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CIO leaves, interim director installed

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Gordon Wishon has vacated his post as Chief Information Officer (CIO) at the University, and an interim CIO has taken his place in leading the Office of Information Technology (OIT).

Wishon's last official day was Jan. 31, however, multiple sources told The Observer that Wishon left the University several weeks ago, and an interim CIO was installed prior to Wishon's last official day at Notre Dame.

University Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said last week that Wishon



Wishon

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Film screening encourages dialogue

'The Price of Pleasure' explores pornography; students and faculty discuss implications

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

Students and faculty shared their reactions to "The Price of Pleasure," a film that negatively portrays pornography by emphasizing how it affects those involved, following its screening Tuesday evening.

The showing was part of a presentation called "The Price of Pleasure: Dissecting the Pornography Debate," which was co-sponsored by the Gender Relations Center (GRC), Gender Studies Program, Feminist Voice, Identity Project of Notre Dame, Men Against Violence and Theology Department.

Patrick Tighe, a senior who works in the GRC, told the large crowd that filled most of the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library that the GRC intended to use the film "as a launching pad for dialogue."

He acknowledged the explicit material in the film, and said staff would be available following the presentation to offer counseling for those disturbed by the



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Pamela Wojcik, director of the Gender Studies program, spoke after the film screening Tuesday night.

film and its images.

Heather Rakoczy Russell, director of the GRC, said the goal of the presentation "was to encourage a thoughtful dialogue about what is pornography, how it affects us in mainstream culture, and how it effects

our values coming from our Catholic identity."

To foster this dialogue, the showing of the film was followed by discussions led by John Cavadini, chair of the Theology department, and Pamela Wojcik, director of the Gender Studies

Program.

Both Wojcik and Cavadini said they were displeased with the film, "The Price of Pleasure."

Cavadini said the film showed images of pornography that served to "fuel the film" rather than provide a comprehensive examination of the issue of pornography, and Wojcik nodded in agreement.

Wojcik talked about examining the values depicted throughout current films of all genres, which she said the film failed to do, rather than simply looking at pornography as an isolated genre.

"I'm not saying I'm not concerned about pornography. I'm just saying that I'm equally concerned about the average 'bromance' movie," Wojcik said. "I'm not saying that I would censor a 'bromance' movie, but with those movies, we just laugh it off."

Cavadini specifically addressed the men in the audience.

"Your soul becomes as

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University creates new int'l development minor

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By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

In response to students' increasing interest and involvement in issues surrounding international development, the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity announced the introduction of a minor in International Development

Studies (IDS).

"We need to look at more than just the technology solutions to development, but also the way in which we have to change some of the structures that prevent development from happening," Tony Pohlen, assistant director for the Ford Program, said. "Notre Dame has a unique opportunity being a religious,

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss du Lac

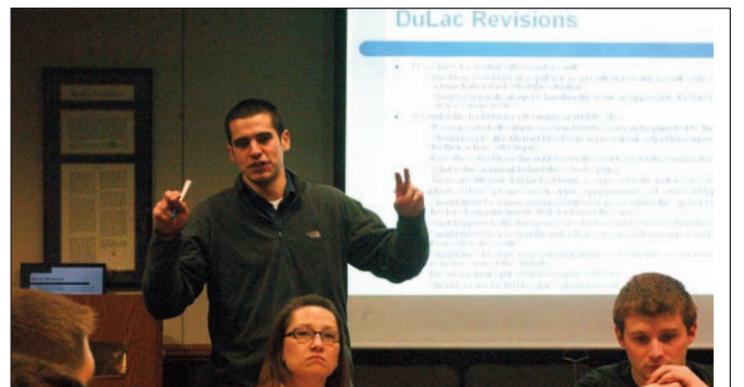
COR considers revisions about sexual assault, off-campus citations

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) continued discussing the upcoming revisions of du Lac as well as issues student government wants to bring to the attention of the University's Board of Trustees.

Tuesday's meeting opened with student body president Grant Schmidt discussing questions that members of COR had brought forward after meeting and speaking with their individual councils last week. Questions were brought forth relating to the handling of sexual assault, off-campus violations, disciplinary actions and the actual formatting of du Lac.

"Sexual assault will be the most important issue to be revised in du Lac," Schmidt said. "The terminology will be a huge part of the revisions especially when dealing with



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Student body president Grant Schmidt leads the discussion about revisions to du Lac during Tuesday's COR meeting.

who is a 'witness' and who is a 'victim.'"

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said the process surrounding the determination of sexual assault would also be raised as a concern when student government submits its questions to the committee that is revising du Lac.

"Right now there's discus-

sion about creating a whole new procedure for dealing with victims and people guilty of committing sexual assault," she said. "It is also going to be made clear what resources are available for victims."

COR also discussed the issues that arise when a

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INSIDE COLUMN

Look at the small things

As an aspiring journalist, I am slowly coming to terms with the reality that I will never "make it big." Unlike the 2 percent of business majors and 1 percent of engineers, I will not end up making a ton of money. I'll be lucky if I make any money at all.



Douglas Farmer

Assistant Sports Editor

But the process of accepting this has been slow, and at times I still find myself planning for that day when I have it all. After watching the Dave Matthews Band perform at the Grammys with essentially a full orchestra supporting them, I caught myself thinking about having the money to stand front-row for such a performance. I then pondered, what other dreams of mine will I eventually give up on in order to pursue this journalism thing?

I don't see me ever owning an Aston Martin. Ever since I beat the video game Need for Speed driving an Aston Martin (As-tone Mar-teen is my preferred pronunciation), I've dreamt of owning one. Oh well, I guess my 1971 VW Beetle will have to do.

Nor should I really expect to visit Africa for two full weeks again. I managed to slip into a trip to Senegal and South Africa the day after my high school graduation, and can only imagine how enjoyable a return would be. I probably shouldn't complain having been once though.

Is there any chance I can still get Snoop Dogg to MC a party I throw? No, I'm not important enough for him? Well, if I have to settle for Cordozar Calvin Broadus, I think I'll survive, somehow.

I don't see how I'll own a sports franchise either, what without having half a billion dollars to spare or anything. Maybe writing about one will be enough, maybe.

And unless I want to gamble with my mortgage, I don't see how I can expect to play at the high-stakes Blackjack tables in Vegas any longer. I really thought my card counting could be useful there, instead of just ruining my roommate in Circle of Death on the weekends. Well, at least that is something.

What about the intern I want to finance whose sole job will be to transcribe my interviews? Against every desire in my body, I'm giving up on that too. Transcribing will build character in me, right? More likely that I will just continue to keep my interviews short and sweet.

I guess what it comes down to is sacrifice, and if I have to sacrifice these dreams to reach the back page of Sports Illustrated (that isn't realistic either?), then I'll give it a shot. Besides, this life I have now isn't horrible. A vintage car, a trip to Africa, knowing Snoop Dogg's real name, winning Texas Hold 'Em at Legend's.

To heck with the upper middle class. I'll survive as a journalist yet, by appreciating these smaller things.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Douglas Farmer at dfarmer1@nd.edu

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The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER FROM "LOST?"



Allison Jeter

freshman Pangborn

"Jin-Soo Kwon."



Christie Ahn

freshman Lewis

"Sawyer."



Kathleen Bracke

freshman Pangborn

"Charlie or Desmond."



Larry Redding

sophomore off-campus

"Hurley."



Dianna Bartone

freshman Pangborn

"Sawyer."

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



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Bicycles on South Quad are covered in snow Tuesday. Students woke up to some snow on the ground and flurries throughout the day.

OFFBEAT

Tenn. pastry thieves steal snacks from bread bakery

KINGSPORT, Tenn. — It was a Zinger of a theft in Tennessee. It also included cupcakes, Twinkies and other snack cakes from the Merita Bread Company. The Kingsport Times-News cites a report from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office in reporting 34-year-old James M. Denoon and 18-year-old Anthony Stout were found hiding under a truck at the bakery late Friday night.

The deputies found about \$300 worth of stolen snack cakes stacked

on the ground nearby.

Finding the accused thieves was easy: The deputies only had to follow their footprints. There was more than an inch of snow on the ground by Friday night.

Pa. woman hits bus driver with snowball, faces charges

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — A western Pennsylvania woman faces a hearing on charges that she hit a transit bus driver in the head with a snowball because he wouldn't let her board with an expired bus pass. Lateia Jefferson, 20, was accused of cursing at the

Cambria County Transit Authority driver and hitting him with the snowball on Jan. 20.

Her preliminary hearing on charges of disorderly conduct, harassment and resisting arrest was set for March 4 before a district judge in Johnstown.

Police said the driver wasn't injured.

Online court records don't list an attorney for Jefferson and The Associated Press could not immediately locate a listed telephone for her.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Richard Alston Dance Company will be at the Decio Mainstage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tomorrow at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at performingarts.nd.edu or at the box office.

AcousticCafe will be held in the LaFortune Student Center basement tomorrow from 10 p.m. to midnight. The event is free.

"Documenting Trauma" with filmmaker Danielle Beverly, a part of the FTT Talks lecture series, will take place Friday in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The lecture is free but ticketed.

Welsh Family Hall's "DanceFest 2010" will take place Friday and Saturday at Washington Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at the LaFortune Student Center box office. All proceeds go to the Robinson Community Learning Center's Shakespeare Company.

Combined auditions for The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival will be held Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Philbin Stage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Auditions are for the spring production of "As You Like It" and its 2010 Young Company professional summer residency program. Auditions are open for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

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

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ND creates ACE partnership

Special to The Observer

The Diocese of Tucson and the University of Notre Dame have agreed to designate three Tucson parish Catholic schools as the nation's first Notre Dame ACE Academy (NDAA) schools.

The Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, and Notre Dame representatives will announce the designation on Friday (Jan. 29) at the Diocese of Tucson Pastoral Center.

The NDAA partnership marks a significant deepening of the Notre Dame relationship with the Diocese of Tucson begun in 2001, when the University began providing teachers to Tucson Catholic schools through Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program.

The NDAA model is oriented around the three pillars of ACE: educational excellence,

the experience of community, and faith formation in the Catholic tradition.

By designating St. Ambrose, St. John the Evangelist, and Santa Cruz as NDAA schools, ACE and the diocese seek to achieve comprehensive excellence in these three schools by implementing a unique model of Catholic schooling.

ACE faculty and staff will work closely with NDAA schools and diocesan leaders to boost enrollment and enhance school leadership, curriculum, instruction, professional development, financial management, marketing and Catholic identity.

The Tucson schools are the first NDAA schools in the nation, though ACE hopes to expand the model to other cities in the future. Bishop Kicanas invited ACE to consider Tucson as the inaugural site for the NDAA concept. The city was selected after a comprehensive feasibility study showed strong local

support for the partnership and affirmed the schools' capacity to serve area students effectively, particularly through the opportunities created by Arizona's private school tax credit.

The NDAA initiative is led at Notre Dame by ACE's director of university-school partnerships, Rev. Joseph Corpora, C.S.C., a Holy Cross priest and former pastor with nearly 20 years experience in parishes and schools effectively serving Latinos. The director of the NDAA initiative at Notre Dame is Christian Dallavis, a former Catholic school teacher who now prepares teachers for Catholic schools and conducts educational research on faith-based schooling in Latino communities. The project is funded by a generous grant from the Walton Family Foundation, with support from the University and private benefactors as well.

"We are just delighted about deepening our partnership with Bishop Kicanas and the Diocese of Tucson," said Rev. Timothy R. Scully, C.S.C., founder of ACE and director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives at Notre Dame. "St. John, St. Ambrose and Santa Cruz have served the families of Tucson for many years, and we are thrilled about the increased opportunities this Notre Dame family of schools will offer for years to come."

"This partnership has the potential to make an important difference in the lives of hundreds of families," said Rachel Moreno, a faculty member in Notre Dame's ACE program and advisor to the Notre Dame ACE Academy project who was born in Tucson and still resides there. "Catholic schools do so much to enliven parish and civic communities, and Notre Dame is committed to extending the Catholic school advantage to as many children as possible in our community."

For more information about the Notre Dame ACE Academies, visit <http://ace.nd.edu/outreach/ndaa>

Writing Center selects Capdevielle as director

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Though the University's Writing Center has had its doors open to students for the last 10 years, this semester it welcomes Matthew Capdevielle as its new director, who replaces Chris Mannelly, the acting associate director last semester.

Capdevielle recently completed graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received a Ph.D. in English.

In addition to currently teaching a writing program for the University, Capdevielle is helping oversee the Writing Center as an academic tool for all students.

"My job is to handle day to day stuff here and to work on programming," he said.

Capdevielle said the most important function of the Writing Center is the face-to-face help it provides for students.

Appointments at the Writing Center can be made in 45-minute increments. Any kind of writing project at any level is welcome.

Capdevielle said he hopes students understand that the true purpose of the Writing Center is not to help students with grammar and proofreading, but rather to help with fleshing out ideas and constructing strong arguments.

"Our main focus is having people develop their focus and ideas in their writing," he said.

While the central focus of the Writing Center lies in

these face-to-face appointments, Capdevielle also said the Center's programming is also beneficial to students' academic needs.

"Our main purpose is the one-on-one stuff," he said. "However, we do do programs here and there."

Capdevielle said the Writing Center is currently hosting a workshop on grant application writing with CUSE, and there is upcoming programming for graduate students.

"In a couple of weeks we're doing a graduate student workshop on turning in coursework to

publications," he said. While students may be the main patrons of the Writing Center, they also are an integral part of its day-to-day operations.

"We have 30 undergraduate and four graduate tutors," Capdevielle said. "Tutors are nominated by professors to apply."

Capdevielle said the application process occurs in the spring, and the following fall those students that are hired engage in a tutor-training course titled "Writing Center Theory and Practice."

These tutors helped 1,500 students with their papers last semester, and while there were some slow weeks, other times the Writing Center was swamped, Capdevielle said.

"The assignment cycle means that some weeks we have 20 students come in and other weeks we have 200 to 300," he said.

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Matthew Capdevielle
Writing Center director

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Writing Center director

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Travel agency serves students

Anthony Travel assists with bus to Chicago, helps plan spring break

By ALISON MEAGHER
News Writer

Each day, thousands of students on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses visit their respective student centers. However, few students venture into Anthony Travel, a travel agency located on both campuses.

"We are the official travel partner of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's college," Mary Kowalski, Vice President of Travel Services, said. "Students are definitely an important part of our business."

Anthony Travel caters to student needs and also aids in staff and faculty travel, athletic team travel, club travel and study abroad programs.

Kowalski said Anthony Travel's most popular service is assisting students with getting tickets for the Coach USA bus, which runs between Notre Dame's campus and Chicago. Anthony Travel offers tickets for a lower price than if bought directly through the company, she said.

Lauren Berry, a Saint Mary's freshman, said the bus helps her get home to Dallas, Texas on breaks because most flights going to Dallas leave from one of the Chicago airports.

"It's really convenient that there is a bus to get me to Chicago," Berry said. "If not, it would be really difficult for me to get home during breaks."

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Lauren Berry
freshman

Besides assisting with travel, Anthony Travel also arranges flights and hotels for students. They can also help students' parents get to campus for events such as orientation, home football games, graduation and junior parents weekend.

Service charges are usually around \$30 but can differ depending on request. No appointments are needed to talk to an agent, Kowalski said.

Kowalski said one service that many students do not know about is the Student Travel Club. For one flat rate, students will receive a passport picture, bag tags,

waived service fees, a frequent flyer account and hotel booking for friends or family traveling to Notre Dame for home football games.

The agency also organizes group travel for spring break, Kaleen Carr, Leisure Manager, said.

"We have a lot of people traveling to Mexico this year. Specifically Puerto Vallarta and Rivera Maya," Carr said.

The agency will arrange group flights, hotels, transfers, all-inclusive resorts or cruises for spring break trips. If students use one of Anthony Travel's packages, their trip will be arranged free of any service charges.

The Agency is located in the LaFortune Student Center on Notre Dame's campus and in the Student Center on Saint Mary's campus. Both offices are opened Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students can visit http://www.anthonyttravel.com/university_notreDame, call 574-631-7080 or stop by anytime during regular business hours.

"If students want help with any of their travel plans, we're here to help," Kowalski said.

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Saint Mary's lecture discusses sustainability

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Sustainability involves bringing into harmony the environment, economy and society, Mike Keen, director of the Center for a Sustainable Future at Indiana University-South Bend, said.

Keen, along with Colleen Kelley, president of GreeND at Notre Dame and Sister Mary Turgi, chair of the Congregation Justice Committee, discussed the importance of living sustainably Tuesday.

Keen compared life on earth to that of life in a terrarium. In a terrarium, plants are able to grow and sustain life for themselves by simply in taking sunlight. However, Keen said, if one would put a candle inside of the terrarium, the entire equilibrium would be thrown off and the plants would no longer survive.

Keen said the candle, which ruined the environment in the terrarium, is the equivalence of carbon emissions on earth.

"Basically, what it really gets down to, we're living on a terrarium, we've got this wonderful balance and if things get out of balance, we're going to be in trouble," Keen said.

Keen explained some basic ways to work towards a sustainable society, such as reducing dependence on fossil fuels, reducing dependence on man-made compounds and reducing contributions to the depletion and destruction of nature. He urged students to take steps to improve their own sustainability.

"I'm really pretty optimistic. I think

that what you've got to do is take that first step no matter how small it is," he said.

Like Keen, Kelley also asked students to become active in the sustainable movement and discussed ways in which the University can go green.

