went into the computer graphics for the scene had to be delivered through me," he said.

Hemberger showed a video about the ways water graphics can be generated using a computer program.

Hemberger said film footage shot on a regular camera could previously be used to generate graphics, but that is no longer the case.

"On 'Avatar,' the problem was we couldn't use 2D elements anymore, we had to use all 3D," he said.

Hemberger said one of the most difficult scenes to create was one that showed the character both above and underwater.

"This scene was infinitely more challenging because the camera breaches the water's surface," he said. "What makes it complicated was that there were two entirely different elements at play here."

Hemberger said he had been working on an animated film for the past few months but dropped the project when he took the job at Pixar.

"This is the long and short of the adventures of my past year or so," he said. "I'm going to Pixar to be an effects technical director. There, I'll probably be doing more effects like the ones I did at WETA."

After the presentation ended, Hemberger fielded questions from members of the audience about attaining a career in the field.

Among other projects Hemberger worked on were "Eragon," "The Matrix Reloaded" and "X-Men: The Last Stand."

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering sponsored Hemberger's talk, which was called "Experiments in Feature Film Visual Effects."

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Kevin Dugan, director of men's lacrosse operations, poses with a Ugandan child.

Lacrosse

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HIV positive. Her husband just died of AIDS and she's got 7 kids," Dugan said. "Creating this poultry-rearing project makes it easier for her ... If they take care of it and run it effectively, it changes their life forever."

Fields of Growth International also works with the children of AIDS widows and teaches them to play sports, such as lacrosse, netball and soccer.

"Here are these kids. They wake up every day and life never changes. For us to just

give them our time, no matter what that may be, they're excited, whether it's lacrosse or flag football or kickball," Dugan said.

Dugan said he wanted to infuse the spirit of Notre Dame athletics into the program for children in Uganda, and has done so through the "Play Like a Champion Today" sign.

"These kids at this orphan school, they walk out on this field and they touch

the 'Play Like a Champion Today' sign," Dugan said. "Play Like a Champion Today' translates to these kids, 'live like a champion today.'"

Brems said he wanted to combine his love for lacrosse and service, but never had the opportunity before learning about Fields of Growth International.

"There is really nothing else like that in the lacrosse world. I've heard people talk about having interest, but there has never really been an opportunity to," he said. "Most of the [volunteering] events that we do around here are one-day events."

Dugan said the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team has helped generate equipment to send to Uganda and said he hopes to get the team more involved over time.

"We think it's going to be the start of an incredible team international development project," Dugan said. "It puts our athletes, many of whom are business majors, in a position to have an experience with micro venturing and

social entrepreneurship at the grassroots level."

Dugan said the project also sends a positive message to the athletes.

"The main people that we're playing lacrosse with are girls and the main people that we're helping are women," Dugan said. "I think it's really powerful message for our guys to see that and for our guys to respond to that and to have Division I athletes serving and trying to empower marginalized women in rural Uganda. "[We're] going over there with that humble spirit like,

"The main people that we're playing lacrosse with are girls and the main people that we're helping are women."

Kevin Dugan
men's lacrosse
director of operations

OK, I'm going to learn more from Africa more than Africa is going to learn from me ... We need Africa more than Africa needs us."

Dugan said the organization is currently selling T-shirts, modeled after the TOMS Shoes one-for-one design.

"We make about \$6 to \$7 per T-shirt. That's how much a live chicken costs in Uganda," he said. "You buy a T-shirt and we buy a live chicken for the AIDS widow poultry-rearing project."

For more information on Fields of Growth International, contact Kevin Dugan at kdugan1@nd.edu or visit www.fieldsofgrowth intl.org

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Students donate unwanted items to charities

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Rather than throw away unwanted items at the end of the academic year, Saint Mary's hopes its students donate items to local charities through the Blue to New program, said Carrie Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE).

"Students donate items in each hall — things they no longer want or don't want to take with them when they leave, and we divide the donation up for different charities," Call said.

Collections for Blue to New begin Friday and continue until May 17. Call said students should begin to think about which items to donate as soon as they start cleaning out their rooms.

"We do Blue to New because we needed a systematic way for the end-of-the-year donations to be organized and sorted to make sure that area agencies benefit as much as possible," Call said.

Call said OCSE is responsible for the project. Junior Jessica Robbins has been working on preparing for the program. Call said additional student workers will assist in collecting and sorting the donations.

Students can donate items at designated areas in each residence hall. Call said the program will accept any unwanted items, including food, clothing, shoes, rugs, broken furniture, books, school supplies, glassware, dishes, lamps and functioning small appliances.

Though the program will

accept a variety of items, Call asked students to refrain from dumping broken items or half-empty containers of food in the donation locations.

"We implore students to respect the donations and remember that the donations are going to charity," Call said.

Food, clothing, furniture and electronics will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul, Call said. Books will be collected for Better World Books, and school supplies will be distributed throughout local Title 1 partner schools.

"It's a very important project because it's one of the largest donation drives we do at the College and it provides great materials for a number of area agencies," she said.

In addition, Call said other items will also be donated to Navarre Middle School and the area food banks, as well as the Saint Mary's Free Store, located in the basement of Le Mans Hall.

Call said the program is in need of volunteers. Any students interested in volunteering should contact Call at ocse@saintmarys.edu

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Carrie Call
director
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Blue to New

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MARY CECILIA MITSCH | Observer Graphic

Law pushes for presumed consent

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — A New York assemblyman whose daughter is alive because of two kidney transplants wants his state to become the first in the nation to pass laws that would presume people want to donate their organs unless they specifically say otherwise.

Assemblyman Richard Brodsky believes the "presumed consent" measures would help combat a rising demand for healthy organs by patients forced to wait a year or more for transplants. Twenty-four European countries already have such laws in place, he said.

If he succeeds, distraught families would no longer be able to override their loved ones' decisions to donate upon their death. And eventually, hospitals would be able to assume the deceased consented to have his or her organs harvested, unless the person refused in writing.

Brodsky's interest in organ donation is personal; his 18-year-old daughter, Julianne "Willie" Brodsky, received a kidney four years ago from a donor who was struck by lightning and an earlier transplant from her mother.

"People's survival should not rest on acts of God alone," said the elder Brodsky, a Westchester County Democrat.

Advocates say the availability of healthy donor organs is low just about everywhere nationwide, where 106,000 people are on a waiting list that averages three to four years for each type of organ.

But serious emotional, medical and ethical concerns worry families, who currently can stop organ harvests even if their loved ones agree to donate. So New York will move slowly, Brodsky said.

The state Department of Motor Vehicles says that 95 percent of the 2 million donors on New York's donor registry come

from driver's licenses. The shortage occurs because the need is constant and many donors sign up when they are young, meaning any organ harvest can be years away.

Presumed consent, opponents say, could force someone to become a donor against their will. It also might lead patients viewed as prospective donors to worry about how hard a medical team will work to save them if there is a greater benefit to harvesting the organs.

Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, knows those arguments.

"There is a keen interest in trying to do something about the shortage of organs," he said, noting a consent effort surfaced last year Delaware, but stalled. "Just redoubling efforts to get people using donor cards isn't working."

He said advances in medicine, a proliferation of transplant centers and longer life spans are driving demand, while supply is fairly static. Advocates say more than a dozen people on the national waiting list die each day.

"I think about it a lot," said Kathe LeBeau, 51, of Latham, N.Y. She's had kidney disease since she was 45, is on dialysis and has been waiting three years on the list for a kidney donation. "I can't hardly wait for the call."

Presumed consent, especially compared to another possible option of creating a legal organ market, can work in the United States as it has successfully in Europe, Caplan said.

"I have been arguing since 1983 for presumed consent ... Spain, Austria, and Belgium shows success and it works and people don't feel they aren't given a fair chance to say 'no,'" he said.

Still, he said a system that defaults to harvesting everyone's organs will be a hard sell, and prompt misconceptions.

A 2008 bill in Delaware would

have created an opt-out organ donation program but never got out of committee. Opponents called it an intrusion into people's privacy that treated organs as commodities.

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The funding is part of the second phase of the University’s Strategic Research Initiative (SRI), which began last year and now stands as an \$80 million investment. Projects funded examine nanotechnology, sustainable energy, climate change and the interaction of Roman Catholicism and Islam, among other subjects.

“We are studying some very important questions and some very important problems, and the impact of the things that we find is going to influence many important things around the world,” Vice President for Research Robert Bernhard said. “We felt, as a panel, that we have a chance to make great breakthroughs in those areas.”

Bernhard said research is different for each field, and the University’s goal encompasses “research, scholarship and creative endeavor.”

“Many people in the humani-

ties do research, but they often refer to it as scholarship,” he said. “For the scientist, research is the discovery of knowledge — learning something that no one has ever learned before. For the social scientist, it’s looking at improving human conditions. For the engineer, it’s solving problems. For the artist and people in architecture, it’s the creative experience of being able to do something that’s admired. The shorthand version is, it’s all research.”

Bernhard said pushing Notre Dame to become one of the premier research institutions would help the University attract an elite faculty.

“Faculty from the very best universities are all involved in some type of scholarship or research and want the opportu-

nity to continue that work because it helps them have an impact on the world and stay current in their subject,” he said. “Research is important for people and for impact.”

According to Bernhard, students also stand to benefit from the funding because it will provide them with not only the best teachers, but also the opportunity to get involved.

“I think students benefit significantly both from the type of faculty that we will be able to recruit as part of these things and second-

only from the opportunity for them to get involved,” he said. “More and more of our undergraduate students are doing research, and I think that the trend is going to continue.”

Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences Jessica Hellmann agreed, adding that expanding research will allow the best students to work with the best faculty.

“Of course, research plays a critical role in enhancing undergraduate and graduate student instruction; the best students want to work with the best faculty on the most pressing problems of the day,” she said. “By having a great research infrastructure, Notre Dame can offer courses and experiences to students that are taught by leaders in the field.”

Hellmann, whose project is titled “Notre Dame Collaboratory for the Study of Adaptation to Climate Change,” said her research will allow her to have a real impact on the world beyond

campus.

“Research provides the University the opportunity to engage and affect the world around us,” she said. “Climate change adaptation will involve difficult decisions that are legal, moral, scientific and political, and Notre Dame is uniquely poised for this kind of interdisciplinary and complex thinking.”

Engineering Professor Tracy Kijewski-Correa, whose project is titled “CYBER-EYE: A Cyber-Collaboratory for National Risk Modeling and Assessment to Mitigate the Impacts of Hurricanes in a Changing Climate,” said it is important for Notre Dame to fund research initiatives because it is one of the areas where the University lags behind its peer institutions.

“As a university with a strong undergraduate educational tradition, we lag behind many of our peers who have been doing research from ‘day one,’” she said. “One part of their competitive advantage, aside from their long standing traditions in research, is the fact that they have endowments to seed research ideas.”

Kijewski-Correa said her project will help contribute to Notre Dame’s mission by finding a way to save the lives that are often lost in disastrous hurricanes.

“Notre Dame has had a long tradition of responding with great compassion and generosity to help the afflicted in the wake of these disasters,” she said. “This project would deepen that mission commitment by helping us to lead the way on developing hazard-resilient communities using cutting edge research to prevent these losses altogether.”

The panel that evaluated the merits of the research proposals, which included both Affleck-Graves and Bernhard, originally received 45 three-page proposals. Bernhard said the proposals were evaluated based on a set of criteria, which included mission fit, contribution to the research prominence of the University, educational benefits for students and whether the project was sustainable in the future.

“The University is trying to jump start areas of research that they believe will be important in the future and where Notre Dame can play a role,” said Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Paul Huber, who is leading an initiative called “Assessment of the Impact of Nanoparticles on Human Health and the Environment.”

Of the original 45, 10 were invited to write full proposals, which the panel then sent to be evaluated by the top experts in each of the respective fields.

“My proposal was selected based upon the uniqueness of the research approach, the importance of the research to Notre Dame’s mission and the possibility that the research could provide a significant return on investment in terms of research dollars resulting from the proof-of-concept research proposed,” said Professor of Biological Sciences Malcolm Fraser, who is spearheading the initiative entitled “Developing Group I Intron Antiviral Strategies for Treating HIV and HCV Infections.”

Fraser, whose project will attempt to develop cures for HIV and HCV, said his project will

help raise the University’s visibility in the research field while also possibly curing one of mankind’s greatest plagues.

“The unique approach we are establishing immediately provides high value and high visibility research for the University,” he said. “If successful, we will have made a unique and significant contribution to the development of cures for these two extremely important diseases.”

Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Gregory Hartland, whose project is called “A Focused Interdisciplinary Research Group in Nanostructured Solar Cells,” said his project will help boost Notre Dame’s reputation as a leader in the nanotechnology field while also attempting to find a cheap, sustainable source of energy.

“We think we will be able to get some very high profile papers out of our efforts, which will show (along with the work being done in the NDNano center) that Notre Dame is a serious player in nanoscience at an international level,” he said. “Hopefully, this will also lead to new funding (from agencies such as the NSF and DOE), and establish Notre Dame as a leader in nanomaterials for solar energy applications.”

But while Hartland examines the applications of nanotechnology, Huber will be looking at its possible perils, particularly whether or not nanoparticles are toxic to humans.

“A lot of different materials are being developed and released into the environment because they’re not regulated,” Huber said. “If the University is going to be involved in research activities, then the burden is on them to make sure everything is safe.”

The other four projects chosen were the “Sustainable Energy Initiative” from Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Joan Brennecke; the

“N . D . Environmental Change Initiative” from Professor of Biological Sciences David Lodge; “Contending with Modernity: Islam and Roman Catholicism in a Secular Age” from Professor of History R. Scott Appleby; a n d “Laboratory for Enhanced Wind Energy Design —

eWind” from Engineering Professor Thomas Corke.

Affleck-Graves said the projects have the potential to help shape the world.

“It’s through their research that the faculty can change the world,” he said. “Curing a neglected disease, tackling the problem of religious fundamental violence, energy and the environment — these are all ways that Notre Dame can help change the world.”

In the future, Bernhard said he is undecided about whether another round of funding will take place, but he stressed that the SRI was just the beginning.

“These two rounds of investment are part of our process but they’re not all of it,” he said. “We’re thinking about whether a third round makes sense and whether we would want to do a third round. We’re not decided on that yet.”

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Looking ahead to next year

Today is the last day of class and, for most people, it is time to get sentimental about the past year. We've already had columns by the senior writers reminiscing about the last four years and what they are going to miss about Notre Dame. Well, fortunately for me, I'm only a junior, so I have one more year to spend in college. Rather than getting all teary-eyed by recounting my favorite memories of this year, I am going to be more uplifting. Instead, I am going to talk about everything that I can't wait for next year.

More than anything, I am excited to get all of my friends back. All Domers have experienced (or will experience) the exodus of students to study abroad programs junior year. I realize that studying abroad is an unbelievable experience, and in many ways I am jealous of those who did live abroad for a semester. But, selfishly, it is tough to lose people that you have lived with and grown close to over the first few semesters of college. I'm ready for the day when the entire Class of 2011 is back on campus, and everyone that I want to see is just a phone call or short bike ride away.

I am excited to live on campus next year (believe it or not). Not many college students live in the same building all four years, but then again, most colleges do not foster the sense of community within the dorms like Notre Dame does. Living on campus is convenient because of how close it is to class, how connected to campus life you are and the fact that you don't

have to cook for yourself. I wasn't ready to be out on my own, away from the daily buzz of campus, and now I can live that experience for one final year. Along those lines, I am excited to be an RA in my dorm and to be someone that freshmen and underclassmen can turn to. It wasn't long ago that I was the nervous, homesick freshman living with 300 other guys that I had never met before, and I can still remember how intimidating it was. I'm looking forward to doing anything I can to help make the best possible Notre Dame experience.

While I am still going to be on campus, I am also excited for my friends who have decided to move off campus into various apartments and houses around South Bend. I realize that it is going to take more of an effort on my part to see them, but I also believe that it is going to be an awesome experience for all of them. They are all going to have a great time being independent and, in a sense, I am jealous of that freedom.

Despite the past few years, I am still unbelievably excited for next football season. There is just a different atmosphere around campus during the season. Obviously, I am excited to see what Coach Kelly can do with the team, and I'm hopeful that, at the very least, I can see a winning regular season in one out of my four years at Notre Dame (I still can't believe that I just typed that). With that, I am excited for my last year of weekly tailgating. I don't think that needs much of an explanation.

I am excited to go through the Bengal Bouts season and tournament one final time. Ironically, "excited" isn't exactly the word that I use to describe how I feel at about 4 p.m.

every day right before I trudge through the snow to go to practice. However, looking back, the Bouts have been an amazing experience, and one that I could only have had at Notre Dame. Where else can an average guy like me sign up and participate in a legitimate, full-contact amateur boxing tournament? I have been blessed with the opportunity to learn the sport of boxing, and it has forever shaped my time at Notre Dame.

What I have realized, though, is that I am just excited to be in college for one more year and am ready for everything that comes with it. It doesn't have to be a football Saturday, or a dorm formal, or anything special at all. I get one more year of staying up too late, putting off homework and feeling the buzz of students walking to and from class on an average school day, and I can't wait for it to come.

I am excited about potentially writing a column again next year, too. This column has put me in contact with some amazing people and it has been a great experience for me. I want to thank everyone that took the time to read my work and for the feedback that everyone gave. Hopefully, I made people think about things a little more, or at least made lunch in the dining hall on Wednesdays a little more interesting. But for right now, I am excited that summer is here, because I am just about out of things to write about.

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Alice Walker
U.S. author

Queering Spanish culture

Editor's Note: This column is part of a series by Notre Dame faculty members about current research in sexuality.

After the fascist regime of General Franco (1939-1975), democratic Spain has reacted to the oppressive recent past with a vengeance. Contact with mainstream Europe after Franco's death contributed to expose Spanish society to ideas previously censored. Although the Catholic Church continues to voice its opposition to any form of non-marital and non-procreative sex, the prestige and influence it had under the Franco years have been seriously diminished, partly because Spaniards seem to have learned how easy it is to make do without an institution that has traditionally legitimized sexual repression, among other things. In consequence, modern Spain enjoys some of the most egalitarian legislation in Europe with regard to sexual orientation. It has become one of the seven countries in the world that allows same-sex marriage and permits adoption by same-sex couples. Gay men and lesbian women can serve openly in the army, act as judges within its judiciary system and be part of the police corps. The visibility of the gay culture in main urban centers like Madrid and Barcelona can be compared to that of San Francisco or Amsterdam. What is interesting to note

Carlos Jerez-Farrán
Guest Columnist

is that, in spite of the openness, visibility and relative tolerance homosexuality has gained in modern Spain, members of the opposite sex continue to attract each other, to get married and what is equally important, to procreate. If the birthrate in contemporary Spain has dropped to critical levels, it has not been due to the permissiveness and visibility of the gay culture but rather because of the economic constraints parenting represents for the great majority of its urban population.

Despite current changes in attitude toward homosexuality in Spain, it is still hard to find a national gay press or a major politically oriented gay liberation movement (the existing ones are small, although they have official recognition from their local government), or LGBT programs in universities like the ones in the Anglo-Saxon world. It is another of the country's paradoxes that, in spite of the much-vaunted opening up in matters of sexual politics and behavior, there has been little space for alternative sexualities in Spanish academia. It has been notoriously resistant to the wave of cultural studies that have increasingly become part of academic curricula in major institutions of higher learning that facilitate intellectual development by stimulating minds, challenging narrow thinking and allowing students to question, search and discover in ways not allowed before. Most of the leading universities continue to be conservative and reticent when dealing with gender matters and forms of sexual expression that

challenge traditional concepts of sexuality. Challenging these structures has not been an easy matter for gays, lesbians and gay-friendly hetero academics, since articulating our own positions involves exposure of the ways in which heterosexual hegemony regulates meaning. Although masculine homosexuality has been receiving modest attention, there is little research done on lesbianism. It continues to be the "terra incognita" female sexuality was for Freud some 90 years ago, the reason being that, like in most other European countries, lesbian voices continue to remain silenced and lesbianism hardly visible in Spain.

Current scholarship on homosexuality in Spanish literature continues to focus mainly on gay and bisexual poets like Federico García Lorca, Emilio Prados and Luis Cernuda. They were highly influenced by other renowned gay authors like Oscar Wilde, André Gide and Marcel Proust. Among these poets, Cernuda (1902-1963) stands out for the current interest he holds in LGBT studies, partly because, unlike other contemporary gay authors who chose to ignore the subject of homosexuality or represented it negatively, Cernuda demonstrates the freedom and joy that arises from voluntary acceptance of what he considered to be natural law. This strategic affirmation of gay love as a means of contesting heterosexism and homophobia — which is the principal ideological thrust of contemporary LGBT studies — together with his deployment of gay male desire as a category capable

to resist and thwart attempts to fix identity, has also received much sustained scholarly attention.

However, it is Pedro Almodóvar, the most celebrated and internationally acclaimed film director in Spain today, the one who has most visibly exported LGBT culture throughout the world and is attracting most interest in LGBT studies. The film strategies he uses to enact the disturbances of homosexual desire and desire in general, together with his recurrent concern with gender fluidity, the interchangeability of sexual tastes and orientations, and constant interrogations of sexual identities, all these subjects which he represents in his films resonate with his audience, students and LGBT scholars in unprecedented ways. Moreover, in a plurinationed country like Spain, where tensions between Spanish and regional identities have been a powerful driving force for the last two decades, Almodóvar's postmodernist inquiries into traditional concepts of identity have also resonated among scholars across cultural and disciplinary boundaries who have paid increasing attention to the constructions of social subjectivity and collective identities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senior Week

Dear Senior Class Council,
Upon finding out that the senior week agenda included the opportunity to explore the mysterious tunnels that exist beneath campus grounds, I was ecstatic. Since freshman year when I first heard mention of these hidden pathways, I have been determined to find a way to explore these depths before heading off to join the ranks of the world that exists beyond Notre Dame.

When a friend and I arrived at South Dining Hall, I quickly became appalled at the highly disorganized nature of the system, especially the fact that an unbelievably large number of students were able to jump in with their friends at the very front of the line. After waiting for an hour and a half, we were unable to obtain tickets for any of the Sneak Peek events, let alone the tunnels. Is it fair that a student who arrived at 1:15 p.m. should get tickets when a student who arrived at 12:45 p.m. does not?

With such high demand and limited availability, a more fair method should have been applied to ensure that each student has an equal chance of obtaining tickets. Also, was 1 p.m. on a Monday the best time to make tickets available? This is highly unfair to the students who have class at this time and cannot afford to skip in order to wait in line. I propose that the Senior Class Council try to make more of the Sneak Peek options available to a greater number of seniors, perhaps extending the number of days the tours are offered from two to three or even four if possible. No senior should have to leave Notre Dame disappointed that they missed out on such an opportunity.

Rebecca Kant
senior
Ryan Hall
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We are writing this letter to The Observer on behalf of two of the most impressive, caring and genuine professors that we have ever had the privilege to work with during our time at Notre Dame.

Bo Smith and Tom Roche have only taught at this university for two years, yet in this short period of time have had a noticeable impact on the student body in a way few professors are able to boast. Their courses span the FYS Honors Program, the Program of Liberal Studies, the Department of English, and the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre, in which they have been especially recognized. Their course "Acting for the Non-Acting Major" in which we are all currently enrolled has become one of the first classes to fill up, and continually attracts a diverse group of students from all of the University's colleges and departments.

It is our opinion that they are two of the best professors to ever work in the departments they are involved in at Notre Dame, and both deserve the opportunity to continue their instrumental role in undergraduate education. Unfortunately, despite Notre Dame having one of the largest endowments of private institutions in the United States, recent budget cuts have prevented Bo and Tom's contract from being renewed. Currently it appears that, at the most, Tom will have the opportunity to teach one course in the fall, and Bo one in the spring: a significant decline from the six courses they have taught each term during the 2009-2010 academic term. We are writing this defense for their teaching merit in the hopes that the administration will listen to the student body and give more undergraduates the opportunity to study with these professors.

First, each professor is incredibly qualified to be teaching undergraduates. Bo is an established actor of stage, television and film who began working in the industry as a teenager and has gone on to act

Academia lost

in numerous films and Broadway productions. He is incredibly intelligent, and during our time in class, he astonishes students with his extensive historical, cultural and theatrical knowledge. Tom spent time studying under C.S. Lewis at Oxford, wrote the most widely-used translation of "The Faerie Queene," and is one of three members left in charge of the estate of F. Scott Fitzgerald. He taught at Princeton University for 44 years. Bo accompanied Tom at Princeton in the final year of his teaching, and together they taught a course on Shakespeare in the largest auditorium offered for a class because the demand for the class after just one semester exceeded 300 students.

