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Branch of econ dept. to be dissolved

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The Department of Economics and Policy Studies will likely be dissolved by the beginning of the 2010-11 academic year, John McGreevy, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said.

McGreevy submitted a recommendation last month to the Academic Council that the University discontinue the Department of Economics and Policy Studies. The Academic Council is set to discuss the recommendation in its next meeting on Feb. 25.

The remaining economics department, the Department of Economics and Econometrics, will be renamed the Department of Economics, McGreevy said. Some faculty members from Economics and Policy Studies will join the new department, but the new department will not be a combination of the two existing departments, McGreevy said.

"We had a principle that we weren't going to force anyone into a department they don't want to go to, and we're not going to force a department to accept someone they don't want," he said.

Other Economics and Policy Studies faculty "are going to find homes in other departments and other programs across campus," McGreevy said. He cited the Kroc Institute, the Kellogg Institute and the Poverty Studies minor as potential homes for Economics and Policy Studies faculty.

McGreevy

The decision to dissolve Economics and Policy Studies will not impact faculty members' tenure status. Faculty members who are unable to find another department or program in the University will report directly to the associate dean for social sciences.

Economics and Policy Studies faculty members will continue to teach economics courses, McGreevy said.

The decision to dissolve Economics and Policy Studies was not an attempt to distance the University from alternative economic theories, he said.

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Students assaulted near bus route stop

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Three students were assaulted while trying to board the Transpo bus route 7A early Sunday morning.

One of the students, who wishes to remain anonymous, said he was walking toward the bus after leaving a house party near the corner of Miner St. and Notre Dame Ave. when a man accompanied by several people attacked him and two others.

The Notre Dame senior said a man approached one of the victims, grabbed him and asked him for money before the student got on the bus. He said the man then approached him and asked for a lighter when he assaulted him.

"I stopped walking long enough for him to step forward and punch me in the face," he said. "I have no memory of what happened from this point until I was on the bus bleeding a lot. The 30 or so seconds in between are blank."

The same man then attacked the other student, also a male senior, when he tried to help his friend onto the bus. The bus driver helped the students get into the bus and drove away, the

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Club focuses on international development

Newly-created IDRC encourages students to pursue study, research opportunities abroad

Photo courtesy of Paul Jindra

Tom Reidy, a fifth-year architecture student, talks about his time researching in Uganda during an event last semester.

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Ask questions, find answers, change the world. This task is ambitious, but one that the International Development Research Council (IDRC), a new student-created and student-run organization, hopes to accomplish through outreach to students of all backgrounds and majors.

The club aims to promote awareness of international development as well as extreme poverty through a multi-disciplinary lens, Catherine Reidy, IDRC press secretary, said.

Issues must be examined, Reidy said, through a business-economic standpoint, for example, as well as a psychological one.

"Future doctors have to talk with future economists; future engineers with future anthropologists; future philosophers with future politicians — the list goes on," Paul Jindra, co-president and founder of IDRC, said.

Jindra, a senior who majors in economics and history, saw the need for such a group at the University and an ample opportunity for undergraduate dialogue about development issues.

"I've worked on development concerns across four continents, and have seen firsthand that there's no easy answer to the question of poverty," he said. "If we want to make a dent, we have to talk to one another, support one another, learn from one another.

"That was the vision I had for IDRC: a place where students

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SMC holds Mass, collects funds for Haiti relief

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's College Campus Ministry offered a special Mass Monday in honor of the victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti.

The Mass provided the opportunity for students to join in prayer for those lost in the disaster.

"We want to make sure we provide this opportunity for students and others on campus to be together in prayer for the people of Haiti. The Eucharist is a very significant way for us to actually gather in spiritual solidarity with those who are grieving and suffering," Judy Fean, director of Campus Ministry said. "The Mass is a special way for us on campus to be united with the people of Haiti and through this unity to gain greater awareness of what our responsibility might be to assist in their recovery."

During the Mass, a collection was held on behalf of the victims. The funds gathered during the collection will be distributed to Catholic Relief Services as well as the missions of the Congregation of Holy Cross in Haiti. Collections will also be taken up at Mass on Sunday at 7:15 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans Hall and at

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Revue returns to campus

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

Put your hands up for the Revue.S.A.: the Keenan Revue, Keenan Hall's signature event, is back again this weekend, with a show Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The tickets for the show sold out in less than 12 minutes when they went on sale Thursday, producer Conor Rogers said.

"Our comedy ranges from satires of musicals to football team jokes, even to pop culture, like movies and TV," Rogers, a junior, said. "There's going to be a lot of music this year involved in the skits [in addition to] the music numbers themselves. The

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Keenan Hall residents perform a skit in the 2009 Keenan Revue. This year's revue takes place Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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Inside Column

Classy or trashy?

Adrianna Pratt

Assistant Scene editor

Sandra Bullock. Classy. Meryl Streep. Classy x 10. Mariah Carey. Yikes.

With a neckline that plunged from here to eternity, Mariah Carey's Golden Globe gown made almost as much of a statement as her drunken acceptance speech at the Palm Springs Film Festival two weeks ago. While she teetered on the edge of classless, there were thankfully some beauties on board to refocus our attention on the glory of the Globes.

Kate Hudson and Marion Cotillard both deserved "nines" (pun intended) for the fabulous couture creations they donned, shining in spite of the gloomy rain. Hudson's white Marchesa confection, peaking at the bust, nipped at the waist and tailored into a long train at her heels gave her the image of an emerging tulip blooming underneath the shelter of her black umbrella. Cotillard's one-shouldered deep jewel-toned Christian Dior gown twisted and turned at every right spot, with a slit revealing a fabulous black lace slip and leg seductively peaking out.

Other fashion winners of the night included recently engaged Jane Krakowski in a purple jewel-toned one-shoulder J. Mendel gown, newcomer Anna Kendrick ("Up in the Air") in a skin-toned one-shoulder Marchesa with jewel details and Toni Collete ("The United States of Tara") in an Elie Saab creation accented with gold beads to contour the angles of her body.

Jennifer Garner and Julia Roberts didn't bring their best, but they maintained hints of some old-school elegance. January Jones said she wanted to avoid the '60s look made especially popular by her hit show "Mad Men," but the mod vibes of her straight black Lanvin dress and prominent black headband perched at her hairline screamed "Twiggy!"

It was obvious that Vera Farmiga ("Up in the Air") and Tina Fey were trying, but both fell a bit short of the fabulous-line with pieces that weren't quite there. Farmiga's Dolce & Gabbana jet-black strapless fishtail gown was certainly eye-catching, but as most fishtail gowns go, it failed to flatter the fabulous body we saw in her Golden Globe-nominated film. Fey looked cute in a tiered retro black-and-white Zac Posen dress, but her icy layers didn't take the cake.

No one was quite as breathtaking as Zoe Saldana ("Avatar") in a deep rose Louis Vuitton tiered dress, though. The berry color played perfectly with her skin tone as a mixture of silk and chiffon twisted and twirled about her body. Jet and Swarovski crystals embroidered in the ruffles gave her radiance an extra sparkle with every turn. Her success with the gown choice was almost greater than Avatar's at the box office.

This year's Golden Globes brought a slew of stars looking gorgeous as usual and surprisingly scattered the red carpet with only a few failures. Cross your fingers that the Oscars in March meet the same success and that those who dropped the ball this time around (Ms. Carey) will pick it up before Oscar comes to town.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Question of the Day: *What movie best describes your life right now?*

Leon Zhou
sophomore Stanford
"'Up in the Air'."

Keith Hetrick
sophomore Keenan
"'Felon'."

Jeremy Lamb
sophomore Knott
"'Sleepless in South Bend'."

Chris Anderson
sophomore Keenan
"James Cameron's 'Avatar: A 3D Experience'."

Matt Ong
sophomore Keenan
"'American Gangster'."

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

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

During the halftime performance at the Notre Dame men's basketball game against Syracuse, a performer wows the crowd by balancing on a unicycle and simultaneously catching bowls on her head.

Offbeat

California man shoots his way out of sinking vehicle

ROSEVILLE — A driver whose SUV plunged into a Northern California creek after he was startled by his hands-free cell phone device escaped the sinking vehicle by blasting out the window with a handgun. The 28-year-old man, whose name wasn't immediately available, is an armed security guard at Thunder Valley Casino, north of Sacramento. He sustained minor injuries in Sunday's accident.

A spokesman for the Roseville Fire Department said the man was traveling northbound on Industrial Avenue in Roseville when the cell phone device activated. The driver was startled and veered off the road through the guardrail. The SUV landed in Pleasant Grove Creek.

He used his gun to shoot himself out, then flagged down a passerby.

Country's only hippo escapes zoo during floods

PODGORICA — Montenegro's only hippopotamus escaped from the mountainous Adriatic nation's zoo during floods this week, officials said Wednesday.

The two-ton female called Nikica broke out of her cage and swam away after seasonal floods hit the zoo just outside the Montenegrin capital Podgorica, zoo manager Davor Mujovic said.

"She remains at large, but one of the guards is keeping an eye on her and is feeding her daily," he said.

The hippo found a dry spot a mile away from the zoo as shelter from cold flood waters. Mujovic said zoo guards would have to wait until the water recedes to try to lure the animal back to its enclosure with food.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

A panel discussion entitled "**Man in Black 2**" will take place **tonight** at **7 p.m.** in the **Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall**. The discussion will feature **Rev. Paul Doyle**, **Rev. Timothy Scully**, **Rev. Ralph Haag** and **Rev. William Lies** talking about their experiences as Holy Cross priests and their lives in the Notre Dame community.

The **March for Life Send-Off Mass** will take place **tonight** at **9 p.m.** in the B**asilica of the Sacred Heart**. **Bishops Kevin C. Rhoades** and **John D'Arcy** and university president **Rev. John Jenkins** will preside.

Poet and English professor **Henry Weinfeld** will read at the **Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore** from **7:30 p.m.** to **9 p.m**. **Wednesday.**

The **21st Annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival** will begin **Thursday** with screenings at **6:30 p.m.** and **9:30 p.m.** in the **Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts**. Tickets are **$3** for students, **$5** for faculty, and **$6** for the general public. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling **574-631-2800.**

Theater L.A.: Theatre Works presents the world premiere of the **RFK Project Friday** in the **Decio Mainstage Theatre** at the **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center** at **7 p.m.** Tickets are **$15** for students, **$25** for faculty and **$36** for the general public. Call **574-631-2800** for tickets.

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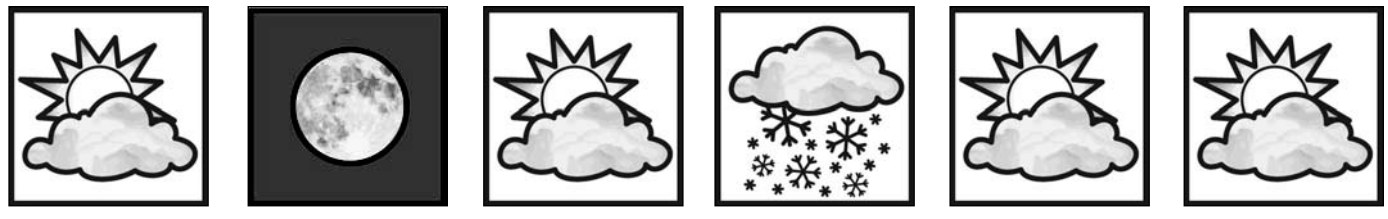

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

University policies reviewed

Council requests student feedback for possible modifications to du Lac

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) is beginning the new semester with a review of University policies outlined in du Lac: A Guide to Student Life and plans to discuss possible revisions with the Office of Student Affairs in coming meetings.

"The revisions to du Lac are the epitome of responsibility when it comes to the CLC," student body president Grant Schmidt said. "They will be a massive priority for the next few meetings."

Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk met with the members of CLC to give the group the opportunity to present the areas of the handbook that are being considered for review.

"The associate vice president for Residence Life will make a best effort to identify to the Campus Life Council those policies under consideration for revision in the next edition of du Lac," the handbook states.

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Grant Schmidt
student body president

Kirk said he hopes students will offer feedback on possible du Lac revisions to student government.

"Students and student organizations wishing to provide comments on policies and/or procedures are encouraged to submit such comments to student government representatives," Kirk said.

Kirk will attend the Jan. 25 meeting of the CLC to identify the policies the Office of Student Affairs is currently targeting for revision. The Council will discuss these potential changes along with feedback from the rest of the Notre Dame community before meeting with Kirk again on Feb. 8.

"We are essentially a sounding board to provide comments and concerns for these changes."

Grant Schmidt
student body president

"I plan on bringing this information back to my staff meetings and asking for their input as well," Lewis Hall rector Linda Cirillo said.

Schmidt said certain issues will "definitely merit serious questions as to their revision" and requested that the CLC members be attentive and committed to all the topics put on the table. He emphasized the CLC's responsibility to act as a representative of the student body.

"We are essentially a sounding board to provide comments and concerns for these changes," Schmidt said.

While CLC does not make any final decisions about the revisions, Schmidt said it can serve as a strong voice before the Office of Student Affairs for critiques of current policies and procedures.

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Football program ranks as second most valuable

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

It's no secret that each fall, Notre Dame football brings in crowds, fans and money. This year, Forbes Magazine ranked Notre Dame's Football Program as the second most valuable college football program in the country in a survey published on Dec. 22.

"Certainly it is a great compliment to us and our program, senior associate athletic director for Media and Broadcast Relations John Heisler said. "Not only are the programs in that rank and in that pool considered to be good programs, but they are known to be some of the best teams."

Ranked just below University of Texas, which was ranked first with a value of $119 million, Notre Dame is valued at $108 million. Forbes used a set of standardized revenue and expense streams for each university surveyed.

Forbes also listed the dividends generated by each football program by analyzing how much money was contributed back to the University as a whole and to other athletics programs after subtracting the cost of running the football operation.

Forbes placed Notre Dame's football program at an overall dividend of $38 million.

"Most the revenue is up to a lot of factors that have been in place a long time," Heisler said. "We have had sellouts consistently since the 1960s. The ability to have a fully packed stadium for 40 years is a huge part of it."

Heisler said he attributes Notre Dame's revenue to its ticket prices, television profits from a deal with NBC and "a handful of other odds and ends."

"We're a department like any other so if we have a greater revenue than our budget it just goes back to the University for the University's use," Heisler said.

Heisler also said the revenue from the football program benefits other athletics here at Notre Dame.

"Football has enabled us to pay our own way for not just football but also the other 25 sports. We have more than 300 full scholarships for our athletes and we pay those over the counter, essentially we are paying back to the University the full amount of the scholarship," he said. "We are probably the best customers because through our revenue, we are basically paying it back.

"The athletic department is paying for athletics, and we are very fortunate to have the revenue to do so," Heisler said.

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SMC to celebrate Heritage Week

By ALISON MEAGHER
News Writer

Both students and faculty of Saint Mary's will celebrate Heritage Week this week in order to honor the College's history.

"Saint Mary's College is rich in tradition," Katrina Mesina, Student Government Association (SGA) chief of staff, said. "Heritage Week celebrates the past and educates the women of Saint Mary's about the roots of their college."

SGA will be sponsoring several events this week, including tea at the Reidinger House, a weeklong scavenger hunt, a s'mores bar and the annual Heritage Dinner.

Planning for Heritage Week began last August. Mesina and Mission Chair Emma Hoffman have been working with Archives, Sodexho and other SGA members in order to uphold traditional events and create new ones.

A select group of students were selected to attend tea at the Reidinger House Tuesday.

The annual Heritage Dinner will be in Stapleton Lounge at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Students will have an opportunity to dine with nuns from Augusta Hall.

A new event that has been added to this year's celebration is the s'mores bar. The event will be held in Haggar Hall Friday evening and is free for students.

"Heritage Week is the unique opportunity to truly find your place in Saint Mary's past, present and future."

Jenny Hoffman
SGA president

Also new to Heritage Week is the scavenger hunt. Throughout the week, SGA will be e-mailing scavenger hunt clues to all students and faculty daily. Answer sheets are available throughout campus.

At the end of the week, the grand prize winner will receive a free semester meal plan, and other high scoring participants will be awarded gift cards to the bookstore.

"Heritage Week is the unique opportunity to truly find your place in Saint Mary's past, present and future," Jenny Hoffman, SGA president, said.

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Assault

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victim said.

Once on the bus, the students called 911 and were met by Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) at Library Circle.

"I received stitches above my upper lip and on the inside of my mouth because a tooth had gone through my lip," the victim said. "I feel lucky that the bus driver, who isn't paid to be a bodyguard, put himself in danger helping to stop the assault and to get us on the bus."

Assistant director for NDSP Dave Chapman said an officer responded to an assault call early Sunday morning and escorted students to the hospital. The South Bend Police Department responded as well and are in charge of the investigation and police report.

The student said he was surprised that the attack was able to happen near the bus, which is meant to be a safe way for students to get to bars and student houses. Before he was attacked, about 20 students had just boarded the bus.

"I know [Notre Dame] made the bus route with Transpo to help keep us all safer and I am thankful for that, but even feet outside the bus we are not always safe. I felt safe there and had my guard down" he said. "I was feet from the door to a bus carrying 30 or more students and was not walking alone.

"If a stranger stops you outside the Transpo bus you are not safe just because there are 30 or so witnesses within feet."

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"In the long run, we're going to have more economic diversity, not less," he said. "In the new Department of Economics, we're going to want economic diversity."

McGreevy said the proposed changes would help faculty members currently in Economics and Policy Studies participate in the economics conversations.

"Right now, we have two departments that don't communicate with each other, and we don't anticipate adding faculty to Economics and Policy Studies," McGreevy said. "It seems almost unfair for them to sit there without a chance for growth. It's better to integrate them into other units on campus."

Integrating economists into other departments and programs will allow them to participate in a larger academic conversation, according to McGreevy.

"We'll have better conversations when we don't have these two departments," he said. "At the level of the economics conversation, [Economics and Policy Studies professors] will be able to contribute more" by moving to a different department.

Working in a different department or program will allow an Economics and Policy Studies faculty member to use his or her new program's larger resources to promote research and ideas, according to McGreevy.