Kelley said the University made changes toward sustainability by creating the recycling program on football weekends. In 2008, about 81 tons of recyclables were collected during football weekends, she said.

Kelley also said the University made progress by hosting educational events to bring about awareness about sustainability.

"Sustainability excites me in a way that other issues don't. It's integration of things that interest me and that I care about but more importantly I feel its something where we can all find our niche," she said.

Turgi said the Sisters of the Holy Cross also made progress in sustainability.

"This has been a very important issue for us for a long time both here and around the world," Turgi said.

The congregation has recently increased efforts to go green, she said. By converting the power plant from coal to natural gas, the Sisters have been able to decrease emissions.

Other efforts include composting, moving away from the use of disposable plastic ware and creating a natural prairie, which allows wildlife to live with limited human involvement.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israeli Minister calls for peace

JERUSALEM — Israel's defense minister warned Tuesday that if Israel does not achieve a peace deal with the Palestinians, it will be either a binational state or an undemocratic apartheid state.

Defense Minister Ehud Barak's comments came in an address to a security conference north of Tel Aviv.

Israeli leaders rarely use the term "apartheid" in connection to the Palestinians. The term, however, has been used by Israel's harshest critics to accuse it of using apartheid tactics against the Palestinians.

"The simple truth is, if there is one state" including Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, "it will have to be either binational or undemocratic. ... if this bloc of millions of Palestinians cannot vote, that will be an apartheid state."

Pope's comments spark outrage

LONDON — Pope Benedict XVI's condemnation this week of British equality legislation designed to protect gays and women in the workplace has deepened the battle lines between the Vatican and secularists, who demand that taxpayers not foot the security bill for his newly announced September visit.

The Roman Catholic Church's steadfast opposition to allowing gays to become priests or having rights such as adoption puts it at odds with changing attitudes in Britain, where acceptance of homosexuality has increased dramatically in recent decades.

NATIONAL NEWS

Judge hears gene patent case

NEW YORK — Lawyers challenging the rights of a company to hold patents on two human genes linked to breast and ovarian cancer have told a New York judge that the patents are stalling important research.

Lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union and the Public Patent Foundation asked federal Judge Robert Sweet in Manhattan Tuesday to rule the patents invalid. He did not immediately rule.

But attorney Brian Poissant said Myriad Genetics and the University of Utah Research Foundation have a right to the patents. He said to disallow the patents would wreck the foundation of the entire biotechnology industry and said court precedent is on their side.

U.S. government attorneys have defended the patents, saying the groups do not have the right to even challenge them.

Toxic metal found in jewelry

LOS ANGELES — Concern about the heavy metal cadmium in jewelry grew Tuesday as a California environmental group said new testing of adult necklaces and bracelets bought at three leading retailers, including Saks Fifth Avenue and Aeropostale, detected high levels of the toxic material — as much as 75 percent by weight.

One of the pieces was made in China and another was made in India. Labeling on a black-colored link necklace, purchased at Saks for \$69.99, did not indicate where it was made.

Based on the results of its testing, the Center for Environmental Health said it would seek a ban on cadmium in all jewelry.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. bans texting while driving

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House has passed a bill that would ban texting or sending e-mails while driving.

The House voted 95-3 for the bill Tuesday and sent it to the Senate for consideration. Supporters say it would save lives.

It would make transmitting text messages or e-mails while driving a Class C infraction with a possible fine of \$500.

Lawmakers enacted a law last year that prohibits drivers younger than 18 from using cell phones or other telecommunication devices while driving. This year's House bill does not cover drivers 18 or over talking on cell phones.

Leaders: End 'don't ask, don't tell'

Top defense officials advocate changing policy on gays and lesbians in the military

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's time to repeal the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy and allow gay troops to serve openly for the first time in history, the nation's top defense officials declared Tuesday, with the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff proclaiming that service members should not be forced to "lie about who they are."

However, both Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen asked for a year to study the impact before Congress would lift the controversial policy.

Reversing the Pentagon's 17-year-old policy toward gays "comes down to integrity," for the military as an institution as well as the service members themselves, Mullen told a Senate hearing. Unpersuaded, several Republican senators said they would oppose any congressional effort to repeal the policy.

The Pentagon announced an 11-month review of how the ban could be lifted, as President Barack Obama has said he will work to do. But there is no deadline for ending the policy that dates to President Bill Clinton's tenure and that gay rights advocates are pressing to overturn.

In the meantime, Gates announced plans to loosen enforcement rules for the policy, which says, in essence, that gays may serve so long as they keep their sexuality private.

Obama has called for repeal but has done little in his first year in office to advance that goal. If he succeeds, it would mark the biggest shake-up to military personnel policies since President Harry S. Truman's 1948 executive order integrating the services.

Homosexuality has never been openly tolerated in the American military, and the 1993 policy was intended to be a compromise that let gay men and women serve so long as they stayed silent about their sexuality. Clinton had wanted to repeal the ban entirely, but the military and



CodePink's Medea Benjamin demonstrates on Capitol Hill Tuesday as the Senate Armed Services Committee held a hearing on "don't ask, don't tell."

many in Congress argued that doing so would dangerously disrupt order.

Repealing the ban would take an act of Congress, something that does not appear close to happening.

Since "don't ask, don't tell" was established, much has changed. Five states and the District of Columbia have adopted laws permitting marriage of gay couples, while nine other states have granted similar rights to gay domestic partners.

The public's attitude toward gays and lesbians also has undergone a significant shift. A Pew poll last year indicated that 59 percent of Americans favor allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military, up from 52 percent in 1994.

On Tuesday, several

Democratic senators praised Mullen and Gates for what they said was courageous stance, but a number of Republicans spoke strongly against the idea of a repeal.

Gates drew unusually pointed criticism from Republicans on the Senate Armed Services Committee for saying the review would examine how, not whether, to repeal the ban. Arizona Sen. John McCain, the top Republican on the panel, icily told Gates he was disappointed in his position and suggested the Pentagon was usurping Congress' job.

"Has this policy been ideal? No, it has not," McCain said. "But it has been effective."

Mullen looked pained when Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., suggested that the Joint Chiefs chairman had preordained

the outcome of any study by signaling his own opposition to the ban.

"This is about leadership, and I take that very, very seriously," Mullen replied, tightlipped.

Tuesday's session gave Obama high-level cover on a divisive social issue complicated by the strains on an all-volunteer military force fighting two wars.

Gates, who says he is a Republican, is the only member of former President George W. Bush's Cabinet whom Obama asked to stay on. He has gained a reputation for both candor and caution. Mullen's words were a forceful endorsement from a careful man, and his very appearance, starched uniform and four stars on view, made a statement as well.

HAITI

Haitian judge questions held Americans

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — A Haitian judge on Tuesday was questioning a group of U.S. Baptist missionaries arrested trying to leave Haiti with a busload of children they gathered from the disaster zone.

The investigating magistrate queried the five women for several hours and will follow up with the five men on Wednesday, according to the Haiti's communications minister. No lawyers were present, and the Americans have yet to be charged.

Minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lassegue says the evidence will be presented to a Haitian district attorney to decide whether to file charges.

The Baptists from Idaho say they were only trying to help orphans survive the earthquake. But legal experts say taking children across a border without documents or government permission can be considered child trafficking.

At the SOS Children's Village orphanage where authorities are protecting the 33 children, regional director Patricia Vargas said none who are old enough and willing to talk had said they were orphans: "Up until now we have not encountered any who say they are an orphan."

Vargas said most of the children are between 3 and 6 years old, and unable to provide phone numbers or any other details about their origins.

The Americans apparently enlisted a clergyman who went knocking on doors asking people if they wanted to give away their children, the director of Haiti's social welfare agency, Jeanne Bernard Pierre, told The Associated Press.

"One child said to me, 'When they came knocking on our door asking for children, my mom decided to give me away because we are six children and by giving me away she would have only five kids to care for,'" Bernard Pierre said.

About 10 parents have come forward saying their children were taken, but it wasn't clear if any are related the case involving the Americans, Bernard Pierre said.

Wishon

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approached administrators at the end of 2009 to discuss his intention to leave Notre Dame.

"I think he felt after eight and a half years [at Notre Dame] he just wanted to do something different," Affleck-Graves said. "I think he's moving more into a consulting role, and [it was] just a decision at this stage that it was time for him to move on."

Affleck-Graves confirmed he has since installed John Sejdinaj, University vice president for Finance, as the interim CIO.

It was unclear what Wishon's initial plans were after leaving Notre Dame. Calls to Wishon's South Bend residence were not returned, and Wishon declined to comment when reached through former colleagues at OIT. Sources told The Observer Wishon has moved from the area.

Wishon joined the University in 2001 as CIO, associate provost and associate vice president.

Affleck-Graves said Wishon "made a large number of contributions to technology programs" during his tenure including overseeing the replacement of the University's enterprise systems.

Affleck-Graves said a search for the next CIO is already underway, but declined to give a timeline for when a new officer might be selected.

He said the priority was to find "somebody who has the vision and the experience to lead such an important department on campus."

In the meantime, Sejdinaj will provide leadership for

OIT, Affleck-Graves said. He called Sejdinaj "a very experienced administrator" who has "worked with all of our administrative systems," making him the best choice for the interim CIO.

Affleck-Graves said the University would announce the new CIO as soon as one is hired.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Wishon was CIO the Georgia Institute of Technology from 1994 to 2001.

He had previously served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, ending his military career as CIO at the Air Force Institute of Technology.

During his nine-year tenure at Notre Dame, Wishon led numerous developments and changes at OIT, including the installation of the University's current enterprise system, Renovare, and the conversion of most of the University's business operations systems to Banner.

During his tenure, OIT experienced physical renovations in the ITC building. OIT also implemented the online course management system known as Concourse, installed basic cable in all University residence halls, installed wireless Internet access in the majority of teaching and living spaces on campus, converted legacy Webmail e-mail systems to Gmail and Microsoft Exchange, and led the implementation of the University's emergency response system.

In 2004 Wishon was selected as one of Computerworld Magazine's Premier 100 IT Leaders. During his tenure, Notre Dame was awarded CIO Magazine's CIO100 award for innovation in information technology in 2005 and again in 2008.

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Minor

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Catholic institution to look at development in a certain way."

Housed in the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the IDS minor will utilize an interdisciplinary approach, incorporating electives from a variety of disciplines, a gateway and capstone course and a field-based research project for students to apply their academic experiences with work and study in the developing world.

"Through both classroom instruction and fieldwork, our graduates will understand both the human face of development and the global realities," the Ford Program said in a press release. "Our students will emerge poised to utilize and apply these teachings and experiences in their future careers and pathways."

Because of the partial funding the Ford Program hopes to provide students for their research project, the IDS minor will have a limited intake of approximately 12 students in its first year.

"We are looking for students that really want to make this a big part of their undergraduate studies leading to international development work through graduate studies or work in the field,"

Pohlen explained.

Rising sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply by March 15 for entrance into the minor.

"The minor is not only open to incoming sophomores, but that's where we're primarily going to look," Pohlen said. "We really want it to be three years of someone's career here."

While the list of cross-listed electives has not been finalized yet, the IDS minor is hoping to collaborate and work across majors and colleges to offer a variety of courses to broaden students' vocabulary and knowledge about development.

"We want to work toward developing courses across colleges, to get a course in science or engineering on water issues or global health that provides students with the vocabulary and understanding from a scientific perspective," Pohlen said.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology Rahul Oka will teach the gateway course for IDS in the fall of 2010 and will assist in further development of the minor. In addition, the Ford Program is looking to hire new professors with expertise in international development.

An informational session on the minor will be held on Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Hesburgh Center C-103.

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COR

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Notre Dame student receives a citation off campus from law enforcement and subsequently receives a citation from the University.

"There's been a lot of debate going on about violations off campus and getting hit twice; you get cited by the state and Notre Dame," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said he discussed this issue with a rector and said that he was told it was about community relations.

"If Notre Dame was hands-off about students getting in trouble, all of our relations with the community are thrown off," he said.

Some members of COR brought up the confusion over what rules in du Lac Notre Dame students are responsible for following off-campus, including when they are in their home states.

"There's an issue with over being cited for something off campus because we don't know what specific rules we are accountable for follow-

ing," Weber said. "For example, we don't have to follow parietals when we are off campus or at home."

Members of COR also brought up disciplinary actions. The rules now state that dorm offenses are subject to the rector of the dorm, but some members said many students felt they were getting fined for reasons

such as leaving too many pairs of shoes in the hallway.

Members suggested the creation of an office or committee that students could appeal to about rectors' decisions.

COR also talked about which issues student government representatives will present to the University's Board of Trustees Thursday evening. Schmidt and Weber outlined seven issues they would like the Board to know that the student body is concerned about.

"We don't ask the Board to respond," Schmidt said. "The Board members go to a lot of meetings that weekend and we hope that when they attend those meetings they know of the various issues that the student body is concerned with."

One of these issues was revising the non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation

tion. A resolution passed in the student Senate last week that called for the creation of a task force to deal with the homophobic nature of campus and the Senate called for the addition of sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause.

"It looks very possible that the clause will be revised to include sexual orientation," Schmidt said.

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Price

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coarse as the pornography creator's cynicism. That is the price of pleasure from pornography," he said.

He said the film failed to provide a portrayal of men who had given up addictions to pornography and were seeking counseling and healing.

Russell said many times students "don't have an out-

let to express their feelings or concerns about these challenging issues."

She said Notre Dame's Men of Strength program provides such an outlet on Notre Dame's campus.

Tom Robertson, a facilitator of the Men of Strength program said the program's goal is to "explore a holistic view of human sexuality and hold that in conversation with faith from an explicitly Catholic point of view."

Russell said the film will have been a success if it

sparked a conversation about the possibility of a kind of sexuality that has a hopeful message.

"How could our Catholic identity give us hope? Is there another model of sexuality that has a hopeful message? If we did anything to depict that message and start a conversation about those things, then yes, we achieved our goal for tonight," Russell said.

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Oil, trucking businesses sue Calif.

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, California — The petroleum and trucking industries Tuesday sued to block California's first-in-the-nation mandate for cleaner, low-carbon fuels.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Fresno by the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association and the American Trucking Associations. It is the third suit filed in the past two months challenging the regulations, adopted by the California Air Resources Board in April.

The groups say regulators violated the federal Commerce Clause by enacting rules that interfere with interstate commerce, favor biofuels produced in California, and do little to reduce the nation's greenhouse gases.

Charles Drevna, president of the petroleum association, said in a statement that the low-carbon fuel standard is an "ineffective tool" for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

He said the more carbon-intensive fuel banned in California would simply be used elsewhere.

Beginning next year, the standard requires petroleum refiners, companies that blend fuel and distributors to gradually increase the cleanliness of the fuel they sell in California.

Air Resources Board chair-

woman Mary Nichols issued a statement chastising the groups for challenging a regulation she said would save Californians \$11 billion over the next decade. It was adopted by the board two years after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called for it.

"Their actions are shameful. This is a critical tool to help us break our dependence on fossil fuels," Nichols said. "It will protect us from volatile oil prices and provide consumers with cleaner fuels and provide the nation with greater energy security."

The board has said the low-carbon mandate will reduce California's dependence on petroleum by 20 percent and account for one-tenth of the

state's goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.

The regulation would not mandate specific alternative fuels. Rather, it would assign a so-called carbon-intensity score to various fuels. All gasoline and diesel fuel sold in California must be 10 percent less carbon-intensive by 2020.

The Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, the California Dairy Campaign, the Renewable Fuels Associations and other groups in December filed a similar lawsuit in the same court. Their complaint says California's regulation conflicts with the federal Renewable Fuel Standard and will close California's borders to corn ethanol made in other states.



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IN BRIEF

Cohmad Securities charges dismissed

NEW YORK — Finding accusations “speculative and flimsy,” a judge has dismissed civil securities fraud charges against a New York brokerage firm and its executives that resulted from a probe into Bernard Madoff’s epic fraud.

The charges brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission were dismissed Monday against Cohmad Securities Corp., its chairman, Maurice “Sonny” Cohn, his daughter, Chief Operating Officer Marcia Cohn, and vice president and broker Robert Jaffe.

U.S. District Judge Louis L. Stanton gave the SEC permission to refile the charges but only if it can provide facts to back them up.

“Nowhere does the complaint allege any fact that would have put defendants on notice of Madoff’s fraud,” Stanton wrote. “Rather, the complaint supports the reasonable inference that Madoff fooled the defendants as he did individual investors, financial institutions and regulators.”

Dow has second large gain

NEW YORK — Signs of strength in the housing market pushed the Dow Jones industrial average to its second straight gain of more than 100 points.

An increase in the number of people with contracts to buy homes and the first profit at homebuilder D.R. Horton in three years raised hopes that one of the weakest parts of the economy is improving.

The Dow rose 111 points Tuesday, boosting its two-day gain to 230 points and extending a recovery from a slide in January. It was the biggest back-to-back advance for the Dow in three months.

The National Association of Realtors, a trade group, said its index of sale contracts rose 1 percent in December. It was the ninth improvement over the past 10 months as buyers scrambled to take advantage of a first-time homebuyer tax credit before it was set to expire in November.

“It’s a slow, sustainable growth,” said Daniel Penrod, senior industry analyst for the California Credit Union League. “Most people would prefer a quick rebound but that’s not likely to happen.”