Second, these professors are teaching a course that directly correlates to the University's mission to provide students with a well-rounded and fulfilling education. Because of the way Notre Dame structures its undergraduate requirements and departments, it is very difficult for students to get into classes outside their major. Bo and Tom teach a class that remains one of the most unique opportunities currently available to students who are not a part of the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre. It is the only opportunity non-majors have to be enrolled in an acting class, which promotes both creativity and proficiency in public speaking. It provides a controlled, friendly environment in which students are encouraged to speak out and challenge their comfort zones. Students who have never acted before have this year performed pieces by Wilde, Shakespeare, Kushner and more. Pieces that are challenging for even the most talented professional actors are taken on by students in "Acting for the Non-Acting Major," and because of the dedication and care of Bo and Tom, the students are able to succeed.

But most importantly, Bo and Tom deserve to stay and teach more classes at Notre Dame for the incredible individuals they are. Both teachers are kind, gener-

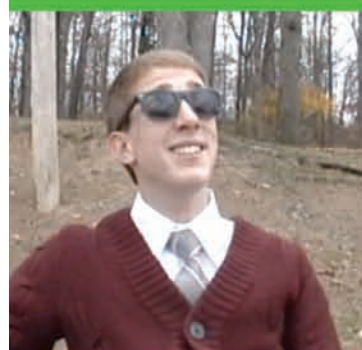
ous and caring in a way unlike any professors we have encountered at Notre Dame. They don't care about their students merely as pupils, but as individuals whose lives they are genuinely interested in. They take time to meet with students about virtually anything and everything outside of class. They have even taken students out to dinner to discuss future careers, the work they are doing in class, and life in general. Their class is a fun, supportive environment, where students actively encourage each other to rise to their potential. Speaking from experience, we have absolutely loved coming to class every single day this semester, and there isn't a class that goes by without the entire group — including Bo and Tom — bursting into laughter over something that happens. We approach all of our assignments genuinely excited to learn, and we sincerely believe that you would be hard-pressed to find any course Bo and Tom teach where students feel otherwise.

For those of us who will be graduating this spring, we are honored to say that we have taken what could be the final "Acting for the Non-Acting Major" course that Bo and Tom teach, and many of us wish that we had been fortunate enough to take more courses with them earlier in our academic careers. For those of us who are undergraduates, we sincerely plead the University to recognize what a valuable asset they are to students at Notre Dame, and we ask that you give us the opportunity to continue to learn from these extraordinary men.

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Campus Artist Profile:

Will Thwaites,
'the Schoolboy'
Rapper



He roams the campus, his textbooks at hand, study cap on. To the untrained eye, he's just another Notre Dame student going through the daily grind of what it takes to bleed blue and gold. Yet it's the way Will Thwaites seemingly blends in on campus that makes him so different.

Shane Steinberg
Scene Writer

See, behind the textbooks and everything that makes him a Domer, lies a mic, a yearning to throw on his signature sunglasses, and a lyrical prowess that makes Thwaites a breath of fresh air in an industry full of recycled artists.

He's not rapping about drinking, drugs and scoring chicks. No, unlike the Sam Adamses and Asher Roths out there, Thwaites is about a different brand of hip-hop — one founded on intelligible lyrics, actual themes and songs built around more than simply blowin' it up and livin' the thug life. A moment's glance at the album cover of Thwaites' upcoming mixtape, "Be Somebody," is all it takes to realize what he's all about: reppin' the school-boy image.

The equation, as Thwaites points out in the song "Remix to the Suburbs," is simple: "I've got beats that are sick, rhymes that are luscious, and skills like fine wine, so kid you better not rush us." Yet what makes Thwaites an artist you ought to know isn't necessarily his uncanny knack for lyrics, his beats, rhymes, or skills, but the different angle he takes to the whole process. He's an artist that at first you'd think you've seen before, rapping about things you might think you've heard before, but this sophomore economics and Film, Television and Theatre double-major is in fact anything but unoriginal and recycled.

Thwaites recorded his first song two summers ago, before he came to Notre Dame. What started off as a mere joke has since blown up into a bonafide

artist about to release a mixtape with the hopes of making a name for himself. He's doing what he loves, and to paint a comparison, he hopes to become the Notre Dame version of Mike Posner. It's Mike Posner's rise from a small-time campus singer/songwriter at Duke to a success in the mainstream music industry that inspires Thwaites and gives added weight to his aspirations of turning that "mere joke" into his own success story.

Yet Thwaites is not one to ride the coattails of others' success and simply put out music that sounds like theirs. Instead of being a carbon copy of the artists he can't avoid being compared to, he's chosen to buck the trend and lend himself to something unique — like the title of his mixtape suggests.

Being somebody is a process, one that often starts off as a joke and continues with the help of a Rock Band microphone to record songs, a copy of Apple's GarageBand to mix songs and perhaps most importantly, the help of friends, like Lauren Ruhling (Thwaites' press secretary/stylist) and Jason Lovell (his manager and graphic designer).

He's come a long way, though, from his humble beginnings. We're not talking "from Marcy to Madison Square" like Jay-Z. More like from video game equipment to legitimate studios where he's grinded out songs during breaks from school and basically any chance he gets. Luckily for the former St. Edward's Hall rap battles champ, Thwaites has the creative chops to hold his own and keep things fresh.

It's that process — the making of an artist — a wholesome schoolboy rapper reppin' the suburbs, to be exact, that's on full display in Thwaites' debut effort. What's clear at first listen of "Be Somebody" is that Thwaites is all about showing off his innovative pop stylings, especially in the lead track, "Still Shining," and possibly even upping the ante on a couple of songs later on in the mix. His tracks run each into the next

seamlessly. The quality and mix of Thwaites' cuts never fail, but instead give an insight into something new and infectiously catchy. And it's that catchiness and his hybrid style that have earned him over 35,000 hits on YouTube and should drive an even larger audience for him going forward as he puts out more music.

The real standout in Thwaites' collection is "Daisy's Lullaby," a song cut straight from the diamond that is F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel, "The Great Gatsby." Here, Thwaites is in tip-top form, with lyrics that epitomize what makes him unique and fresh as a new artist. While straying from the general sound of much of the rest of his songs, Thwaites mixes orchestral splendor and the electro feel of a potential dorm party favorite. And it's that intelligence and closeness that breathe life into the song, allowing it to play like fine wine, as each listen brings a new appreciation for the song.

From sitting down and chatting with Thwaites, it's clear that he loves making music. More than that, though, he has actual talent and seems to have found himself as an artist before having ever really put anything out there. Where he goes from here is anyone's guess, as success is really just a measure of how his music is received both by his fellow Notre Dame students and anyone outside of campus who happens upon his mixtape.

For now, though, this schoolboy rapper has his sights set on finals week. As he best describes himself, "student first, rapper second, but if I get one shot I intend to empty the clip."

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Find a free download of Thwaites' song, "Still Shining," at willthwaites.com

This Week's Mix – Soundtrack Study Session



by Stephanie DePrez

- 1 "The Uruk-Hai" from "The Two Towers"
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- 8 "Journey to Transylvania" from "Van Helsing"
- 9 "Recollections" from "Catch Me If You Can"
- 10 "Take Us Out" from "Rudy"

Nothing induces a "study-zone" like the proper music. Let these tracks from an eclectic selection of film scores put you in the mood to buckle down and get work done. Ranging from soft electronic to full symphonies, they will keep you focused without getting you down.

**You can find the whole playlist on
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MUSIC UNDER THE RADAR

Studying with Film Scores

In lieu of providing you with an all-purpose, summer-never-dies musical journey, I recognize that the freedom we all seek stands about a week and a half behind the epic buzz kills that are finals. This week, then, I will focus on getting you through the painful process with as little musical heartbreak as possible.

Nothing can make or break a study session quite like the music you are listening to at the time. There are many modes of music people have when hitting the books. Some like classical music, some can't study with singing, and others can't focus without a racket in the background.

One of the lesser-utilized musical genres used to study is an arena of music we all have heard, and listen to more often than we realize. This would be the movie soundtrack, or the orchestral score written to accompany a film. In context, an orchestral score provides the perfect atmosphere for a movie, but on its own, it can be a work of instrumental music that is light enough to keep you focused but charged enough to keep you awake. Here are a few films that you might want to cue up in the background as you sit huddled in your Hesburgh hut all week.

"Braveheart" (James Horner)

This 1995 epic took Mel Gibson's status as Sexiest Man Alive to a whole new level, while also rewriting the look of a proper battle sequence, paving the way for film's like "Lord of the Rings." One of the main reasons this film hit so hard is that the music is a perfect blend of love-lorn Scottish melodies and thundering emotion.

Tracks to Tap: "The Legend Spreads," "For The Love Of A Princess"

"Catch Me If You Can" (John Williams)

Classic orchestra scoring alongside Frank Sinatra and Stan Getz. Enough flavors to keep your interest, enough cohesion to keep you calm.

Tracks to Tap: "Recollections (The Father's Theme)," "The Girl From Ipanema"

"Dances With Wolves" (John Barry)

Forgive Kevin Costner's 'stache and embrace the music. Barry wove subtle American folk melodies into lush orchestration that is as simply magnificent as a buffalo hunt.

Tracks to Tap: "Buffalo Hunt," "The John Dunbar Theme"

"The Italian Job" (John Powell)

This is the way to go for upbeat and motivating. It will keep you going without becoming a distraction, but has

enough moments of downtime to keep it from being repetitive. Powell also keeps consistent themes throughout, so there are no sudden changes.

Tracks to Tap: "Italian Job," "Planning the Heist"

"Kingdom of Heaven" (Harry Gregson-Williams)

Orlando Bloom's failed attempt at carrying his own film managed to turn out an interesting and involved score. Even if the acting was less-than-epic, the choir-filled, east-meets-west music lightly dipped in the background is a film score connoisseur's treat.

Tracks to Tap: "Crusaders," "Ibelin"

"Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (Howard Shore)

Now, picking the score from just one of the three films the might as well be a genre unto themselves is a daunting task. But the second film's soundtrack has just the right balance of mournful ballads and battle music, including the incomparable track "The Uruk-Hai," which begs to be blasted from your laptop speakers. If this doesn't pump you up to write that paper, nothing will.

Tracks to Tap: "The Uruk-Hai," "The King Of The Golden Hall"

"Requiem for a Dream" (Kronos Quartet)

This Quartet keeps making appearances on campus and at DPAC, so it's only fair that we give them their due as mind-blowing musicians. This score is the perfect balance between creepy and addicting (no pun intended).

Tracks to Tap: "Summer Overture," "Ghosts Of A Future Lost"

"Rudy" (Jerry Goldsmith)

You know it, you love it and you can't possibly get sick of it. Nothing can make finals seem doable like studying for them with the sound of "Rudy."

Tracks to Tap: "Take Us Out," "Tryouts"

"Twilight" (Carter Burwell)

Love or hate the movie, Burwell nailed this score. Beyond the over-hyped selection of pop songs featured in the film lies a world of riveting orchestration that was hardly as polarizing as the actual film. "Bella's Lullaby," in any context, is so perfectly moving, it's almost cruel.

Tracks to Tap: "Bella's Lullaby," "Who Are They?"

"Van Helsing" (Alan Silvestri)

The epic flop of 2004 starring Hugh Jackman is survived by its eclectic score, which takes being a horror-film throwback quite seriously.

Tracks to Tap: "Journey to Transylvania," "Useless Crucifix"

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MLB

Bay homers as Mets shut out Dodgers in New York

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Bay hit his first home run for the Mets to back another stingy outing by Johan Santana, and New York beat the slumping Los Angeles Dodgers 4-0 in the opener of a doubleheader Tuesday for its fifth straight victory.

Santana (3-1) worked his way around early traffic on the bases, tossing six innings of four-hit ball to extend a run of splendid starts by the Mets' surprising rotation.

Luis Castillo hit a two-run single and New York pitched its second consecutive shutout, following Mike Pelfrey's 1-0 win Sunday night over Atlanta in a game that was called in the sixth inning because of rain.

More wet weather Monday night led to Tuesday's old-fashioned, single-admission, twinight doubleheader — but

few fans made it to blustery Citi Field in time for the first pitch at 4:10 p.m.

There were still plenty of empty sections of dark green seats down low by the time David Wright dived headfirst to score on a second-inning wild pitch by Hiroki Kuroda (2-1).

A sparse crowd began filing in as the game wore on, but it was far from a full house as New York (11-9) improved to 7-1 on its 10-game homestand.