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John McGreevy
dean
College of Arts and Letters

McGreevy characterized the criticism that he is opposed to multiple economic viewpoints as a "misconception."

"I am committed to building a mainstream economics department at Notre Dame, but it doesn't have to be monolithic," McGreevy said.

Another misconception is that "only the Economics and Policy Studies group cares about Catholic social thought," McGreevy said.

The decision to dissolve Economics and Policy Studies is "about trying to build a better program," he said.

Although he said he is not motivated by rankings, McGreevy said they have some merit. "I think it's unacceptable for Notre Dame to have a major department ranked 109," he said. "It's important to build up a mainstream economics department. Notre Dame suffers if we don't have that."

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Revue

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guys have done a really good job."

The Keenan Revue is a Keenan Hall tradition that dates back to 1976 and is now going on its 35th year. About 90 residents of Keenan are involved in the production of the Revue, Rogers said.

Each September, the leaders of the Revue open up a box for theme suggestions to the dorm. This year's theme developed from one suggestion to call the show: "Party in the Revue.S.A." Although Rogers and director Tim Treat anticipated that the Miley Cyrus phenomenon would have died down by January, they chose to build on the suggestion, ultimately deciding on the theme Revue.S.A vs. Revue.S.S.R: A Cold War Revue.

"Not to say there won't be a joke or two about Miley Cyrus," Rogers said.

In September, Rogers and Treat drafted letters to Keenan Hall alumni, as well as former directors and producers of the Revue, asking for donations. Rogers said the majority of the funding for the Revue comes from donations from Keenan Hall alumni, and about 10 percent of the budget is funded by Keenan Hall. Any additional money raised goes to charity, Rogers said.

This year's head writers are senior Danny Wheeland, director of last year's show, and sophomore Brian Bettonville. They have spent months developing the skits.

Music will play an integral part of this year's show. A rock band formed by Keenen men will perform for most of the skits involving music. The group will play four songs, two of which feature the performers stripping down to minimal clothing, sophomore band member Mike Rodio said.

Sticking to the show's theme, Rodio will be performing Ben Folds' song, "Army." The Revue will also feature an original song by junior Zach DuBois.

"The band practices about an hour and a half a day for two weeks [before the show]," Rodio said. "The strippers start choreographing after break. Everything was put into motion before break. Revue Week is when we take everything that's been rolling thus far and put it into one big unit. It's amazing how quickly it comes together when we get on stage."

While bits and pieces of the show are compiled throughout the year, the production of the Revue does not begin until second semester.

"It's such an established tradition that the process of getting the Revue from conception to performance is not only easy to do but extremely entertaining in the process," Rodio said. "We have just as much fun putting this thing together as the audience does watching it."

Rogers said the Revue brings together Keenan as a hall but also acts to bring together the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities.

"It's got people from different sections of the dorm that haven't known each other before. I would say it brings people of all grade levels together in Keenan," Rogers said. "In some ways, it brings the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses together also."

Each year after the Revue, there are some negative reactions to the show's humor. Rogers said audience members should take everything said during the performance with a grain of salt.

"You can't please everyone — there's always going to be someone who thinks you cross the line. Our goal is not to offend people," he said. "It's more of a witty satire and looking at how absurd certain [things in are culture] are. You have to remember that it is a college student production."

The Keenan Revue will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium.

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International News

Chinese help update Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria — While still struggling with the aftermath of a decade-long Islamic insurgency, oil-rich yet impoverished Algeria is getting a makeover: a new airport, its first mall, its largest prison, 60,000 new homes, two luxury hotels and the longest continuous highway in Africa.

The power behind this runaway building spree is China.

Some 50 Chinese firms, largely state-controlled, have been awarded $20 billion in government construction contracts, or 10 percent of the massive investment plan promised by President Abdelaziz Bouteflika for a nation where jobs and housing are scarce and al-Qaida has struck roots.

Toronto 18 ringleader sentenced

BRAMPTON, Ontario — The ringleader of a homegrown terror plot involving 18 people that planned to set off truck bombs in front of Canada's main stock exchange and two government buildings was given a life sentence on Monday.

Zakaria Amara, 24, pleaded guilty in October. He acknowledged being a leader of the so-called Toronto 18 plot to set off bombs outside Toronto's Stock Exchange, a building housing Canada's spy agency and a military base. The goal was to scare Canada into removing its troops from Afghanistan.

The 2006 arrests of Amara and 17 others made international headlines and heightened fears in a country where many people thought they were relatively immune from terrorist strikes.

National News

Mudslides threaten S. California

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif.— Authorities ordered the evacuation of 64 Southern California homes Monday as heavy rains pounded a neighborhood just below an area scarred by a massive wildfire. Forty-two other homeowners were told to be ready to leave if necessary.

Officials feared mudslides could threaten a number of foothill areas along the San Gabriel Mountains north of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County fire Inspector Matt Levesque said homeowners in the Paradise Valley area of La Canada Flintridge were notified of the possible danger after a catch basin filled with sliding mud and debris.

The area was near the scene of the Station Fire last summer that scorched about 250 square miles of Angeles National Forest.

Conjoined twins to be separated

MESA, Ariz. — Conjoined twin sisters from Arizona have already defied expectations by living past their third birthdays. Now their parents are hoping they'll become one of the first sets of twins sharing a heart to be successfully separated.

Emma and Taylor Bailey live near Queen Creek, southeast of Phoenix. They were born connected at the chest — sharing a liver and heart — and weren't expected to leave the hospital.

The girls exceeded medical expectations but now have heart failure. And their parents, Mandy and Tor Bailey, know they must be surgically separated to survive in the long term.

The Baileys have been working with a team at Seattle Children's Hospital for about two years to prepare for separation.

Local News

Crows invade Indiana city

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Thousands of crows have descended on Terre Haute, making a mess of downtown and causing trouble for business owners.

A researcher estimates that at least 32,000 crows are roosting in the city this winter, leaving sidewalks and trees covered in droppings.

While its unknown why the crows return to the city year after year, Indiana State University associate biology professor Peter Scott theorizes that the warmth and lights attract the birds.

Scott said the crows also might choose the city because it offers protection from predators or a source of food.

Haiti

Looting adds to nation's tragedy

Unmet need of hundreds of thousands grows and donations pour in

Associated Press

AP

People take goods from collapsed stores in the market area in Port-au-Prince, Monday. Violence and looting broke out as earthquake survivors scavenged for food and goods.

PORT-AU-PRINCE— The staggering scope of Haiti's nightmare came into sharper focus Monday as authorities estimated 200,000 dead and 1.5 million homeless in the heart of this luckless land, where injured survivors still died in the streets, doctors pleaded for help and looters slashed at one another in the rubble.

The world pledged more money, food, medicine and police. Some 2,000 U.S. Marines steamed into nearby waters. And ex-president Bill Clinton, special U.N. envoy, flew in to offer support.

But hour by hour the unmet needs of hundreds of thousands grew.

"Have we been abandoned? Where is the food?" shouted one man, Jean Michel Jeantet, in a downtown street.

The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) said it expected to boost operations from feeding 67,000 people on Sunday to 97,000 on Monday. But it needs 100 million prepared meals over the next 30 days, and it appealed for more government donations.

"I know that aid cannot come soon enough," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in New York after returning from Haiti.

"Unplug the bottlenecks," he urged.

In one step to reassure frustrated aid groups, the U.S. military agreed to give aid deliveries priority over military flights at the now-U.S.-run airport here, the WFP announced in Rome. The Americans' handling of civilian flights had angered some humanitarian officials.

Sunday's looting and violence raged into Monday, as hundreds clambered over the broken walls of shops to grab anything they could — including toothpaste, now valuable for lining nostrils against the stench of Port-au-Prince's dead. Police fired into the air as young men fought each other over rum and beer with broken bottles and machetes.

Hard-pressed medical teams sometimes had to take time away from quake victims to deal with gunshot wounds, said Loris de Filippi of Doctors Without Borders. In the Montrissant neighborhood, Red Cross doctors working in shipping containers and saying they "cannot cope" lost 50 patients over two days, said international Red Cross spokesman Simon Schorno.

The latest casualty report, from the European Commission citing Haitian government figures, doubled previous estimates of the dead from the magnitude-7.0 quake, to approximately 200,000, with some 70,000 bodies recovered and trucked off to mass graves. If accurate, that would make Haiti's catastrophe about as deadly as the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, which killed an estimated 230,000 people in a dozen countries.

European Commission analysts estimate 250,000 were injured and 1.5 million were made homeless. Masses are living under plastic sheets in makeshift camps and in dust-covered automobiles, or had taken to the road seeking out relatives in the safer countryside.

An impoverished nation long at the bottom of the heap, Haiti will need years or decades of expanded aid to rebuild. For the moment, however, front-line relief workers want simply to get food and water to the hungry and thirsty.

The delays aren't "so much about food supplies as logistics," said Brian Feagans, a spokesman for the aid group CARE. The priorities are clearing roads, ensuring security at U.N. food distribution points, getting this city's seaport working again and bringing in more trucks and helicopters, WFP Executive Director Josette Sheeran said in Rome.

Vietnam

City builds houses to make amends

Associated Press

HAMTRAMCK, Mich.— More than 40 years after her family was forced from their home because they were black, Sallie Sanders received the keys to a new house built to settle one of the longest-running cases of housing discrimination in the United States.

"My parents would be ecstatic that their offspring would be able to enjoy the things they couldn't," the 60-year-old Sanders said Monday before a ceremony to celebrate the milestone on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Hamtramck agreed in 1980 to develop 200 family housing units to make up for violating the civil rights of blacks whose neighborhoods were targeted by white officials to make way for urban renewal projects in the 1960s.

Hamtramck still hasn't met that goal, although officials predict it will by next year. The city of 23,000 is now extremely diverse, with immigrants from the Middle East, Africa and Bangladesh passing by a statue of Pope John Paul II in the historically Polish community.

"Everyone here practices their culture without fear or hesitation," said Shahab Ahmed, one of three Muslims on the city council.

The 2000 census found 41 percent of residents were born in another country.

"If you talk to anyone in Hamtramck," Mayor Karen Majewski said, "the first thing they'll tell you is we welcome everybody."

That wasn't always true. In 1971, after a three-week trial, a federal judge said Hamtramck had a clear strategy when it demolished housing in poor neighborhoods. Blacks were 14.5 percent of Hamtramck's population in 1960, but only 8.5 percent six years later, noted Damon Keith, now a judge on the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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NASDAQ	2,287.99	-28.75
NYSE	7,356.79	-91.74
S&P 500	1,136.03	-12.43
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10.835.53	-19.55
FTSE 100 (London)	5,494.39	+39.02

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP (C)	-2.56	-0.09	3.42
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	+2.48	-1.29	113.64
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-7.75	-0.68	20.80
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	+1.20	-0.56	16.26

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-1.06	-0.49	4.58
13-WEEK BILL	-1.55	-0.58	3.68
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5-YEAR NOTE	-2.66	-0.66	2.42

Commodities

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Exchange Rates

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BRITISH POUND	1.6373

IN BRIEF

Airline raises checked luggage fees

FORT WORTH, Texas— American Airlines said Monday it is raising its fees on checked bags for passengers buying tickets starting Feb. 1.

The company said it is raising the charge for the first checked bag to $25 from $20 on flights in the U.S., Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands. The fees apply to passengers on the company's American Airlines, American Eagle and American Connection flights.

A second checked bag will cost $35, up from $30.

American Airlines last hiked its checked bag fees in July, when the price of the first bag rose $5 to $20 and the price of the second bag rose the same amount to $25.

Select passengers, including first- and business-class travelers and members of the armed services, will remain exempt from checked bag fees.

Airlines began instituting checked bag fees in 2008 to help offset soaring fuel costs. They have largely kept the fees in place, even though prices have fallen.

American Airlines said about 25 percent of domestic customers pay checked bag fees.

Taco Bell founder dies at 86

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif.— Glen W. Bell Jr., an entrepreneur best known as the founder of the Taco Bell chain, has died. He was 86.

Bell died Sunday at his home in Rancho Santa Fe, according to a statement posted Monday on the Taco Bell Web site.

The Irvine-based company did not release a cause of death.

"Glen Bell was a visionary and innovator in the restaurant industry, as well as a dedicated family man," Greg Creed, president of Taco Bell, said in the statement.

Bell launched his first restaurant, called Bell's Drive-In, in 1948 in San Bernardino after seeing the success of McDonald's Bar-B-Que, the predecessor of McDonald's, which was founded in the same city in 1940. Like McDonald's, Bell's restaurant sought to take advantage of Southern California's car culture by serving hamburgers and hot dogs through drive-in windows.

CHINA

Journalists Gmail accounts hacked

Google Inc. considers pulling out of China altogether and refuses to censor

Associated Press

AP

Visitors stand at reception at the Google headquarters in Bejing, China. Google might pull out of the country after problems with computer hackers.

BEIJING — International journalists in China said that their Google e-mail accounts have been hacked in attacks similar to the ones against human rights activists that the search giant cited as a reason for considering pulling out of the country.

In announcing a possible exit from China last week, Google did not specify how the accounts with its Gmail e-mail service were hacked into or by whom. Information since then has trickled out.

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of China sent an e-mail Monday to its members warning that reporters in at least two news bureaus in Beijing said their Gmail accounts had been broken into, with their e-mails surreptitiously forwarded to unfamiliar accounts.

Although the warning did not name the organizations, one of the accounts belonged to an Associated Press journalist.

John Daniszewski, senior managing editor for international news at the news cooperative in New York, deplored the breach and said the AP will be investigating to determine if any vital information was compromised.

The foreign correspondents' club asked its members to be vigilant in protecting their e-mail accounts and computers from attack.

"We remind all members that journalists in China have been particular targets of hacker attacks in the last two years," the club's message read. "Please be very careful what you click on, and run virus checks regularly."

Google's announcement Jan. 12 that it might quit the huge Chinese market shocked the international business community and cheered many free-speech advocates. Google said a sophisticated attack in December from China targeted the Mountain View, California-based company's infrastructure and at least 20 other major companies from the Internet, financial services, technology, media and chemical industries.

Google said only two e-mail accounts were infiltrated in the attacks, with basic information such as subject lines and the dates that the individual accounts were created accessed. In its investigation, Google said it found that dozens of accounts of human rights advocates in China, the U.S. and Europe were routinely accessed by third parties, not due to a security breach at Google, but through viruses and spy software secretly placed on the users' computers.

The tactics used against the journalists are similar to those described by one human rights activist. After Google's announcement, Beijing law professor and human-rights lawyer Teng Biao wrote on his blog that someone broke into his Gmail account and forwarded e-mails to another account. The attack made use of a service that Gmail and other Web-based e-mail services offer, allowing users to set e-mail addresses to which their mail can be forwarded automatically.

Another activist said she was notified by David Drummond, Google's top lawyer, on Jan. 7 about an intrusion into her account. Tenzin Seldon, a Tibetan rights activist and sophomore at Stanford University, said she allowed her laptop to be inspected by Google's security experts, who found no viruses on the machine.

China-based international correspondents have seen their e-mail accounts hit by periodic waves of cyberattacks and snooping from undetermined sources over the past two years. The AP, Agence France-Presse, Dow Jones, Reuters and other news organizations were targeted in September in an attack in which viruses were implanted in ordinary looking e-mails.

Tyco buys out security holdings co.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Diversified manufacturer Tyco International Ltd. has agreed to acquire Brink's Home Security Holdings Inc. in a cash-and-stock deal worth $2 billion, the companies said late Monday.

Tyco said it is paying $42.50 per share for the Irving, Texas-based provider of home security services, representing a premium of more than 35 percent over Brink's stock, which closed Friday at $31.42.

Tyco, which is headquartered in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, said it will combine Brink's with its own ADT security business. The deal has been unanimously approved by board members at both companies, they said.

Tyco said the purchase of Brink's strengthens its position in the residential and commercial security industry.

Under the deal, Brink's shareholders will have the option to receive $42.50 per share, a combination of cash and Tyco stock or shares of Tyco alone. Tyco expects the deal to close in the second half of its fiscal year, which began Sept. 26.

The purchase will increase Tyco's earnings by 7 cents per share starting the first full year after closing, Tyco estimated. Earnings will then increase by 14 cents per share after two years. The estimates exclude special items.

Brink's, which does business as Broadview Security, has 1.3 million recurring revenue accounts in North America with annualized revenue of about $565 million. ADT, a much larger player, has more than 7.4 million accounts globally and generated $7 billion in fiscal 2009.

Following the announcement, Tyco hiked its first-quarter earnings forecast. The company said it now expects to earn between 63 cents and 65 cents per share, excluding items. That compares to its previous forecast of between 48 cents and 50 cents per share.

Haiti

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9:15 p.m. in Regina Chapel in Regina Hall at the College.

According to Fean, during the Mass students offered prayers and lit candles "as a sign of hope in the darkness and trust in God's love during this very tragic time."

The Mass offered a way for students to send their thoughts and prayers to the victims of the disaster as well as their family members.

One member of the College community was directly impacted by the disaster.

Slandah Dieujuste, director of Residence Life and Community Standards, has 53 relatives located in the zone of the earthquake. Dieujuste recently heard from her relatives confirming one death and four presumable deaths.

"I can't even put it into words. I was born in Haiti and came here when I was 9 years old. I have always considered myself Haitian," Dieujuste said. "It's a culture and country that I am proud of. It's who I am. I think one of the most devastating things for me and my family is to watch and not be able to do anything. We are unable to send food or money. We just watch in agony."

"If there's anything I hope anyone takes from all this is to understand how fragile life is."

Slandah Dieujuste
director
Residence Life and Community Standards

Throughout the tragedy, Dieujuste has found comfort in her local community.

"I am really thankful for the support of this community. Everyone has been encouraging. This is helping with the pain," she said. "One lesson that I have learned is to cherish those around you. If there's anything I hope anyone takes from all this is to understand how fragile life is. You can lose everything, including your life, in a matter of seconds."

Dieujuste encourages students to continue to pray and to donate if they can.