Auto sales rise, Toyota struggles

GMC, Hyundai and Ford increase sales while the Japanese automaker’s drops

Associated Press

DETROIT — The U.S. auto industry rebounded from last January’s sales collapse with one big exception: Toyota, which lost an estimated 20,000 sales after it stopped selling eight models because of defective gas pedals.

Last month, U.S. sales of cars and light trucks to consumers rose 6 percent from a year earlier, thanks to increases in fleet sales and strong demand for newly redesigned vehicles such as the Hyundai Tucson SUV and Buick LaCrosse sedan. Big winners included General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co., Nissan Motor Co. and Hyundai Motor Co., which all posted double-digit sales increases.

But Toyota’s sales slipped 16 percent, and they could fall further as its sales stoppage drags into February. It was the first time since February 1998 that Toyota’s monthly U.S. sales fell below 100,000 vehicles, according to Ward’s AutoInfoBank.

Toyota’s troubles helped to knock the Camry off its traditional perch as the top-selling car in the U.S. Last month the Camry ranked fifth in car sales, passed by Honda’s Accord, Nissan’s Altima, Toyota’s Corolla and the Chevrolet Malibu. The Camry has been the top-selling car in the U.S. for the last eight years.

Toyota announced a recall of eight models, including the Camry, on Jan. 21 and halted sales of those models five days later because the accelerator pedals could stick and cause a crash. The recall has affected a total of 2.3 million vehicles in the U.S. Besides the Camry, the other models in the recall include Corolla and Avalon cars, the Matrix hatchback, the Tundra pickup, the Sequoia SUV and the RAV4 and Highlander.

Bob Carter, Toyota’s group vice president and general manager, said the suspended models amount to 60 percent of Toyota dealers’ inventory. All eight saw sales



2010 Toyota Corolla and Camrys are shown in a fenced lot behind a dealership in Warren, Mich., Monday.

declines. In December, most of them saw increases. The hybrid Prius, which wasn’t affected in the recall, posted a 13 percent gain.

Toyota’s pain wasn’t a gain for other automakers. They saw more Toyota owners browsing in their showrooms but few sales despite incentives offered by GM, Ford and some New York-area Honda dealers.

Ken Czubay, Ford Motor Co.’s vice president of sales, said Toyota’s actions may have hurt overall sales because consumers and dealers were unsure of the value of Toyota trade-ins.

“There was a tremendous amount of uncertainty. I don’t think the month enjoyed its normal pickup on the last weekend,” Czubay said.

John McEleney, who operates a Toyota dealership in Clinton, Iowa, expected January sales to be up 40 percent over last year until the automaker halted them. Now, January sales will be up 10 percent at the most, said McEleney, who is also president of the National Automobile Dealers Association.

“It died off last week because of the stop sale,” he said. “It comes at a tough time for dealers coming out of the recession.”

Carter said Tuesday that parts to fix the recalled vehicles are on their way to Toyota dealerships. Customers will also start receiving notices this week, staggered over time, about where and when they can have their vehicles repaired.

Carter emphasized that dealers would repair customer vehicles first and only then repair new vehicles on their lots. Dealers can resume selling vehicles affected by the recall, but he had no estimate for when that would be.

January is typically a weak month for U.S. auto sales, but automakers expected sales to improve over last January, when they dipped to a 26-year low because of the tough economy.

Sales to fleets — rental companies as well as corporate and government sales — boosted numbers last month. GM’s fleet sales surged 225 percent, while Ford’s jumped 154 percent. Other automakers didn’t release percentages of fleet sales.

Unemployment rises in metro areas

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unemployment rose in most cities and counties in December, signaling that companies remain reluctant to hire even as the economy recovers.

The unemployment rate rose in 306 of 372 metro areas, the Labor Department said Tuesday. The rate fell in 41 and was unchanged in 25. That’s worse than November, when the rate fell in 170 areas, rose in only 154 and was unchanged in 48.

The metro employment numbers aren’t seasonally adjusted and can be volatile. Many of the increases were due to seasonal factors.

For example, Ocean City, N.J., which bills itself as “America’s Greatest Family Resort,” saw its

unemployment rate jump to 16.4 percent in December from 14.8 percent the previous month.

That’s double the 8 percent it reported in July, even though the nation’s economy was in worse shape then.

Ocean City is one of the 19 metro areas that reported unemployment rates of at least 15 percent. Twelve of those are in California and three are in Michigan, the department said.

Joblessness topped 10 percent in 138 metro areas, up from 125 in November but below last year’s peak of 144 areas in June.

Improvement in the auto industry, meanwhile, saw unemployment rates drop in the metro areas around Detroit and Warren, Mich.

Automakers and auto parts companies have recalled workers in recent months as they seek to replenish inventories depleted by the “Cash for Clunkers” program, which caused a jump in car sales in August.

The Detroit area saw unemployment fall to 15.7 percent from 16.4 percent, while the Warren area reported a drop to 14.3 percent from 14.8 percent. While still high, the rates are down about 2 percentage points from last fall.

Steve Cochrane, a regional economist at Moody’s Economy.com, said it isn’t clear if the gains are sustainable once the auto companies have rebuilt their inventories.

“There are no guarantees the unemployment rates won’t go up again,” he said.

U.S. officials expect attack

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Al-Qaida can be expected to attempt an attack on the United States in the next three to six months, senior U.S. intelligence officials told Congress Tuesday.

The terrorist organization is deploying operatives to the United States to carry out new attacks from inside the country, including “clean” recruits with a negligible trail of terrorist contacts, CIA Director Leon Panetta said. The chilling warning comes as Christmas Day airline attack suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab is cooperating with federal investigators, a federal law enforcement official said Tuesday.

Al-Qaida is also inspiring homegrown extremists to trigger violence on their own, Panetta said.

The annual assessment of the nation's terror threats provided no startling new terror trends, but amplified growing concerns since the Christmas Day airline attack in Detroit that militants are growing harder to detect and moving more quickly in their plots.

“The biggest threat is not so much that we face an attack like 9/11. It is that al-Qaida is adapting its methods in ways that oftentimes make it difficult to detect,” Panetta told the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Several senators tangled over whether suspected terrorists should be tried in civilian or military court. At the same time, a group of bipartisan law-

makers introduced legislation that would force the Obama administration to backtrack on its plans to try Sept. 11 defendants in federal court in New York and use military tribunals instead.

As al-Qaida presses new terror plots, it is increasingly relying on new recruits with minimal training and simple devices to carry out attacks, Panetta said as part of the terror assessment to Congress.

Panetta also warned of the danger of extremists acting alone: “It's the lone-wolf strategy that I think we have to pay attention to as the main threat to this country,” he said.

The hearing comes just over a month since a failed attempt to bring down an airliner in Detroit, allegedly by a Nigerian suspect. And the assessment comes only a few months after U.S. Army Maj. Nidal Hassan is accused of single-handedly attacking his fellow soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, killing 13.

National Intelligence Director Dennis Blair said with changes made since the Dec. 25 attack, U.S. intelligence would be able to identify and stop someone like the Detroit bomber before he got on the plane. But he warned a more careful and skilled would-be terrorist might not be detected.

FBI Director Robert Mueller defended the FBI's handling of the Detroit attempted bombing attack, disputing assertions that agents short-circuited more intelligence insights from the Nigerian suspect by quickly

providing him with his Miranda rights to remain silent.

Mueller was asked by Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., whether the interrogation of Abdulmutallab continues despite the fact that the suspect had already been read his legal right to remain silent. Mueller replied: “Yes.”

Mueller said that in “case after case,” terrorists have provided actionable intelligence even after they were given their rights and charged with crimes. Mueller said they know such cooperation can result in shorter sentences or other consideration from the government.

Hundreds of terror suspects have already been convicted in civilian federal courts, including convicted shoe bomber Richard Reid.

But Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., offered a bill Tuesday that would prohibit the government from using Justice Department funds to prosecute suspects charged in the Sept. 11 attack in civilian courts.

The move comes on the heels of the Obama administration's decision to rethink whether it would try 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammad in a New York City courtroom.

The proposed law would cover people who legally could be prosecuted by a military commission, applying to terror suspects who are not U.S. citizens. By Tuesday evening, the bill had support from 18 senators, mostly Republicans.

IRAN

Ahmadinejad proposes U.S. prisoner exchange

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday proposed a swap of Iranians in U.S. prisons for three American hikers being held in Tehran.

Ahmadinejad said in interview with state TV that there were ongoing negotiations about exchanging the hikers for several Iranians jailed for years in the United States.

“There are some talks under way to have an exchange, if it is possible,” he said. “Recently they (the U.S.) have sent messages, we answered to bring them (the Iranians), to bring these people (the hikers). We are hopeful that all prisoners will be released.”

Ahmadinejad did not mention any specifics but in December Iran released a list of 11 Iranians it says are being held in the U.S. — including a nuclear scientist who disappeared in Saudi Arabia and a former Defense Ministry official who vanished in Turkey. The list also includes an Iranian arrested in Canada on charges of trying to obtain nuclear technology.

“I had said I would help in releasing them, but the attitude of some of U.S. officials damages the job,” said Ahmadinejad. “There are a large number of Iranians in prison in the U.S. They have abducted some of our citizens in

other countries.”

Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Josh Fattal were hiking in Iraq's northern Kurdistan region in July when they accidentally crossed the border into Iran, their families have said.

Samantha Topping, a New York City-based spokeswoman for the three families, said they had no comment on Ahmadinejad's remarks.

The White House, through a spokesman, called the reports “fragmentary.”

“If President Ahmadinejad's comments suggest that they are prepared to resolve these cases, we would welcome that step,” National Security Council spokesman Mike Hammer said. “But we have not entered into any discussion with Iran about an exchange. As we have indicated publicly, if Iran has questions about its citizens in U.S. custody, we are prepared to answer them.”

Iran's foreign minister said in late December that the three would be tried in court, but he did not say when a trial would begin or what the three would be charged with other than to say they had “suspicious aims.” Earlier, the country's chief prosecutor said they were accused of spying.

Their families have said that's ludicrous and last month hired an Iranian attorney to press the case.

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Study: Child abuse down

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A massive new federal study documents an unprecedented and dramatic decrease in incidents of serious child abuse, especially sexual abuse. Experts hailed the findings as proof that crackdowns and public awareness campaigns had made headway.

An estimated 553,000 children suffered physical, sexual or emotional abuse in 2005-06, down 26 percent from the estimated 743,200 abuse victims in 1993, the study found.

"It's the first time since we started collecting data about these things that we've seen substantial declines over a long period, and that's tremendously encouraging," said professor David Finkelhor of the University of New Hampshire, a leading researcher in the field of child abuse.

"It does suggest that the mobilization around this issue is helping and it's a problem that is amenable to solutions," he said.

The findings were contained in the fourth installment of the National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect, a congressionally mandated study that has been conducted periodically by the Department of Health and Human Services. The previous version was issued in 1996, based on 1993 data.

The new study is based on information from more than 10,700 "sentinels" — such as child welfare workers, police officers, teachers, health care professionals and day care workers — in 122 counties across the country. The detailed data collected from them was then used to make

national estimates.

The number of sexually abused children decreased from 217,700 in 1993 to 135,300 in 2005-2006 — a 38 percent drop, the study shows. The number of children who experienced physical abuse fell by 15 percent and the number of emotionally abused children dropped by 27 percent.

The 455-page study shied away from trying to explain the trends, but other experts offered their theories.

"There's much more public awareness and public intolerance around child abuse now," said Linda Spears, the Child Welfare League of America's vice president for public policy. "It was a hidden concern before — people were afraid to talk about it if it was in their family."

She also noted the proliferation of programs designed to help abusers and potential abusers overcome their problems.

Finkelhor, whose own previous research detected a drop in abuse rates, said the study reveals "real, substantial declines" that cannot be dismissed on any technical grounds, such as changing definitions of abuse.

He suggested that the decline was a product of several coinciding trends, including a "troop surge" in the 1990s when more people were deployed in child protection services and the criminal justice system intensified its anti-abuse efforts with more arrests and prison sentences.

Finkelhor also suggested that the greatly expanded use of medications may have enabled many potential child abusers to treat the conditions that other-

wise might have led them to molest or mistreat a child.

"There's also been a general change in perceptions and norms about what one can get away with, so much more publicity about these things," he said.

One curious aspect of the study was the manner of its release. Although HHS had launched the study in 2004 and invested several million dollars, it was posted a few days ago on the Internet with no fanfare — neither a press release nor a news conference. Finkelhor, noting that experts in the field had been impatiently awaiting the study, described this low-profile approach as "shocking."

The findings might be disconcerting to some in the child-welfare field who base their funding pitches on the specter of ever-rising abuse rates, said Richard Wexler, executive director of the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform.

"The best use of scarce child welfare dollars is on prevention and family preservation — not on hiring more people to investigate less actual abuse," said Wexler.

The study found some dramatic differences in child abuse rates based on socioeconomic factors. Poor children were three times more likely than other kids to experience abuse, and rates of abuse in African-American families were significantly higher than for whites and Hispanics.

Family structure also was a factor — for example, children whose single parent had a live-in partner faced an abuse rate 10 times that of a child living with two parents.

HAITI

Flow of aid, violence slow recovery process



Men carry the body of 24-year-old Sergeline Joseph Tuesday in Haiti after her father, tired of waiting, paid them to dig her body out.

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A generous world has flooded Haiti with donations, but anger and desperation are mounting as the aid stacks up inside this broken country.

Bottlenecks at key transportation points and scattered violence, including an armed group's attack on a food convoy, have slowed the distribution of food and medicine from the port, airport and a warehouse in the Cite-Soleil slum. U.S. air traffic controllers have lined up 2,550 incoming flights through March 1, but some 25 flights a day aren't taking their slots. Communication breakdowns between Haitians and their foreign counterparts are also endemic.

"Aid is bottlenecking at the Port-au-Prince airport. It's not getting into the field," said Mike O'Keefe, who runs Bayan Air Service in Fort Lauderdale.

Foreign aid workers and Haitians are fed up with waiting for help. One Haitian father paid a group of men more than \$200 on Tuesday to retrieve his daughter's body from his collapsed house, rather than wait for demolition crews.

"No one is in charge," said Dr. Rob Maddox of Start, Louisiana, tending to dozens of patients in the capital's sprawling general hospital. "There's no topdown leadership. The Swiss don't want to cooperate with us. And since the Haitian government took control of our supplies, we have to wait for things even though they're stacked up in the warehouse. The situation is just madness."

Donors say the key logistical challenges are dealing with a backlog of supply flights at the airport, repairing and increasing the capacity of the city's piers and dealing with clogged overland routes from outlying airports and Dominican Republic. Most roads are just two lanes with many pot holes.

Some are also worried that isolated routes are vulnerable to ambush. Haiti is plagued with crime, violence and gangs.

Twenty armed men blocked a road and tried to hijack a convoy of food for earthquake victims Saturday, but were driven off by police gunfire, U.N. spokesman Vincenzo Pugliese said Tuesday.

The attack on the convoy as it carried supplies from an airport in the southern town of Jeremie underscored what the United Nations calls a "potentially volatile" security situation.

Mobs have also stolen food and looted goods from their neigh-

bors in the camps, prompting many to band together or stay awake at night to prevent raids.

Small groups of state employees and lawyers held protests across the city Tuesday, denouncing President Rene Preval's leadership. Prime Minister Max Bellerive defended the government's performance before a quorum of 20 Haitian senators.

"Even the most advanced countries could not respond to this crisis," he said.

Bellerive's speech drew an angry response from senators.

"The government has not been able to even prove symbolically that it exists," said Sen. Endrisse Riche, noting that he heard about Tuesday's meeting from a friend and hadn't been contacted by anyone in government since the quake.

The Jan. 12 earthquake killed at least 150,000 and demolished virtually every government building in the capital. Some 1 million people are homeless, many huddling in crude tents made of sticks and bed sheets.

The Haitian government recently asked private aid organizations to send e-mails detailing what they're doing and where. The goal is to coordinate food being distributed by non-governmental organizations, though not U.N. efforts. Officials complain some areas are receiving multiple rations while others have nothing.

"It is true we are in need," said Sen. Jean Joel Joseph. "But don't treat us like dogs ... as if we are animals."

Air Force spokeswoman Capt. Candace Park about 120 to 140 flights a day are landing at Port-au-Prince airport, which pre-earthquake was handling about 25 planes a day.

American Red Cross officials in Washington say there is still a list of 1,000 flights waiting to land at Haiti's airport. And taking supplies overland from the Dominican Republic to the capital now takes 18 hours, where it used to take only six, said David Meltzer, the charity's senior vice president for international services.

In an attempt to avoid long lines at the Port, Meltzer said his agency, which has received some \$203 million in donations for earthquake relief, has created a "boat bridge" to unload relief supplies from a Colombian Red Cross ship off shore.

Another way to avoid further aid backup on the tarmac is to buy it in Haiti, said Edward Rees, whose nonprofit Peace Dividend Trust in Haiti is pressing donors to purchase local goods and hire local workers whenever possible.

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A reckless train of thought

I was standing in the line at the Café Commons (the café in the business school) the other afternoon, jockeying for position between the checkout line, the coffee line and the sandwich line. After giving up on finding the right line, and embarrassingly bumping into a bunch of kids with my backpack, I surrendered and ran away. I could only think of one thing: how can a top business school run such a hectic, poorly designed coffee and sandwich joint?



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

Waddick's, that bastion of liberal art impracticality, runs relatively more efficiently and still offers delicious breakfast sandwiches.