Pitching has been the key: Mets starters are 5-1 with a 1.17 ERA in the last 12 games, leading the club to a 9-3 record during that span.

As white napkins whipped around the outfield in the wind, Fernando Nieve worked two scoreless innings and Pedro Feliciano finished the five-hitter. With its fourth shutout of the season, New York tied San Francisco for the major league

lead.

Oliver Perez was set to start for the Mets against knuckleballer Charlie Haeger in the nightcap, a matchup of winless pitchers.

Missing injured slugger Manny Ramirez, the Dodgers lost for the fourth time in five games. They have scored only five runs in their last four.

Wright drew a one-out walk in the second, went to third on Ike Davis' double and scored when Kuroda threw a wild pitch with the bases loaded.

Bay connected leading off the fourth, driving a 1-0 pitch over the 384-foot sign in left-center for his first home run since signing a \$66 million, four-year contract with the Mets.

New York had been waiting for Bay to break out the power bat that produced 36 home runs and 119 RBIs for the Boston Red Sox last season.



Mets third baseman David Wright beats a tag from Dodgers pitcher Hiroki Kuroda in New York's 4-0 victory over Los Angeles Tuesday.

NBA

Capitals owner to buy Wizards

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — The family of late Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin has agreed to the "major economic terms" of a deal to sell its stake in the NBA team to Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis.

Leonsis, a former AOL executive, and the Pollins ran into some snags in talks this year. But in a statement Tuesday, Pollin's sons, Robert and James, said they and their mother, Irene, congratulate Leonsis on this "near-final step in a long negotiation."

A person familiar with the negotiations confirmed to The Associated Press last month that the two sides agreed to value the franchise and the arena at slightly more than \$550 million.

Pollin died at age 85 in November, setting in motion what was expected to be a smooth transfer of the Wizards and the Verizon Center to Leonsis.

Pollin anointed Leonsis as his heir when the two became partners in 1999. Leonsis' group already owns 44 percent of the team and the arena, and was given the right to get the first chance to purchase the remaining 56 percent.

"It's not a 'done, done' deal, but it's fairly close," Robert



Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis is close to buying the Wizards from the family of late owner Abe Pollin.

Pollin said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "A signed deal should be a matter of days."

The NBA Board of Governors will need to approve the sale, but Robert Pollin said, "There's really no question that they will. They know Ted. ... It's a foregone conclusion they will approve it."

A representative for Leonsis' group had no comment Tuesday.

Abe Pollin was the NBA's longest-tenured owner, having bought the Baltimore Bullets in 1964. He renamed his NBA team in 1997 because of the violent connotation of the word "Bullets." A builder by trade, Pollin

constructed the Verizon Center, which helped revitalize Washington's downtown area.

Pollin previously sold Leonsis the NHL's Capitals in 1999, and the WNBA's Mystics in 2005.

"Obviously, very sad feelings about transitioning out of it, but compared to losing my father, it's not the same category," Robert Pollin said. "It was his project for most of his adult life. I was 13 when we bought the Bullets."

The Wizards are coming off consecutive last-place finishes, including a 26-56 record in 2009-10, a season marred by the suspension of star Gilbert Arenas for bringing guns into the locker room.

NFL

Harris back with Bears after trade

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers traded starting strong safety Chris Harris to the Chicago Bears on Tuesday, continuing their offseason roster overhaul.

The Panthers got reserve linebacker Jamar Williams in the deal, while Harris returns to Chicago less than three years after he was traded to Carolina.

Harris was deemed expendable after he struggled some in 2009 and Carolina added depth at safety.

"Chris is going back to an organization where he has familiarity and we wish him the very best," Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said in a statement. "He has done everything we have asked and has been a valuable member of our team. Right now we have some young safeties who will get the opportunity to continue to earn playing time."

Harris joins starters Jake Delhomme, Brad Hoover, Muhsin Muhammad, Damione Lewis, Maake Kemoeatu and Na'il Diggs who have moved on because of Carolina's youth movement. The Panthers also let Pro Bowl defensive end Julius Peppers leave in free agency.

The 25-year-old Williams has

played in all 16 games in each of the past three seasons with the Bears, and had a career-high 43 tackles last season. But he hadn't been able to win a starting job with Lance Briggs in front of him and was a restricted free agent.

"Jamar is a versatile linebacker who brings experience, athletic ability and can help on special teams as well as compete for time at linebacker," Hurney said.

After missing the first three games with a knee injury and then getting off to a slow start, the hard-hitting Harris had 44 tackles and three interceptions last season. He had 80 tackles a year earlier, and led the NFL and set a franchise record with eight forced fumbles in his first season with Carolina in 2007.

Harris turned out to be a bargain for the Panthers. They sent a fifth-round pick to the Bears in training camp to get him after numerous injuries and Mike Minter's retirement left them with almost no depth at safety.

Harris immediately became a starter and was second on the team with 102 tackles in 2007. But after three seasons and being one of the leaders in the locker room, he was sent as Carolina sheds veterans and payroll after going 8-8 last season.

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4 Georgia Tech	3
5 TCU	8
6 Coastal Carolina	9
7 Arkansas	6
8 Florida State	10
9 UCLA	7
10 Florida	12
11 LSU	5
12 Louisville	11
13 South Carolina	14
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15 Oklahoma	17
16 Cal St. Fullerton	19
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18 Vanderbilt	15
19 Arizona	16
20 Connecticut	27
21 Virginia Tech	28
22 Stanford	30
23 Clemson	24
24 Kansas State	18
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NBA



Hawks guard Jamal Crawford attempts to dribble around the defense of Ben Gordon during a regular season game against the Pistons on April 3. Crawford was the runaway winner of the NBA's sixth man of the year.

Hawks' Crawford wins Sixth Man award

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jamal Crawford already got what he wanted most — a trip to the playoffs.

On Tuesday, he picked up an extra reward for his unselfishness.

After willingly accepting a backup role for the first time in his career, the Atlanta Hawks guard was named the NBA Sixth Man of the Year in a landslide.

"You have to check your ego at the door," the 30-year-old Crawford said. "It's all about winning. You do what you've got to do."

He had never been on a winning team until he was traded to Atlanta by the Golden State Warriors last

summer. Of course, the deal came with a caveat: The Hawks wanted Crawford to come off the bench, which was quite a change for someone who had been starting his whole life, from youth leagues to the NBA.

Hawks general manager Rick Sund flew to Crawford's hometown of Seattle after the deal was made and pulled no punches about the planned role.

"I went right for the jugular," Sund recalled. "I told him there was an opportunity here to have tremendous notoriety coming off the bench. I told him if we were going to take this to the next level, be a championship-caliber

team, we needed someone to really make an impact off the bench."

Crawford did just that. He averaged 18 points a game in 31.1 minutes, a de facto starter who played a major role in Atlanta winning 53 games and earning the third seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs. The Hawks are tied 2-2 with the Milwaukee Bucks in the opening round heading into Game 5 on Wednesday night.

Advancing in the playoffs is Crawford's main goal, though he certainly didn't mind picking up some extra hardware during an off day in the series.

"We're doing some good things here," he said. "It's

not complete yet."

Crawford won the award going away with 580 of a possible 610 points, including 110 out of 122 first-place votes. Jason Terry of the Dallas Mavericks, last year's Sixth Man winner, finished second this time with 220 points. Anderson Varejao of the Cleveland Cavaliers (126 points) was third.

Until this season, Crawford was known mainly for being a talented player who always wound up on awful teams. Only two other players in NBA history had played more games than Crawford without making the playoffs until he finally broke through in his 10th season.

IN BRIEF

Rays' Navarro receives two games for bumping umpire

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay Rays catcher Dioneo Navarro began serving a two-game suspension Tuesday for bumping an umpire during an argument.

Bob Watson, baseball's vice president for discipline, issued the suspension Tuesday. Navarro did not appeal and will also sit out Wednesday's finale of a two-game series against the Oakland Athletics at Tropicana Field.

"Two games, get it over with. It's still early in the season. I don't want to be dealing with none of this stuff," Navarro said. "Let these two days pass and get back on track and try to keep helping the team win."

Navarro was ejected by plate umpire Dan Bellino during the sixth inning of Friday's game against the Toronto Blue Jays for arguing a pitch to Adam Lind that was called a ball. Replays appeared to show the call was correct and Navarro made contact with Bellino.

Sicko signs with Dallas after initially turning down draft

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys have signed tight end Scott Sicko, three days after the New Hampshire player said he was turning down the NFL to go to graduate school.

Sicko signed a free agent contract Tuesday, reversing course on a decision that he wouldn't pursue NFL offers after he wasn't taken in the draft.

The 6-foot-4, 251-pound Sicko caused an Internet stir with his announcement Saturday. Some applauded the 22-year-old's focus on academics, while others blasted him for passing on a rare opportunity.

Sicko tells The Times Union newspaper of Albany, N.Y., he was surprised by all the attention. He says he is "a 22-year-old kid" who wanted to make sure he made the right decision for himself and fiancée.

Heart surgery to sideline Brewers' announcer Uecker

MILWAUKEE — Bob Uecker has made a 40-year career out of delighting baseball fans with his self-deprecating sense of humor. Even facing heart surgery at the end of the week, that didn't change.

Addressing reporters Tuesday afternoon, the Milwaukee Brewers radio announcer opened up by joking that he called a press conference to announce that he was joining the Brewers' active roster. Then he turned serious — well, as serious as he could be.

"I'm looking forward to getting it done and getting back to work," Uecker said.

The 75-year-old Uecker will have his aortic valve replaced Friday morning, and will be away from the team for up to three months while recovering.

"I've been in baseball 55 years," Uecker said. "This is all I know. Or want to know, for that matter."

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NCAA

NCAA hires Mark Emmert as new president

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA found its new president in the same place it got its last one — the university administration office.

Now, college sports' largest governing body is hoping Mark Emmert can be just as effective.

The University of Washington president became the NCAA's top executive on Tuesday, ending the search for Myles Brand's successor that began in November.

"It's a pleasure and a challenge to follow Myles," Emmert said. "His legacy is so strong and because of the impact he had on the organization in a relatively short period of time, the foundation for me to build on is very, very strong. But it's a challenge because those are big shoes to fill."

Emmert emerged from a field that started with nearly 100 candidates, was winnowed to 32, and finally down to the handful of contenders who interviewed with the NCAA's executive committee on Tuesday.

By late afternoon, Oregon president and committee chair-

man Ed Ray called Emmert to offer him the job. An hour later, Emmert was introduced as the NCAA's fifth CEO.

Emmert will begin serving his five-year term Nov. 1. He earned \$906,500 in total annual compensation at Washington, second to only Ohio State's E. Gordon Gee among public university presidents, but the NCAA did not release the financial details of his contract.

"We felt he was someone who could stand and represent our organization in virtually any venue," Ray said after the news conference. "We all feel that this is sort of a bully pulpit type of thing, and you saw how he handled the questions today. Many of the questions that were asked were the same questions or similar questions to what he was asked by the committee."

Replacing the first university president to ever lead the NCAA won't be easy.

It was Brand who championed landmark academic legislation to put a stronger emphasis on class work and endeared himself to coaches and athletes, surprising some because he had no pre-

vious experience running an athletic department. The former Indiana University executive also was revered inside the halls of the NCAA headquarters and by university presidents.

So when Brand died from pancreatic cancer on Sept. 16, it left a huge void within the organization.

A week later, the NCAA made Jim Isch its interim president.

Now Emmert faces the daunting challenge of adding teeth to Brand's policies and trying to carve out his own niche.

"I want to sit down with the membership and talk about what's working and what's not. The fact is that these reforms are so young, that it takes time to measure the impact of them," Emmert said. "I don't foresee revolutionary change in terms of academics issues, I see an evolutionary change as we go forward."

Some of the issues haven't changed.

Almost immediately upon his introduction, Emmert was asked about the NCAA's new \$10.8 billion television package for the men's basketball tournament.



The NCAA named Mark Emmert its new president Tuesday. Emmert was previously the president of the University of Washington.

Isch announced the deal last week, causing some to wonder about the big business of college sports.

"The real question for me is one of intention, what are you raising those dollars for, what are you doing with them?" Emmert said. "I'm very comfortable with the position we're in right now."

Emmert also showed he was

capable of sidestepping other tricky questions, such as the issue of a college football playoff.

"Do you have any controversial questions," he joked, drawing laughter from NCAA employees. "What I look forward to is having conversations with the presidents about what's in the best interests of their schools, but I do not expect the NCAA to be leading that charge."