"I hope students will donate. For those who can't, I hope they continue to pray. Haiti needs prayers," she said. "Donations are being accepted through so many different agencies. Anything helps."

Dieujuste and her family are working with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). For more information about ADRA, please visit adra.org.

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Club

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could come together and take real steps to become better, more effective agents of change."

Reidy said it is critical especially to educate the young people of today to become the future world leaders of tomorrow.

"Our generation [will play] a huge role in the alleviation of poverty," she said.

Reidy, a freshman who wants to major in psychology and anthropology, said she found out about the group at last semester's Activities Night. Interested in human trafficking issues, she plans to study abroad in India or Thailand.

Study abroad through the Office of International Studies and research grants, she said, is an experience the club works hard to promote.

"With every effort we make to send kids abroad, we will have some kind of awareness event to promote overseas study," Reidy said.

The group is divided into five working groups, she said, that focus on issues in their own specific region.

The regions include Africa, East and Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and Central and South Asia and Russia and Eastern and Southern Europe, Reidy said.

"[Each group is comprised of] people passionate and knowledgeable about their respective region," she said. "The group leaders have a tie in with each region."

IDRC officers plan to spread the word about the group's mission as well as increase membership over the next coming weeks.

"We're pushing harder for new members right now, because last semester helped us not only to pinpoint our identity as a group, but also to see that we can do a lot to help students accomplish their goals and make a difference in the world," Jindra said.

Membership has grown, he said, from about 20 members in its inception in September to around 50 now.

Jindra said the group could be a valuable asset especially to students now who are looking for grants, internships and scholarships, as many such deadlines are fast approaching.

"We consider research, internships, academic work and service work all great ways of experiencing the world and learning more about international development," he said.

IDRC will hold an informational meeting today at 7 p.m. in 126 DeBartolo Hall. Students from all majors are welcome to attend.

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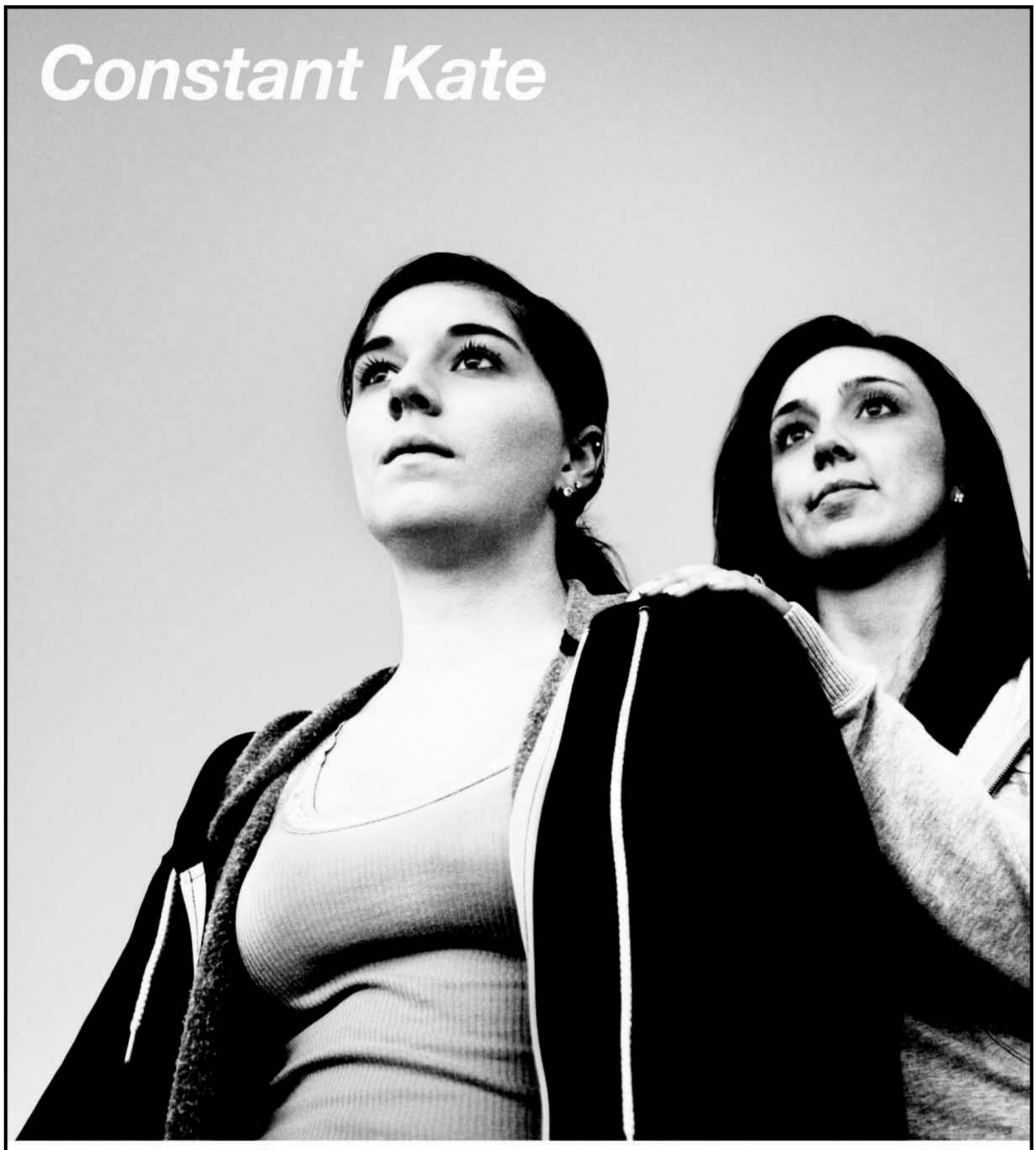

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Scholar urges not to 'sanitize' King

Nation remembers the civil rights leader's legacy on holiday

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A scholar and activist invoked the fiery side of Martin Luther King Jr.'s rhetoric Monday at the civil rights icon's church, urging the audience not to "sanitize" King's legacy or let the president off the hook on issues like poverty.

Across the United States, Americans marked what would have been King's 81st birthday with rallies and parades. And days ahead of the anniversary of his historic inauguration, President Barack Obama honored King by serving meals to the needy.

But in the city where the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner was born, it was Princeton University professor Cornel West who reminded listeners that King's message of nonviolence came with a fiery urgency. West delivered a passionate keynote address to hundreds at Ebenezer Baptist Church on the 25th federal observance of King's birthday.

West told the crowd to remember King's call to help others and not enshrine his legacy in "some distant museum." Instead, West offered, King should be remembered as a vital person whose powerful message was once even considered dangerous by the FBI.

"I don't want to sanitize Martin Luther King Jr.," said West, who teaches in Princeton's Center for African American Studies and is the author of "Race Matters" and 19 other books. "I don't know about you, but I don't even mention his name without shivering and shuddering."

West also told the mostly black audience to hold Obama's administration accountable even as they celebrate his historic presidency. The anniversary of Obama's inauguration as the country's first black president — seen by many blacks as part of the fulfillment of King's dream — is Jan. 20.

"Even with your foot on the brake, there are too many precious brothers and sisters under the bus," West said of Obama. "Where is the talk about poverty? We've got to protect him and respect him, but we've also got to correct him if the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. is going to stay alive."

King's youngest daughter, Bernice King, presided over the ceremony with her aunt, Christine King Farris, the civil rights leader's only living sibling. His other children, Martin Luther King III and Dexter King, did not attend the service at the church where King preached, which was packed to its 2,200-person capacity.

In Washington, Obama honored King's legacy of helping others serving lunch at a social services organization. Later Monday, Obama discussed the civil rights movement with a group of black elders and their grandchildren.

"How are you sir? God bless you," the president said, greeting one man among the dozens of people who filed into the dining room at SOME, or So Others Might Eat. His daughters and first lady Michelle Obama joined him.

Obama spoke Monday evening during a musical celebration of King's legacy at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The president said it was fitting to celebrate King's legacy with song, citing the spiritual "We Shall Overcome" as an example. Obama said music played an important role in the civil rights movement.

At the White House, Obama and Mrs. Obama sat around a conference table in the Roosevelt Room for a discussion with people who had been active in the civil rights movement, including Dorothy Height, the longtime chairwoman of the National Council of Negro Women, and Willie Glanton, the first black woman elected to Iowa's state Legislature in the mid-1960s.

Obama told reporters the conversation served as a reminder "that there were some extraordinarily courageous young people ... who were actively involved in bringing about one of the great moments in United States history."

Marches and parades took place around the country, including one in Montgomery, Alabama, where King gained renown leading a bus boycott in protest of segregation in 1955.

Tens of thousands marched in San Antonio, Texas, with some singing "We shall overcome," an anthem of 1960s civil rights workers, and others chanting "Yes, we can," the slogan used by Obama's campaign.

Soldier convicted on cruelty violations in Iraq

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A military panel in Kuwait convicted a U.S. soldier of being cruel and mistreating fellow soldiers, a case undertaken after an Army private from Ohio committed suicide in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Enoch Chatman, of West Covina, Calif., was convicted Wednesday on two violations of the cruelty and maltreatment article of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, said Lt. Col. Kevin Olson, a military spokesman in Iraq.

Chatman was one of four soldiers accused of mistreating others in their platoon in Iraq through verbal abuse, physical punishment and ridicule of other soldiers.

The investigation was prompted by the August death of Pvt. Keiffer Wilhelm, who grew up in Willard in northwest Ohio.

Wilhelm, 19, was in Iraq with his new platoon for just 10 days before he killed himself. His family believes he was treated so badly that he took his own life, but the military has determined there was no direct evidence the four soldiers' misconduct caused the death.

His father, Shane Wilhelm, attended the trial and said he was glad Chatman "got something" but is not completely satisfied with the outcome.

"We're glad that he was found guilty because he was there for most of the occurrences that took place to our son," he said. "He was in a position to prevent this from happening, and he didn't."

Wilhelm's mother has said he called her twice from Iraq and told her he was being targeted in his new unit and forced to run for miles with rocks in his pockets that smashed against his knees. He also told his mother that he was being forced to exercise for hours and that his personal items were disappearing, she said.

Chatman was sentenced Thursday to three months' confinement, a reduction in rank and a reprimand, Olson said. He had faced up to 10 years in prison.

Sgt. Jarrett Taylor of Edmond, Okla., was found guilty in November and was sentenced to confinement for six months, reduction in rank and forfeiture of two-thirds pay for six months, Olson said.

Staff Sgt. Bob Clements of Eastland, Texas, is scheduled to face trial Feb. 14. He faces charges of cruelty and maltreatment, making a false statement, impeding an investigation and reckless endangerment. If convicted of all counts, he faces up to 25 years in prison.

Charges were dropped against Spc. Daniel Weber of Frankenmuth, Mich., who resigned from the Army.

Shane Wilhelm said Army officials told him that other platoons have taken notice of the case and are taking steps to improve the way officers treat subordinates.

Brown seeks to create bipartisan support against death penalty

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Roy Brown seems like a rarity — a conservative who's against the death penalty.

But to Brown, a state senator and the 2008 Republican nominee for governor of Montana, the philosophy aligns perfectly with conservative ideology. He's one of the more high-profile figures reaching out to other social and fiscal conservatives, hoping to create a bipartisan movement against capital punishment.

"I believe that life is precious from the womb to a natural death," Brown said.

The Roman Catholic Church has long been an organized and vocal critic of the death penalty, but the new effort is trying to bring in other conservatives shaped by both evangelical faiths and political ideology.

Now, liberals and conservatives — longtime opponents on contentious social issues from abortion to capital punishment — are working together in a time of strong political polarization.

The effort took center stage at the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty's annual conference over the weekend in Louisville. Brown was joined by a conservative minister, the Rev. Matt Randles of Headwaters Coventant Church in Helena, Mont., and Heather Hass, a former National Republican Congressional Committee staffer. They walked fellow activists through how to make their case to others about the anti-death penalty movement.

Shari Silberstein, executive director of Equal Justice USA, a Brooklyn, N.Y.-based anti-death penalty organization, said working with conservatives is about common sense and common ground.

"It's not really an ideological question," Silberstein said.

The effort has been backed by Richard Viguerie, a fundraiser and activist considered the father of the modern conservative movement. Viguerie, in a July 2009 essay in Sojourners magazine, wrote that executions are supposed to take the life of the guilty — but noted there are enough flaws in the system to fear an innocent person has been put to death.

Viguerie noted that death row inmates have been exonerated by DNA evidence, raising the prospect that prosecutors and juries made mistakes in cases without scientific evidence and in cases that predate the science.

"To conservatives, that should be deemed as immoral as abortion," Viguerie wrote.

And as lawmakers continue to slash budgets because of the slumping economy, many are wondering whether the price tag of the death penalty and the resulting drawn-out legal process is worthwhile. The winding series of appeals often runs up huge legal bills for states, which many advocates say is often more expensive than the cost of life imprisonment.

In 2007, New Jersey and New Mexico became the 14th and 15th states to abolish the death penalty. Ten other states have considered repealing it in recent years.

Kansas lawmakers have four days of hearings scheduled later this month to consider abolishing executions in the state, based in part on cost. And a Duke University professor concluded that North Carolina could save $11 million a year if it halted the death penalty.

"Criminals should be prosecuted," Brown said. "I want it to be life without parole. In the long run, that's much cheaper."

Not all conservatives are open to Brown's pitch. Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation and an outspoken capital punishment supporter, said most of the costs of a death penalty case come from "exhaustive investigation" of the defendant's background and should be cut out.

"I think those who are falling for this line are misguided," Scheidegger said. "The death penalty does not need to cost more than life imprisonment."

While there are no hard numbers on how many conservatives have joined the anti-capital punishment campaign, those involved say it's a growing movement.

"I am so sick of American polarizing politics," said Laura Porter, director of organizing for the Equal Justice USA. "I think we all have a lot more in common than is ever acknowledged."

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Haiti and religious tolerance

The tragedy that has fallen upon the Caribbean nation of Haiti has been at the forefront of public awareness, as horrific images and astounding numbers hit us rapid fire via computer and newsstand. Many public figures have spoken up and offered whatever help they can. These gestures are important because they stir our public consciousness and call for rehabilitation and restoration in a country that already requires a great deal of aid. Much will be needed to make sense of the chaos that resulted from the 7.0 magnitude earthquake.

Amidst a slew of news blurbs, I found an article highlighting comments from Pat Robertson regarding the crisis in Haiti. For those who haven't heard of Pat, he's the host of television's "700 Club" and enjoys procuring apocalyptic predictions around each New Year, which he believes are divinely inspired. Anyways, he claimed the earthquake is a sign of God's wrath towards the Haitian people for making a pact with the Devil. His supporting evidence was that the Dominican Republic, Haiti's neighbor, is prosperous because they made no such deal with Lucifer.

Pat is a face for Conservative Christian America, and has a great deal of influence (GOP Presidential nomination run in 1988). People buy his books, attend his healing sessions and name their babies after him. We live in strange times, but it is our responsibility as educated people to denounce such close minded messages. The true message from the Gospel, and from Vatican City, is to help our wounded neighbors, not to cast more stones.

Attitudes displayed by Pat Robertson and other self-righteous white men with microphones are eerily similar to those who burnt books in Nazi Germany, and such blatant intolerance needs to be stifled. They will never stop asserting they are "part of the plan" while they spew out prophecy and hoopla, so we must continue to flat out denounce them.

I met a Haitian priest on an SSLP in Brooklyn, and I have not since met a kinder and more genuine person. These people need our help and hearts, not finger pointing and radical intolerance.

Mike Hopkinson
senior
off campus
Jan. 15

A time for giving

My name is Ann Kloos. My brother John Kloos graduated from Notre Dame in 1974. He was, I believe, an editor for The Observer in 1973 and 1974. His son Ryan Kloos, 23 years old, was killed in the Haitian earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010. His 26 year old daughter Erin is in critical but stable condition at a Miami Trauma Hospital. Ryan was visiting his sister, who has volunteered for Friends of The Orphans PNH in Haiti for the past two years. The two were very close while growing up. Both swam for their Universities, UCSD and Washington. Both had applied to and were waiting to hear from medical schools. Ryan was always very interested in Erin's work in Haiti. He chose that week to visit.

They were in the same building but on different floors. Ryan was killed instantly. Erin was pulled from the rubble 12 hours after the collapse. It took 48 more hours to evacuate her to a Miami hospital where her parents could finally get their hands on her. We feel so fortunate to have Erin home.

These are just two of the tens of thousands killed and hundreds of thousands injured. The wait from 5 p.m. Tuesday to 7 a.m. Friday was agonizing for our family. Too many Haitian and American families are still waiting.

The rescue effort is massive. It will take a very long time to unravel and process the physical and emotional damage. Please consider donating to a long-standing reputable organization like Doctors Without Borders, Mercy Corps or The American Red Cross. If you would like to donate directly to Friends of The Orphans PNH in their honor the website is: https://secure.imodules.com/s/769/inner.aspx?sid=769&gid=1&pgid=890&cid=1918.

Thank you. All your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated by our family.

Blessings to us all.

Ann Kloos
Saint Mary's alumnus
class of 1973
Jan. 16

EDITORIAL CARTOON

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Love is, above all else, the gift of oneself."

Jean Anouilh
French dramatist

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese."

G. K. Chesterton
English author & mystery novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beyond the bubble

I think the editors of The Observer should be aware that the controversy regarding a recent cartoon has moved beyond the Notre Dame community. A friend of mine who is a member of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) in Detroit asked me what I thought about the cartoon. I have often used Notre Dame as an example of a Catholic community that cares for all people and discriminates against none. It is sad that The Observer allowed such a cartoon to be printed. I'm going to try to reassure my GLBT friends that it was a mistake and does not reflect the true spirit of Notre Dame.

Ginny Pauwels
spouse of 1972 alumnus
parent of 2009 alumnus
Jan. 16

Discrimination a harsh reality

Much has been said about the cartoon that was published in the Observer last week, but one important topic has not received enough attention. The publishing of the cartoon was an act of discrimination because it hurt and harmed members of a minority group, gay and lesbian members of the Notre Dame community. The issue is not whether the creators of the cartoon and those who allowed the cartoon to be published intended to hurt and harm gays and lesbians. In all likelihood they did not — it was a cartoon and not a manifesto. But the reality is that publishing the cartoon in a paper that is widely distributed and read on this campus (and elsewhere) did harm and hurt some gays and lesbians, not in a physical fashion but in a psychological and emotional way.