This led me to consider what I had learned in Mendoza in all of my required classes from business ethics to strategic management and corporate finance. As an accounting major, much to my professors' delight, I could definitely set up a decent little cost accounting system to ensure that overheads were properly considered. I could handle the bookkeeping aspects. However, when it comes to the nuts and bolts of setting the business up, designing floor plans or sandwich bars for efficiency, all I have to fall back on is 1.5 credits of "process analysis," a half semester course that barely touches on ways to consider managing actual management of a business, from the floor, not from behind

a computer. Could I even run the café commons?

I started to think about how many of my fellow students I knew that were looking to graduate on to become corporate managers in manufacturing companies (such as Coca-Cola), and came up with less than one off the top of my head. I'm talking about the people that get on the floor and help build products that people want. Most everybody I know is going into some service oriented job such as consulting, accounting or banking.

Maybe, I thought, the issue here isn't Mendoza, or even Notre Dame, but some sort of America problem. That is, all of the students that go to school to learn business skills don't actually want to sell anything to anybody, beyond their own knowledge as a consultant or banker. This could be an issue, as these knowledge sellers must have a customer who sells something real to consult, finance, etc. Private equity couldn't oust CEOs and managers if there are no CEOs left.

What then is America's manufacturing advantage? Where would aspiring industrial giants go? We fell behind the Japanese in automobiles years ago. The Chinese are ripping us up in selling clean energy technology. With Inbev's purchase of Anheuser-Busch, the Belle's are killing us. We lost beer!

What if there is some sort of business person equilibrium? There should be some point where there are enough consultants to handle other industries' consulting needs, and there are enough banks to finance all of the IPO's necessary. Are

we close? What happens if we can only continue to churn out mutual fund managers and hedge fund operators? Do we become the financial service providers to the world?

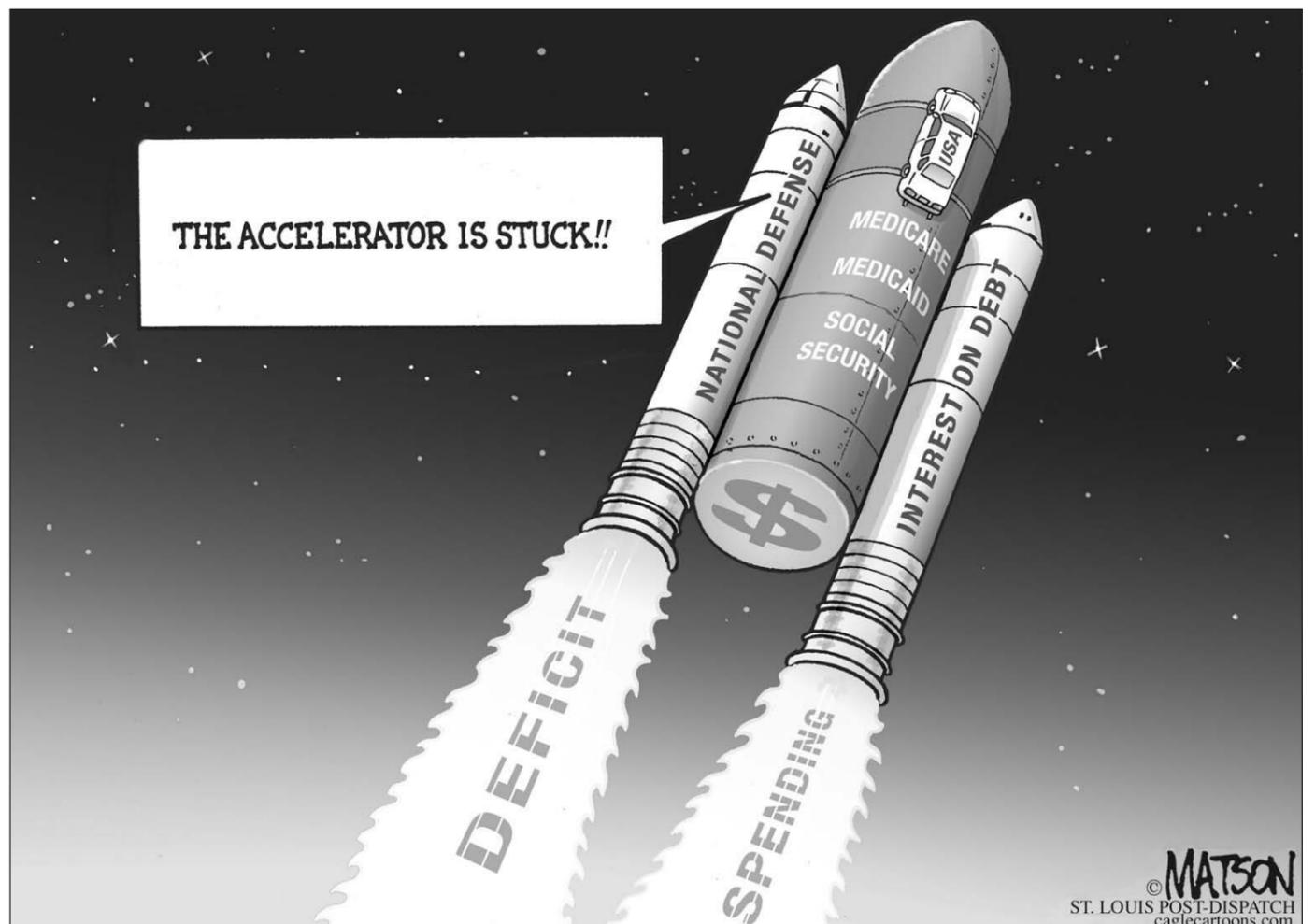
It seems this stark imbalance of graduates selling services over those selling products can only continue as long as we have some knowledge advantage over other countries. That is to say, we have some business knowledge edge that keeps us in demand above other countries' graduates. We have a gem of an education system, and one that does in fact give us that edge. But other countries' are on the rise! Global competition is getting stiffer and stiffer for financier positions, are we continuing to become sharper and more astute?

Oh man, I thought, this looks bad. I couldn't really handle any more. My logic started twisting onto itself, and my knees went slightly wobbly. Maybe I extrapolated a little too much from this sandwich shop incident. But I still can't help but feel unnerved when I see the Café Commons swamped with students standing en masse trying to get a bite to eat. I only wish I had been required to take future issues, the new course that allegedly would give me special sight into the future. Perhaps, then, my mind could be put to ease.

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"A smile is the shortest distance between two people."

Victor Borge
Danish comedian

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What matters more

To start, I'd like to say that I support the beliefs of those who took part in the silent protest in an attempt to get sexual orientation added to the non-discrimination clause. I fully believe it should be added. However, in response Will Haley's viewpoint entitled "Jenkins disappoints," (Feb. 1) I felt that there are two crucial flaws within your argument.

It seems as if you expected Fr. Jenkins to come out of the main building and immediately begin to "engage in conversation" (literally or figuratively). You claim that the administration is "sluggish" and "non-responsive." I disagree with you. It is not that the administration is "non-responsive." The real issue here is that you (and I) do not agree with the response they have provided.

The University has clearly expressed over the years that sexual orientation will not be added to the non-discrimination clause. However, this is not because Fr. Jenkins wants to discriminate against the LGBT community. I believe one of the main reasons it has yet to be added is because of the Church's stance on homosexuality. Take a look at the Catholic perspective on the groups that are included in the clause. The church does not consider being black, being Hispanic, being a woman, or being a certain age contrary to natural law.

However, the Church does consider homosexual acts contrary to natural law. When I was a freshman, this belief was described explicitly at a mandatory meeting. We can try to peacefully begin conversation as much as we'd like. However, this University will stand by the Church. Until the Church as a whole accepts the

LGBT way of life and the sexual acts involved with it, a new "conversation" at this University will not re-open. You might say that you are only asking the University to not discriminate against the people themselves (rather than homosexual acts), but the Catholic administration most likely views the concession of "sexual orientation" in the non-discrimination clause as a step they cannot take given the Church position.

This brings me to my second point. This issue has surrounded the non-discrimination clause since 1997. It has been a part of the church for far longer than that. Essentially, I'm saying that this issue is not a new one. However, LGBT students and allies with knowledge of the University position (or at the very least, access to it) choose to attend this University every year. You have made the choice to be a part of a University that disagrees with you. You've made the choice to stick it out and fight for something you believe in, but you need to understand that the University probably won't budge. At the end of the day, if you are a student or professor that disagrees with the University position, you need to ask yourself what matters more. Do you care more about the University, its teachers, its students, the tradition, and the mystique or do you care enough about this issue to leave all that behind and move on to a community that is more accepting?

Mike Matheson
junior
Alumni Hall
Feb. 1

Huddle prices, explained

In response to Dave Schmidt's letter ("Still overpriced," Jan. 20) concerning high Huddle Mart prices, I have to step in and defend the beloved campus mart. Schmidt complains that many of the store's items are sold for more than double their comparable retail price. He accuses management of abusing their virtual monopoly over on-campus beverage and snack sales (might I suggest DormDrinks.com).

While he presents compelling evidence, his argument has one fatal flaw: the "flex point" is actually a foreign currency, worth approximately 0.50 U.S. dollar. Clif Bars priced at \$2.09? Wrong! Try dividing by two. Orange Powerade, \$1.99? Again, divide by two. Elsewhere on campus: you want a \$5.00 footlong? Sorry, we only sell an \$8.50 footlong! In other words, campus retailers have to charge "double" because they are getting paid in worthless flex units.

The scandal here is not overpricing but that

our tuition payments are debited \$300 for a semester's allotment of flex points, but that account is only capable of purchasing \$150 worth of goods. It is no wonder our university's endowment has performed so well: Notre Dame is one of the world's most deceitful FOREX traders (Just kidding, Scott).

Thankfully, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Renowned Notre Dame villain Barack Obama and the U.S. Treasury are embarking on a mission to colossally devalue the dollar, a step which would make flex points appreciably more valuable and, finally, restore students' ability to purchase reasonably-priced soy milk.

Thanks Barry.

Adam Hansmann
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Feb. 1

Orientation and identity

I am a man. Regardless of my psychological, spiritual or emotional inclinations, my physical body has a natural sexual orientation. My body is naturally created to be complemented by a woman. The man and woman's bodies fit together, almost like a puzzle. Man and woman are created for selfless, monogamous relationships, physically revealed through our body orientation and hormones, such as oxytocin.

However, my desires do not always coincide with this natural orientation. In our world of hookups, porn, prostitutes, my desires are constantly conflicting. However, I do not let my raging hormones define me. My sexual appetite is not who I am.

I am defined by my expression of those desires. I am not a hormonal, licentious teenager. I am a virgin. I am respectful of women. I am a man. According to God, my sexual orientation is: chaste, or at least in pursuit of chastity. This chastity exists in abstinence in single or religious life, or selfless, monogamous love in marriage.

However, by the standards that many people are trying to instill, my sexual orientation is: heterosexual. That is, I desire sex with women.

Putting "sexual orientation" into our non-

discrimination clause would be degrading to both heterosexuals and homosexuals. It would seem to define us by our desires, rather than who we are. By our inclinations, rather than our choices.

If, on the other hand, those advocating an addition of "sexual orientation" hope to use it in definition of our choices, we have a bigger problem. There is a reason that Notre Dame was voted as a university where "alternative lifestyles are not an alternative." If we are truly to be a Catholic university, there is no alternative to chastity. It must be our mission to always pursue chaste lifestyles among all members of our community.

At times, these members will fail. I have failed many, many times. However, we must not become complacent with these failures. We must always pursue the good, the true and the beautiful.

In heaven, we will not be "gay," "lesbian," "bisexual," "transgendered" or "straight." We will be chaste.

Christopher Damian
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Jan. 31

Travesty at ND

By all accounts, Notre Dame is a relatively pricey school. However, tuition at least in theory can be justified by the education that we as students are receiving and the jobs that this education should provide (again this is in theory as I am a senior Finance major and thus far unemployed). The room and board is in excess of \$10,000, which is more than it costs to attend a variety of schools in total. The food at the Dining Hall is fairly good if not occasionally repetitive. However, a real problem exists at least for some of us in the fine dormitory of Dillon Hall. While it's not enough that our rooms are shoeboxes compared to some of the dorms on campus, residents of the third floor have to suffer the indignity of having only two working showers in one of the two bathrooms that service the floor. Dillon has roughly 300 men in it. If we can assume an equal division of people per floor, that means 100 guys have seven showers to choose from. As a rational person could imagine, that creates quite the logjam in the morning. This logjam, while a major inconvenience when an individually is fully able, is a nightmare when a person like say me has been on crutches until this point in the semester. Whether I choose to go to the bathroom on the other side or attempt to go down to the second floor, crutching while holding one's towel up to avoid inadvertently flashing the cleaning ladies and carrying a shower caddy is an immense juggling act that I have nearly failed at numerous times. Though I have perhaps come at this point in a fairly roundabout way, to put it simply, Notre Dame this is ridiculous. A superintendent in any apartment that costs \$10,000 for nine months out of the year would be fired if he/she was unable to resolve an issue over this length of time. Notre Dame should be held to no lower standard. For my money's worth, I want to be able to shower with ease.

John Martell
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Jan. 31

Zinn's (biased) history

Howard Zinn's death certainly marked the passing of a man with great intellectual talent. But at risk of being accused of speaking ill of the dead, it is critical that Zinn's so-called "legacy" be clarified. It is unfortunate that he used his respected position as an academic as a bully pulpit of sorts to extol radical, revisionist views. His widely-read, iconoclastic polemic, "A People's History of the United States" is a reductionist, quasi-Marxist depiction of American history as that of the inherently venerable masses of the poor pitted against the big, bad, perpetually evil, rich, elite villains (almost always white males). Zinn committed the cardinal sin against history-writing; that is, he put theory first and facts second. "A People's History of the United States" is rife with inaccurate facts and glaring omissions in accordance with his social and political aims (Zinn does not include even a single source citation). As historian Michael Kammen wrote, "the people are entitled to have their history whole; not just those parts that will anger or embarrass them ... If that is asking for the moon, then we will cheerfully settle for balanced history." Zinn forced historical actors to comply with his own leftist heuristics, rather than attempting to understand them in the context of their respective time periods. "Persons of conscience" to whom Ms. Trionfero referred would be much better served reading "A History of the American People" by celebrated historian and Presidential Medal of Freedom Awardee Paul Johnson, a critical yet more balanced and optimistic account. But then again, if I disagree with him, I suppose I am one of those who do not qualify as "the people" in Zinn's mind. I think I would rather not.

Brendan O'Reilly
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Celebrate Tory Jackson

The Notre Dame family should take a moment to recognize and celebrate the contribution of Tory Jackson. A team-first player asked to step in to a critical role as a freshman, Tory has consistently been the consummate leader and model teammate. Although he won't be considered a statistical great, the values of hard work, competitiveness and teamwork that he embodies should be celebrated by all of us.

It is shameful that Tory's senior season has been awash in the selfish play of one teammate trying to turn his team's season in to a personal NBA tryout. His stumbling coach seems insistent on mismanaging time-outs and game situations. Sadly, much of Tory's efforts are being lost in this shuffle of incompetence, but he continues to stand above.

Thanks Tory. You continue to be the kind of athlete that makes the Notre Dame family proud.

Respectfully,

Joe Schueller
alumnus
Class of 1995
Jan. 31

Playlist of the Week: Best Soundtracks



By: Alex Kilpatrick

- 1 "New Slang"- (Garden State)
- 2 "Can I Kick It?"- (The Wackness)
- 3 "Falling Slowly"- (Once)
- 4 "Tiny Dancer"- (Almost Famous)
- 5 "You're the One That I Want"- (Grease)
- 6 "Dry The Rain"- (High Fidelity)
- 7 "Jai Ho"- Slumdog Millionaire
- 8 "Mrs. Robinson"- (The Graduate)
- 9 "Come What May"- (Moulin Rouge)
- 10 "It's a Long Way to the Top"- (School of Rock)
- 11 "Hey Jude"- (Across the Universe)
- 12 "So Long, Farewell"- (Sound of Music)

You may not watch them for the music, but movies are always made better with a stellar soundtrack. A really well put together soundtrack, a collection of killer songs that capture the film's mood perfectly, stands on its own as an excellent album. So here's a mix of songs that made the movies you watched memorable, from Broadway turned big-budget films to rock soundtracks to the classics you'll watch over and over again.



By MATT BROWN
Scene Writer

"It's time to nut up or shut up." That about sums up the movie "Zombieland," a bizarre mix of laugh-out-loud comedy, sound zombie advice and life lessons that somehow blend together and make one of the most entertaining movies I have seen in the past year. I cannot say enough about this movie; I came out of the theatre and had to massage my mouth because it was sore from laughing so much. Plus, as I mentioned briefly above, it has 100 percent legitimate guidelines for surviving the next zombie apocalypse that you find yourself in. Here are several rules to keep in mind as you sit down to watch this movie, released on DVD on Feb. 2.

Rule No. 1: Watch it with other people. You are going to want to have people you can talk to about it and quote it with afterwards. For days you will find yourself walking down the quad, remembering a part you need to share. Make sure you allow yourself a safe number of people you can contact.

Rule No. 2: Watch this with someone who has given thought to the eventual zombie apocalypse (it's coming folks). Seeing their thoughtful nods as the protagonist Columbus (Jesse Eisenberg) outlines his rules for survival may be as entertaining as

the shockingly simple, yet beautiful in their simplicity, rules.