TENNIS

Federer loses Rome opener in season's first clay match

Associated Press

ROME — Roger Federer has a long way to go if he wants to successfully defend his French Open title next month.

In his first singles match of the clay-court season, Federer lost to 40th-ranked Ernests Gulbis of Latvia 2-6, 6-1, 7-5 Tuesday in his Rome Masters opener.

The top-ranked Swiss will play two more tournaments — in Estoril, Portugal, and Madrid — before the start of the French Open on May 23.

"I hope I can come back from this. That's usually what I do after a loss like this," Federer said. "Sometimes it takes a loss to wake up and shake you up for your approach the next week. When you always win, sometimes you forget how hard it is. That's why today I don't get too worried about this loss."

Gulbis was anything but blase about what happened.

"I don't have a word in English for it," he said. "It's indescribable."

Earlier, Novak Djokovic, seeded second and trying to reach a third consecutive final at Foro Italico, defeated France's Jeremy Chardy 6-1, 6-1; fourth-seeded Andy Murray beat the top Italian, Andreas Seppi, 6-2, 6-4; Lleyton Hewitt, coming back from hip surgery, ousted ninth-seeded Mikhail Youzhny 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; and Victor Hanesu of Romania upset 16th-seeded Juan Monaco 7-6 (4), 6-4.

This was Federer's first singles match in nearly a month. He took off several weeks after losing in the fourth round in Key Biscayne, Fla., at the end of March.

Federer struggled with his serve, landing only 50 percent of his first attempts to the big-serving Gulbis' 71 percent. In the third set, Federer missed one routine baseline shot after

another.

"My game was definitely not up to speed," he said. "My serve was not working at all. On clay you can lose the feeling sometimes. At one point I tried to go three-quarters speed but that didn't work, either. So I just kept going for it and hoping that it would come back eventually, and it didn't unfortunately."

Gulbis fought off jitters at the end, winning on his seventh match point after double-faulting twice when within a point of victory.

"I couldn't put a serve in," he said. "I was shaking. I didn't know what to do. It was a terrible feeling."

Federer teamed with countryman Yves Allegro to win a doubles match Monday. They face sixth-seeded Simon Aspelin of Sweden and Paul Hanley of Australia on Wednesday.

"It will give a good chance to forget today and move forward," Federer said.

A light rain fell during the match on a cool day, but Federer refused to blame the weather.

"I started well and the conditions were kind of like the French Open final last year," he said. "Actually, I wasn't too happy that it was slow against a player that likes to end the points quickly."

Gulbis also took Federer to a third set before losing in the quarterfinals in Doha, Qatar, in January. His first career title came the next month in Delray Beach, Fla.

"He has immense power on both sides and one of the fastest serves in the game," Federer said. "I think he's got a great

future."

The 21-year-old Gulbis began working with a new coach in September, and credits former Argentine pro Hernan Gummy with his improved play. He also hired a new fitness coach.

"I just started concentrating more on tennis, treating it more like my job," Gulbis said. "Last year I didn't take it as a job. It was more like a hobby. I didn't have a system."

"Before I was practicing

maybe three days and then going out with friends two days. I'm still not a big tennis freak ... but I have a better system. My team is perfect now. It's my coach, my fitness coach and my father."

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NBA

Woodson contract talks wait

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Hawks coach Mike Woodson said Tuesday there have been no talks on a new contract with Atlanta, even amid reports that he'll be a candidate to take another job after the season.

The most persistent report is that Woodson could wind up as Philadelphia's coach, which is based on Larry Brown leaving Charlotte to become the 76ers' general manager. Brown has denied that he's planning to leave the Bobcats.

Woodson, who worked as an assistant to Brown in Detroit, said he wants to remain with the Hawks.

He took over a rebuilding team six years ago and went 13-69, but Atlanta has shown improvement every year since then. The Hawks are tied with Milwaukee in the opening round of the playoffs heading into Game 5 at Philips Arena on Wednesday night.

"They're out there," Woodson said, referring to the reports about his future. "But again, my job is right here with the Hawks. I started this gig six years ago and I want to finish it."

The Hawks stuck with Woodson through the difficult early years, giving him a two-year contract extension in 2008 shortly after general manager Rick Sund came aboard, even though his record at the time was only 106-222.

Atlanta posted winning records the last two years, going a com-



The Atlanta Hawks' front office will not discuss a contract extension with coach Mike Woodson until after the season.

bined 100-62. The Hawks reached the second round of the playoffs in 2009 and they were the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference this year, winning 53 games.

General manager Rick Sund said he'll wait until after the season before starting any discussions on a new deal with Woodson.

The Hawks are tied 2-2 with Milwaukee in an opening-round series that might have a direct impact on the coach's future.

"The things that need to be taken care of in the offseason will be taken care of in the offseason," Sund said.

The GM stressed that he's merely sticking with the position he's taken all along.

"I'm a Mike fan," Sund said.

"You're in a situation where he's worked with an organization that was totally supportive of him in the early years. When I came in, the first thing I did was give him a new contract. I basically said at the end of the two years, we'll sit down and talk at that time. That's just the way I am with contracts."

Woodson certainly feels he deserves a new, longer-term contract.

"I've helped the team grow," he said. "I think these players respect what we do, me and my staff. I hope ownership steps up and makes it happen to the point where I'm here for a long time, continuing the growth of this team and trying to get it done."

Woodson sounded a bit uncomfortable that he hasn't even had preliminary talks on a new deal.

NBA

Celtics eliminate Heat in Boston in Game 5

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics are heading to the second round of the NBA playoffs and a potential matchup with LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Ray Allen scored 24 points, making five 3-pointers in the second half, to help Boston beat Miami 96-86 in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series on Tuesday night and eliminate the Heat. With Heat star Dwyane Wade due to become a free agent — along with James — it could be an eventful summer in Miami.

Boston advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals thanks to 16 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists from Rajon Rondo. Paul Pierce scored 21 for the Celtics, who will play either Cleveland or Chicago; the Cavaliers took a 3-1 lead into Game 5 of their first-round series later Tuesday night.

Wade scored 31 points — far short of the franchise postseason-record 46 he scored Sunday in Game 4 in Miami to help the Heat stave off elimination.

The Celtics led by as many as 21 points in the third quarter before Miami scored

16 of the next 18 points to make it 69-62. Wade scored 13 in what turned into a 24-6 run that cut the deficit to 73-70 on his three-point play with 10:14 left in the game.

Wade scored 20 in the second half in all; he also finished with 10 assists and eight rebounds. But he was just 10-for-24 shooting and 2 for 7 from 3-point range in the game. He missed all three of his 3-point tries in the fourth quarter as the Heat tried to eat away at the remainder of the Celtics' big lead.

Wade, who averaged just under 34 points in the series, now has a chance to test one of the hottest free agent markets in memory. James will be the big prize, of course, but Wade is right behind him and several teams could make a run at both superstars to build a potential contender for years to come.

The Celtics beat the Bulls last year in an overtime-laden, seven-game series in the first round. Boston hooked up with James and the Cavaliers for seven games in the conference semis in 2008 on the way to the Celtics' NBA-record 17th championship.

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MLB

Red Sox defeat Jays behind Buchholz's gem

Rays beat Athletics for 12th win in 14 games; Twins ride Liriano's eight scoreless innings to victory over Tigers

Associated Press

TORONTO — Clay Buchholz pitched eight strong innings, pinch-hitter Mike Lowell drove in the go-ahead run with a bases loaded walk and the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 2-1 on Tuesday night.

It was Boston's fifth straight victory in Toronto, and their fifth consecutive one-run game. The Red Sox are 4-1 in those games.

One night after the teams combined for 25 runs and 34 hits in battering 13 pitchers, starters Buchholz and Shaun Marcum gave the bullpens a break.

Buchholz (2-2) allowed one run and seven hits to win for the first time in three starts.

He walked two, struck out four and lowered his ERA to 2.19.

With closer Jonathan Papelbon getting a day off after working in three of the past four games, right-hander Ramon Ramirez worked the ninth for his first save.

Marcum allowed one run and four hits in seven innings and has four no-decisions in five starts this season. He walked three and struck out five.

Scott Downs (0-3) replaced Marcum in the eighth inning and struck out the first batter, then gave up consecutive singles to Dustin Pedroia and Victor Martinez. Pedroia took third when Kevin Youkilis flied to right and Downs left after walking J.D. Drew to load the bases. Kevin Gregg came on to face Lowell, who batted for David Ortiz, and walked him on four pitches, his first walk this season. Adrian Beltre ended the rally with a liner back to the mound.

Toronto opened the scoring in the first when Fred Lewis singled, took second on a grounder and scored on a two-out double by Vernon Wells.

Boston tied it with a two-out rally in the second. Ortiz walked, went to second on Beltre's single and scored on a base hit by Jeremy Hermida.

Toronto put runners at first and second with two outs in the fourth and fifth but failed to score each time.

Drew doubled to begin the seventh and Beltre drew a one-out walk but Marcum fanned Hermida and got Darnell McDonald to pop out.

Wells reached second on Beltre's throwing error in the eighth but Lyle Overbay struck out looking and Alex Gonzalez flied out.

Rays 8, Athletics 6

Pat Burrell and Reid Brignac homered Tuesday night, helping the Tampa Bay Rays match a club record for wins in April with an 8-6 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

The AL East leaders improved baseball's best record to 15-5. The victory total equals the number they had in the opening month two years ago, when they made a surprising run to the World Series.

Burrell's three-run homer off Ben Sheets (1-2) snapped a 4-4 tie in the third inning. Brignac's solo shot leading off the bottom of the fourth gave right-hander Wade Davis (2-1) an 8-4 lead.

The Rays have won 12 of 14 and are off to the best start in the team's 13-season history. Nevertheless, attendance for the opener of a two-game series against another first-place team drew an announced crowd of 10,825 to Tropicana Field.

Davis weathered a shaky five innings to win his second straight decision. He gave up a three-run homer to Cliff Pennington, who had four hits



Twins starting pitcher Francisco Liriano tossed eight scoreless innings in Minnesota's victory over the Tigers Tuesday in Detroit.

and four RBI's — both career highs — for the A's.

Pennington's RBI double off Lance Cormier trimmed Oakland's deficit to 8-5 in the sixth. Adam Rosales drove in a run with his career-best fourth hit — making it 8-6 in the eighth — however the A's stranded the potential tying runs in scoring position when Daric Barton struck out.

Rafael Soriano pitched a perfect ninth for Tampa Bay, earning his fifth save in five opportunities.

The Rays played without catcher Dioner Navarro, who began serving a two-game suspension for bumping an umpire during an argument last week. He also will sit out Wednesday's finale against the A's.

Jason Bartlett's two-run single was the biggest blow in Tampa Bay's four-run second inning against Sheets, who allowed eight runs and nine hits in four innings. Carlos Pena and John Jaso, filling in for Navarro, also drove in runs in the inning.

Davis, however, couldn't hold the early lead.

The A's struck for four runs of their own in the third, with Pennington's third homer of the season doing most of the damage. The A's went on to load the bases with two outs on a walk and pair of singles before Gabe Gross lifted a sacrifice fly to make it 4-4.

Burrell, who's 8-for-19 with three homers lifetime against Sheets, put Tampa Bay ahead for good. Brignac's homer leading off the fourth inning restored a four-run lead for Davis, who yielded four runs and seven hits.

Twins 2, Tigers 0

Francisco Liriano pitched eighth scoreless innings, leading the Minnesota Twins to a 2-0 win over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

Liriano (3-0) struck out 10 and gave up the first of four hits in the fifth and walked only one. Jon Rauch closed the game for his seventh save.

Justin Verlander (1-2) gave up an unearned run and struck out a season-high seven over 5 2-3 innings.

Left fielder Ryan Raburn dropped what would've been the third out of the sixth to let Jim Thome score from first after he walked. Second baseman Scott Sizemore made a

wide throw on what should've been the final out of the seventh, allowing Michael Cuddyer to score.

Minnesota played the Tigers for the first time since beating them in the 163rd game last year.

The Twins probably will be tough to beat again this season, winning the first six series of a season for the first time in franchise history, especially if Liriano looks like he did before elbow surgery stunted his career.

They have to hope, though, Justin Morneau's stiff back isn't going to be a lingering problem. The star first baseman didn't play after the fifth inning, but the team said the move was made for precautionary reasons.

The 2006 AL MVP played his final game last season on Sept. 12 because of a back injury. He struck out in each of his three at-bats against Verlander after reaching base in each of Minnesota's first 19 games, hitting in 16 of them.