It is hard for many of our students (and many of us) to comprehend the harm felt when discriminated against, because many of us have not really experienced discrimination. So what is important for all of us to learn about and remember is that these acts, intended or not, do cause harm.

Gays and lesbians feel demeaned, violated, marginalized and afraid when confronted by homophobic acts and expressions. Understanding this simple fact — discrimination whether intentional or not is harmful — can have a profound effect on how people interact with those who are different from themselves because most of us believe that causing harm to others is bad.

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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Going app over new technology

Denita Jones
The Daily Athenaeum

Have you ever found yourself needing to tweet on your way to class, but you just can't get to your phone?

Well, there's an app for that.

Las Vegas hosted the 2010 Consumer Electronics Show this past weekend where many of the technology industry's top retailers, such as Microsoft and Apple, showed off their newest innovative technologies for the coming year.

Everything from 3-D TVs to smart phones with built-in projectors to e-book readers with on-screen, note-taking capabilities were presented at this year's conference.

After browsing the Consumer Electronics Web site for a few hours, I discovered what I considered to be one of the most profitable ideas at the conference.

According to the Web site, which is produced by the Consumer Electronics Association, the application technology that was originally developed for Apple's iPhone and iPod touch has caught on and is becoming a trend that other companies don't want to miss.

Samsung, Intel and Ford Motor Co. are jumping on the bandwagon, and promising to give us application-friendly hardware.

Paul Otellini, president and CEO of Intel, introduced the App Up store that allows users to create their own applications for devices like the Netbook.

Manufacturers such as Dell, Asus, Acer and Samsung have already agreed to start integrating this technology into their products.

Ford Motor Co. also jumped in and has taken the app craze to a whole new level.

Ford President and CEO Alan Mulally presented the application-friendly "MyFord Touch," a new in-dash, customizable interface.

Ford Motor Co. has already announced its Sync SDK platform will be available with Pandora, Stitcher.com and Twitter. Ford has also opened its platform to additional third-party app developers for the future.

According to Ford's Web site, owners of the new 2010 models can already go to syncride.com to download applications that can provide traffic information and directions for free.

Simple voice command allows drivers to receive real-time traffic updates, turn-by-turn directions and business searches as well as favorite news, sports and weather information.

The applications still exist on the user's smart phone, but the sync technology reads the information aloud, so the driver is not distracted from the road. It's just as simple as downloading an application from Apple's iTunes.

According to reports, since the introduction of Apple's App Store in 2008, users have downloaded more than 3 billion applications.

Perhaps this could be a reason behind all this application madness.

It takes a simple device and turns it into so much more. We just can't get enough of it.

For Ford, technological innovations like sync may have kept the company out of bankruptcy last year.

While Chrysler and General Motors Corp. were facing this very problem, Ford relied on its ability to bring connectivity to its consumers, saving the company and its reputation.

As we finish the first decade of the 21st century, we take another step toward the future of technology.

Although my concerns start with the possibility of how much damage multitasking while driving can do, I enjoy the endless possibilities.

A truly "customizable" vehicle lies just around the corner.

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

False virtue of sanctity allows abuse to occur

Daniel Morgan
The Daily Reveille

Two months ago, the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Catholic Charities announced they would spend $5.182 million to help emotionally scarred individuals from the West Bank.

This wasn't an act of charity.

In the '50s and '60s, children from dysfunctional families were brought to Madonna Manor and Hope Haven. While there, they were exposed to the image of dysfunction.

Four-year-old children were told they were unloved and worthless, nuns dealt harsh beatings and priests, nuns and staff members sexually humiliated and abused the children they told the world they were helping.

After announcing the settlement, Archbishop Gregory Aymond said, "The Catholic Church, and I personally, remain very sorry for the pain and anguish suffered by children who have been sexually abused in the past … We are committed to the healing of those who have been abused."

I certainly hope he was being honest, but his behavior suggests otherwise. This apology only appeared after four years of legal wrangling and, according to some plaintiffs, attempts to suppress evidence.

As a young child, after hearing Stegosauruses might have had a second brain in their tail, I asked my aunt why we had only one brain instead of many spread throughout the body. It didn't seem fair that the legs had to ask the head for permission to run away from a fire.

She could have given a biological answer. She could have spoken abstractly about when centralization is and isn't a good idea. She could have simply said, "I don't know."

Instead she told me God had made the world the way it is, and it wasn't my place to question it.

I was later told the universe is split into two categories: the sacred and the profane. George Carlin's seven dirty words are profane things of the world. Tiger Woods' marriage is a sacred diplomat from a realm beyond the scope of reason.

I was told the Catholic Church was a sacred, holy institution worthy of my respect.

This same Catholic Church allegedly kept justice from being served after its representatives abused the trust of children.

If only this were an isolated incident.

According to Father Tom Doyle, a former Vatican lawyer, "When abusive priests are discovered, the response has been not to investigate and prosecute but to move them from one place to another. So there's total disregard for the victims and for the fact that you are going to have a whole new crop of victims in the next place. This is happening all over the world."

This policy was based on a document called Crimen Sollicitationis that was updated in 2001 by one Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. He became pope in 2005, and former President George Bush granted him diplomatic immunity from any legal repercussions of his actions.

If this is sanctity, I'll take the profane.

It seems self-evident sanctity and profanity aren't objective states. Sanctity is nothing more than a conceptual shield limiting the honest investigations of curious minds.

This semester, I've striven to shatter sanctity's spell so we can better understand the universe. If we wish to pursue truth, we should begin by questioning the faith, culture and country we were born in.

It may be the case we should give respect to organic food, patriotism, the university system, circumcision, unconditional love or any of the other topics I discussed this semester.

But this respect should only come after curious questioning proves they are worthy of our intellectual support.

I had a lot of fun playing devil's advocate this semester, and I plan on seeing you again next year.

Let's build a culture that assumes nothing is sacred. If the Catholic Church had been under more careful scrutiny in the '50s and '60s, innocent children might have been protected.

A sacred cow by any other name would still taste as juicy.

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Please, tell us your thoughts.

Go ahead. We want to hear them.

'BLIND SIDE' gives sports film brilliance with BULLOCK'S heart

By STEPHANIE WALZ
Scene Writer

It's not just your typical "Remember the Titans"-type movie about friends, teamwork, and overcoming racial stereotypes. Coming out of the shadows "The Blind Side" reveals itself as one of the year's best films with a refreshing combination of sobering reality and light-hearted bursts of humor and philanthropic displays. Based on the novel by Michael Lewis ("The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game," see review below), the movie portrays the true story of Sandra Bullock's character, Leigh Anne Tuohy, who takes in an underprivileged teenager named Michael Oher after and helps him on the road to success.

Quinton Aaron plays the role of Michael Oher, an underprivileged and unmotivated youth, who is taken in by Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy (Tim McGraw) and treated as a child of their own. After Oher transfers to the school that the Tuohy children attend, Leigh Anne takes him in after seeing him walking alongside the road on a cold and rainy night in an act of spontaneous charity.

She clothes him, gives him a bedroom in her home and takes the initiative to help him in school. Upon discovering his natural talent for football, the Tuohys hire a private tutor (Miss Sue, played by Kathy Bates) so that Oher can obtain a college football scholarship. After rising above prejudices and judgments, Oher goes on to play football for the Baltimore Ravens as a left tackle, one of the most crucial positions in football.

More than just a standard Hollywood "feel-good," inspirational movie, "The Blind Side" appeals to all audiences with a perfect blend of endearing family dynamics, edge-of-your-seat sports scenes and a well-chosen cast by director John Lee Hancock that closely depict the real-life personalities of the Tuohy family. Leigh Anne's no-mess attitude mixed with her son S.J.'s (Jae Head) similarly straightforward personality give a much needed comedic aspect to the poignant story and balance Oher's gentle-giant nature and subdued mannerisms. The marital support and the pure-hearted interactions between the children, S.J. and Collins (Lily Collins), and Michael Oher make the story simply irresistible.

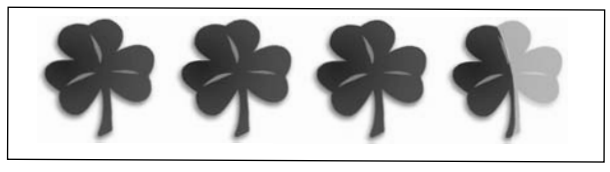
Writer Michael Lewis' original story follows two simultaneous stories — one involving Oher and the rich but charitable Tuohy family who helps raise him and lead him to stardom, the other focusing on the position of left tackle and its significance to football and the sports-fan population.

The movie's main downfall is that it focuses less on the football aspect as it does on the emotional connections and character transformations in the Oher-Tuohy relationship, but the combination of football and family reaches out to all types and undoubtedly tugs at the hearts of its viewers.

And even though there are a few discrepancies between the book and movie, the messages of determination, acceptance and dreams still ring true and are sure to cause a tear or two to shed from the eyes of viewers.

The Blind Side

Directed By: John Lee Hancock
Starring: Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron



Breaking $129.3 million in box office sales within the first few weeks of its release, "The Blind Side" is expected to be Bullock's best performance yet, proven by her recent award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture Drama in Sunday's Golden Globe Awards for Leigh Anne's combination of inspiration and comedy.

The film is a rebirth of sorts for Bullock and is expected to be a career-topping hit for her. No matter what the future of motivational sports-related movies may bring, "The Blind Side" is sure to remain visible for years to come.

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MICHAEL OHER'S Football Fame Chronicled in Original Book

By JORDAN GAMBLE
Assistant Scene Editor

Sandra Bullock's role as the no-nonsense Memphis housewife who takes in a poor black teenager in the film "The Blind Side" has already won her a Golden Globe. In her acceptance speech last Sunday night, she thanked several people very profusely, but left out one important person: Michael Lewis, who wrote the book "The Blind Side" in 2006.

Photo courtesy of gawker.com

Sandra Bullock won the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Drama last Sunday for her performance as Leigh Anne Tuohy.

This isn't that big of a slight, since Michael Oher and the Tuohys are real people.

But he was the one who saw an extraordinary story unfolding and smartly decided to follow Oher and the Tuohys up until Oher's junior year of college at Ole Miss (he now plays for the Baltimore Ravens).

While the movie focuses on obviously inspirational narrative, Lewis' book is a fascinating dissection of the business of football, de facto racial segregation in Memphis, the American education system, and how all three of these twisted together in Michael Oher's journey from an often-homeless kid to a wealthy professional player.

Lewis' journalistic style relies on interviews and good old-fashioned digging to weave together the Tale of the Left Tackle (with special appearances by two Notre Dame Heisman winners). For the unfamiliar, the offensive lineman at the position of left tackle protects the (right-handed) quarterback's "blind side."

Lewis's tale starts with the brute force of Lawrence Taylor, the linebacker for the New York Giants, who destroyed the right leg and pro career of Washington Redskins (and former Irish) quarterback Joe Theismann in 1985.

It then melds into the coaching legacy of Bill Walsh, coach of the San Francisco 49ers and Joe Montana, who had the intellect and audacity to create a brand of football that relied more on strategy than the sheer athletic talent of his players.

Lewis argues that these two forces — the physical and the mental — had to grow up together, shaping pro football and trickling down to college and high school, to make the story of Michael Oher even possible.

The Blind Side
By Michael Lewis

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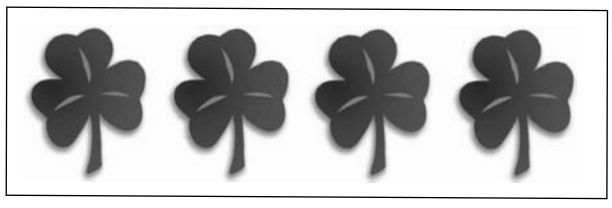

Lewis' book would be a wonderful read for football fanatics, but it is also accessible for the pigskin illiterate.

The economics of football (both in salary totals and the complicated balance of players on the field) are an important part of this book, and quite a bit of this insight is lost in the translation from multi-faceted book to narrative-driven dramatic film.

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THE TOP 50 FILMS OF THE DECADE *Part Two*

By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

Over the five-day week, The Observer will count down all of the movies that made us laugh, cry, reflect and sit on the edge of our seats — all of the best films of the decade. These 50 films all share an essence of filmmaking genius that were exceptional amongst the thousands of films released in the last 10 years, and some of them will one day be viewed as "classics" in film history. So here they are, the best films of the decade.

40. Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son about His Father (2008)

A cold-blooded murder is what made this heart-wrenching documentary not only possible, but upon watching Kurt Kuenne's homage to his lifelong friend, David Bagby, frankly necessary. It plays a bit slow at first, which is its sole blemish. As a whole though, "Dear Zachary" is one of the most enraging documentaries to ever be made, but at its innermost core, it's a postcard … it's a letter … it's an homage … it's a chronicling of a good man who the justice system so terribly failed, whose son, growing up without a father, can one day watch and find out who was the man he never got to play catch with. But what sets this documentary apart from the rest is its climax, and a twist that will at once shock you, then break you.

39. The Dark Knight (2008)

With 2008's summer blockbuster of all blockbusters, director Christopher Nolan achieved a rare balance of film genius that pleases the critics and the masses alike. It's Heath Ledger though that overshadows all else with his stunning, career-defining performance as Batman's greatest nemesis, the Joker.

38. Pan's Labyrinth (2006)

Guillermo Del Toro's largely original, almost-deserving-of-being-called-groundbreaking fan favorite redefined both the realm of fantasy filmmaking as well as the all-too-cliché and overdone genre of war films. Caught in the crosshairs of the bloody Spanish revolution, Ofelia, a young girl, dreams up a far land where she is a princess and there is no war, and it's that child-like quality that not only gives this film its backbone but also its brilliance.

37. Capote (2005)

Philip Seymour Hoffman is captivating in one of the best lead performances in recent memory as famous American author, Truman Capote. He is writing a new book, "In Cold Blood," about the gruesome murder of a Kansas family at the hands of two petty thieves and death row inmates, Richard Hickock and Perry Smith. But upon interviewing Smith, Capote grows a strange attachment to him and finds it increasingly difficult to see him die for the crime, yet his book needs an ending. And therein lies the great struggle of Capote's crippled life: the struggle between one's work, one's conscience and the desire for companionship and understanding pinned against the greed and callousness inherent in us all.

36. Zodiac (2007)

There have been many attempts at chronicling the paradoxical, murderous events that transpired in San Francisco during the 60s, but none, and I mean absolutely none, have so much as even touched David Fincher's psychological dive into the mystery and terror that was the Zodiac killer. This film is shot through tense veins pumped full of misleading plot threads and dialogue that seems to suggest what never happens, making an incredibly tantalizing, engaging mystery out of what is already one of the great wonders in criminal history.

35. Inglourious Basterds (2009)

Quentin Tarantino's history-bending, tongue-in-cheek WWII flick about a band of bloodthirsty Jewish Americans known only as "The Basterds" is nearly pitch-perfect. It loses some of its gusto towards it harrowing end, and it often borders on offensive, but Tarantino and his cast led by Sunday's Golden-Globe winning Christopher Waltz and a brilliant Brad Pitt "might just make this his masterpiece." Or, since we're speaking about Tarantino — just another masterpiece to put on his ever-growing mantel.

34. Control (2007)

The single best rock-n-roll film in a long, long time tells the tragic story of Ian Curtis, lead singer of the 1970s punk rock band Joy Division. Told with incredible closeness and shot through passionate, understanding eyes, his life, his psyche and his downward spiral towards suicide are explored with a beauty that, once discovered by a wider audience, will finally give this exceptional film its just deserts. It doesn't take a fan of Joy Division to appreciate this film, but after watching it, if you weren't already a believer in Joy Division, you certainly will be.

33. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)

Charlie Kaufman is … odd. To say the least, that is. His screenplays, like 2004's acid-trip of a film "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," are wildly imaginative spectacles that lie way out there beyond what is even considered "out there," and as such tend to divide audiences. Brilliant? Or just crazy? It seems there's no middle ground. As for "Eternal Sunshine," well, it's just that — a ray of sunshine in what often times feels like an industry of the all too predictable.

32. The Royal Tenenbaums (2001)

Wes Anderson puts a stamp on his films like none other, for his style and quirky-bordering-on-downright-strange brand of humor are his alone. While "The Royal Tenenbaums," a film about a "dysfunctional family," or perhaps just "Wes Anderson family," is laugh-out-loud hilarious and clever as a sly fox, it's no "Rushmore." That being said, some of the scenes in this film, such as Anderson's perfectly patented music montages, are

delectable. Add to that the cherry-on-top performances by many of his regulars, and some new faces as well.

31. Punch Drunk Love (2002)

Adam Sandler's finest film, helmed by the brilliant Paul Thomas Anderson, glows with a sense of curiosity and mind-bending confusion that make this Ussain Bolt-paced film engrossing to the point that turning away, if only for a second, becomes a near sin. Confusing, yes, but a diamond in the rough no less.

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The Mutually Assured DESTRUCTION of Late Night Television

By NICHOLAS ANDERSON
Scene Writer

By the time a feud in the entertainment industry devolves into "teams," I've normally lost any interest I may have had in the subject. I would assume that it's because these teams are populated almost exclusively by giggly middle school girls and lonely middle-age women.

See "Team Angelina" vs. "Team Aniston" and "Team Edward" vs. "Team Jacob" to illustrate my point.

For a moment, however, it seemed there was a team I could get behind: "Team Coco." For those uniformed, "Team Coco" is the legions of fans supporting Conan O'Brien in the most recent of the Late Night wars. It seemed easy; I was a fan of Conan.

Conan deserves both an audience and support, both of which he is severely lacking. Back in 2004, Conan was being heavily courted by rival networks following a 10-year run of his own talk show which showcased brilliant comedy, exceptional guests and promising musical talent. Instead of letting him leave, NBC promised him "The Tonight Show" in 2009, the high seat of late night comedy pioneered by the peerless Johnny Carson and kept warm by the vapid Jay Leno.