Rule No. 3: Enjoy Woody Harrelson in his best role since "White Men Can't Jump." Tallahassee (Harrelson) is endearingly insane with a childlike dedication to his search for a Twinkie and plain badass in his zombie destruction.

Rule No. 4: Watch for the cameo. Best. Cameo. Ever.

Rule No. 5: Get ready to laugh. The hits just keep on coming as the movie rolls on; one-liners, running jokes and situational comedy, this bad boy has them all.

The basic plotline is this: zombies have taken over the United States of America. There are very few survivors traveling the roads, all trying to get some place, to find relatives, to escape, or just to find a piece of past happiness. Our main protagonist, Columbus, is trying to get to ...

Columbus, and is traveling the highway when he meets Tallahassee, who is trying to get to... you guessed it, Tallahassee.

The entire movie, we do not find out their real names, every person only being referred to by what city they are trying to reach. They continue down the road and eventually meet up with Wichita and her younger sister Little Rock headed to ... you get it. Anyway they continue down the road together and make their way to the west coast with several small hiccups on the way. As they go, we get treated to the zombie kill of the week, some of Tallahassee's favorite memories and how Columbus was first exposed to this terrible zombie plague, all of which are, at the very least, smile-inducing. Without giving much away, the girls make it to the park and manage to get into a bit of a pickle, leaving our intrepid hero torn between continuing his journey or riding to the rescue. Bottom line: Enjoy this movie, that is what it was made to do and that is what it does

to the highest degree.

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By CAITLIN FERRARO
Assistant Scene Editor

“When in Rome” fails in so many ways, especially in that the film barely takes place in the magical city. The viewer thinks that they get to experience an hour and a half of beautiful Rome, but instead are left with a poor picture of Manhattan. Director Mark Steven Johnson’s romantic comedy also falls short in achieving the sentiments of romance or humor. Instead, it leaves the viewer wondering why they spent their money and time on such a disaster.

“When in Rome” stars the usually charming Kristen Bell as Beth, a hardworking art curator who cares more about her job than finding love. She is a total cliché, and it seems nobody in her life, including her parents, thinks she can be happy without finding that special guy. The viewers ought to cringe at the caricature of a woman presented and her need to be completed by a man. So of course to add insult to injury, her little sister Joan (Alexis Dziena) suddenly announces she is getting married after knowing her fiancé for two weeks.

If only Beth could jump into love like her baby sister! Thus, Beth heads to Rome, the arguably most romantic city in the world.



Unfortunately, except for one beautiful montage of scenes while Beth is in a taxi on her way to the wedding, Johnson fails to capture the magnificence, antiquity and romance of Rome.

At the wedding, Beth meets the hopelessly clumsy best man Nick (Josh Duhamel) who just might be the guy she is looking for to uproot her from her wayward ways of working too much. These first 20 minutes are the most enjoyable ones of the film, as Bell and Duhamel have their only few cute moments together and the physical comedy is funny. But then tragedy strikes — the gimmick of the plot gets in the way.

After a misunderstanding with Nick, Beth, feeling alone and lovelorn, takes

five coins from the Trevi Fountain and the owners of those coins magically fall in love with her. This is where the film takes a terrible turn for the worse. Suddenly five reasonably good actors turn into idiots. Dax Shepard is annoying as a self-indulgent model. Jon Heder is pathetic as a struggling street magician. Comedy genius Will Arnett is reduced to a goofy, lovesick painter with a ridiculous Italian accent. And Danny DeVito, in an uncredited role, is a persistent sausage king.

The four men chase Beth all over New York City trying to prove their love. The comedy of the film is that uncomfortable kind that makes the viewer want to shield their eyes to avoid witnessing the embarrassing stunts the characters continually pull. Whether it is the actors or the filmmaker’s fault, there is a lack of comic timing.

While the others are being fools, Nick is pursuing Beth ardently. But can Beth open up her heart to love? And furthermore, is Nick the owner of the fifth coin and simply under the spell? Unfortunately, that is the extent of the conflict and chemistry in the film. If only someone else could save this film, but the rest of the supporting cast fails as well. Anjelica Houston is boring as Beth’s boss and Beth’s assistant Stacy (Kate Micucci) is simply strange.

Bell tries to salvage the film, but Beth’s character is a far cry from the interesting ones of Veronica Mars and Sarah Marshall. Duhamel does his best as well, and it doesn’t hurt that he is gorgeous. Unfortunately his good looks are one of the only redeemable qualities about this film. The two did their best with an unfunny script and poor dialogue.

But as the ridiculous credits in which the cast break out into dancing roll, you can’t help wonder why these two fall in love with each other — a critical component of any successful romantic comedy.

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‘When in Rome’
Walt Disney Pictures

Directed by: Mark Steven Johnson
Starring: Kristen Bell, Josh Duhamel, Dax Shepard,
Jon Heder, Will Arnett, Danny DeVito



By MAIJA GUSTIN
Assistant Scene Editor

This Saturday, Feb. 6, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the Irish film “Hunger.” The film is director Steve McQueen’s (not that Steve McQueen) directorial debut, and has met with praise from film circles around the world. The movie centers on a real-life Irish hunger strike from 1981. Michael Fassbender plays Bobby Sands, an Irish revolutionary who organized this hunger strike to protest horrid conditions in the Maze Prison.

But this prison is not just any prison. It is more of an internment camp than a prison, where internees live military-structured lives and study guerilla warfare. However, convicted prisoners are denied the same rights that these internees get. They are treated as sub-human and have almost no autonomy over their own rights. Enter Bobby Sands, a volunteer for the Provisional Irish Republican Army. While hunger strikes had been used both in and out of the prison system prior to this 1981 strike, Sands’ proved most effective. Prisoners joined one at a time at spread out intervals, hoping to garner more public support and

put heavy pressure on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. This proved to be more effective than past tactics. But to know the results of Sands’ hunger strike, check out “Hunger” this weekend.

However, “Hunger” is more than a simple black-and-white retelling of this famous Irish historical event. It explores the lives and relationships of the men involved and it questions the ethics and morality of hunger strikes.

“Hunger” has received numerous awards and nominations since its release in 2008, including the Caméra d’Or prize for new filmmakers at the Cannes Film Festival. The

film has gone on to become one of the most successful Irish movies ever made. Director McQueen and star Fassbender have also garnered massive praise from around the world.

“Hunger” is sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. It begins at 6:30 Saturday and runs for 90 minutes. It is a free but ticketed event. For tickets or more information, call or visit the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Ticket Office.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cousins scores 18 in Wildcats' win over Ole Miss

Onuaku scores season high in Syracuse's victory over Providence; Nova continues streak after defeating Seton Hall 81-71

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — John Wall shook off a recent slump to score 17 points to go with seven assists while leading No. 4 Kentucky to an 85-75 win over No. 25 Mississippi on Tuesday night.

DeMarcus Cousins added 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Wildcats (21-1, 6-1 Southeastern Conference), who built an early double-digit lead then held off a couple of second-half rallies by the Rebels.

Even better for the Wildcats was the steady play of Wall, who was all smiles following a meeting with coach John Calipari to clear the air after both expressed frustration over the freshman's recent play.

Terrico White led Mississippi (16-6, 4-4) with 19 points and Chris Warren added 15 but Mississippi missed freshman big man Reginald Buckner, who sat out his second straight game with a sprained ankle.

Ole Miss certainly could have used Buckner's presence. Kentucky shot 50 percent from the field and outscored the Rebels 44-30 in the paint.

With more than 20 NBA scouts and a handful of general managers on hand, all eyes were on Wall's play. The rest of the packed house at Rupp Arena was a little more focused on his demeanor.

He created a small furor over the weekend when he told reporters he "wasn't having any fun" after the Wildcats beat Vanderbilt.

The freshman expressed frustration with Calipari and his own inability to live up to the sky-high expectations he's built for himself.

During a private chat, Calipari reminded Wall that even the best freshmen struggle at times, including his former Memphis stars Tyreke Evans and Derrick Rose. Calipari urged Wall to stop worrying about trying to compete with his own hype and try to focus on simply enjoying himself.

His mood appeared to be corresponding with his play. After a scintillating start to the season in which he became a media darling, Wall's numbers have tailed off recently.

He came in averaging 16.2 points on 39 percent shooting in SEC play, hardly terrible but not exactly up to the ridiculously high standards Wall had set for himself.

Wall said Monday he and Calipari were "cool" and that "everything is OK."

It certainly appeared the good times were back against the Rebels.

Wall dunked on a runout less than 2 minutes in to give the Wildcats a quick 7-0 lead. He screamed as he landed, perhaps letting two weeks of frustration out in the process.

He then drilled a 3-pointer

moments later and Kentucky appeared to be ready to bury the Rebels.

Mississippi hung around, however, behind the play of White and Eniel Polynice as the game turned into a tennis match. One team would go on a run, and the other would answer.

Kentucky put together a 15-0 burst to go up 27-9 but the Rebels rallied with an 11-2 surge. The Wildcats managed to take a 46-37 halftime lead, an advantage that could have been larger if not for 11 turnovers.

Darnell Dodson hit two 3-pointers early in the second half to help Kentucky extend the lead to 58-41, but Mississippi kept coming.

The Rebels pulled within 60-57 on a basket by White with 13:55 to play before the Wildcats did something it's been unable to do at times this season: finish strong.

Cousins, collecting his fifth straight double-double, started Kentucky's game-clinching 11-2 run with a put-back. Darius Miller then knocked down a 3-pointer before Cousins took a charge. Patrick Patterson, who had 12 points, nailed a 3-pointer then added a three-point play as the Wildcats went back in front 71-59.

Mississippi never got back within single digits, and Wall capped his night with a 3-pointer to put Kentucky up 80-62 with 4:05 remaining.

He walked off the court to a standing ovation, and received another one when he came back onto the court for a postgame radio appearance as the crowd exhaled with Kentucky's star apparently back in his coach's good graces.

No. 3 Syracuse 85, Providence 68

Standout reserve Kris Joseph had a career-high 23 points, Arinze Onuaku added a season-high 20, and No. 3 Syracuse beat Providence on Tuesday night.

Syracuse (22-1, 9-1 Big East) has won nine straight and is off to the best start in school history. The Orange were 21-1 in 1979-80, but they had never won 22 of their first 23 games to begin a season.

It was the second game of an eight-game span in which the Friars (12-10, 4-6) will face six ranked teams. They beat then-No. 19 Connecticut 81-66 last week to knock the Huskies out of the national rankings.

Syracuse broke open a three-point game with a 22-7 spurt to start the second half. Onuaku started it with a resounding two-hand dunk and his tip-in gave the Orange a 44-34 lead with 18:35 left.

Jamine Peterson led Providence with 25 points and freshman Vincent Council had 16.



Villanova's Maalik Wayns swerves past Seton Hall's Ferrakohn Hall during the Wildcat's 81-71 win over the Pirates Tuesday.

No. 2 Villanova 81, Seton Hall 71

VILLANOVA, Pa.— Corey Stokes hit two 3-pointers during the decisive run and scored all 11 of his points in the second half, helping No. 2 Villanova hold off a serious scare from Seton Hall in an 81-71 victory Tuesday night.

Stokes was a non-factor for the Wildcats (20-1, 9-0 Big East) until he broke a tie with a 3. He quickly followed with another 3-pointer for a long-range start to an 11-0 run that helped put the game away and extended Villanova's winning streak to 11 straight games.

Playing with their highest ranking since they were No. 2 for two weeks in February 2006, the Wildcats could not make a serious run against Seton Hall until late.

Jeremy Hazell kept thoughts of a second Top-10 Big East upset alive, scoring 32 points on 12 of 23 shooting for the Pirates (12-8, 3-6), who were outrebounded 50-31.

Seton Hall beat then-No. 9 Pittsburgh 64-61 on Jan. 24, but the Pirates failed to build on that marquee win, losing by two points in overtime at South Florida.

Hazell made the idea of another stunner seem realistic with the way he was shooting the 3. He made six of them, but it was his layup that helped the Pirates erase a halftime deficit and grab a 58-56 lead.

At that point, the Pirates had made 23 of 46 shots from the field. They made 6 of 21 the rest of the way, costing them what would have been a monumental

win for the program.

Seton Hall is 0-28 against teams ranked Nos. 1-3 The Associated Press poll.

Hazell, the only Pirate to finish in double figures, did not play the final 4 minutes of the game.

Not Villanova. The 10-deep Wildcats got some kind of production out of every player. Antonio Pena scored 16 points, Scottie Reynolds had 15 and Corey Fisher 12. Six players had at least five rebounds and 10 scored. Those are the kind of numbers usually seen in blowouts, not a 10-point win that was tight for all but the final few minutes.

Reynolds became the eighth Villanova player to score 2,000 points. He scored a beautiful finger roll for a 60-58 lead, then dished a sweet cross-lane pass to Fisher on the break for a 62-58 lead.

The Wildcats are the only Big East team unbeaten in conference play. That mark is in serious jeopardy over the next week. The Big East favorites play at No. 7 Georgetown on Saturday and at No. 6 West Virginia on Feb. 8.

Villanova is so deep that it led by seven at halftime even with Stokes missing the only shot he took. He hit three 3s in the second half and suddenly that first half whitewash meant nothing. Not when so many different players are scoring.

Hall of Famer and former Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. had a front-row seat for Villanova's 36th straight win at its on-campus home, the Pavilion.



Providence's Ray Hall guards Syracuse's Arinze Onuaku during the first half of No. 3 Syracuse's 85-68 victory Tuesday night.

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Where's the fire, what's the hurry about? You'd better cool it off before you burn it out

You've got so much to do and Only so many hours in a day

But you know that when the truth is told.. That you can get what you want or

you get old You're gonna kick off before you even

Get halfway through When will you realize, Vienna waits for you?

15 years I've been here. And I've sacrificed a lot.

And I've put having a family on hold,

and I've never gone hand gliding,

and I've never driven my car to the top of mount Washington.

It's funny actually there's another salesman out here.

He sent out this memo as he always does and it was about professionalism in the work place and of course he singled me out so I just had to mess with him.

Last week Dwight sent out a memo about the dress code.

So this is me showing him

that I'm taking it very seriously.

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8 Georgetown	11
9 Duke	7
10 Texas	6
11 Kansas State	13
12 BYU	10
13 Gonzaga	8
14 Tennessee	14
15 Butler	18
16 Wisconsin	16
17 Temple	15
18 Ohio State	24
19 Georgia Tech	22
20 Vanderbilt	23
21 Pittsburgh	17
22 Northern Iowa	25
23 New Mexico	NR
24 Baylor	NR
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NCAA Women's Basketball Division I Coaches' Poll

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17 Baylor	16
18 Kentucky	23
19 Iowa State	18
20 Green Bay	22
21 LSU	19
22 Vanderbilt	24
23 Texas	25
24 Virginia	20
25 St. John's (N.Y.)	NR

Men's Swimming and Diving Division I Top 10

team	points
1 Texas	692
2 Stanford	638
3 Arizona	635
4 California	620
5 Auburn	594
6 Florida	555
7 Michigan	555
8 Virginia	489
9 Ohio State	452
10 Minnesota	452

NFL



Peyton Manning was by far the biggest star at Media Day in Miami Tuesday. Media Day has become one of the most highly anticipated events during the week leading up to the Super Bowl. Manning spiced the day up with his sense of humor.

Peyton Manning shines on media day

Associated Press

MIAMI — Peyton Manning worked the room masterfully. He took questions from all directions, throwing in plenty of eye contact. He spoke glowingly when necessary, took a few stabs at humor and steered away from anything that might come across as controversial.

Yes, the Indianapolis Colts quarterback handled Super Bowl media day with the same aplomb he shows at the line of scrimmage.

Manning, a four-time MVP and clearly the biggest star in South Florida, spoke on a wide range of subjects Tuesday without revealing a whole lot we didn't already know. He certainly didn't pro-

vide any bulletin-board fodder to Sunday's opponent, the New Orleans Saints.

Heck, that's his hometown, the city where his father Archie played and still lives. If the Colts weren't trying to win a title of their own, Manning would've been the Saints' biggest fan. He was certainly happy when they beat Minnesota in an overtime thriller to earn their first trip to the Super Bowl, a game that Manning won three years ago.

"The Saint were my team growing up," he said. "I was really excited for New Orleans, watching them win that game against the Vikings. It was exciting to see the French Quarter empty in the third quarter and then be

packed after the game. I had a lot of friends down there tell me what it was like."

Manning said he also appreciates the history of the Colts, dating back to their days in Baltimore. In fact, one of his father's favorite players was Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas (the other: Mickey Mantle).

"I understand the significance of Unitas," Manning said. "I still feel that connection to Colts history."

Not long after being drafted by Indianapolis, Manning met Saints quarterback Drew Brees, who was then playing at right-down-the-road Purdue.

"He came to see a Colts game," said Manning, who then quickly pointed out that

Brees "paid for his ticket. Everything was on the up-and-up," apparently in case the NCAA was listening.

Manning didn't get any off-beat questions, but that didn't stop him from trying to add a little levity to the proceedings.

"No, I'm not superstitious," he said. "I'm just a little 'stitious. OK, that's a bad joke. Eli gave me that one. I take it back."

Later, when another reporter broached the same subject, Manning was more revealing. He doesn't carry around a rabbit's foot, but he does have a routine he goes through before every game. When he first gets to the stadium, he reads the game program from front to back.

IN BRIEF

Crittendon will not challenge suspension

NEW YORK — The NBA players' association says it will not appeal Javaris Crittenton's suspension for having a gun in the Washington Wizards' locker room.