Liriano extended his scoreless innings streak to 23 games in the series opener at Detroit. He had his highest strikeout total since matching a career high with 12 against Detroit on July 28, 2006, when he was en route to a 12-win season as a rookie phenom.

He missed the 2007 season recovering from Tommy John surgery and won a combined 11 games the past two seasons.

If Liriano keeps pitches like this, he might reach that total by the All-Star break.

The Tigers were helpless at the plate against him — often striking out looking — until Miguel Cabrera led off the fifth with a double that was just out of Denard Span's reach in center.

Rauch preserved his victory after giving up a leadoff walk to Johnny Damon in the ninth, getting a groundout and two strikeouts to end the game.

Verlander's best performance of the year was wasted by poor defense.

He gave up a season-low four hits, walked three and didn't give up an earned run after allowing 17 in his first four starts.

Verlander pitched a perfect first and stranded two runners in each of the next three innings.

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MLB

Wilson leads Rangers to victory over White Sox

Orioles become last team to win first home game; Hernandez allows six hits in Nationals win in Chicago

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas catcher Matt Treanor had a solo homer and a two-run double for his first extra-base hits of the season and former reliever C.J. Wilson had another solid start for the Rangers in a 4-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

Treanor's big game came hours after the Rangers optioned Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Taylor Teagarden, the two catchers on their season-opening roster, to Triple-A Oklahoma City.

Wilson (2-1) gave up two runs over six innings, striking out Donny Lucy to end the sixth with the bases loaded after going to a 3-0 count and then having Lucy foul off three full-count pitches before finally swinging and missing.

Dustin Nippert worked two scoreless innings before Frank Francisco had a perfect ninth for his first save in three chances.

Francisco lost his closer job after blowing two save chances the first week of the season. Hard-throwing Neftali Feliz, who took over as the closer, was unavailable after pitching the previous two games, and giving up back-to-back homers in the ninth inning of a loss to Detroit on Monday night.

White Sox left-hander Mark Buehrle (2-3) lost his third straight start, allowing four runs over seven innings.

Carlos Quentin snapped a 1-for-34 slide with an infield RBI single in the fifth for Chicago, which was coming off a three-game sweep of Seattle.

Treanor put the Rangers ahead to stay with a solo homer in the second, the ball just clearing the 14-foot wall in left field. His double made 3-0 in the fourth after Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero had consecutive singles and Buehrle threw a wild pitch.

Treanor, the husband of two-time Olympic beach volleyball gold medalist Misty May-Treanor, was acquired by the Rangers from Milwaukee during spring training. He was called up April 9 from Oklahoma City when Saltalamacchia went on the disabled list because of upper back stiffness.

It was the sixth start in nine games for Treanor, who played for Florida from 2004-08 and started four games for Detroit last season. Max Ramirez, recalled Tuesday from Oklahoma City, is the other Rangers catcher.

The Rangers activated Saltalamacchia from the disabled list Tuesday and optioned him to Oklahoma City, where he had already appeared in six games on a rehabilitation assignment. Teagarden was hitting only .037 (1 for 27) with 17 strikeouts in 10 games.

Wilson, who before the season hadn't started since his 2005 rookie season when he was coming off Tommy John ligament replacement surgery, has already had two

starts without allowing runs. The left-hander had thrown 6 2-3 scoreless innings in his previous start Thursday night at Boston, and has a 1.75 ERA through four starts.

After the White Sox loaded the bases in the sixth on a hit batsman, a single and a walk, Alexei Ramirez had an RBI single. Wilson then finally got Lucy out on his 104th pitch of the game. He struck out five and walked three.

Rangers rookie first baseman Justin Smoak got his first major league RBI with a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Orioles 5, Yankees 4

Cesar Izturis had three RBIs, Nolan Reimold singled in the tiebreaking run during a three-run sixth inning, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the New York Yankees on Tuesday night to become the last team in the majors to win at home.

The victory also gave Baltimore (4-16) its first winning streak of the season. The Orioles defeated Boston on Sunday to end a five-game skid.

Baltimore was 0-6 at Camden Yards before holding off New York before a crowd of 20,536 on a chilly night.

Jorge Posada homered, and Robinson Cano and Nick Swisher each had three hits for the Yankees, who have lost four of five after an 11-3 start.

New York scored two unearned runs in the ninth after Izturis misplayed a two-out grounder to shortstop, but Alex Rodriguez grounded into a fielder's choice with runners at the corners to end the game.

Yankees starter Phil Hughes allowed one run and two hits in 5 2-3 innings. The right-hander issued three of his four walks in the first two innings, which elevated his pitch count and led to an early departure.

As soon as he left, the New York bullpen gave up the lead. Boone Logan walked Luke Scott and was replaced by David Robertson (0-1), who hit Ty Wigginton with a pitch and gave up successive RBI singles to Rhyne Hughes, Reimold and Izturis.

Izturis singled in an unearned run in the ninth after an error by shortstop Derek Jeter.

Alberto Castillo (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings of one-hit relief, Jim Johnson worked the eighth and Alfredo Simon got three outs for his first major league save. It was Simon's first appearance in the big leagues since undergoing elbow reconstruction surgery last May.

Orioles starter Kevin Millwood gave up two runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings. Millwood has a solid 3.38 ERA but has received little offensive support in five starts.

Baltimore went up 1-0 in the second inning when Phil Hughes gave up two straight singles, then issued consecutive walks to Reimold and Izturis to force in a run. Hughes avoided further damage by getting Adam Jones to bounce into an inning-ending

double play.

A run-scoring grounder by Brett Gardner tied it in the third, and a big inning loomed when Mark Teixeira walked to load the bases with one out. But Rodriguez lined out to third and Cano hit a fly ball to right.

Posada led off the fourth with his fifth homer, his second in two games. The drive ended a 2-for-17 slump.

Nationals 3, Cubs 1

Livan Hernandez pitched six-hit ball into the eighth inning and the Washington Nationals beat the Chicago Cubs on a chilly Tuesday night.

At 35, Hernandez continues to excel this season after struggling last year. And the Nationals are enjoying a bit of a renaissance, themselves, with an 11-10 record that matches their best start since 2005.

Ian Desmond delivered a pair of RBI singles — one during a two-run first and one in the eighth that made it 3-1 — and Cristian Guzman added a run-scoring triple to back another dominant outing by Hernandez (3-1).

He did not allow an extra-base hit while outpitching Tom Gorzelanny (0-3) and continued to put aside last year's misery, when he was 9-12 with a 5.44 ERA for the Mets and Nationals. He left after Ryan Theriot led off the eighth with a single down the right-field line.

Tyler Clippard came in and



Rangers catcher Matt Treanor belts a homer in Texas' 4-2 victory over the White Sox Tuesday in Arlington. AP

walked Kosuke Fukudome on a 3-2 pitch before Derrek Lee popped out. Marlon Byrd then grounded to second on a 3-1 count, putting runners on second and third, and Aramis Ramirez bounced to first to end the inning.

Matt Capps allowed a two-out single to Geovany Soto in the ninth before striking out pinch-hitter Tyler Colvin for his major league leading ninth save in as many chances. That snapped the Cubs' four-game win streak.

Gorzelanny lasted seven innings in his longest start this season, allowing two runs and five hits. He settled down after a rough first but is still seeking his first win even though his ERA is just 2.45.

With the gametime temperature at 43, the Nationals quickly warmed up and took

the lead.

They got triples from two of the first three batters, with Nyjer Morgan driving one to left-center leading off and scoring on a single by Desmond. Guzman then knocked a low slider over center fielder Byrd's head for another triple that made it 2-0.

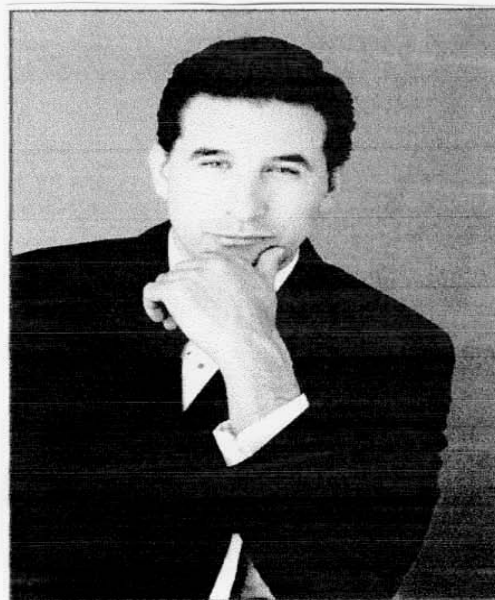
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MLB

Garland strikes out 10 in San Diego victory

Doumit hits grand slam in Pirates' win over Brewers; Carpenter wins on birthday to propel Cardinals over Braves

Associated Press

MIAMI — Jon Garland matched a career high with 10 strikeouts, leading the San Diego Padres past the Florida Marlins 4-1 Tuesday night.

Garland (2-2) allowed one run, three hits, three walks in six innings, tying the record for strikeouts he set Aug. 24, 2003 against Texas.

Adrian Gonzalez, Jerry Hairston and Nick Hundley had run-scoring hits for San Diego, and Padres reliever Luke Gregerson struck out the first two batters he faced in the bottom of the seventh to set a club record by retiring 26 in a row.

Gaby Sanchez snapped the streak with a single to right.

Mike Adams pitched a scoreless eighth and Heath Bell followed in the ninth for his fifth save in six chances, holding the Marlins to six hits a day after they scored 10 runs on 12 hits.

Right fielder Will Venable made a diving catch to end the game with two runners on.

Anibal Sanchez (1-2) allowed three runs, two earned in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out seven.

Garland allowed four of the first six batters to reach base before retiring 12 straight.

Cameron Maybin and Chris Coghlan hit consecutive singles to start the sixth. Garland limited the damage by getting Hanley Ramirez to hit into a run-scoring double play that made it 2-1 before striking out Jorge Cantu to end the inning.

The Padres tacked on two more runs in the seventh when

Tony Gwynn led off with a walk and stole second before Hairston's single off Burke Badenhop. Two batters later, Gonzalez added an RBI single.

Garland lowered his ERA against the Marlins to 2.14 in five career starts, his lowest against any opponent.

Hundley drove in the Padres' first run in the second, and San Diego added another when left fielder Coghlan's throwing error allowed David Eckstein to score from third.

Pirates 7, Brewers 3

Ryan Doumit hit a grand slam and Ronny Cedeno had a solo homer in a five-run ninth inning to help the Pittsburgh Pirates snap a 22-game losing streak in Milwaukee with a victory over the Brewers on Tuesday night.

Cedeno crushed the second pitch from Trevor Hoffman (1-2) over the wall in left to tie the game. After Andrew McCutchen struck out, Andy Laroche singled for the fourth time and Lastings Milledge doubled. Garrett Jones was walked intentionally before Doumit drove a 2-0 pitch into the second-tier of the bleachers for his second career grand slam.

Home runs have been Hoffman's downfall in all three blown saves. He's now given up five of them with the win on the line. His ERA skied from 9.00 to 13.50.

Prince Fielder greeted reliever Javier Lopez with a homer to deep center in the bottom of the eighth to give the Brewers a

3-2 lead.

Brendan Donnelly (2-0) picked up the win when he relieved Lopez with runners at first and second and two outs. Donnelly retired pinch-hitter Jody Gerut to end the threat.

Randy Wolf pitched an effective eight innings when he scattered 10 hits and stranded nine Pirates. He surrendered a run in the second on a double by Doumit and sacrifice fly by Akinori Iwamura and Jeff Clement's third home run of the season, a solo shot in the fourth. Wolf struck out four and walked one.

The victory also snapped a seven-game losing streak for Pittsburgh.

The Pirates had lost to the Brewers 22 straight times at Miller Park and are 13-37 against Milwaukee overall since 2007. The Brewers' home winning streak against Pittsburgh was the longest by one team over another since the Indians beat the St. Louis Browns/Baltimore Orioles 27 consecutive times from 1952-54.

Pirate starter Jeff Karstens, a non-roster invitee to spring training, continued his comeback with a solid first start of the season.

The 27-year-old right-hander was called up earlier in the day from Triple-A Indianapolis. He was 3-4 with a 5.16 ERA in 13 starts last season before the Pirates removed him from the 40-man roster Nov. 20.

Karstens gave up a run on doubles by Wolf and Craig



Padres catcher Nick Hundley gets tagged out at home plate by Marlins catcher John Baker in San Diego's victory over Florida.