Leno graciously, at the time, offered his retirement and willingness to pass the show along.

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Before delving into the current drama, it's best to keep in mind that NBC nearly destroyed "The Tonight Show" once before. When Carson left, his heir apparent was David Letterman, who had occupied the 12:35 a.m. spot for years, and was passed over as the new host.

In a series of back-handed deals, executives at NBC offered the show to Leno, a hard-working, everyman stand-up persona whose appeal focused strongly on Middle America. Letterman's cynical, watermelon-dropping style departed to CBS, where it's been strong but consistently beaten by Leno.

The current situation reeks of the same tainted touch of bean-counting suits at the NBC studios.

Conan, who only head-lined "The Tonight Show" for seven months, has been pushed out by Leno's desire to return to the spotlight and corporate structure's desire to make advertising money.

After Leno's failure at 10 p.m., he wants to return to late night and executives want the money that comes with his ratings.

It looks clear cut; Leno is a hack who gathers his audience through a broad, lowest common denominator appeal and whose mind-blowing mediocrity leaves those with an above average IQ suffering. Conan is a quick-witted charmer whose writing staff has provided moments of unquestioned genius including Preparation H Raymond, the FedEx Pope, desk driving and Triumph the Insult Comic Dog.

Upon further inspection, cracks emerge. Like much of his audience, I failed to follow Conan to his earlier time slot.

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Conan had been coasting on early strengths and an "aw-shucks" attitude even before his switch. Few of his memorable sketches and moments of magnificence have occurred in the last five years. In fact, most of them happened before Andy Richter left the show. (It's at least nice to see him back).

Conan will most likely land on his feet on Fox, Comedy Central or somewhere out on the great expanse of the Internet. Leno will be back at his old desk cracking bad jokes for another 10 years before maybe passing the show along to a by then middle-aged Jimmy Fallon.

Letterman will be glad he left this all behind in 1993. Young viewers will continue their migration to watching Stewart and Colbert on their Internet browsers. And NBC will have killed the traditional late night talk show.

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NFL

Jets prepare for rematch against Indianapolis

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Rex Ryan has his players — and maybe just about everyone else these days — believing in the New York Jets.

The brash, confident coach has pumped up his team all season, and after receiving some lucky breaks to simply get into the playoffs, the soaring Jets (11-7) are a win away from the Super Bowl.

"The fact of the matter is we're here," defensive end Shaun Ellis said Monday. "We're doing good things while we're in the tournament and we feel like this has been our destiny."

They'll first need to get past Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts (15-2) in the AFC championship, a rematch from a highly debated Week 16 meeting. That's when coach Jim Caldwell pulled Manning and several other starters in the second half, and the Jets rallied to hand the Colts their first loss of the season.

Despite trailing only 15-10 when Manning & Co. took a seat, the Jets kept hearing about how the Colts handed them that victory — and subsequently helped them get into the playoffs. Now, New York has a chance to silence those critics.

"This is the perfect script for us, man," right tackle Damien Woody said. "We couldn't have asked for a better script right now, getting a chance to play the Colts again. Everybody was talking about, 'Oh, you know, they laid down for us,' and all that type of stuff. Now, we've got a second opportunity against the Colts at their place again. This could be a redemption for us."

But Ryan said the Jets don't need any of that to get them fired up for what's at stake.

"This is the AFC championship," he said. "The motivation is going to come from the fact that the winner of this game advances to the Super Bowl. That's probably motivation enough."

The fact the Jets are even in this position can make one shake their head in disbelief, especially when Ryan mistakenly thought the playoffs were no longer an option after a 10-7 loss to Atlanta almost a month ago.

The win over the Colts was further magnified when several teams ahead of the Jets in the playoff race lost, putting New York suddenly in control of its postseason destiny.

"To get to the Super Bowl, no team really has an easy ride," linebacker Bart Scott said. "If you want to earn the right to go to the Super Bowl, you have to go through teams you're not supposed to beat."

The Jets took care of that, starting with a 37-0 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals, who appeared listless in the regular-season finale. But New York was gaining confidence and again beat Cincinnati in the first round of the playoffs.

Facing a Chargers team that had won 11 in a row, the Jets went out to San Diego and shocked them in a 17-14 victory that sent them to an improbable AFC championship game appearance with a rookie head coach and a rookie quarterback in Mark Sanchez.

"We feel good about our chances," Woody said. "We feel good about going to Indianapolis and we believe that we're going to go all the way and bring this thing back to New York."

That's the type of culture Ryan has harvested for a franchise that has had little to crow about. After all, this is just the Jets' third AFC championship game appearance, and first since the 1998 season. They've since had four coaching changes — not counting Bill Belichick's 24-hour tenure in 2000 — and a few hundred players come and go.

So, when Ryan came in and replaced the stoic Eric Mangini, and talked about titles and meetings at the White House as soon as he was hired a year ago, people laughed.

Now look at him.

"I was just honest," Ryan said. "I'm not a told-you-so guy — until after we win the Super Bowl. Then, I'll make that comment."

Fact is, Ryan wasn't afraid to talk about the ultimate goal for this team, which has starved for a title since Broadway Joe delivered on his guarantee in 1969 against, of all teams, the Colts.

"With Coach Mangini, it was a different type of approach," Woody said. "He was all about kind of having tunnel vision, looking at one game at a time. Rex really laid it out in front of us: It's all about the Super Bowl."

When the Jets were 4-6, Ryan gathered the players together and asked those who had won a Super Bowl ring to stand up. Everyone looked at each other while only Woody, Alan Faneca and Larry Izzo stood. Not a lot of championship jewelry in that room.

"You play this game for two reasons, and a lot of people may not agree with it, but you play to win a ring and you play for money," Ellis said. "Once you get the money, it's like, 'OK, get the ring.' A lot of people get money, but only a certain amount of people get a ring. ... This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, man."

NBA

Mourning-Wade fund raises more than $800k for Haiti

Associated Press

MIAMI — With retired NBA star Alonzo Mourning calling the initial wave of support "overwhelming," the Haitian earthquake relief fund he co-founded with Heat star Dwyane Wade announced Monday that its pledge total has already surpassed $800,000.

Wade's donation was a one-game salary, about $175,000, while Mourning, LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Chris Paul each pledged $100,000, fund officials said. The "Athletes Relief Fund for Haiti" began soliciting from pro athletes Friday.

"I expected nothing less from my friends and colleagues in the sports community," Wade said in a release. "Our commitment to this cause knows no bounds, and we will continue to accept any and all donations throughout the days ahead."

Mourning spent about 36 hours in Haiti last week, traveling with Miami-based Project Medishare, which has worked to bring health care to the nation for about 15 years. The retired All-Star worked at a makeshift hospital and assisted rescue workers and first responders in the devastated capital of Port-au-Prince get badly needed supplies like water, food and medical equipment.

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Alonzo Mourning
former NBA All-Star

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Mourning was in Memphis to receive the National Civil Rights Museum Sports Legacy Award for contributions to civil and human rights before the Grizzlies played the Phoenix Suns.

Mourning plans to return to Haiti on Tuesday. The Heat have also continued efforts to raise money and collect donations for the region.

"The response from our colleagues has been overwhelming," Mourning said. "We accept these donations with complete confidence that Project Medishare will put each dollar to quick and efficient use."

Project Medishare was started in the mid-1990s by prominent Miami doctors Barth Green and Arthur Fournier, both of whom have ties to Mourning. They helped arrange for him to go to Haiti last week, and the idea for the fund was quickly born.

Among the other NBA players announced as donors: Gilbert Arenas, Al Horford, Anthony Parker, Kenyon Martin, J.R. Smith, Carmelo Anthony, Ben Gordon, Mike Dunleavy, Michael Beasley, Udonis Haslem, Quentin Richardson, Devin Harris, Michael Finley, Chris Bosh, Carlos Boozer, Ronnie Brewer and Caron Butler.

Many of the NBA donors so far have with played with or are close friends with Wade, who said last week he was trying to get word to every player in the league about the cause. Several other players, including Philadelphia's Samuel Dalembert, are organizing fundraising efforts of their own, and NBA itself has pledged money for Haitian relief.

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Lebron James
Cavaliers small forward

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NFL players Michael Vick, Terrell Owens, Josh Cribbs, Wes Welker, Randy Moss and Clinton Portis also gave money, fund officials said. Welker, Cribbs and suspended NFL player Donte Stallworth all had Twitter play a role in their donation amounts, with Stallworth saying on his feed that he would give $1 for each person who was following him, or about $34,000.

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PERSONAL

In some respects, science has far surpassed religion in delivering awe. How is it that hardly any major religion has looked at science and concluded, "This is better than we thought! The Universe is much bigger than our prophets said, grander, more subtle, more elegant. God must be even greater than we dreamed"? Instead they say, "No, no, no! My god is a little god, and I want him to stay that way."

Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there, on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

NCAA Men's Wrestling Division I NWCA Rankings

	team	points
1	Iowa	275
2	Iowa State	263
3	Ohio State	250
4	Oklahoma State	245
5	Minnesota	229
6	Boise State	221
7	Cornell	207
8	Maryland	194
9	Lehigh	187
10	Oklahoma	174
11	Central Mich.	155
12	Indiana	149
13	Penn State	140
14	Wisconsin	135
15	Kent State	133
16	Missouri	98
17	Cal Poly	89
18	Pittsburgh	78
19	Illinois	74
20	Virginia Tech	54
21	Edinboro	50
22	Oregon State	49
23	Arizona State	41
24	Virginia	39
25	Nebraska	26

NCAA Men's Hockey Division I USCHO Rankings

	team	previous
1	Denver	1
2	Miami (Ohio)	2
3	Wisconsin	3
4	Minn. Duluth	10
5	North Dakota	4
6	Yale	5
7	Colorado College	8
8	Ferris State	6
9	Cornell	9
10	Michigan State	7
11	Boston College	12
12	St. Cloud State	14
13	Union (NY)	13
14	Bemidji State	11
15	Massachusetts	19
16	New Hampshire	20
17	Vermont	18
18	Lake Superior State	NR
19	Mass.-Lowell	15
20	Maine	16

NCAA Women's Hockey Division I USCHO Rankings

	team	previous
1	Mercyhurst	1
2	Minnesota	2
3	Clarkson	4
4	New Hampshire	3
5	Minn. Duluth	7
6	Harvard	6
7	Wisconsin	5
8	Northeastern	8
9	Connecticut	9
10	Providence	NR

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NCAA Women's Basketball

AP

Connecticut's Kalana Greene (32) and Maya Moore, right, pressure Duke's Bridgette Mitchell during the second half of Connecticut's 81-48 win Monday. Moore had 20 poins in the game.

No. 1 UConn routs No. 6 Duke 81-48

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Maya Moore swished one 3-pointer, then another. By the time her shooting flurry was through, top-ranked Connecticut was having an easy time with yet another top 10 challenger — and there was nothing those noisy Cameron Crazies could say about it.

Moore hit a season-high six 3-pointers, scored 14 of her 20 points in the second half and helped the Huskies claim their 57th straight victory by routing No. 6 Duke 81-48 on Monday night.

Kalana Greene added 18 points for the Huskies (18-0), who never trailed, shot 53.6 percent, hit 52 percent of their 3s and used a big run early in the second half to snap the Blue Devils' 23-game winning streak at Cameron Indoor Stadium in convincing fashion.

"Sometimes, you've just got to keep shooting," said Moore, who was 1 of 16 on 3s in her previous three games. "We were all saying the games before, we're bound to go off. It's coming, because a few of us had been off for a couple of games. It was bound to happen. I'm just glad it happened tonight."

For the Huskies, who improved to 3-0 at Cameron, the most significant development might have been the way they showed some long-range touch.

They were ranked among the national leaders in nearly every meaningful offensive statistical category except those related to 3-point shooting, making just 32 percent of those shots.

In this one, Moore missed all three shots she attempted inside the arc but made 6 of 9 shots behind it while helping the Huskies match a season high with 13 3s — including five during the 23-9 burst shortly after halftime that put them well on their way to another blowout.

"Our guard play was great tonight," Huskies coach Geno Auriemma said. "That's how you beat a team that is as athletic and as tough defensively as Duke is. Maya has struggled — for Maya. (Center Tina Charles) faced a lot of double teams tonight, so they just weren't going to give her any room in the lane."

"That's why we had a lot of opportunities to shoot 3s," he added. "If those don't go in, we don't make those plays on the perimeter, then we're in trouble."

In Brief

Broncos lose defensive boss Mike Nolan

DENVER — The Denver Brncos and defensive coordinator Mike Nolan have agreed to part ways.

Nolan becomes the third member of Coach Josh McDaniels' first staff to depart following a disappointing 8-8 finish. Offensive line coach Rich Dennison left for Houston's staff and running backs coach Bobby Turner was reunited with Mike Shanahan in Washington

Dennison and Turner were both longtime holdovers from the Shanahan era. While their departures were expected, Nolan's come as sort of a surprise.

Nolan, who engineered the Broncos' switch to a 3-4 defensive allignment was McDaniels' first hire. McDaniels lined up Nolan to help revamp what had been a deplorable defense.

Roddick trips over line judge in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick took a tumble on his way to a first round win Monday, tripping over the foot of a line judge.

Roddick rolled to the ground and angrily reproached the man when he stood.

"Move out of the way when you see a player coming," Roddick told the official before resuming the match with Theimo de Bakker of the Netherlands and winning 6-1,6-4,6-4.

Roddick was concerned a knee injury that sidelined him at the end of last season might have sidelined him at the end of last season might have flared following the collision, but said he was not injured in the fall.

"I ran into one of those immovable objects called a referee. He wasn't giving up any ground. I didn't see him. He wasn't really trying to do much to get out of the way," Roddick said.

Offerman banned for life from DomRep League

SANTO DOMINGO — Jose Offerman was banned for life by the Dominican winter league for throwing a punch at an umpire during an argument on the baseball field.

The former All-Star, manager of the Licey Tigers appeared to hit first base umpire Daniel Rayburn in the face or neck with a fist during Saturday's playoff game against the Cibao Giants. Rayburn fell to the ground.

The Dominican league's president, Leonardo Matos Berrido, announced the ban Monday. He said the decision against Offerman was made shortly after the attack.

Fernando Ravelo, general manager of the Tigers, said the club will try to appeal the ban against Offerman, who had a contract with the club for the next season.

TENNIS

Once-retired Henin hunts for Grand Slam title

Associated Press

MELBOURNE — Justine Henin's new, philosophical outlook on life and tennis comes with a few fringe benefits. She's dining out more, for one thing.

The relentless intensity that characterized the diminutive Belgian as she won seven Grand Slam singles titles before retiring 20 months ago has given way to a more self-assured, open manner in her second coming to the game.

"I'm a little less superstitious about the past," Henin said after her 6-4, 6-3 win over fellow Belgian Kirsten Flipkens to the Australian Open on Monday. "I've tested a different restaurant every day since I've arrived — that never happened in the past.

"I feel like I've evolved," she added, laughing, "and there are things that don't have a role in success or failure."

Henin is still driven by a challenge, and that's what brought her back to Melbourne Park for her first major since a quarterfinal loss to Maria Sharapova at the 2008 Australian Open.

Unranked and playing as a wild card entry, Henin will now play a second-round match against fifth-seeded Elena Dementieva, who won the Olympic gold medal in Beijing only a few months after Henin retired in May 2008, opting not to defend her French Open and Olympic titles.

A win over Dementieva could put her on course for a quarterfinal against fellow Belgian Kim Clijsters, whose win at the U.S. Open last September in only her third tournament out of retirement inspired Henin's comeback.

Clijsters, who beat Henin in the final of a warmup tournament at Brisbane on Jan. 9, won her first-round match 6-0, 6-4 over Canadian qualifier Valerie Tetreault.

Sharapova, the last person to beat Henin at a major, played her first match here since winning the 2008 title on Monday, and recorded her earliest exit at a major in seven years when she lost 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4 to fellow Russian Maria Kirilenko.

Sharapova was unable to defend her title last year after undergoing shoulder surgery that kept her off the tour for 10 months.

Dinara Safina, who lost last year's final to Serena Williams, and No. 3 Svetlana Kuznetsova, the reigning French Open champion, advanced in straight sets.

Henin comes across as more relaxed, more content in herself. She's more inclined to talk openly about issues beyond the court, comfortable laughing out loud.

"First round in a Grand Slam is something that I hate, and usually the first week. But this week is going to be special," she said. "I don't live anymore like in the past — it's very good because that doesn't help in life."

On a gray, rainy day in Melbourne, only 26 of the 64 scheduled matches were completed — another 12 matches started but were suspended.

Defending champion Rafael Nadal was among the last to finish, coming back from a break down in the first set to beat Australia's Peter Luczak 7-6 (0), 6-1, 6-4. Now that his photograph is on the wall of champions here, he's assured of a match on the covered courts and there's little risk of his matches being postponed from one day to the next.

"I feel lucky to finish my match today," Nadal said. "That's important. I was a lot of times in the other situation."

Nadal beat Roger Federer in five sets in the final here last year to claim his sixth major and his first on hardcourts. He hasn't added one since, while Federer won the French Open and Wimbledon to surpass Pete Sampras' record of 14 career Grand Slam singles titles.

He was a win away from a 16th, too, until Juan Martin del Potro's surprising win over Federer in the U.S. Open final.

The 21-year-old del Potro, coming to a major as a reigning champion for the first time, ignored the pain of a sore wrist and a disagreement with the chair umpire in a 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 win over American Michael Russell.

No. 5 Andy Murray advanced in straight sets over South Africa's Kevin Anderson, No. 7 Andy Roddick beat Thiemo de Bakker of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-4, 6-4, and 2007 finalist Fernando Gonzalez of Chile also advanced.

Croatia's Ivo Karlovic ousted No. 13 Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic.

Roddick's friend and former housemate Mardy Fish was hoping his recovery from a knee injury would be aided by the typically hot conditions in Melbourne. But on a cool, windy and wet day, he was blown out 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 by wild-card entry Andrey Golubev of Kazakhstan.