Crittendon and teammate Gilbert Arenas were suspended for the season without pay last Wednesday by NBA commissioner David Stern. Though Arenas said immediately he would not contest the penalty, Crittenton wanted to weigh his options.

Executive director Billy Hunter said in a statement Tuesday that Crittenton has informed the NBPA that he won't challenge the suspension.

"Javaris has said that he believes far more good will be done by moving forward and focusing on the future," Hunter said. "We respect his decision and accordingly no grievance will be filed on his behalf."

Williams, Clijsters to square off in exhibition

NEW YORK — Get ready for the rematch: Serena Williams and Kim Clijsters will play each other in an exhibition at Madison Square Garden on March 1.

The semifinal at the BNP Paribas Showdown for the Billie Jean King Cup will come less than six months after — and about a 10-mile drive from — their U.S. Open semifinal, which ended abruptly with Williams' outburst at a line judge.

Clijsters went on to win the tournament. Williams later was fined a record \$82,500 and placed on two years of probation at Grand Slam events.

The other semifinal March 1 pits Williams' sister Venus against reigning French Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova. The one-day event will feature one-set semifinals and a three-set final and has \$1.2 million in prize money.

Kara Lawson signs with Connecticut Sun

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Former University of Tennessee star Kara Lawson has signed a three-year contract with the WNBA's Connecticut Sun.

Lawson, a gold medalist with the 2008 U.S. Olympic team, spent seven seasons with the now-defunct Sacramento Monarchs, where she averaged 9.3 points in 217 games.

Connecticut coach Mike Thibault says he expects Lawson to help the Sun at both guard positions.

The move was the latest in a busy offseason for Connecticut. The Sun acquired forward DeMya Walker in the dispersal draft for Sacramento in December. The team traded guard Lindsay Whalen and the second overall pick in the 2010 WNBA draft to Minnesota for former University of Connecticut star Renee Montgomery and the draft's top pick.

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NHL

Capitals defeat Bruins for 11th straight victory

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Washington Capitals set a franchise record with their 11th straight win and sent the Boston Bruins to their eighth consecutive loss as Brooks Laich broke a tie early in the third period of a 4-1 win Tuesday night.

The NHL's highest-scoring team trailed the league's lowest-scoring team after one period but came out aggressively in the second and tied the game on Mike Knuble's goal at 2:04. Laich then scored at 5:04 of the third, Boyd Gordon connected less than three minutes later and Alex Ovechkin added an empty-net goal at 19:28 against the Bruins, who are 0-6-2 in their past eight games.

The Capitals broke the club record set from Jan. 27-Feb. 18, 1984 and have the NHL's longest winning streak since the San Jose Sharks also won 11 in a row from Feb. 21-March 14, 2008. During their 11 wins, the Capitals, who lead the Eastern Conference, have outscored opponents 51-22.

The Bruins finished first in the East last season but have fallen out of the top eight in the conference that make the playoffs with their current slide in which they've been outscored 28-

12. It's their longest losing streak since they also lost eight in a row from Dec. 22, 1955-Jan. 12, 1956.

At home, the Bruins are 0-6-1 since their last win on Jan. 1, 2-1 over the Philadelphia Flyers in the outdoor Winter Classic at Fenway Park.

Laich got the go-ahead goal on a turnover by Boston defenseman Matt Hunwick, who passed the puck behind his net out to the left boards. Washington's Alexander Semin got it there and passed to Laich, who scored his 17th goal on a quick shot from the slot.

Gordon made it 3-1 with his second goal at 7:51 on a pass from Tom Poti from along the right boards. Goalie Tim Thomas skated toward Poti, who sent the puck to Gordon in the slot. Gordon put it into the open left side of the net. Thomas made 22 saves.

Ovechkin finished the scoring with his 36th goal of the season.

The Bruins had taken a 1-0 lead with a two-man advantage when David Krejci scored at 6:58 of the first period, just eight seconds after Semin joined Matt Bradley in the penalty box. Marc Savard passed from low in the right circle across the crease where

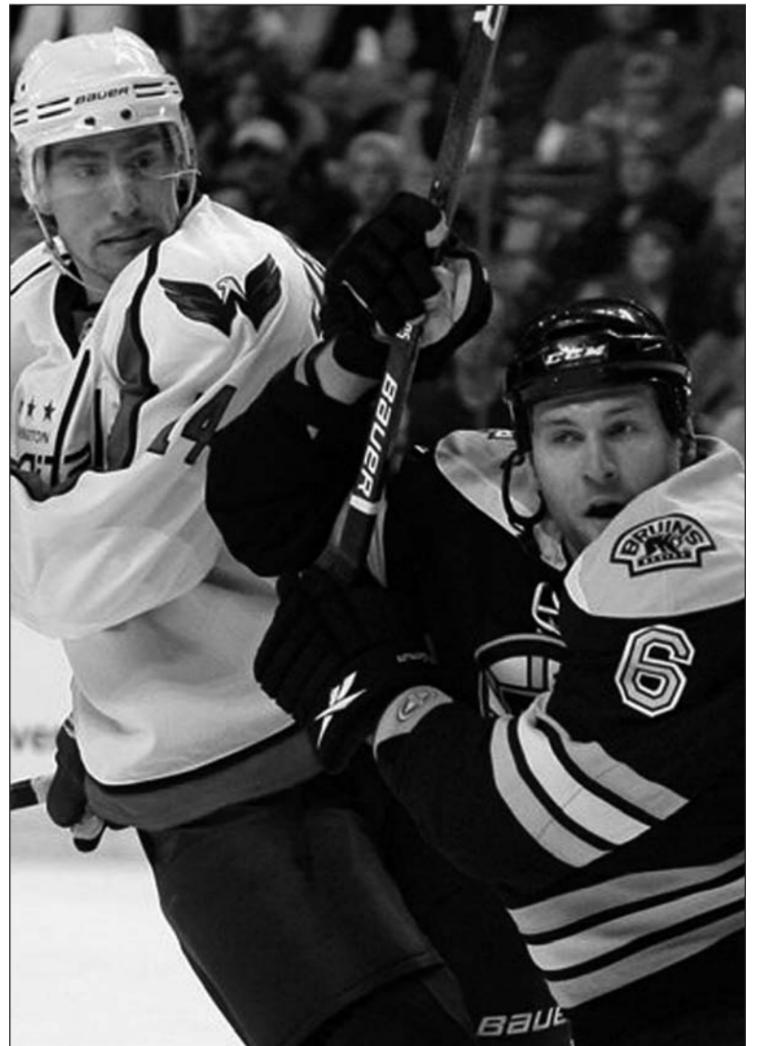
Krejci scored his 10th goal of the season.

That gave Boston its first lead after one period since Jan. 5 when it won 4-1 at Ottawa. The Bruins were 1-8-2 in their next 11 before Tuesday.

But the Capitals struck early in the second period. Poti carried the puck across the blue line on the left side and continued in deep before passing to Knuble, who tipped it in from the right corner of the net.

Krejci had a chance to give the Bruins a lead on a penalty shot at 10:34 of the second period after Knuble hit him from behind. But Krejci's shot went wide to the left of goalie Jose Theodore, who made 41 saves.

Notes: Bruins defenseman Mark Stuart missed the game after having surgery Monday for a broken left pinky finger and is expected to be sidelined four weeks. ... Washington's Mike Green, the highest-scoring defenseman in the NHL, served the second game of a three-game suspension for delivering an elbow to the head of Florida's Michael Frolik on Friday. ... The Bruins went 1 for 4 in the power play in the first period after having two or fewer power-play opportunities in eight of their previous 10 games.



AP
Capitals center Tomas Fleischmann and Bruins defenseman Dennis Wideman compete for the puck during the Capitals' win Tuesday.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Greene scores 18 for Huskies

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Kalana Greene scored 18 points to help top-ranked Connecticut overcome a sluggish first half and beat No. 11 West Virginia 80-47 on Tuesday night for its 61st straight victory.

Maya Moore added 15 points and a season-high 14 rebounds for UConn (22-0, 9-0 Big East), which is only nine wins short of the NCAA and school record of 70 straight wins. The Huskies are on pace to equal that mark in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament and break it in the semis.

UConn only led by eight at the half, but used a 24-3 run during the first part of the second half to put the game away.

Sarah Miles scored 14 points and Liz Repella added 13 for West Virginia (20-3, 7-2), which matched its highest ranking ever this week. The Mountaineers have only beaten Connecticut once in 22 tries and that came back in 1982 before Geno Auriemma was at the helm of the Huskies.

UConn had been dominating conference play winning by an average of nearly 39 points a game with virtually every Big East game decided at the half. South Florida had been the only team to stay within 20 of the Huskies in the first half, and that was a 14-point deficit.

West Virginia did its best to stay with the top-ranked team. The Mountaineers slowed the game down, walking the ball up the court and taking time off the shot clock and found themselves only down 32-24 at the break.



AP
West Virginia's Liz Repella blocks a shot from Connecticut's Tina Charles during Connecticut's 80-47 win Tuesday.

It was UConn's lowest-scoring first half of the season and just the third time that it didn't have a double-digit lead by the half.

The Huskies seemed out of sorts on offense. They made terrific backdoor cuts for wide open layups, but missed them. They also turned the ball over an uncharacteristic 10 times.

Even when UConn built a 28-15 lead midway through the period, West Virginia didn't get rattled, scoring the next seven points to

stay in the game.

That all changed in the second half as Greene, Moore, and Tina Charles took over. Leading 36-29 after Miles' layup with 17:08 left in the game, UConn scored 24 of the next 27 points, including seven straight by Charles. Greene also had six points during the spurt with a three-point play and a 3-pointer. Freshman Kelly Faris capped it off with a basket that made it 60-32 midway through the period.

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NFL

Favre's image helps Vikings in 09-10 season

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — As Brett Favre mulls over whether he has another season left in him, a lot more hinges on the decision than just wins and losses for the Minnesota Vikings.

Favre not only led the Vikings to their most successful season on the field in more than a decade, his presence was a boost to everything from the team's box office and merchandise sales to sponsorship deals and its pursuit of a new stadium.

"It has a lot of far-reaching implications," said Matt Delzell, a director for Los Angeles-based Davie Brown Talent, one of the largest talent coordinators in the United States. "Not just on the field, but financially it's a huge hit to the Vikings if he decides to retire."

Favre's first season in Minnesota was a banner year in more ways than one. The Vikings won 12 games in the regular season and came achingly close to advancing to the Super Bowl, losing at New Orleans in overtime of the NFC title game.

It was also a big year for the Vikings on the business side. Favre's Vikings jersey was the No. 1 seller throughout the league, the ticket office was deluged with requests in the days following his signing in August and the team locked down some lucrative sponsorship deals that were sorely needed to offset the lack of revenue

generated by the Metrodome.

"Certainly he had an impact," said Steve LaCroix, the Vikings vice president of sales and marketing. "It's hard to quantify it exactly, but there's no doubt he helped."

LaCroix would not release financial details, but said merchandise sales from the team's Web site and official team stores in the Minneapolis area had record sales this season. The team also secured naming rights for the field for the first time in franchise history, from the Mall of America.

While that deal was in negotiation before Favre signed with the team, LaCroix said the quarterback's presence helped wrap it up in time for the highly anticipated Monday night game against his former team, the Green Bay Packers, on Oct. 5.

"You can't say it was all because of Favre," Delzell said. "But with Tarvaris Jackson at quarterback, it probably doesn't get done that quickly."

Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak said the local economy benefited from Favre's surprising relocation.

"In the middle of a horrible period for retail, they single-handedly lifted the economy with massive numbers of sales of pink and purple clothing," Rybak said. "Brett Favre helped old men like me think they could still have a chance someday to play for the Minnesota Twins or the Minnesota Vikings."

NFL

Saints will depend on Bush

Associated Press

MIAMI— Reggie Bush can make the spectacular look routine.

And he can make the routine look too hard to handle.

Since the New Orleans Saints made the dynamic running back from Southern California the second overall pick in the 2006 draft, Bush has been a revelation and a disappointment. At times, he resembles the breathtaking game-breaker who won the Heisman Trophy in 2005. Then he morphs into a fumbling, pass-dropping, injury-ravaged nonentity — a third-stringer with little impact in the NFL's most potent offense.

Unquestionably, the Saints need him to display every one of his award-winning talents and none of his weaknesses in Sunday's Super Bowl against the Indianapolis Colts.

"I haven't lived up to the expectations I set for myself," Bush admitted Tuesday while seated on a podium at media day, surrounded by dozens of reporters. "Before I got to the NFL, I thought it would be the Super Bowl every year, make the Pro Bowl every year. You discover it's hard. It's hard to get to the Super Bowl. I've been in the league four years and just got here. There's a lot of great players who never get to the Super Bowl."

"I haven't lived up to the expectations I set for myself," he repeated, "but I know it will come.

"All I want to do is be the best player ever to play this game, and I'd be remiss if I didn't feel that way," Bush said. "If I didn't feel that way when I step on the field, I'd be selling myself short."

Some might argue Bush has come up far too short for the Saints. He hasn't made the Pro Bowl or All-Pro team. He hasn't approached 1,000 yards rushing in any season, and his career total of 1,940 yards is 66 fewer than second-year back Chris Johnson's for the Titans in 2009.

He hasn't beaten out Pierre Thomas, an undrafted free agent in 2007, for the starting job, but, worse, sometimes Bush is coach Sean Payton's third choice to carry the ball. His second choice is another undrafted player, Mike Bell.

Then there is Bush's inability to stay in the lineup. He's missed 12 of 48 regular-season games with a variety of knee injuries.

Ah, but then there are glimpses of greatness.

Two of them came in the divisional round victory over Arizona: an 83-yard punt return and a 46-yard run, each for scores. On both, Bush's burst past would-be tacklers was jaw-dropping.

Bush generally has lived up to his billing as a punt returner and is an important piece of Payton's passing schemes — so much so that opponents must plan for him at all times, even to the point of making sure a cornerback covers him.

"They have really good backs, fast backs with Reggie Bush," Colts linebacker Clint Session said. "We try not to get a lot of separation with a guy like him in the open field, so we're probably playing him a little tighter than normal."

"We have to know the beast, as we call it. Know the beast, respect his speed, and try to keep a close eye on him."

The Colts have a practice squad player named Taj Smith who is quite elusive, but as Session notes, Smith is no beast. And no Bush.

"That's a once-in-a-lifetime athlete that you'll see," Session said.

That's what everyone expected to see when Bush landed in New Orleans four years ago. Even members of the local archdiocese who often attend Saints games suggested Bush was destined to come to their city; after all, there was a St. Reginald of Orleans in France in the 13th century.

When the Houston Texans drafted defensive end Mario Williams with the first overall pick, the Saints never hesitated to select Bush, whose resume at USC included two national titles.

His rookie season was impressive, at times dazzling. He scored nine touchdowns, combined for 1,307 yards from scrimmage, and helped the Saints reach the NFC championship game for the first time since their inception in 1967.

He was healthy. He was productive. He was a budding superstar. Since then, not so much.

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NHL

Rangers
sign new
forwards

Associated Press

CALGARY, Alberta — The New York Rangers acquired forwards Olli Jokinen and Brandon Prust from the Calgary Flames for forwards Christopher Higgins and Ales Kotalik late Monday night.

The trade was announced by both teams shortly after the Flames were beaten 3-0 by the visiting Philadelphia Flyers.

"You've got to play hard every time you go on the ice, no matter what kind of distractions you have going on," Jokinen said. "You play for that sweater — the logo on the front of you — so long as they haven't told you you're not part of the team."

Jokinen, who along with Prust was in the Calgary lineup against Philadelphia, has 11 goals and 24 assists in 56 games this season.

"Definitely, it's a slap in the face to get traded," Jokinen said as he left Pengrowth Saddledome. "It was a long day. We heard everything (Sunday) night, I was kind of surprised. I wasn't expecting to get moved, but it's part of the business and I've got to move on."

Prust posted one goal and four assists in 43 games with the Flames. He is second in the NHL with 18 fighting majors.

The move helps the Rangers unload two players who failed to live up to expectations in their first season with New York.

It was the second big trade completed by the Flames in two days. Calgary sent star defenseman Dion Phaneuf, forward Fredrik Sjostrom and minor league defenseman Keith Aulie to the Toronto Maple Leafs for defenseman Ian White and forwards Matt Stajan, Niklas Hagman and Jamal Mayers on Sunday.

The 31-year-old Jokinen, a Finnish Olympian, was acquired by Calgary from the Phoenix Coyotes at last year's trade deadline. He is now a likely candidate to center New York's top line that features leading scorer Marian Gaborik.

The trade became a strong rumor on Sunday night.

"My phone was going off the hook last night, just waiting to hear confirmation and pacing around for hours. I guess I didn't sleep too well," Prust said. "Then you come out here and you have to get focused and get ready to help your team get two points."

"We're professionals and you've got to go about business a certain way. It was definitely a different way, but it's done now."

Jokinen is earning \$5.25 million this season in the final year of his contract. He scored eight goals in his first six games with the Flames last season and then was held off the scoresheet in the final 13 contests.

"Eleven months ago, when I got traded here I was pretty excited," said Jokinen, who has 248 goals and 305 assists in 854 NHL games with Los Angeles, Florida, Phoenix, Calgary and the New York Islanders. "I enjoyed my time here, and I was hoping I could stay here for the rest of my career."

"Like I say, it's a cruel business, but that's the way it goes. It comes with the salary. You make five million dollars, 11 goals is not going to cut it."