Counsell in the third, but nothing else until George Kottaras hit a game-tying solo shot leading off the seventh. After a walk to Counsell with two outs in the seventh, Karstens gave way to Joel Hanrahan.

Karstens went six 2-3 innings, walked four and struck out four.

The Brewers had outscored the Pirates 53-4 in their first four games against each other.

Cardinals 5, Braves 4

Chris Carpenter won on his 35th birthday and Yadier Molina had the go-ahead hit for the second straight game in the St. Louis Cardinals' victory over the sagging Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

Atlanta has totaled 13 runs during a seven-game losing streak, the franchise's worst

since a 10-game skid June 11-22, 2006. The Braves coughed up an early lead for the second straight game, 2-0 after three innings Tuesday and 3-0 after five on Monday.

Derek Lowe (3-2) was one of seven pitchers who have thrown a no-hitter making starts on Tuesday. He retired the first 10 batters before Ryan Ludwick homered and was chased in a four-run sixth that put St. Louis ahead 5-2.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa batted the pitcher eighth for the first time since last July before the Matt Holliday trade. He needed four pitchers to exit the seventh as the Braves scored twice to cut the gap to 5-4 and Jason Heyward took a called third strike against Trevor Miller with the bases loaded.

NBA

Cavs eliminate Bulls, will face Celtics next

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James just missed a triple-double despite an apparently sore right elbow, and the Cleveland Cavaliers advanced to a playoff date with Boston by beating Chicago 96-94 in Game 5 on Tuesday night in perhaps Vinny Del Negro's final game as Bulls coach.

James, favoring a tender right elbow that appears to hurt worse than he's letting on, scored 19 points — 16 in the second half — and added 10 rebounds and nine assists as the Cavs finally saddled the stubborn Bulls to win the series 4-1. Unable to lift his right arm, James was forced to shoot a free throw left-handed with 7.8 seconds left.

Antawn Jamison scored 25 points for Cleveland, which will face the Celtics, reuniting teams that don't like each other and who played a testy seven-game series in 2008.

Game 1 is Saturday.

"A lot of people are saying they're too old, but we know they're going to come out and give us their best shot," said Jamison, who was not with the Cavs the last time Cleveland met Boston in the

postseason. "It's going to be a hard-fought series. It should be fun."

Derrick Rose scored 31 points and Luol Deng 26 for the Bulls, who had several shots roll in and out in the final minutes.

Delonte West had 16 points and Shaquille O'Neal added 14 while racking up fouls against Chicago's big men.

The Cavs were intent on closing out the series at home but they couldn't shake the Bulls, who were trying to send the series back to Chicago for Game 6.

When Jamison buried a 3-pointer with 3:30 left, Cleveland was up 93-84, and for the first time all night Cavaliers fans finally started thinking about a matchup with the Celtics, who eliminated Miami earlier.

The Bulls, though, had other plans.

Deng hit a jumper and two free throws before Rose, who made Cleveland defenders look silly all series, made four straight from the line to pull the Bulls within 93-92 with 1:32 remaining. Two free throws by James then gave Cleveland a three-point lead with 1:11 left.



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SMC TENNIS

Belles face Albion in MIAA tournament

By **MATTHEW ROBISON**
Sports Writer

The No. 5-seed Belles will begin their quest for a conference championship Friday with a first-round match against Albion at Holland Christian High School in Holland, Mich.

Saint Mary's (11-8, 4-4 MIAA) enters the tournament on a three-match win streak that included a Monday victory over Olivet to close the regular season.

"It's always good to finish on a winning note," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "It's good for our confidence going into the tournament."

Although the Belles are in the bottom half of a conference of eight teams, they expect to come out on top against Albion (11-8, 5-3).

"We want to pull off some upsets, but we don't see ourselves as the underdogs," Campbell said. "We expect to win and will have to take care of the details necessary to get that done."

Saint Mary's will come in with the same approach that they have taken into every match this season — strong play in doubles, solid singles performances

and an overall offensive style of play. Campbell said he wants his players to turn up the intensity to prove to the rest of the MIAA that they are a force to be reckoned with.

"We are playing with the idea of earning respect," Campbell said. "It will not be given to us, but we want to go after it. We have to step things up a notch."

The Belles will have two practices this week and will not deviate from the norm of everyday preparation. In terms of actual match play, Campbell does not expect a serious deviation from their normal performance, either.

"We just need to be more assertive and raise our expectations and demands on ourselves," Campbell said.

If the Belles can beat Albion, their road to an MIAA title will run right through national power Calvin.

But that has not fazed Campbell, who has confidence in his team.

"We expect to do great things this weekend," Campbell said.

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CLUB SPORTS

Squash receives recognition

Special to the Observer

The 2009-2010 Notre Dame men's and women's squash teams were honored Thursday, as a team sweatshirt was unveiled on the wall of Hot Box Pizza restaurant in Eddy Street Commons.

The team gathered at the pizzeria for its end of season banquet and to sign the sweatshirt. "We are thrilled," Irish coach Geoff McCuen said. "There are only four teams represented in the collection, and now squash is right up there with football, basketball and hockey."

The 2009-2010 season was a tremendous campaign for the entire program. The club attracted a record number of members in the fall, enough to field two full nine-person teams for both men and women.

With the increased interest in squash across the campus, the Irish were able to send the squads to several College Squash Association events around the country, including the National Team Championships held at Yale University in February. This was the first year that a full women's team participated, and McCuen attributes this

feat to the leadership of the club's co-president, senior captain Kristine So.

The teams are already excited about next season, which kicks off early with their participation in the U.S. Open to be held in Chicago September 25 through October 3. Other highlights include a women's team trip to the east coast and a men's team trip to the West Coast Round Robin in Seattle, Wash. next January. For more information about Notre Dame Squash, please visit the club website at www.nd.edu/~squash or find the group page on Facebook.

NHL

Canucks eager for playoff rematch

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The Vancouver Canucks got what they wanted — a chance to pay back the Chicago Blackhawks.

The postseason rematch was set Monday night when the second-seeded Blackhawks eliminated the Nashville Predators. Now Chicago will try to send the Canucks into summer vacation for the second straight year.

The Blackhawks took care of Vancouver in six games when the clubs met in the 2009 Western Conference semifinals—the same round as this year's matchup.

"There is a lot of history and bad blood there," Canucks defenseman Shane O'Brien said Tuesday, two days after the Canucks finished off the Los Angeles Kings in six games. "Every guy in the room remembers the feeling of leaving

Chicago last year. It was one of the worst feelings I had ever been through.

"We definitely want to get some redemption on those guys."

The ill will is felt on the other side, too. The Blackhawks, who will have home-ice advantage in the series, don't care for the Canucks much, either.

"It's pretty easy to say that," Chicago defenseman Duncan Keith said.

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Junior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney avoids a defender during Notre Dame's 15-5 win over Cincinnati on April 17.

Coyne

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over plays where we didn't execute right after that. There wasn't consistency in a number of aspects"

In the upcoming game against the Huskies, Coyne said she will look to her veterans to demonstrate the composure necessary under immense pressure.

"It's the captains, as well as the junior class, that we look to as leaders," Coyne said. "The juniors have championship experience too. They've been in the big time."

That experience will come in handy on the road against a Huskies team that is coming off a 12-11 overtime win over

Cincinnati. The Huskies will look to slow down an Irish team that is riding the hot hand of junior Shaylyn Blaney.

"I think they're going to try to stop our fast break game, they're really going to pack it in defensively," Coyne said. "We need to be on our game defensively, we need to make sure we're moving. Other than that, we expect them to double [senior Gina Scioscia] and Shaylyn and to pressure [sophomore Maggie Tamasitis]. We just have to be able to block everything out. We know what's at stake."

The Irish take on Connecticut Saturday at noon. The Big East Tournament gets underway in Piscataway, N.J., on May 6.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

ND to compete in tournament

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

This weekend the Irish travel to Cincinnati to compete against a field of 15 in the Big East Conference championships. With a regular season full of an impressive number of top-five and even first-place finishes, each athlete is looking to emerge with good results.

The men won the Big East Indoor championship two months ago, and are now looking to repeat their success. Sophomore Johnathan Shawel won the men's 1,000 meter, senior Jack Howard won the men's 800, senior Eric Quick won the men's triple jump, junior Justin Schneider won the men's heptathlon and sophomore Kevin Schipper won the men's pole vault.

Heading into the spring season, the men hold 26 conference qualifier spots, 13 of which are ranked in the top five in their respective events. The women hold 17 spots, racking up eight top five positions.

"Before the Big East conference meet, all the athletes are preparing physically by focusing on our training, and mentally by rehearsing the upcoming performance," Schipper said. "We try to go into the

championships well-rested and with a sense of confidence."

In the outdoor events, Howard holds the No. 1 position in the men's 800 with a time of 1:48.60 going into the weekend. Quick holds the second spot in men's triple jump with a mark of 15.46 meters, while Schipper stands tied at the second spot alongside his brother, senior Matt Schipper, at 5.20 meters.

For the women, senior Joanna Schultz stands at the No. 1 position for the women's 400 with a time of 58.13.

For the seniors, these

championships mark not only a chance to improve, but a chance to do their best one last time at the Big East.

"I feel going into my last Big East championships ever that I know it is possible for the team to perform at their best and to go way above and beyond their goals, giving them much confidence going into the national preliminaries," Matt Schipper said.

The championships kick off Friday at 11 a.m. and will continue Saturday and Sunday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles seeking bid to MIAA tournament

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will host Calvin in an MIAA doubleheader Wednesday as the Belles look to improve their NCAA tournament résumé.

The Belles (19-15, 8-4) enter the game in position to gain entry into the MIAA tournament for the fifth time in seven years. Belles coach Erin Sullivan said the conference tournament is her team's primary focus.

"Our goal is first and foremost to qualify for the tournament," Sullivan said.

Although Calvin (10-19, 5-7) is near the bottom of the conference standings, the Knights have given the top teams in the conference tough games. Sullivan said they could be a difficult test for the Belles.

"Calvin is a tough team," Sullivan said. "[Calvin] played Alma, currently first in our conference, really tough. We will have to keep battling to win these."

The Belles are paced by senior outfielder Ashley Peterson, who was recently named MIAA Position Player of the Week. The

Belles are currently first in the conference in batting average, slugging percentage, on base percentage and triples. Sullivan said her team's offensive onslaught can continue against Calvin.

"We can always count on our hitters to do a lot of damage to the other team," Sullivan said.

Monica Palicki and Angela Gillis are scheduled to be the two starting pitchers for Saint Mary's today. Sullivan is confident in her two pitcher's ability to continue their success.

"Monica and Angela have both really bounced back with strong outings against Olivet and Hope in the last couple of weeks, so I am very confident in their pitching," Sullivan said.

Calvin's probable starter is freshman Shelby Mast.

"[Shelby] is a cancer survivor having had a recent surgery to remove her tumor in her chest," Sullivan said. "She is having a strong finish after pitching nearly every inning for Calvin."

The first game will begin Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

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hander Cole Johnson, who was held on a strict pitch count of 30 pitches. Johnson excelled in that time, fanning three batters and giving up only two hits and no runs.

"It was exciting to just see him back on the mound," Schrage said. "A key will be to see how he feels tomorrow. I think he pitched better in the second inning than in the first inning, he got a little bit looser and looked a little more fluid."

Even more exciting were the signs of pitching depth coming from the Irish, as both junior righty Ryan Sharpley (two hits, one walk, two strikeouts) and sophomore lefty Joe Spano (two hits, five strikeouts) pitched more than three innings without giving up a run.

"The other thing that was really encouraging was Sharpley and Spano," Schrage said. "If those guys throw like that, that really gives us some pitching depth. That is a good hitting club over there. They came in hitting .324 and they are leading the MAC."

The Irish were able to take the game right to Toledo in the first inning, opening with a lead-off double from senior left-fielder Ryan Connolly who promptly scored after a single from freshman second baseman Frank Desico and an RBI single from senior first baseman David Mills. Desico was then able to score on a throwing error by Toledo shortstop Jared Hoying.

The Irish kept the pressure on in the second inning, notching two more runs. Toledo pitcher Cody Umbright was able to settle in after that however, not allowing another run in his seven innings pitched.

That lead would be enough, as the Irish pitching was phenomenal. The Irish added five runs in the eighth inning, including a two-run, bases loaded single from Connolly.

"Connolly getting that bases loaded hit in the eighth inning was really big," Schrage said. "We have been struggling with runners in scoring position, and him stepping up and getting that hit really relaxes the team a little bit and gets us going."