Federer is in action Tuesday against Igor Andreev of Russia at Rod Laver Arena, while 2008 champion Novak Djokovic has the last of five scheduled matches at Hisense Arena, the second covered court at Melbourne Park.

Serena Williams will open her title defense against Urszula Radwanska.

With Clijsters and Henin back in the draw, there's more competition for Williams. Potential for more tension.

Henin said she had success at a young age because she was so disciplined and regimented in her preparation, but the narrow focus cost her.

"At 25 I was feeling at the end of my first career quite, whew, tired and I need some air," she said. "You're not able at that age to take the distance you need to understand that, yeah, there is something else than tennis, really to find a good stability."

Clijsters and Henin both quit the tour prematurely. So when Clijsters won the U.S. Open, only three tournaments into a comeback after more than two years off to get married and have a baby, it wasn't long before Henin decided it was time to rejoin the tour.

Her wins over Clijsters in the finals of the French and U.S. Opens in 2003 and the 2004 Australian Open gave Henin her earliest Grand Slam prizes. Now she wants a shot at Wimbledon, so her game is evolving along with her whole attitude.

She's coming to the net and ramping up her first serve in a bid to win points quickly and not have to endure so many grinding, energy sapping rallies.

"I want to improve my game and get better than the past because I love challenges," Henin said. "The good thing is that I don't feel old yet. Even if when I came here I realized it was six years ago I won the Australian Open. It did hit me a little bit."

AP

Belgian Justine Henin seeks her eighth Grand Slam singles title at the Australian Open.

MLB

Players scramble for arbitration

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Players and clubs rushed to settle salary arbitration cases before the scheduled exchange of figures Tuesday.

At least eight more players reached agreements Monday, leaving 114 set to swap salaries among the 128 who filed for arbitration last Friday. Dozens more were expected to settle late Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Florida struck one-year deals with second baseman Dan Uggla ($7.8 million) and pitchers Anibal Sanchez ($1.25 million) and Renyel Pinto ($1,075,000).

The frugal Marlins, under pressure from the players' association, agreed last week to increase their payroll from last year's $37.5 million, the major league low. Two days later, they agreed to a $39 million, four-year contract with pitcher Josh Johnson, a deal the team still has not officially announced.

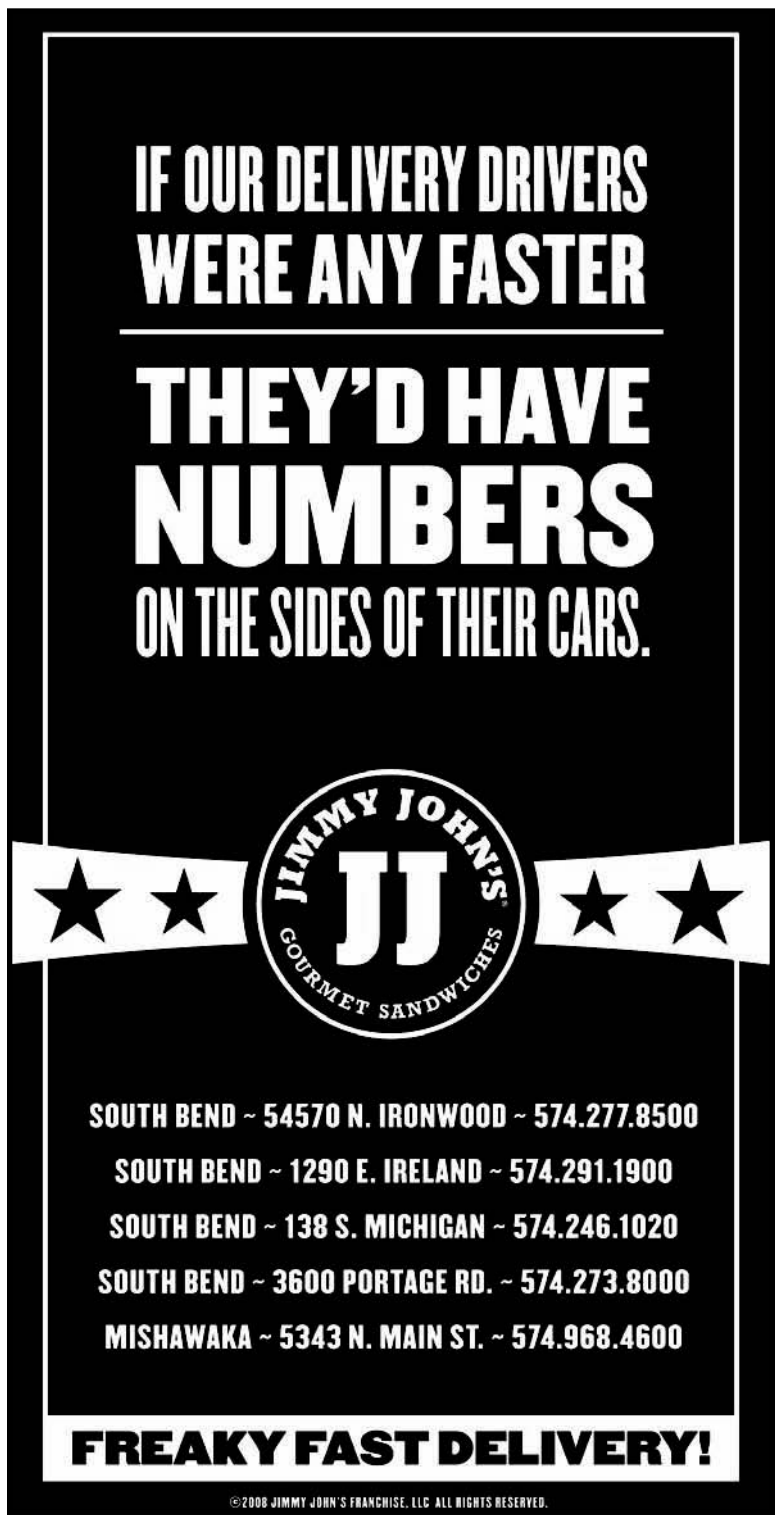
Uggla hit .243 with a Marlins-high 31 homers and 90 RBIs last year. He defeated Florida in arbitration last winter, when he was awarded a salary of $5.35 million rather than the team's offer of $4.4 million.

Also agreeing to one-year contracts were Texas pitcher C.J. Wilson ($3.1 million), Milwaukee outfielder Jody Gerut ($2 million), Chicago White Sox pitcher Tony Pena ($1.2 million), Toronto pitcher Shaun Marcum ($850,000) and Cincinnati pitcher Jared Burton ($810,000).

Arizona settled with right-handed relievers Chad Qualls ($4,185,000) and Aaron Heilman ($2.15 million), while the New York Yankees reached agreements with pitchers Chad Gaudin ($2.95 million) and Boone Logan ($590,000).

Two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum could have the most interesting arbitration case. He is 33-12 over the past two seasons for the San Francisco Giants and was a bargain at $650,000 last year. Eligible for arbitration for the first time as a so-called "Super 2" — a player in the top 17 percent of service time between two and three seasons — he is likely to file at well over $10 million.

Other notable players eligible for the first time include Tampa Bay pitcher Matt Garza, Texas outfielder Josh Hamilton and Tampa Bay outfielder B.J. Upton. Seattle pitcher Felix Hernandez could command a big deal after going 19-5 with a 2.49 ERA last season, when he finished second in AL Cy Young voting.



NBA

Ellis' 36 points lead Warriors over Chicago

Timberwolves rally from 20-point deficit to down Philadelphia 108-103 in overtime as Sixers' Jordan feels pressure

Associated Press

OAKLAND — Monta Ellis had 36 points, eight assists and five rebounds, Corey Maggette added 32 points, six rebounds and five assists and the short-handed Golden State Warriors snapped a three-game losing streak with a 114-97 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday.

Stephen Curry had 26 points, 10 rebounds and six assists and Andris Biedrins grabbed a season-high 19 rebounds to go with a career-best eight blocked shots as Golden State ended Chicago's four-game winning streak.

The Bulls couldn't overcome their sluggish start and failed to wear down the banged-up Warriors.

John Salmons scored 25 points and Luol Deng 20 for cold-shooting Chicago, which kicked off its seven-game road trip without starting guard Kirk Hinrich because of the flu. The Bulls were held to 36.5 percent from the floor.

Golden State dressed only eight players for the second straight game because of injuries. The Warriors were down to four players late in a 113-104 loss to Milwaukee on Friday night.

Maggette had his third 30-point game in his last four outings and fifth overall.

Curry hit a 3-pointer with 1:23 left in the third quarter and Ellis followed with a basket in transition, giving Golden State some momentum heading into the final 12 minutes. After that, the Warriors quickly began pulling away.

Golden State signed forward and D-League call-up Anthony Tolliver to a 10-day contract on an injury exemption Saturday to give coach Don Nelson a little more depth — and Tolliver came out to start the second quarter.

As luck would have it, he went down.

Tolliver had six points and eight rebounds in 24 minutes before going out with 10:37 left after bruising his left knee in a hard fall.

"This is new territory for me," Nelson said. "We've got a bench of three D-Leaguers."

Somehow, the Warriors hung tough in this one.

They got down to four players Friday after Curry was whistled for his sixth foul with 4 seconds left. Curry was allowed to return but Golden State was charged with a technical because of the shortage.

"It's crazy," said forward Ronny Turiaf, sidelined with an ankle injury. "It's just freak stuff, guys getting poked in the eye. We've just got to ride through it and put ourselves in position to be healthy again."

The Warriors, playing a rare matinee game in front of a nearly full house despite miserable, wet weather outside, could use a boost with two games remaining on their season-long seven-game homestand.

Golden State also snapped a four-game losing streak to the Bulls, who had won the last two at Oracle Arena. Chicago held on for a 96-91 overtime victory at home on Dec. 11.

Biedrins' big day on the boards helped the Warriors to a 57-53 rebounding advantage. The Bulls had outrebounded their opponents in eight of previous 10 games and led the NBA coming in with a 45.4 rebounding average per game.

The Warriors got off to a nice start by hitting nine of their first 14 shots for a 25-14 lead late in the opening quarter. But Golden State let the Bulls back in it in the second period and held a 54-53 halftime lead.

Timberwolves 108, Sixers 103

Jonny Flynn had a career-high 29 points and nine assists and the Minnesota Timberwolves rallied from 20 points down to beat the Philadelphia 76ers in overtime on Monday.

Al Jefferson added 23 points and 13 rebounds to help the Timberwolves complete their biggest comeback of the season against the stunned Sixers.

Andre Iguodala had 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists for the Sixers but missed a jumper at the buzzer that would have given Philadelphia the win in regulation.

Flynn had four points and a key steal in the first minute of the extra period to get the Wolves on track for just their ninth victory of the season.

Minnesota trailed by 17 points at halftime, but Ryan Gomes scored 14 of his 16 points in a 33-18 third quarter to get the Wolves back in the game. Damien Wilkins added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Wolves.

Willie Green scored 16 points and Allen Iverson had 11 points and nine assists, but hardly played in the fourth quarter and overtime for Philadelphia.

Now, 76ers coach Eddie Jordan really might start feeling the heat. Team president Ed Stefanski recently refused to guarantee Jordan would last the entire season, and this collapse against the worst team in the Western Conference certainly won't help his cause.

Philadelphia cruised out to a huge early lead thanks to torrid shooting and another lackluster start by the young Timberwolves, who missed 22 of their first 29 shots.

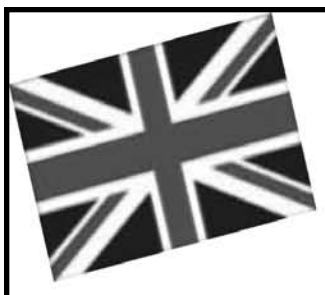
The Sixers, who have struggled to score points all season long, rolled up 57 in the first half and only the turned the ball over four times to build a 17-point lead at the break.

This came three days after coach Kurt Rambis said he was "embarrassed" for his players' defensive effort in a 135-110 loss at Memphis on Friday night. Rambis didn't even take questions during that brief postgame evaluation and went so far as to have a team spokesman notify reporters before the end of the game that he was going to be ready to talk immediately after the game was over.

The Timberwolves finally started to play like Rambis wanted in the third quarter. A 13-2 run put them back in the game and Flynn hit a 3-pointer to tie the game 73-73 late in the period.

The Wolves played without Kevin Love, who missed the game because of an illness.

Even without their leading rebounder and second-leading scorer, the Wolves outrebounded Philly 43-39 and had a 22-8 edge in second-chance points.



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Offensive line coach Ed Warriner spent time at Kansas coordinating one of the nation's most prolific offenses.

Warriner

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intriguing to him too, that we had a lot of success there just like they did at Cincinnati," Warriner said. "Football is teaching and coaching fundamentals relative to what system you're in, and the advantage I have of coaching a lot of different systems and a lot of different places and a lot of different kids is anything we want to do offensively, I'll have some kind of perspective on that, and the different issues each kid has.

"We'll be able to find ways to make them better."

With the Jayhawks, Warriner's offenses had great success, averaging 35.3 points per game from 2007-2009. Under his guidance, Kansas quarterback Todd Reesing led the Big 12 in total offense his senior season and as a result, Warriner was one of three finalists for the American Football Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year Award.

"When I was out there looking for offensive line coaches, believe me, there was a long list that that had a great interest in coming here to Notre Dame," Kelly said. "Ed stood out with his personality, his quality traits, his reputation in the profession and then the diversity he brings relative to coaching different systems."

Warriner will have to deal with the losses of veteran leaders Sam Young and Eric Olsen to his new unit, but does return experienced starters in rising junior Trevor Robinson and fifth-year seniors Dan Wenger and Chris Stewart.

"Once I have some time on a weekend once we finish up recruiting, I'll have some time to go over some tape and make some evaluations," Warriner said of his new personnel.

In recruiting talent for the future, Warriner said he will be in charge of many of the same geographic territories he recruited at Kansas and years before. Those will mostly include Ohio, Kansas City and St. Louis.

While he has coached in a similar system the past three seasons, Warriner said he looks forward to learning from Kelly's version of the spread while also utilizing his years of experience.

"There's tons of things I'll be able to learn and I think I'll be able to make some strong contributions as well," Warriner said. "I'm familiar though with being in the shotgun, being with three or four wide receivers on the field and not necessarily being concerned with a number of runs and passes but what's the best way to score points."

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Denbrock

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would someday be together here, but I knew good things were going to happen for him."

Denbrock's addition to the coaching staff is consistent with Kelly's practice of hiring coaches who have worked with him in the past, as the majority of the members of Kelly's current staff have.

"I think when you have that track record and that history together, we talked about it as unconscious confidence," Kelly said. "You don't have to talk about it. You know what's expected. And that's what we want from our football team. So when you're with coaches for a number of years, they already know what you're going to say."

Like a number of coaches on Kelly's staff, Denbrock's duties will encompass a number of tasks beyond the gridiron. With no official recruiting coordinator at the helm, Denbrock will serve as Notre Dame's top West Coast recruiter. Both Kelly and Denbrock said his background as a football coach in California and Washington will be a great asset when attracting recruits to Notre Dame.

"It's the connections and the relationships that you build with the high school coaches," Denbrock said. "I think they know me from my time not only at Washington, but at Stanford as somebody they can trust what I tell them. With these kids, East Coast, West Coast, wherever, you've got to get them excited about what Notre Dame has to offer."

"I have a quality of understanding about the type of student-athletes that we're trying to attract here."

Mike Denbrock
Irish tight ends coach

Denbrock's recruiting accomplishments include former Irish standouts David Bruton, Travis Thomas and Brady Quinn.

"I think, more than anything, I have a quality of understanding about the type of student-athlete that we're trying to attract here, what it takes to be successful here," Denbrock said. "I do a really good job of bringing that information to the athletes we're recruiting and help them to understand what Notre Dame's about and what that can do for them."

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Tight ends coach Mike Denbrock coached tackles and tight ends at Notre Dame in 2000-02 under Tyrone Willingham.

A proven winner, Denbrock is excited to be a part of the Notre Dame community once again. More importantly, he looks forward to working with the current Irish tight ends — and especially returning starter and junior-to-be Kyle Rudolph — in maximizing their full potential.

"I've had an opportunity to talk with the young men in person and on the phone several times," Denbrock said. "We're beginning the feeling-out process of getting to know each other. I think it's really exciting for Kyle in particular to line up in the scheme that we're going to run, and the matchup nightmares that he creates for defenses are something that we're really going to be able to take advantage of."

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backs," Kelly said. "He's done a great job mentoring quarterbacks in his career."

It is not a coincidence that Kelly selected as his offensive coordinator a coach familiar with quarterbacks and wide receivers.

"I think we all know we're going to play exciting offense," Kelly said. "We like to throw the ball."

For the past three seasons Molnar was the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach at Cincinnati. In 2009, the Bearcats went undefeated in the regular season, largely due to an electric passing attack. The team ranked eighth in the nation in passing yards per game, and scored the fifth-most points in the country, at 38.6 points per game. Oddly enough, the Bearcats were also last in the country, 120th out of 120, in time of possession at only 25:46 per game.

When asked if the low time of possession concerns him, Molnar has a quick response.

"Not at all," he said, before pausing and continuing. "If we could be first in scoring next year and last in time of possession, I'd be a very, very happy man … We don't sit on the ball. We are always looking to score points."

Still, Molnar is not about to abandon the running game, nor has he in the past. Last season the Bearcats averaged 4.99 yards per carry and scored on the ground 23 times, compared to 3.84 yards per carry and 13 touchdowns for Notre Dame last season.

"We understand the value of a strong run game," said Molnar, a 1984 graduate of Lock Haven University. "I would be disappointed if we went through this season without a 1,000-yard rusher at the running back position."

Come game day, the one making the decision whether to run or throw will not be Molnar. Kelly is planning on calling plays, while Molnar will be responsible for all other offensive coordinator duties. How will this affect what Molnar does?

"This really is the greatest honor that I have had in my life, to coach at Notre Dame."