WTT

Hingis considers return to WTT

Associated Press

Martina Hingis can't help but contemplate yet another comeback when she sees the success Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin are having after being away from tennis.

"There's a spark," Hingis said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

But she also said she would rule out the possibility of a return to the tour "at this point," primarily because of

all the travel.

"If it was played in the backyard," Hingis said from her home in Switzerland, "then I'd probably think about it twice."

The five-time Grand Slam singles champion and youngest woman to be ranked No. 1 retired for the second time in 2007, when she was given a two-year suspension for testing positive for cocaine. Hingis denied taking the drug but did not appeal

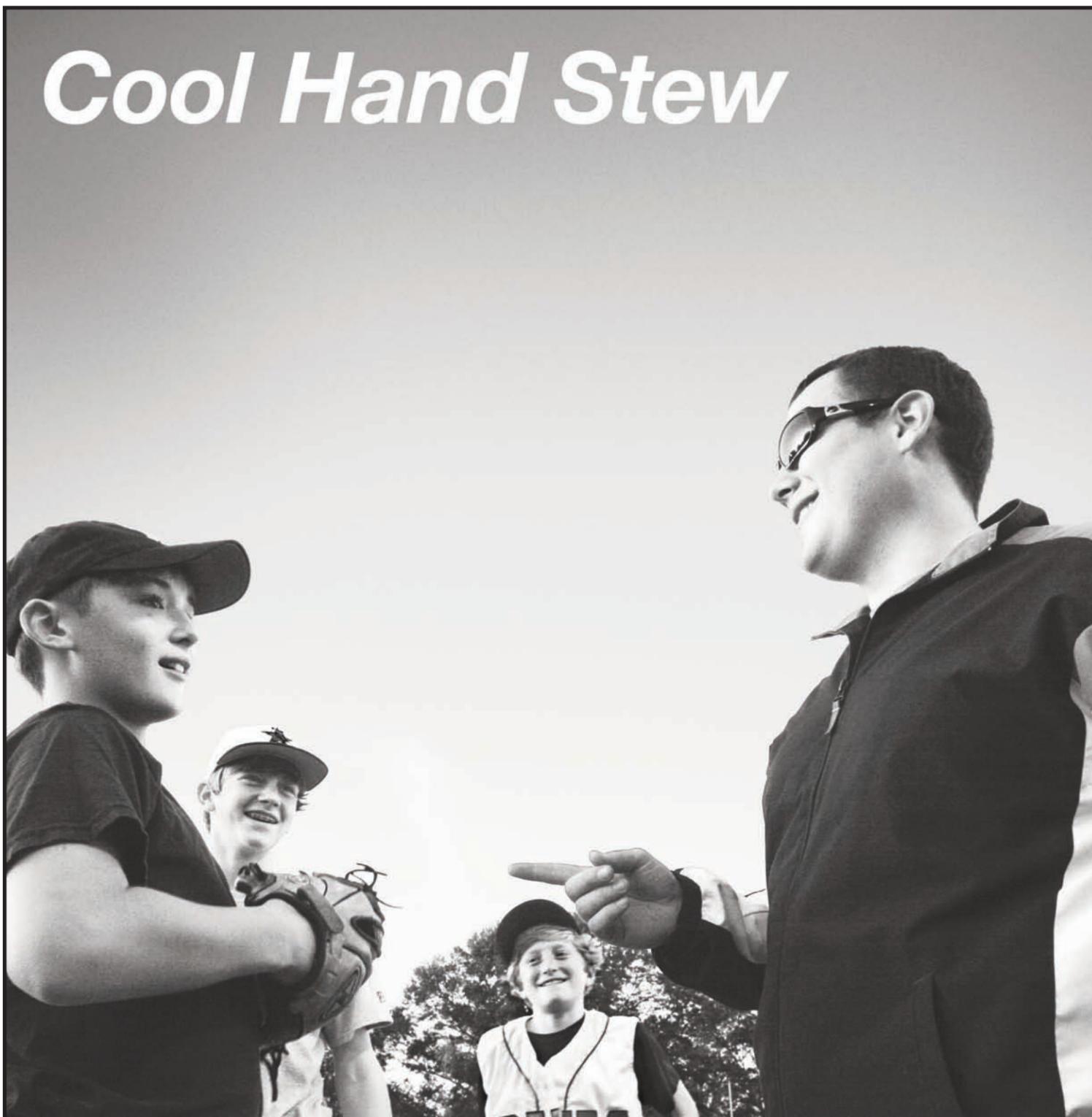
the ruling.

That ban ended Sept. 30, and the 29-year-old Hingis is eager to get the chance to play more tennis this year: She has committed to a full season of World TeamTennis, the coed league founded by Billie Jean King and heading into its 35th season.

Hingis will be picked by a team in the marquee player draft Feb. 11. Other top names in the draft include the Williams sisters, John

McEnroe and Maria Sharapova, although they're going to be playing only one to five matches, while Hingis is slated for all 14 in the regular season.

In 2005, Hingis used World TeamTennis to help prepare for her first comeback. Clijsters also played in the WTT last year as a way to warm up before getting back on tour after more than two years away while getting married and having a baby.



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NBA

Granger, Pacers snap Raptors' 5-game streak

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers were on their best behavior while their teacher was away.

Lester Conner coached in place of Jim O'Brien, who attended a family funeral, and Indiana responded with an impressive 130-115 victory over the surging Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

Danny Granger scored 23 points to help the Pacers snap Toronto's five-game winning streak. Indiana also ended a three-game skid.

Conner deflected credit. "The guys gave me all they wanted, and I said, 'Hey, you guys are telling me congratulations, it's congratulations to you because you guys needed this more than I did,'" Conner said. "When the substitute

teacher is around, you want to try to do good or try to test him to see what he has. Those guys went out and played their hearts out."

The players said they wanted to win for Conner.

"Les is a lot of fun, he's a great assistant coach," forward Troy Murphy said. "He's a guy you can always talk to and he's a good dude. We're happy he got the win."

Murphy had 20 points and 14 rebounds. Roy Hibbert added 18 points and nine boards for Indiana, and Earl Watson finished with 15 points and a season-high 11 assists.

It was a season scoring high for the Pacers, who had scored fewer than 100 points in six of their previous nine games. Seven Pacers scored in double figures.

"A lot of guys played some

minutes and we just moved the ball well," Granger said. "I don't know why it was so balanced, but that's the type of games we need."

It was a much different game than Indiana's 117-102 loss in Toronto on Sunday. This time, the Pacers made 33 of 35 free throws and shot 52 percent from the field.

It was just the fifth time the Pacers shot better than 50 percent this season.

"A little different play calling, a little different freedom," Murphy said. "He has his own style apart from coach O'Brien, but the message is the same. He did a great job tonight and really filled in well for coach."

Chris Bosh had 35 points and 15 rebounds, and Andrea Bargnani scored a career-high 34 points for the Raptors.

Bargnani said the defensive meltdown rendered his personal accomplishment meaningless.

"When you lose like that, it doesn't really matter," he said.

The Raptors couldn't explain their lack of defensive intensity. It was the highest point total they've allowed this season.

"The reason we came out the way we did, I don't know exactly why," said Toronto guard Jarrett Jack, who played for the Pacers last season. "We just didn't play our type of game at all."

The Pacers scored 50 points in the paint, their highest total of 2010.

"We didn't do a good job of getting up into them and making them do something else," Bosh said. "Our weakside defense was nonexistent and we had too many blow-bys."

Indiana led 58-53 at half-time and opened the second half with an 18-8 surge, capped by Murphy's 3-pointer. Brandon Rush's 3 extended Indiana's lead to 20 points just over 5 minutes into the third quarter.

The Pacers shot 76 percent and scored 42 points in the third, one point short of its season high for a single period. Eight different players scored for the Pacers in the quarter.

Bargnani helped keep the Raptors in the game with 19 points in the third. Dahntay Jones made two free throws with 1 second left in the period to put the Pacers up 100-86.

The Raptors' defense didn't improve much in the fourth quarter.

"I think we played terrible defense," Bargnani said. "We gave up 130 points. We wasted a good opportunity, but we've got to give them credit. They played really good."

The Pacers looked like a different team, but Conner said he stuck to O'Brien's philosophy for the most part. The biggest change was starting Hibbert instead of Mike Dunleavy.

"We never really try to change anything because it would catch the guys off guard," Conner said. "I've been around coach O'Brien for a long time, so I know exactly what he wants and how he wants it. What he did say to me on the plane, he told me to do whatever I need to do to get a win."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to snap streak

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will look to break out of a four-game losing streak and regain third place in the MIAA when it hosts Adrian tonight in a crucial conference clash.

The Belles (10-9, 5-6) sit a half-game behind the Bulldogs, a team Saint Mary's has already defeated by 10 points. In fact, that game was the Belles' last victory, as they opened the second leg of conference play by dropping four straight games, including three by five points or less. Four teams — Adrian, Saint Mary's, Olivet and Trine — have five conference wins. Hope and Calvin sit atop the conference with 10 wins, and tonight's games include match-ups between

Olivet and Trine and Hope and Calvin. A win tonight for the Belles would keep them in the upper half of the MIAA, while a loss would relegate them to an unfavorable seed in the conference tournament.

The Bulldogs are led by guards Jennifer Perrin and Anita Stamps, who each average 12 points per game.

"[The Bulldogs] have the ability to score anywhere on the floor."

Jennifer Henley
Belles coach

"They are] two very good guards," Saint Mary's coach Jennifer Henley said. "They have the ability to score anywhere on the floor." The Belles must guard forward Ashley McClarren as well, who averages just under nine points per game and "is physical and gets after the boards," Henley said.

Sophomore forward Kelly Murphy and senior forward Anna Kamrath will be

called upon to win the inside battle for Saint Mary's, especially by rebounding on the defensive side of the floor to limit second chances for Adrian.

Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney will assist junior guard Liz Wade — who has the third-most steals in Belles history — in guarding the Bulldog backcourt of Perrin and Stamps. Sophomore guard Maggie Ronan will also have to contribute on both ends of the floor to counter Adrian's perimeter-based attack.

A win for the Belles tonight would give them momentum during the season's home stretch and promises to be a gritty battle for points on every possession.

"The game will be about which team can play better defense," Henley said.

Saint Mary's hosts Adrian at 7:30 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Host Wisconsin blows past No. 5 Michigan St.

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Jason Bohannon scored 19 points to lead No. 16 Wisconsin to a 67-49 victory over No. 5 Michigan State on Tuesday night, snapping the Spartans perfect Big Ten start and leaving them without leading scorer Kalin Lucas.

Jordan Taylor added 17 points as Wisconsin (17-5, 7-3) won its third game over a team ranked sixth or better this season and its 18th straight at the Kohl Center despite senior guard Trevon Hughes' early foul trouble.

Michigan State (19-4, 9-1) may have lost a lot more after Lucas, last season's Big Ten player of the year, left with just under 11 minutes to play when he came down awkwardly on the foot of Wisconsin's Keaton Nankivil and injured his ankle.

Lucas, averaging 16 points per game, did not return, finishing with seven points to snap a string of 33 consecutive games in double figures.

Wisconsin clicked from the beginning, getting big contributions from Nankivil and Rob Wilson. Taylor started by scoring 10 of Wisconsin's first 13 points and later helped seal it with a 3-pointer to push the lead to 58-42 with 6 minutes to play.

The Spartans, who haven't won in Madison since 2001, started flat before losing their floor leader. After Lucas left, Wisconsin went on a 10-2 run. Michigan State, which got 11 points from Durrell Summers, missed seven straight shots down the stretch, going more than 6½ minutes without a basket.

The Spartans had been off to their best conference start in history and seemed poised to run away with another regular-season conference title with four weeks of league play left. But Wisconsin dominated from the start, trailing only 1-0 before scoring nine straight points.

The Spartans never got closer than eight points in the second half, using an early 9-2 run before Lucas went out. Michigan State tried to push the tempo early despite winning the first meeting 54-47 on Jan. 6.

Wisconsin, which came in averaging 9.4 turnovers a game, the fewest in the nation, committed five because the Badgers stuck to their defensive pressure and methodical pace on offense even after Hughes picked up two early fouls.

With Hughes off the court and second-leading scorer Jon Leuer still out indefinitely after breaking his wrist, the Badgers didn't miss a step.

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Lytle

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two numbers that may go up in the championship season in the coming months. In addition to individual success, Welsh notes Lytle's developed ability to lead his teammates.

"He's certainly evolved as a competitive leader," Welsh said. "Away from the race, he leads by example. He's acquired more of a voice as he's gotten older. When a guy achieves such success he has a lot of credibility."

Despite all his past success, Lytle is still looking to accomplish more this season. Lytle and his teammates remain focused on the Big East and NCAA

Championships, where Welsh said he expects great things from his star senior.

"We want him to go faster," Welsh said. "We'd love for him to represent us at the NAAs and we know that's in his mind as well."

Regardless of how he performs in the NCAA Championships, Lytle will have a lot to look forward to after the season due to his hard work in the classroom, as he will begin a job at KPMG in Chicago. Swimming, however, will

always be a part of his life. "There's no NFL for swimming," Welsh said. "But John's the kind of guy who will always stay in shape, that's for sure."

"He's certainly evolved as a competitive leader."

Tim Welsh
Irish coach

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The Irish home crowd, seen here at Notre Dame's Nov. 3 victory over Indianapolis, has adopted walk-on senior forward Alena Christiansen a fan favorite, cheering loudly when she enters a game.

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was so last minute, but to hear the crowd cheer my name, it was surreal," Christiansen said. "I was super nervous, I didn't know any of the plays, but just to know that the crowd is behind you and everyone wanted you to do the best. That was awesome."

Earning all-state honors in the state of Florida, Christiansen was recruited to play basketball for several colleges along the east coast, but was never given an offer to suit up for the Irish. Although her dream of coming to Notre Dame seemed to put basketball out of the question, she says she never lost her passion to play.

"It sounds a little corny, but this is a lifelong dream of mine," Christiansen said. "I wanted to go to Notre Dame ever since I was really little, and I wanted to play basketball, and I wasn't going to give up one of those. I wasn't going to go to another school and play basketball because I didn't want to. I wanted to come here and do that."

Christian's transition from Bookstore Basketball to the Big East began in a cubicle, working as an assistant to

Stephanie Menio, director of women's basketball operations, as a freshman. Within her first few weeks she received and accepted an invitation to join the "Sixth Man Team," the women's practice squad, as the only female member.

"My first day of practice I was so nervous," Christiansen said. "To be on the court playing with a team that you've always followed, with a coach that you've always known, this is crazy. Practice is tough. I mean they always beat up on you because you're a practice player, but it was just awesome to say that you're a part of that."

After an NCAA regulation prevented Christiansen from rejoining the practice squad in 2008, her journey seemed to be cut short. But when juniors Brittany Mallory and Devereaux Peters suffered ACL injuries, the stars realigned. Irish coach Muffet McGraw asked Christiansen to push back her flight during Christmas break, and a few days later she was suiting up

in a jersey without a name on it.

"Well I thought I was dreaming first of all, and I still couldn't believe that it happened," Christiansen said. "Just to make it through the first two years, not being part of the team, wanting to so bad, and finally it's the luck of the draw coach calls on me to be the walk on and help the team out. I never would have expected that, I never would have guessed it."

"I thought I was dreaming first of all, and I still couldn't believe that it happened."

Alena Christiansen
Irish senior forward

The chances Christiansen's story becomes immortalized in a movie are slim, but McGraw said she has embraced her role as a valuable member of this year's team.

"Every minute that she's at practice, she just wants to be a part of the team and help in any way that she can," McGraw said. "She's found a great role for herself. She's the first one off the bench cheering, giving everyone a pat on the back and encouragement if they're not playing well. They love her as a teammate."

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 12 BYU takes care of TCU

Associated Press

Jimmer Fredette scored 26 points and Jackson Emery had 12 points and six assists as No. 12 BYU beat TCU 76-56 on Tuesday night.

BYU (22-2, 7-1 Mountain West) scored the game's first 10 points and held a double-digit lead for most of the game while remaining unbeaten against TCU since the Horned Frogs joined the conference.

Noah Hartsock added 14 points and Chris Miles pulled down 11 rebounds for the Cougars, who have won 17 of 18.

Greg Hill and Garlon Green led TCU (10-13, 2-6) with 11 points apiece.

TCU is 0-10 against BYU in Mountain West regular season and tournament games.

The Frogs finished 21 of 60 from the field and made just 3 of 16 3-pointers. They also hurt themselves with several layups that bounced off the rim and into the hands of the Cougars, who outrebounded TCU 45-36.

After Saturday's frenzied win over in-state rival Utah, there was little drama in the Marriott Center on Tuesday. The arena was barely half-full and notice-

ably more quiet, but the smaller crowd didn't seem to discourage the Cougars as they closed the game on a 17-6 run.

BYU held TCU scoreless for the first 4:21 and opened the game with a 15-4 run, including three 3-pointers by Emery.

The Horned Frogs scored five straight points to open the second half and get within 35-26, but the Cougars answered with a 10-2 run. Fredette's 3-pointer with about 13:30 left gave BYU a 45-28 lead and the Frogs didn't help themselves inside, continuing to have layups bounce off the rim.



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish coach Brian Kelly introduces his new coaching staff to the media at a Jan. 15 press conference in the Purcell Pavilion. Kelly will discuss his first recruiting class at a 4 p.m. press conference Wednesday.

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all indications are affirmative so far.