Senior righty Steven Mazur came in for the ninth and pitched a 1-2-3 inning to close out the game.

Next up for the Irish is a matchup with Valparaiso (17-21) who Schrage believes will be another good test for his pitching, especially probable starter junior right-hander Todd Miller.

"Valparaiso is a lot better team than they have been," Schrage said. "They have a pretty good offensive lineup."

Schrage likes the look of his team going into the weekend series against St. John's (26-12, 10-5 Big East) that is crucial for the Notre Dame's conference positioning.

"This team is playing a little bit more relaxed right now and a little bit more confident," Schrage said.

First pitch against Valparaiso is Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Gary, Ind.

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Syracuse

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as opposed to a slow half-field offense, contributing to some highlight-reel offensive plays.

"It's a very fast-paced, very exciting way to play, and that's what they're best at," Corrigan said. "They really play 110 yards of lacrosse, and I think people will enjoy

seeing that."

Corrigan said capitalizing on opportunities will be important for Notre Dame to pull off the upset. Allowing a potent Orange offense second chances could create a big hole for the Irish, while converting offensive chances will be crucial in a game that could turn into a shootout.

"Defensively, when we get a stop, we need to translate that stop into a clear and an offensive possession,"

Badgers

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road, but Ganef said they could pose a threat.

"Wisconsin is always a fight-to-the-end kind of a team," Ganef said.

Senior Christine Lux will look to break the program record for most career RBIs during the upcoming series. With 64, she is currently tied with a record set 11 seasons ago.

"Lux wants to show up everyday and contribute to

the team. She wants to do her part, and carry the weight for the program," Ganef said. "I don't think she knows she's broken so many records. She's just doing her job and that's how she sees it."

Another Irish player will be searching to break a different record this week. Junior pitcher Jody Valdivia tied the season shutout record last weekend against Villanova. A potential 16th shutout against either the Falcons or the Badgers would earn her the Irish record.

"Even if [Valdivia] has a

Corrigan said. "Offensively, when we get an opportunity to score, we need to keep the pressure on them by getting our shots on cage and converting a number of those opportunities."

The clash will also be televised nationally live in prime-time on ESPNU, underscoring the magnitude of this game. The Irish look to feed on the excitement from the crowd to give them the boost required to qualify for postseason play,

as they hope to close out the season in spectacular fashion.

"There's no question it's a game with a lot of excitement," Corrigan said. "More than that, for us it's a chance to establish ourselves as a clear tournament team."

The Irish take on the Orange today at 7 p.m. in Arlotta Stadium.

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game where she didn't let up a single run, she comes back to practice and looks at whatever she needs to do to get a little better each time," Ganef said.

These final three games, followed by one final Big East series at St. John's, mark the conclusion of the regular season and the final tweaks before the postseason.

"I think for us the most important thing from this point forward is just to win," Ganef said. "Everyone's working at it, especially when it comes to the top 25 teams. We want to make sure

we put ourselves in a good position for the postseason."

The Irish will take to the field at Melissa Cook Stadium at 3 p.m. for the doubleheader against Bowling Green Wednesday, and at 4 p.m. Thursday against the Badgers.

"It just gets harder from this point forward," Ganef said. "Everyone we play has that sense of urgency, every games going to be a cat fight because you don't want to lose this late in the season."

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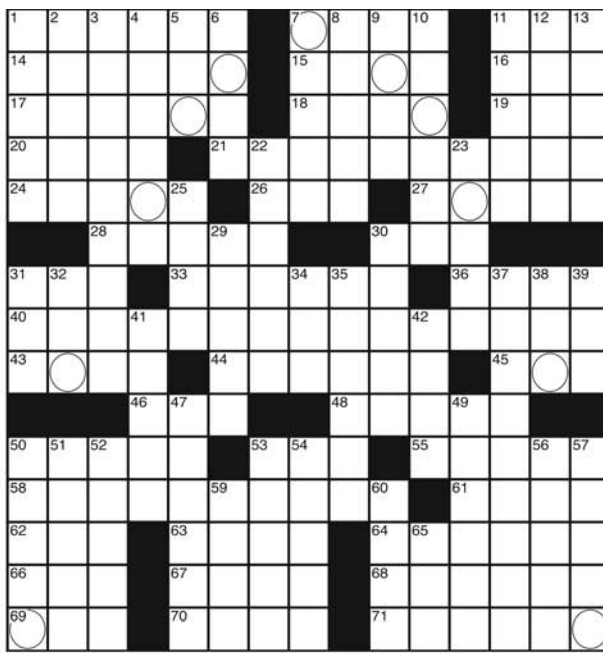
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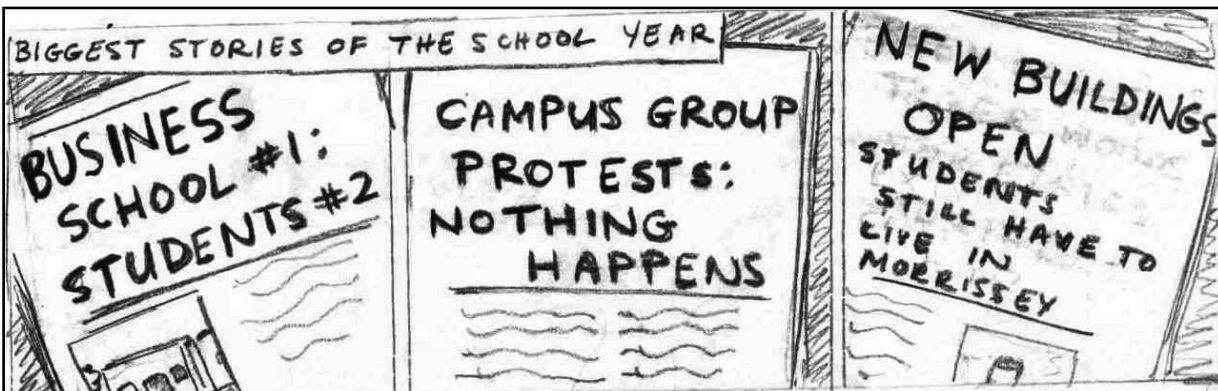
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Happy Birthday: You'll be able to pick up valuable information this year that will help you get ahead personally, professionally and financially. Impulsiveness and impatience will be an issue but, if you can put that energy into something constructive, the sky is the limit. Don't let someone else's uncertainty slow you down or cloud your vision. Your numbers are 3, 11, 19, 21, 23, 30, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Speak freely about the way you feel and what you want to see unfold. You will get some honest, helpful input. Your intuition and ability to deal with red tape and partnership matters will enable you to finish a project from a long time ago. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may find an interesting idea with which you want to participate. Your contributions will be welcome. A short business trip will bring good results and give you greater confidence in what you are doing. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Something you do that is out of the ordinary will capture attention and will be the deciding factor regarding your future. Make a commitment and follow through with perfection, precision and a charismatic presentation. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may not relish the thought of trying something new or making a geographical change but the bonus that comes with being adaptable will allow you far greater creative opportunities. Don't let your emotions rule your head. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Opposition will leave you questioning whether or not you are doing the right thing. You won't be able to please everyone but you, above everyone else, have to live with your decisions. Once you are happy with your choices, everything will fall into place. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The more you find out and can adapt to something you want to pursue, the better equipped you will be when the time comes. Get everything in order but do not make your move until you feel confident you have not overlooked any details. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There is a chance to turn a friendship into a unique type of partnership. Your finances will be affected by a decision you make. Before you decide, consider which choice will help to eliminate the pressure you are feeling. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The questions you've been asking in the past will come back to haunt you if you haven't found a suitable answer. You do need to undergo some changes in your life. Be sure before you venture down a path of no return. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Drum up a little excitement and get others to participate in one of your plans. The more hype you create, the more pressure will be put on you to obtain positive results. Don't promise anything you cannot deliver. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a back seat and a wait and watch attitude. Something does not add up and you don't want to get caught in the crossfire. Don't give in to someone or something based on your emotions. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be able to use your assets to get what you want or to clear up an old debt. Taking care of your responsibilities will encourage others to deal with you more readily. Don't let someone from your past come back into your life. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Reinvent what you do or how you do things. Look at your attributes and combine them with what you enjoy most. Being responsible and admitting to past mistakes will help you move forward now. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are stubborn and always try to finish what you start. You are always ready to take control and get things done. You don't give in easily.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

USSOE
 NAISE
 PYTSHU
 POURRA

A: THE



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)
 Yesterday's Jumbles: CHASM BANJO POLLEN BEAUTY
 Answer: The zookeeper described cleaning the lion cage as — A "BEASTLY" JOB

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Backs against the wall

ND one win away from NCAA tournament bid

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

With No. 19 Notre Dame's postseason hopes hanging in the balance, No. 2 Syracuse will visit sold-out Arlotta Stadium Saturday in one of the most anticipated season finales in program history. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he hopes a large contingent of students will attend and make "The Lot" an intimidating venue for the Orange.

"It's going to be a great crowd. There's going to be a lot of people there," Corrigan said. "There's no question that our guys want to play in front of their fellow students. That's what it's all about as a college athlete."

Though a visit from the perennial powerhouse Orange (11-1, 4-0 Big East) would be an extremely important game under any circumstances, Notre Dame (7-5, 2-3) has a special sense of urgency in Saturday's contest. A win could mean qualification for the NCAA tournament, while a loss could mean the Irish would likely be left out of the postseason in a disappointing end to the season.

"There's no question that if we win Saturday, we're going



Senior midfielder Grant Krebs makes a cut during Notre Dame's 11-3 win over Providence on April 17th.

to the tournament," Corrigan said. "That's the position we want to be in, and we've got the chance to do that ourselves."

The Irish bring some momentum into the contest, having won two consecutive

Big East contests by comfortable margins. But the Orange have only dropped one game all season, a tight 11-10 loss at No. 1 Virginia.

Syracuse's style of play will pose a challenge for the Irish but should also provide an

entertaining dynamic for the fans in Arlotta Stadium. Syracuse keeps the tempo and pressure up, looking to create plays in transition from anywhere on the field

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ND SOFTBALL

Team closes out regular season

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Coming off of a three-game sweep of conference rival Villanova, the No. 25 Irish hope to continue their success by taking on Bowling Green and Wisconsin in their final home games of the season.

"For everyone that comes to play us at Melissa Cook Stadium, we never think that any of them are going to be easy wins," Irish assistant coach Kris Ganeff said. "They'll throw everything that they have at us."

Notre Dame (38-9, 14-4 Big East) welcomes Bowling Green (10-20) Wednesday for a doubleheader in which the Irish appear to have the upper hand. The Falcons have yet to win an away game this season.

"I know that [Bowling Green] always has a competitive team that comes at you with everything they have," Ganeff said. "They usually have a few power hitters on their team."

The Irish take on Wisconsin Thursday. The Badgers (14-27) are struggling this season with only three wins on the

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BASEBALL

Johnson's return boosts Irish

By JARED JEDICK
Senior Sports Writer

The Irish put up a complete all-around game yesterday evening against Toledo, shutting out the Rockets en route to a 9-0 victory.

The Irish (18-22, 7-8 Big East) jumped on Toledo (23-17) early in the first two innings with four runs to build a lead they would not relinquish all night.

"To jump out on Toledo like we did in the first two innings, I was happy with that," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Returning to the mound after a shoulder injury for the Irish was junior right-

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Junior pitcher Cole Johnson delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 9-0 shutout of Toledo Tuesday.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Squad hopes to avoid tiebreaker with win

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

No. 14 Notre Dame is looking at Saturday's game at Connecticut as a must-win, Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

After a road loss to Rutgers, Notre Dame (10-5, 5-2 Big East) must beat the Huskies (9-7, 2-5) to guarantee itself a spot in the Big East tournament. A loss would subject the Irish to a tiebreaker.

"This game, we just need to win," Coyne said. "If we lose we drop back into a three-way tie and we haven't even looked at the tiebreaker, which is goal differential, so we just need to go out there and take care of business."

After reeling off a string of five victories that included a shutout of Villanova — the first ever in conference history — and a defeat of No. 9 Syracuse, the Irish experienced a let-down against Rutgers on the road. Coyne said the defeat was disappointing because the Irish lost control of their own destiny in the seeding by failing to put together a consistent effort.

"When you lose a game the way we did against Rutgers, it is particularly disappointing because we had always said we just needed to win to control our destiny," Coyne said. "We looked at plays where we executed in the film and went

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