Charley Molnar
Irish offensive coordinator

"Coach Kelly is a coach that is involved in many, many aspects of the program," Molnar said. "What I do is organize the coaches and the practice plan, implement the offense. I teach the other offensive coaches what we do … My job is to do what he can't do because he's doing so many other things, but he is certainly heavily involved in the offense."

From there, Molnar will sit in the press box on game days, alerting Kelly to any tendencies or advantages he sees to aid Kelly's playcalling.

"I may tell him I see something up in the press box and we'll both really come to the answer that is in our game plan," Molnar said, citing their years together as the reason for a common thought process.

Whether it in day-to-day practices under his own tutelage, or through Kelly's playcalling on gamedays, Molnar is insistent that his offense will bear one characteristic usually associated with a defense: aggressiveness.

"We are very aggressive in our offensive approach," Molnar said of his offensive philosophy. "We are looking to score virtually every time we have the ball. Even at the end of the half, we are looking to score a touchdown if we can."

This attitude is a great sales pitch in recruits' living rooms, and it also dictates which recruits Molnar will prefer to offer scholarships.

"Aggressive also means the type of kids that play for us," he said. "We have turned down many good athletes that were offered [scholarships] by other schools because we did not think they were aggressive enough physically on the field to play in our system."

In all of reality, the presumed skill level of the team he is inheriting is a minor factor to Molnar right now.

"I want to see it with my own eyes," he said. "I don't really care to see too much of what they did in the past. I want to see what they can do once we put our hands on them, with winter workouts and spring ball."

Molnar continued to talk of the lessons he learned in the past two seasons at Cincinnati, lessons he said will be valuable in the first few years here.

"In 2008 and 2009 we were Big East Champions. The thing I learned from [those seasons] is that you don't always have to have the very best players on the field in order to win football games," he said. "It's about playing harder than your opponent, and believing in what you do, and really that's about it. If guys would just [play harder than their opponent], you have a chance to win each and every week."

This blue collar ethos should bond well with the Notre Dame traditions that Molnar already cites. He said growing up in New Jersey led to a distinct Notre Dame football knowledge and favoritism.

"I have followed [Notre Dame football] since I was a very young kid," he said. "I watched Notre Dame highlights on Sunday afternoons, just like so many other people where I grew up. It was such a source of pride for families who had a son or a daughter go to Notre Dame."

His Irish preference nearly caught up to him this past season when Molnar's 6-year-old son tried to corner his father into identifying Notre Dame as his favorite team.

"Even the question was asked to me this season by my 6-year-old son," Molnar said. "He said, 'Dad, what is your favorite football team? Is it the Bearcats or the Irish?' I said, 'Well Dominic, the Bearcats are the one that pay Daddy and that's the team I'm with right now so that's my favorite football team.'"

"Oh, I thought it was the Irish," Molnar said his son responded.

Now, there is no question about Molnar's favorite team.

"This really is the greatest honor that I have had in my life, to coach at Notre Dame," he said. "I am fully aware of the history, the tradition and the legacy of Notre Dame football and of the University as a whole, and I will do my very, very best to uphold that tradition."

Molnar's dedication to the football program is echoed by Tony Alford, now the wide receivers coach at Notre Dame. Alford is the lone holdover from Charlie Weis's coaching staff, when he was the running backs coach.

"I am very excited to work with [Molnar]," Alford said. "I have known Charley Molnar for years, and I coached with him at Kent State back in '96 and have kept in contact with him for those years. He is an unselfish guy. He wants what is best for this football program."

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NFL

Bush enjoys postseason success

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Reggie Bush got bashful for a moment.

It appeared Saints coach Sean Payton had given Bush a kiss on the cheek following his electrifying performance against the Arizona Cardinals on Saturday, and the elusive running back was unable to escape the Louisiana Superdome without being pinned down about it.

"Oh yeah, I don't want to admit it, but he did give me a kiss," Bush said with a grin.

The outpouring of affection for the first draft choice of the Payton era was understandable.

Bush labored through the regular season with a lack of extraordinary outings before opening his second trip to the playoffs with his best performance in more than a year.

His last comparable showing came on a Monday night in the first half of the 2008 season, against — of all teams — the Minnesota Vikings, whom the Saints will host on Sunday evening in the NFC title game.

Bush returned a pair of punts for touchdowns in that wild 30-27 loss to the Vikings. Two weeks later, he injured his left knee and hadn't been the same since.

That is, until last weekend, when he spun and danced away from defenders during a 46-yard touchdown run, and followed that with a blazing 83-yard punt return for a score.

Bush made the long return look easy. Arizona tried to pin him near the sideline, but Bush was able to move laterally, looking for a hole, then burst up the middle of the field as if racing for Olympic gold. With good blocking, he had only punter Ben Graham standing in his way. Bush angled right and blew by him before trotting into the end zone with the ball held high in celebration.

"He's as healthy as he's been, and he was something," Payton said. "You saw it not only on the punt return, but you saw it on the big, long touchdown run. He's a dynamic player. ... A big reason for our success offensively is what he does, not only in space but on the edges and catching the ball, running the ball."

Shortly before the end of the 2008 season, with his knee still bothering him, Bush had surgery to repair cartilage. The operation included a microfracture procedure in which tiny holes drilled into bone cause a secretion that mimics the cartilage padding the joint.

While Bush had recovered enough to get back on the field last summer, he said he did not feel fully healed until recently.

"It's been a while since I felt this rested and this good," Bush said. "I've kind of been nursing the injury for the first part of the season and I think coach Payton knew that. We both knew that going into the season and our plan was just kind of try to get me to the postseason and from there on allow me to make plays and do whatever else they ask me to."

With the prospect of elimination hanging over each playoff game, Bush was determined not to hold anything back against Arizona. He led the Saints onto the field wielding a black baseball bat bearing the inscription, "Bring the wood," and ran hard throughout the game, taking on tacklers with shoulders lowered instead of seeking the safety of the sideline as he's often done before.

"Feeling this good, physically, you have room for punishment and just punishing the defense," Bush said. "These types of games are the games you live for as a football player. Big-time players make big-time plays in games like this."

Bush led the Saints in rushing against Arizona with 84 yards on only five carries. He caught four passes for 24 yards, including a diving 5-yard snag over the middle on third down, extending a drive that ended with Marques Colston's touchdown.

He returned three punts for 109 yards.

"He understands his role on this team as a guy who will have the opportunity to make some explosive plays in the run game, in the pass game and special teams, and he took full advantage," quarterback Drew Brees said.

During the regular season, Bush managed a few highlight-reel plays. One of the more memorable came in Miami, where he scored by leaping about 5 yards, arms stretched out to each side so he could sneak the ball inside the pylon before crashing out of bounds. He had a 55-yard run at St. Louis in Week 10, but was uncharacteristically run down shortly before getting to the end zone.

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TRACK AND FIELD

High school star impresses early

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

For many freshmen athletes, the transition between high school and college can be a difficult one. But freshman Nevada Sorenson has been able to make the necessary adjustments and burst onto the Big East sprinting scene in the last two months.

The Sioux Falls, S.D., native was an outstanding athlete on the high school level, setting a state record in the 100-meter hurdles and capturing two individual state championships.

"The transition from high school to college has not been seamless," said John Millar, who coaches the Irish sprinters. "The demands in training and in the classroom are much higher here at Notre Dame and she has had to adjust to both."

Sorenson has made the adjustments, however, and has had early success. At the first indoor event of the season, the Blue and Gold Meet, Sorenson finished second in the 60-meter hurdles with a Big East qualifying time of 8.57 seconds. In the 60-meter dash, Sorenson claimed the top spot with a time of 7.88 seconds.

In last weekend's Notre Dame Indoor Opener, Sorenson jumped up to the top spot in the 60-meter hurdles with a 8.59-second mark and qualified for the Big East Championships.

With only one semester of collegiate training and only two meets into the indoor season, she has already solidified her spot as a contender in the Big East Conference in both the dash and the hurdles.

Sorenson's determination and work ethic has made her transition from high school to college much smoother than it is for many freshmen.

"Nevada has a very good work ethic," Millar said. "She is a no-nonsense individual who comes to practice and realizes how she has to focus and concentrate on the daily task."

Despite Sorenson's early success, there is stiffer competition down the road as the Irish begin to face Big East opponents in tougher meets. This weekend the Irish will face Louisville and Michigan State in the Notre Dame Invitational. The Cardinals and Spartans both have a host of solid sprinters to challenge Sorenson.

"As we get into the competition season, the expectations increase and this will also take some time for her to adjust to," Millar said.

Sorenson has shown, however, that she has the talent and the drive that it takes to be successful on the conference level. Her fast start may only be the tip of her iceberg of potential. The freshman's unique combination of raw talent and willingness to improve is a coach's dream.

"I expect Nevada to become an outstanding collegiate hurdler during her time here," Millar said. "She has all the attributed needed to be a successful hurdler and I am excited to see what the future holds."

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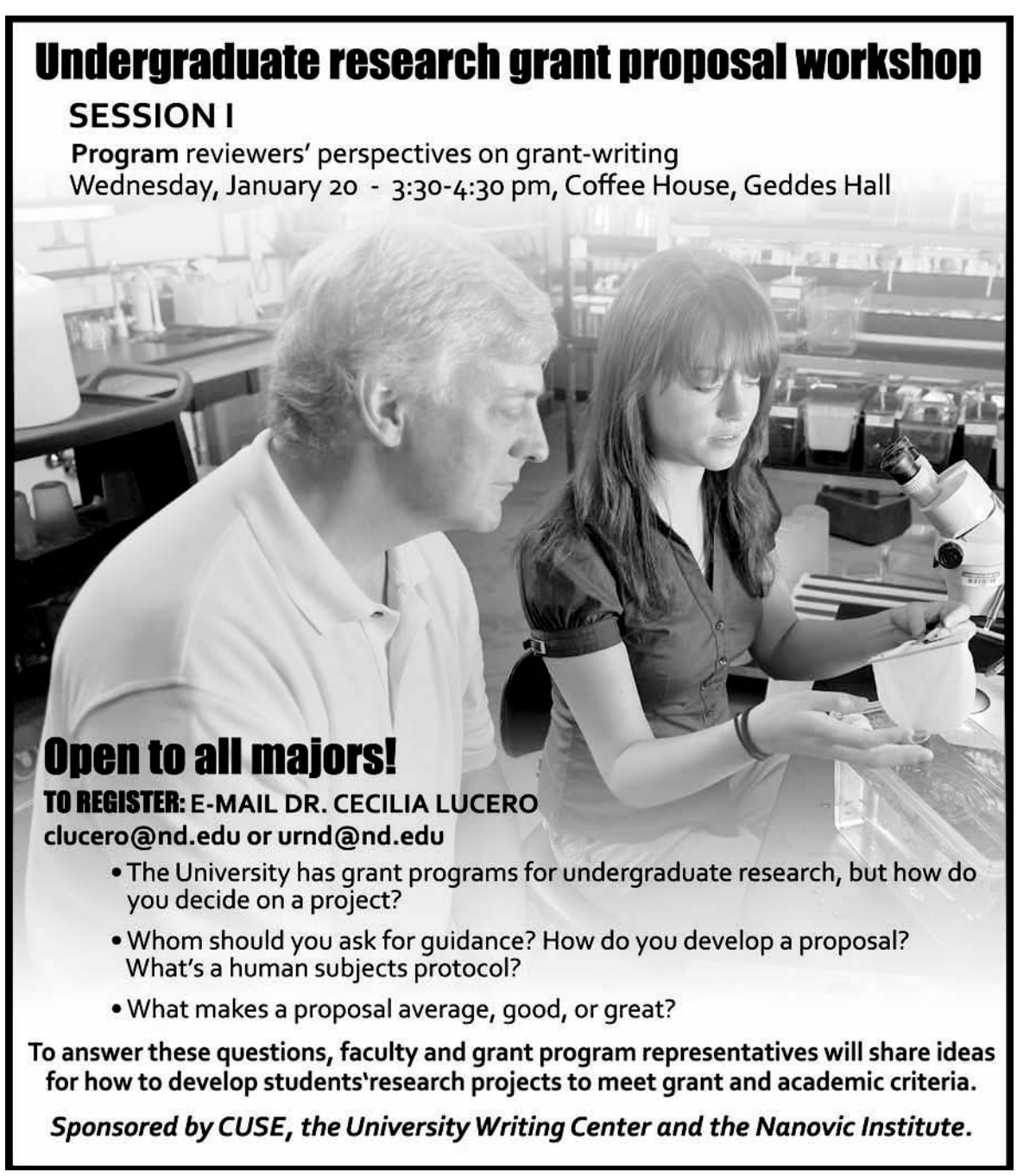

NHL

Blues fall to Columbus as Torres notches two

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Rick Nash scored for his 400th career point and Chris Clark notched his first goal as a Blue Jacket, leading Columbus to a 4-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Monday.

Nash's power-play goal 4:20 into the second period gave the Blue Jackets, who ended a three-game losing skid, a 3-2 lead. Clark, acquired from Washington in a Dec. 28 trade, scored on a jam shot early in the third period.

Raffi Torres added two goals and Mathieu Roy had two assists — the first multipoint game of his career. The Blue Jackets improved to 19-3-2 when Torres scores.

Mathieu Garon had 30 saves to run his record against the Blues to 9-3-0.

Keith Tkachuk and Paul Kariya had goals for the Blues, who had their season-best four-game winning streak end.

Garon was injured in the morning skate when a puck hit him in the wrist; his availability for the game was in question. He had been pulled after giving up three goals on nine shots in a 4-1 loss at St. Louis six days earlier.

After Columbus took a 2-1 lead into the second period on Torres' goals, Tkachuk tied it when he crashed the net and slammed into Garon, with the puck going off the glove of sliding defenseman Kris Russell and into the net.

Nash then made it 3-2 through two periods when he beat Chris Mason on a quick wrister from a hard angle near the bottom of the right circle.

Just 1:25 into the third period, Clark was able to get his stick around a defenseman to jam in a pass from Kristian Huselius, who had skated wide of the goal after his shot was stopped by Mason.

The Blues, starting a three-game road trip, didn't waste time in taking the lead.

Just 1:11 in, Kariya settled the puck near the blue line and ripped a hard slap shot that eluded Garon on the stick side for his ninth of the season.

It was the third game in a row in which the Blue Jackets gave up the first goal within the first 2 1/2 minutes.

Torres scored after getting a long stretch pass from Russell. Torres battled for control just inside the blue line, then was able to collect the puck and get off a shot from the high slot.

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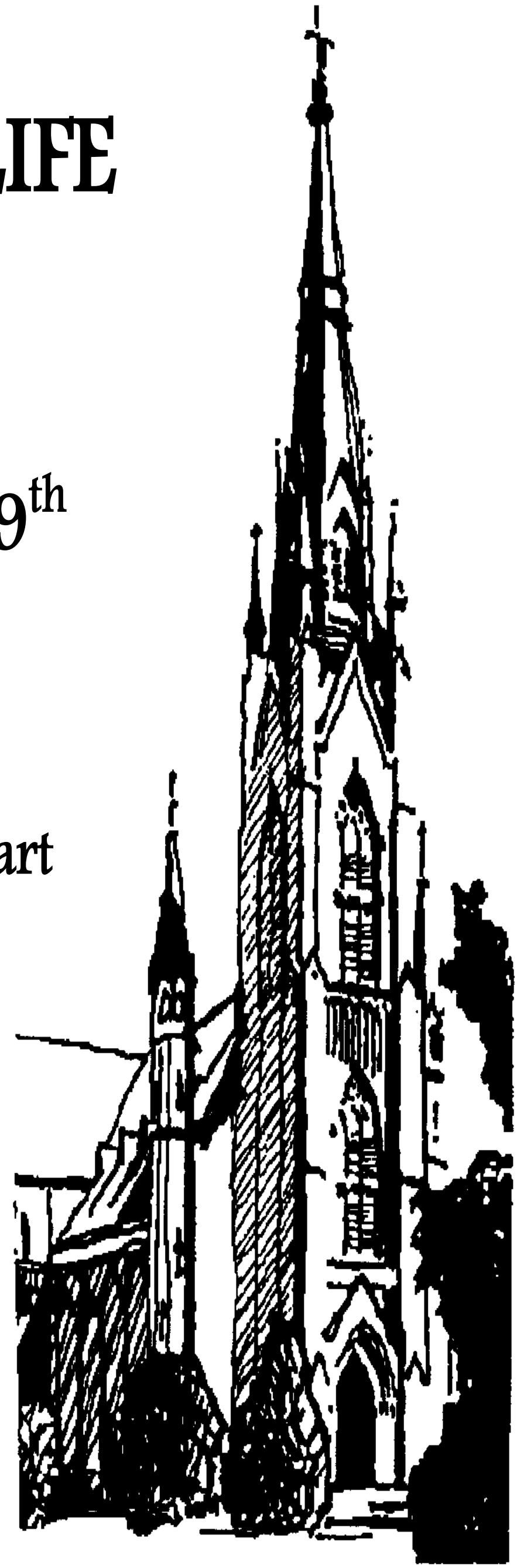

SMC Basketball

Belles ready for Adrian in conference matchup

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will try to win its second straight road game to maintain its third-place conference standing when the Belles travel to Adrian Tuesday night.

Saint Mary's (9-5, 4-2 MIAA) enters the game at Adrian (7-7, 3-3) coming off of Saturday's 61-58 win at Olivet. Tonight's contest is the third of 10 straight against MIAA competition, a stretch that will greatly determine whether the Belles will meet their goals in conference play.

"This is a very big week for everyone in the league as it finishes out the first round of conference play," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said.

It won't be an easy one for Saint Mary's. The Bulldogs are coming off a tough loss to conference leader Calvin in which Adrian hung tough for most of the first half but were sunk by a 12-0 Calvin run in the second half.

Adrian will look for a similar start against the Belles Tuesday.

"Adrian is a very solid team with a lot of experienced players," Henley said. "They do a great job of getting solid looks off the drive."

"We need to work harder at playing better team defense and not get in foul trouble."

Jennifer Henley
Belles coach

For the Belles, they must come out strong right from the start of the game. Saint Mary's will have an easier time in the game if they can stop the Bulldogs' offense and limit their excellent guard play.