Coaching transition always leads to miniature crises in recruiting, and this one was no different. The Irish lost some very talented players they could badly use, for the most part recruits that had committed in large part due to relationships built with former coach Charlie Weis and his staff.

But despite those losses, today Brian Kelly will sign the most talented group of his career. The effort and success Kelly and his new staff have shown in such a short time frame have been incredibly encouraging signs, and despite everything — particularly a regime change and 16-21 record the past three seasons — it looks like Notre Dame will again have a top-20 class.

Kelly has been able to fill out this class with recruits that never had a Notre Dame offer from Weis, but nonetheless show considerable promise. To be able to sign players like four-star athlete Danny Spond

and Army All-American Austin Collinsworth in just two months of work certainly makes me hopeful at the classes that Kelly will sign with more than a year of recruiting work.

The myth that Kelly and his staff can't recruit on a national scale is quickly being disproved, as is the theory they can't sign elite recruits. Today four elite, four- or five-star players — offensive linemen Seantrel Henderson and Matt James, defensive end Ego Ferguson and linebacker Christian Jones — could decide to sign a letter of intent to play for the Irish.

Maybe most encouraging is that early on Kelly seems to have all the fundamentals that make for a great recruiter. The effort and commitment is certainly there, and it appears Kelly has been successful building relationships both over long and short time periods with these high school players.

One of the players he's recruited the longest, quarterback Luke Massa, switched his commitment from Cincinnati back to Kelly again this past weekend, and Notre Dame looks to be the favorite to sign

his high school teammate James today.

Of all Weis' faults and mistakes, recruiting was never one of them. In consistently signing top classes Weis dispelled the legend that Notre Dame no longer appealed to recruits in a new era, and that academics would prevent the Irish from reaching the talent levels of its biggest rivals.

While Notre Dame has obstacles in recruiting other schools don't have to deal with, its biggest hurdles in recent years have been on the field. For all the things schools like USC can offer like early playing time, weather, women and money, if Notre Dame can start winning again, the recruits will come.

Early on it looks like Kelly is beginning to prove he knows how to recruit and work a living room. If he can continue his history success on the field, he should have Notre Dame back near the top of the recruiting rankings in no time.

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will either be made, or broken.

In the meantime, we dissect each recruit, his short list of schools and the weather on his most recent recruiting visits.

Personally, my favorite part of today will be the shenanigans. In front of national television audiences, recruits will sit down at a table with two or three hats in front of them. Take James for example: it is widely believed his top two schools are Notre Dame and Ohio State. A hat from each school will be on the table, and James will reach for the one bearing a red 'O' only to pull back at the last second and grab the hat sporting a pugilist leprechaun. At least I hope the hat he dons is for the blue-and-gold. His well-executed fake-out will momentarily break the hearts of Irish fans, and then punch Buckeyes fans in the stomach.

Not that such a little dupe is how ridiculous this day can get.

Two years ago Kevin Hart, a Nevada high schooler, chose to accept a scholarship offer from Cal rather than Oregon in front of his entire high school and local television coverage.

Unfortunately for Hart, neither Car nor Oregon had recruited him, let alone offered him a scholarship.

Hart was only able to convince his entire hometown of such because of the ungodly media event that National Signing Day has become. So sports fans, please, realize that today is not a big enough deal to watch live. Realize that today is not actually going to determine how many titles your team will win over the next four years. And realize the stars of the day are only 18 years old. Each and every one of them will change physically and emotionally before starting a college football game.

Don't get me wrong, I'll get online tomorrow evening and check the final listing of Notre Dame signings, and either get excited or nervous for the future. I'm dreaming I read of both Henderson and James.

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pounds (Frederick, Md./Hargrave Military Academy)

◆ Five-star offensive tackle Seantrel Henderson, 6-8, 300 (St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham)

◆ Four-star offensive tackle Matt James, 6-7, 285 (Cincinnati, Ohio/St. Xavier)

◆ Four-star linebacker Christian Jones, 6-4, 215 (Oviedo, Fla./Lake Howell)

◆ Three-star defensive end Kona Schwenke, 6-4, 217 (Kahuku, Hawaii/Kahuku)

◆ Safety Jeremy Ioane, 5-11, 190 (Honolulu, Hawaii/Punahou)

Current verbals

The following players are verbally committed to Kelly and the Irish. It would be a major upset if any of the 16 withdrew their pledge and didn't sign a letter of intent to play for Notre Dame, Frank said.

"Stranger things have happened, and Lord knows we've seen it many years in a row," Frank said. "But I don't anticipate anybody [not signing]. Usually if I think somebody's wavering I have a fairly good feeling for it."

◆ Four-star quarterback Andrew Hendrix, 6-2, 215 (Cincinnati, Ohio/Moeller)

◆ Four-star defensive tackle Louis Nix, 6-3, 315 (Jacksonville, Fla./Raines)

◆ Three-star wide receiver Bennett Jackson, 6-1, 175 (Hazlet, N.J./Raritan)

◆ Three-star offensive tackle Christian Lombard, 6-5, 290 (Palatine, Ill./Fremd)

◆ Three-star linebacker Kendall Moore, 6-3, 230 (Raleigh, N.C./Southeast Raleigh)

◆ Three-star offensive tackle Tate Nichols, 6-7, 270 (Union, Ky./Ryle)

◆ Three-star running back Cameron Roberson, 6-1, 215 (Newbury Park, Calif./Newbury Park)

◆ Three-star linebacker Prince Shembo, 6-2, 236 (Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell)

◆ Three-star wide receiver Daniel Smith, 6-4, 205 (South Bend, Ind./Clay)

◆ Three-star athlete Danny Spond, 6-2, 221 (Littleton, Colo./Columbine)

◆ Three-star defensive lineman Justin Utupo, 6-2, 245 (Lakewood, Calif./Lakewood)

◆ Three-star tight end Alex Welch, 6-5, 225 (Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder)

◆ Two-star wide receiver/safety Austin Collinsworth, 6-2, 184 (Fort Thomas, Ky./Highlands)

◆ Two-star quarterback Luke Massa, 6-4, 205 (Cincinnati, Ohio/St. Xavier)

◆ Two-star H-back/athlete Derek Roback, 6-3, 221 (Waverly, Ohio/Waverly)

◆ Defensive end Bruce Heggie, 6-6, 240 (Mount Dora, Fla./Mount Dora)

◆ Note: Nichols, Spond, Collinsworth, Massa, Roback and Heggie all accepted offers from Kelly at Notre Dame and were not heavily recruited by the previous staff. Nix was recruited by Weis and verbally committed

after his firing but before Kelly's hiring.

"I don't anticipate anybody [not signing]. Usually if I think somebody's wavering I have a fairly good feeling for it."

Mike Frank
Irish recruiting analyst

Early enrollees

Though the following five early enrollees have been on campus since the start of the spring semester, Wednesday marks the

first day Kelly will have the opportunity to speak about them with the media, alongside their fellow 2010 classmates.

"They're signed, they're in," Frank said. "Coach Kelly will talk about them because it'll be the first time he has the chance to, and I'm sure there will be a lot of questions about how they're doing."

◆ Four-star wide receiver Taitler Jones, 6-0, 175 (Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville)

◆ Three-star safety Chris Badger, 6-1, 184 (Provo, Utah/Timpview)

◆ Three-star cornerback Spencer Boyd, 5-10, 175 (Cape Coral, Fla./Cape Coral)

◆ Three-star quarterback Tommy Rees, 6-3, 190 (Lake Forest, Ill./Lake Forest)

◆ Three-star cornerback Lo Wood, 5-11, 165 (Apopka, Fla./Apopka)

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to come, but in all of reality, no expert or analyst or college columnist has any idea if they will make or break or have no effect whatsoever.

In all of reality, the biggest thing we will learn for certain from today's results is how well Brian Kelly and his assistant coaches are able to impress high schoolers and their parents on short notice. Will they need to impress on short notice again while at Notre Dame? I don't see how that'd be possible, so even that little piece of knowledge we'll gain today will be arcane.

A year from now, Kelly will pull in a recruiting class, hopefully a good one, and that class will show what he can do throughout a normal recruiting cycle. That will be of importance.

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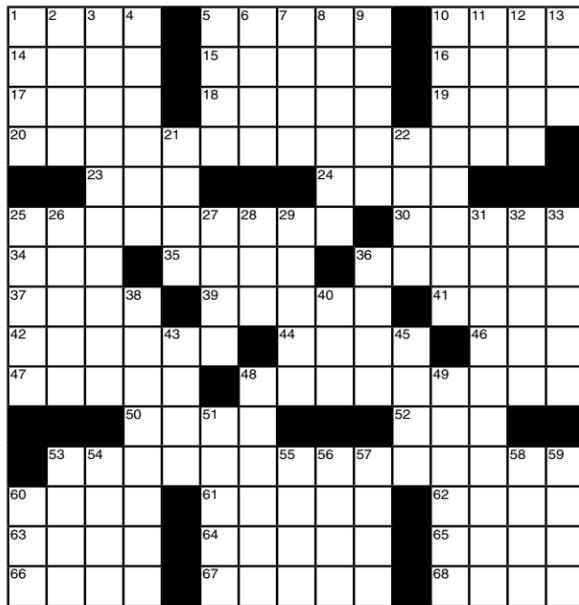
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- 11 Rough up
- 12 Highway toll unit
- 13 Struck (out)
- 21 Seemingly forever
- 22 Jazz singer who took her surname from pig Latin
- 25 Pac-Man enemy
- 26 Image on eco-friendly products
- 27 Try to prove

- 28 Time off from l'école
- 29 Grammy winner ___ Khan
- 31 Item used with high frequency?
- 32 Competitor of Aquafina
- 33 Rips to pieces
- 36 Vidal's "___ Breckinridge"
- 38 Often-bawdy verse
- 40 Michael Phelps workout unit
- 43 Word on a business card
- 45 Ventura County's ___ Valley
- 48 Freudian topic
- 49 "He who hesitates is lost," e.g.
- 51 Colleague of Byron and Shelley
- 53 Pueblo language
- 54 Actor Guinness
- 55 Hinds, e.g.
- 56 Zillions
- 57 Explorer Cabeza de ___
- 58 ___ and terminator
- 59 Endangered state bird
- 60 Barnyard mother

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shakira, 33; Christie Brinkley, 56; Brent Spiner, 61; Graham Nash, 68

Happy Birthday: Don't fold because someone tries to push you into taking care of responsibilities that don't belong to you. It will cost you financially and emotionally. Stand strong and focus on what's best for you this year. Find out first hand what's required in order to get matters sorted out to suit your needs. Question, decipher information and make sound decisions. Your numbers are 3, 17, 19, 25, 33, 37, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It won't be worth getting upset over the little things. If you appear unstable, you will not be considered for a position that can bring you greater recognition. Say little and do a lot and you will impress onlookers. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Strive to make this day count. Let everyone know what's on your mind and what you need to get to your destination and you will get the necessary help and encouragement. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will instinctively know what you are capable of accomplishing personally and professionally. You have the discipline and the courage to take a step in a new direction. Love is in the stars and a commitment can be made. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get down, get moving. You have a duty to perform and must finish what you started. Stand up and be counted. Your ability to be true to your beliefs will count and help to lessen your stress. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can form a good relationship with someone who complements you professionally or personally. Strength and courage will speak volumes about what you have to offer and how far you can go. Live, love and be happy. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are standing in your own shadow, limiting what you can do. Pick a path and follow it diligently until you reach your goal. Now is not the time to back down or to let someone else be your leader. Make an impression by taking charge. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Explore new avenues instead of lamenting over past mistakes. You have to move forward not back if you want to make a difference. Love is in a high cycle. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can raise your profile and your reputation by offering whatever you can to those who need it. Your honesty and knowledge combined are worth far more than you realize. Step up and talk to people who can change your life. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If someone makes unexpected changes, do your best to stick to your own plans. Don't let your emotions lead the way or you will make an impulsive, costly move. Travel and communication should be geared toward your relationships with the people you love. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Freeing up cash to invest in yourself and your ideas will give you a new lease on life and help you secure your future direction. The less you have to depend on others, the better you will feel. An unusual idea will work. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be wise with your cash and you can make it work for you. It's about doing things right this time around and, if you are diligent about taking the right steps, you will not fall into the traps that have held you back in the past. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Letting someone who has upset you know how you feel will put you in a vulnerable position. Keep a straight face and observe and you can control the situation and the outcome. Emotions are high and will be difficult to control. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are adaptable and sensitive, determined and diplomatic. You take on the role of leadership. You fight for your beliefs.

JUMBLE

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MIKE ARGIRION

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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

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

A: "○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○" ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ARMOR RURAL SOOTHE SUBDUE
Answer: The lazy student flunked the math test because he made — "SUM" ERRORS

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Securing the future

Early returns point to future recruiting wins

It was one of the few reasonable questions surrounding Brian Kelly when he arrived in South Bend.

There was no arguing his winning record and championship history, and no doubting his ability to develop and motivate players. One of the only question marks was this: Can he recruit at Notre Dame?



Michael Bryan

Associate Sports Editor

While the final verdict shouldn't be known until at least a year from today, when Kelly signs his first full class,

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY 2010

By the Numbers

- 5** Early enrollees currently on campus
- 16** Verbal commits expected to sign today
- 6** Prospects who might choose Notre Dame



SOFIA ITURBE | Observer Graphic

National Signing Day not worth the hoopla

I can match anyone in an argument about the worth of nearly any sporting occasion. I have a lot of practice, as my brother denounces sports as a whole at least twice every holiday. But National Signing Day is one event that I cannot defend, nor do I feel it warrants an ounce of anyone's attention.

I realize that landing recruits like top-rated offensive linemen Seantrel Henderson and Matt James could make or break a football program in the years



Douglas Farmer

Sports Writer

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Kelly, staff could get pleasant surprises from top prospects

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

National Signing Day marks the end of one hectic period and the beginning of another for coaches, recruits and fans everywhere who, for the most part, will be glad to set the 2010 recruiting class in stone — or, more appropriately, in ink.

Brian Kelly will reveal his first recruiting haul as Irish coach at 4 p.m. today in the Guglielmino Complex Auditorium in a press conference set to be broadcast live on

UND.com.

Heading into Wednesday, the Irish class stood at 21: five early enrollees, who are currently on campus and working out with the team, and 16 verbal commits set to officially sign National Letters of Intent today. Those 16 verbals will not officially become committed to Notre Dame until those letters are signed, but all 16 are expected to do.

Additionally, Irish fans are hoping Kelly's staff can secure commitments from a few of the top prospects still considering Notre Dame. Former coach Charlie Weis reeled in line-

backer Manti Te'o in a Signing Day shocker last year, and the Irish could be in position to pull a similar coup with a few players this year as well.

Included below is a quick breakdown of those players, along with Notre Dame's verbal commits and early enrollees. Player ratings and other information was gathered from ESPN's Scouts, Inc., with analysis of Irish recruiting expert Mike Frank. Frank runs the ESPN-affiliated Notre Dame Web site irishsportsdaily.com.

Still in the hunt
Entering Wednesday, Notre

Dame remained in contention for four four- or five-star prospects who initially held offers and showed interest when Weis was still at Notre Dame. Defensive end J.R. Ferguson, offensive tackles Seantrel Henderson and Matt James, and linebacker Christian Jones all included the Irish among their finalists.

Two other prospects — safety Jeremy Ioane and defensive end Kona Schwenke — only recently picked up Irish offers from Kelly, and after visiting campus this past weekend could commit to Notre Dame.

"I think getting three would

be a victory," Frank said. "You've got to hope you can land one of James or Henderson. James is the most likely at this point, but it's going to be close, real close. I could see it going other way."

"What hurts is he's met [offensive line coach Ed] Warinner and knows him, but when you have a whole year or longer with Ohio State to get to know some people, that makes it hard [for Notre Dame] to overcome."

◆ Four-star defensive end J.R. Ferguson, 6-foot-4, 255

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Christiansen earns expanded role

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The familiar cheer erupting from the stands of Purcell Pavilion during the fourth quarter of an Irish victory usually means one of two things — either freshman guard Skylar Diggins just hit another jumper from behind the arc, or senior guard Alena Christiansen is walking to the scorer's table.

The roar of the crowd has become the calling card for Christiansen, the team's only walk-on. A fan favorite, Christiansen's impromptu promotion from the practice squad to varsity last season was not lost upon the Irish spectators.

"I didn't think anybody knew my name because it



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Walk-on senior forward Alena Christiansen, center, worked her way onto the Irish varsity team from the practice squad.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Coach praises Lytle as 'elite of the elite'

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

If Irish head coach Tim Welsh were to build a Hall of Fame for Notre Dame swimming, he would likely start with current senior John Lytle.

"All you need to know is he's the fastest we've ever had in the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 200 free relay, 400 free relay, 800 free relay and the 400 medley relay," Welsh said. "He is one of the elite of the elite that Notre Dame has ever had."

As his fourth and final season swimming for the Irish comes to a close, those around Lytle can just now start to look back at a

remarkable career both in and out of the pool.

"His career's been fabulous, and everything you see on paper he's earned," Welsh said. "He's in the Academic Honors Program for athletes and he's got the highest GPA of any of our seniors. Since he first came in as a freshman he's been conscientious, thorough and reliable. He always tries to do the right thing."

Lytle's accomplishments back up his coach's glowing words. In addition to holding a handful of school records, Lytle has also dominated in the Big East, holding a program-best four Big East titles and 16 All-Big East Honors,

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