The Bulldogs have a strong backcourt featuring seniors Anita Stamps and Jennifer Perrin. These two guards are the tops in scoring average for the Bulldogs. Perrin has led the team in scoring in six games thus far, and Stamps posted a career-high 26 points in an 80-70 overtime win over Kalamazoo on Jan. 13. Both of these guards will prove to be a handful for the Belles' defense.

"We need to work harder at playing better team defense and not get in foul trouble," Henley said.

Saint Mary's has allowed 61.2 points per game during conference play this season, as compared to scoring 62.8 points per game — a narrow margin between winning and losing games.

Saint Mary's has also committed 284 personal fouls this season, 29 more than its opponents. The Belles will look to avoid giving away free-throw opportunities against the Bulldogs.

Saint Mary's will take on Adrian Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

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ND Women's Basketball

ND looks to bounce back

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Senior guard Lindsay Schrader attempts a jumper during Notre Dame's Nov. 3 exhibition win over Indianapolis. The Irish hope to bounce back at Louisville Tuesday.

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

No. 4 Notre Dame looks to redeem itself in Big East play this afternoon against the Cardinals in Louisville, Ky., after a disappointing rout at the hands of top-ranked Connecticut. The 70-46 loss to the Huskies snapped the Irish's 15-game win streak to open the season.

"We are looking to play anybody right now," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We really need to have a bounce-back game. We need to play a game and then put that game in the past."

The Irish (15-1, 2-1 Big East) will finally get an opportunity to see how they can deal with adversity, as they have not been put in the position to have to recover from a big loss — or any loss for that matter — this year.

"We have great leadership on this team, we had a great practice today and we are ready to leave this one behind us," McGraw said.

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

The game against Louisville (10-7, 2-2) will be the third opponent for Notre Dame from last year's Final Four. The Irish beat Oklahoma 81-71 on Nov. 28 and lost to Connecticut Saturday.

"Louisville is a very good team, a very athletic team," McGraw said.

Things are still positive as they come into this game, as Notre Dame's 15-0 start is the second-best in school history. Only Notre Dame's 23-0 start during the Irish 2000-01 national title season was better.

Louisville is having a somewhat disappointing season this year after its dream run last year to reach their first its Final Four and national championship game before falling to Connecticut.

"We really need a game where we can be aggressive defensively and create some turnovers."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

The Cardinals are returning only two of their starters from last year's 34-5 team, but junior point guard Deseree' Byrd is sidelined for the season with injuries.

"They definitely are a little inexperienced at the point, hopefully that is something we can take advantage of," McGraw said.

The Cardinals are a strong team at home, posting a 5-1 record in Freedom Hall, and will present a stiff test for the Irish, especially coming off the tough loss to Connecticut.

"Louisville is a very tough place to play," McGraw said.

In their last game Saturday, Louisville fought a tough loss 60-56 with No. 24 Georgetown, out-rebounding the Hoyas 37-35. The Cardinals were killed by all the turnovers they gave up, leading to 33 Georgetown points.

"They did turn the ball over quite a bit against Georgetown," McGraw said. "We really need a game where we can be aggressive defensively and create some turnovers."

The Irish will most likely look to exploit Louisville's turnover problems, as Notre Dame is among the league leaders in turnovers produced in the Big East. Notre Dame is forcing 25.6 turnovers per game this season, including a 28.7 mark at home.

The Irish have caused at least 20 turnovers in 13 of 16 games this year.

In their last meeting with Louisville, the Irish used 26 points from Charel Allen to lead then-No. 14 Notre Dame to an 82-74 win over Louisville on Jan. 8, 2008, in Louisville.

"They played us to a close game two years ago, and hopefully we can win again," McGraw said.

The Irish hope for a repeat of last year's results when they tip-off at 7 p.m. tonight.

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Orange

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physicality to handle the Irish. Notre Dame had nine first-half offensive boards to Syracuse's three, but the Orange grabbed 10 offensive rebounds in the second half to Notre Dame's six.

"We just need to be more physical," junior forward Carleton Scott said. "We feel like we had to hit the boards harder. We hit the boards hard in the first half."

The physicality took its toll on both teams. Jackson took an elbow to the chin fighting for a rebound and Orange junior forward Wes Johnson came down on his head under the basket.

Rautins scored 21 points and hit five first-half 3-pointers and Johnson led the Orange with 22 points.

Junior forward Tim Abromaitis made five 3-pointers and finished with 26 points.

Notre Dame trailed 55-53 after Jackson made two foul shots following the elbow with 9:47 left in the game, but turned the ball over on its next possession. The Irish stayed within as few as five with 3:21 left when Abromaitis hit two 3s in just over a minute, but Notre Dame couldn't get any closer.

"I think it's something I wanted to come out ready to get those open looks against the zone and really knock them down," Abromaitis said. "Tory did a good job of penetrating and getting gin the lane and finding open guys, whether it was me or 'Gody."

Jackson sliced in and out of the Orange 2-3 zone, finding the other players on the perimeter amidst a tangle of athletic bodies in the paint. His 15 assists were the most in a Big East game this season.

"He did a tremendous job," Orange coach Jim Boeheim said. "He got in when there was almost no room and got the pass off."

Rautins' hot start had Brey playing with his defense. He switched to man-to-man to contest the shots, but then Syracuse's big inside men, senior forward Arinze Onuaku and junior forward Rick Jackson, started scoring. The early deficit combined with the Orange zone made life difficult for the Irish.

"You kind of got to get the lead," Brey said. "If we get the lead the karma changes a bit."

Abromaitis dialed it up to start the second half, scoring eight points in the first eight minutes.

Syracuse was in the double bonus with six minutes remaining and hit its free throws down the stretch to keep its lead. They made 10 free throws in the final 6:11.

"We had a chance. We missed a couple big shots," Jackson said. "That's what's so good about the Big East, you can't dwell on one loss at all. You got great teams coming at you."

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Senior guard Tory Jackson drives past Orange forward Wesley Johnson during Notre Dame's loss Monday.

Depth

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The Irish, however, are a little short on scorers. Outside of Harangody and Abromaitis, Notre Dame shot just 4-for-25 from the floor. Ben Hansbrough has provided balance to the offense at times, but the consistent weapons needed to beat elite teams simply aren't on the roster.

The lack of depth on the Irish squad is also proving deadly down the stretch of games. Harangody, Hansbrough, Abromaitis and Jackson all played more than 30 minutes against Syracuse, and it showed down the stretch.

Notre Dame has heart, and enough competitiveness and toughness to hang with elite teams. They had more offensive rebounds than an extremely aggressive and long Syracuse team, and at one point kept outhustling the Orange so much it looked like Jim Boeheim's head might explode.

But down the stretch the Irish are at a physical disadvantage, and it has allowed teams like the Orange and UConn to pull away late.

Even in the team's best win of the year, an upset of West Virginia, Notre Dame came within a last-second miss of blowing a 20-point halftime lead while fading down the stretch.

The seven-man rotation simply can't survive the grueling Big East schedule. Maybe Brey is playing so few players out of a lack of better options, but it seems like its time to give some younger players a chance at real minutes, if anything to at least save his exhausted players.

They can't do much worse than the bench did Monday, scoring just two points in 33 minutes with two turnovers.

While positives can be taken from the loss to Syracuse, at the end of the game it looked very similar to the losses to Connecticut and Cincinnati, and may have exposed a crucial problem that can only grow worse as the season goes on.

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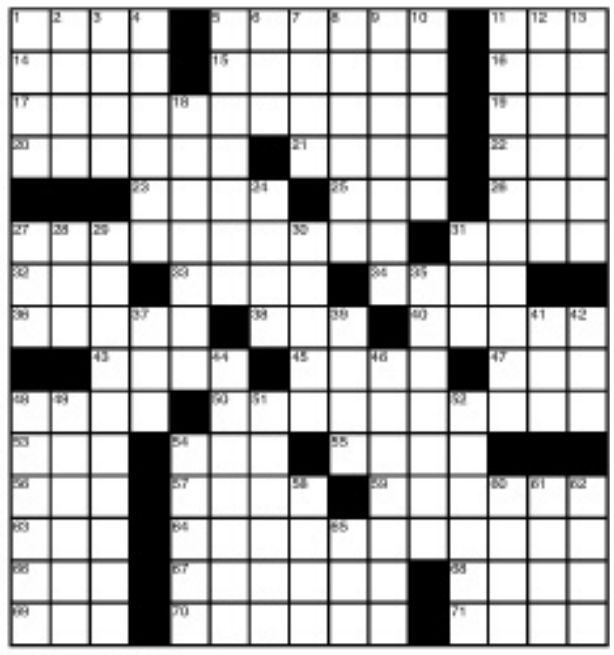

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jesse L. Martin, 41; Jane Horrocks, 46; Mark Messier, 49; Kevin Costner, 55

Happy Birthday: Be strong and go after your goals. You can make a difference if you refuse to back down or give in. This is a year of change and one that should allow you to take part in unusual experiences that alter the way you think and do things in the future. Remember past relationships and apply the lessons learned. Your numbers are 3, 6, 14, 18, 21, 25, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You don't have to make a decision based on what someone else wants you to do. Look at your financial position before you consider making a move that you may not be able to afford. Set your priorities and stick to them. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will get a lot of satisfaction from helping others and will also find out some valuable information that enables you to make essential personal choices. Caution regarding home and family will be necessary to avoid mishaps or feuds. ★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't take what's being said to heart. Concentrate on your own well-being and improvements that will raise your confidence and allow you options that may have been closed in the past. Don't let anyone pressure you into overspending. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Like it or not, you are up for change. If you are willing to move forward, you will benefit from the journeys you take and the people you meet along the way. A partnership may pose some problems if you take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Aggressive action may work initially but, in the end, it will backfire, causing you restrictions and added responsibilities. A proposition that has been on the table before can now be taken seriously. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan to do things a little differently. A change in a partnership can help you incorporate a broader base for the projects you would like to take on. Talks will bring results if you cut to the bottom line. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't take chances, especially if it will disrupt your home and family life. Let your intuition guide you. Working with, rather than for someone will allow you to offer more input into the process of accomplishing a common goal. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Doors are beginning to open and an opportunity to make a critical move that will benefit you personally and professionally is coming into play. Alter your everyday routine so you can expand and diversify your plans for the future. ★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be fooled by what others say and do if you haven't done your research. An aggressive approach to a contract may be tempting but, in the end, you may take on more than you expected. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do a little soul searching and ask tough questions. An experience you had with someone in the past will enlighten you. Don't hold back or waffle when it's vital to say what's on your mind. ★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be torn between the past, present and future. Don't let what's already happened hold you back. Look forward and make sure that what you do now will enable you to make the most of what you've got to offer. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your emotions will be difficult to control. Change is required but it should be good for everyone you care about, not just you. Love is in the stars and can make you particularly happy if you are willing to share what you have. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are determined, sensitive and proud. You are responsible, willing to take action and always looking out for others.

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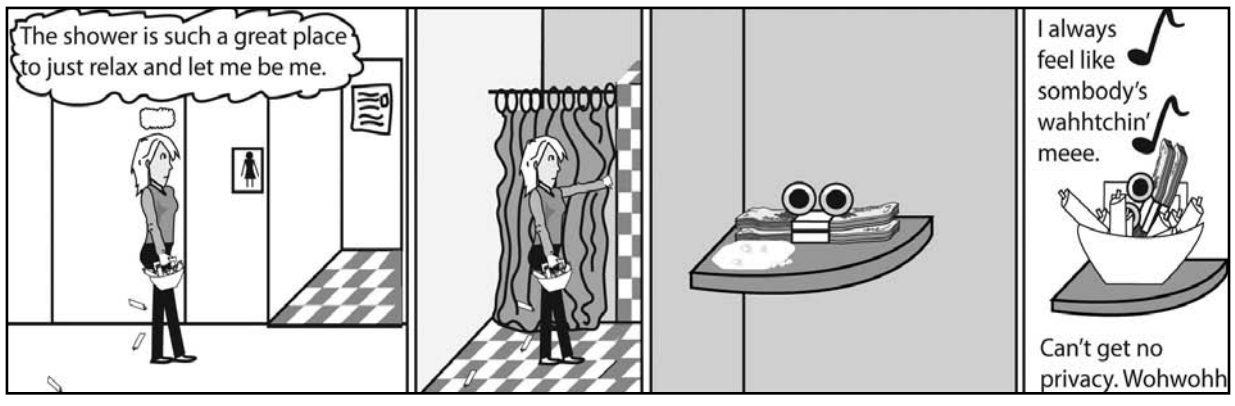

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Out-benched

Non-starters score two points in loss to 'Cuse

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Both Luke Harangody and Tory Jackson played the whole game against Syracuse Monday night, but time was ultimately not on Notre Dame's side.

"[Syracuse] played like men for 40 minutes," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We played like men for probably 32."

Harangody finished with 31 points and 14 rebounds and Jackson had 15 assists, but the host Irish lost 84-71 to No. 5 Syracuse Monday. The Irish (14-5, 3-3 Big East) have lost two straight conference games.

Notre Dame whittled away at the lead for the entire game, but were always at least one possession behind. Transition turnovers and allowing the Orange to grab key second-half offensive rebounds hampered Notre Dame's chances at catching Syracuse.

"Sometimes we played fast when it was one possession," Brey said.

Syracuse (14-5, 3-3) has won five straight in conference play. The Orange used their size and

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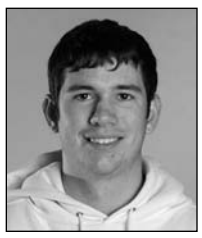
VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Senior forward Luke Harangody drives past Orange forward Wesley Johnson during Notre Dame's loss to No. 5 Syracuse Monday night.

Team fights, but can't finish

Mike Brey and the Irish squad were undoubtedly disappointed with their performance Monday, but their 84-71 loss to No. 5 Syracuse summed up the current identity of this Notre Dame team.



Michael Bryan

Associate Sports Editor

The Irish played relatively well throughout the game. They fought hard against an elite team that had clear advantages in talent, size and athleticism. But Notre Dame currently is dealing with some serious issues, and in order to beat the Orange everything would have to go right.

And it did not.

Notre Dame has several talented players. Luke Harangody, for all the criticisms of his shot selection this season, is averaging a career-high in field-goal percentage and is a surefire All-American. Even in the loss against a deep and towering Syracuse frontcourt, Harangody tallied 31 points and 14 rebounds.

Tim Abromaitis has also come out of nowhere to become a scoring weapon for the Irish, averaging 15.4 points per game before dropping 26 on the Orange. Tory Jackson is a fantastic senior leader, and dished out 15 spectacular assists.

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FOOTBALL

Warriner leaves KU to lead O-line

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

After directing explosive offenses the last three years as the offensive coordinator at Kansas, veteran coach Ed Warriner joins Brian Kelly's staff for next season coaching the offensive line. While Warriner has never previously coached with Kelly, when he saw an opportunity to come to South Bend, he went right after it.

"It was an interesting process, because obviously the one thing that had to happen was that someone like [former Cincinnati offensive line coach] Jeff Quinn left the Cincinnati staff and became head coach at Buffalo," Warriner said. "The day I saw that, I said 'There's going to be a job open at Notre Dame with Coach Kelly, and I'm interested.' I was very interested."

Warriner said his personal background had much to do with his interest in eventually working at Notre Dame.

"Being that I'm from the Midwest and my wife and I have raised our family Catholic and so forth, this place has a lot of very, very high interest," Warriner said. "I immediately aggressively pursued contact with Coach Kelly."

Warriner brings 26 years of coaching experience to the Irish and has coached offensive lines in 13 of the past 18 seasons. He has coached the lines at Army, Air Force, Kansas and Illinois, and he said his experience working with the spread offense in Lawrence and many different types of offenses throughout his career gave him a strong résumé.

"The offense I ran at Kansas had a lot of similarities to [Kelly's]. I think that was

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Denbrock returns, will coach TEs

By CHRISTOPHER MASOUD
Sports Writer

Second chances can be rare in the coaching profession, but tight ends coach Mike Denbrock is pleased to return for a second stint as an assistant at Notre Dame.

Denbrock coached offensive tackles and tight ends under former Irish coach Tyrone Willingham from 2000-02, and now he'll work under Brian Kelly with unfinished business on his mind.

"I think I bring a lot to the table," Denbrock said. "There are a lot of positive things that we left here, even though we obviously didn't win enough games to remain. I think from a recruiting standpoint, I was able to recruit many quality kids here, many of whom ended up being captains at one time or another, even after we were gone."

Denbrock spent four seasons with Willingham at Washington before going to Indiana State in 2009 as an associate head coach. During his previous tenure at Notre Dame, he developed several NFL draft picks and helping running backs Ryan Grant and Julius Jones become 1,000-yard rushers.

But Kelly's decision to hire Denbrock extends beyond his history with Notre Dame. Before working together at Grand Valley State from 1992-98, the two lived together as graduate assistants in 1987.

"Brian has always been a tremendous leader of men," Denbrock said. "I didn't have any doubts about the type of success he was going to have. It's hard to think back to 1987, when we first met each other, that we

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Molnar: 'We love to throw' the ball

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Offensive coordinator Charley Molnar addresses the Notre Dame media for the first time on Jan. 15 at the Purcell Pavilion.

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Next season Notre Dame will be without quarterback Jimmy Clausen and wide receiver Golden Tate, as both recently declared for the NFL Draft, but the Irish are still going to throw the ball.

A lot, said offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Charley Molnar.

"We love to throw the football," Molnar said during his first interviews with the media at Notre Dame on Jan. 15. "We all know that going into this thing."

Molnar was introduced to the media by head coach Brian Kelly on Jan. 15 at Club Naimoli at Purcell Pavilion. Molnar has 26 years of collegiate coaching experience, all on the offensive side of the ball. He has been an assistant under Kelly for the past four years, three at the University of Cincinnati and one at Western Michigan University.

"[Molnar] has a great understanding of the offense, coached our wide receivers, has been a coordinator at the Division I level, and will now coach our quarter-

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