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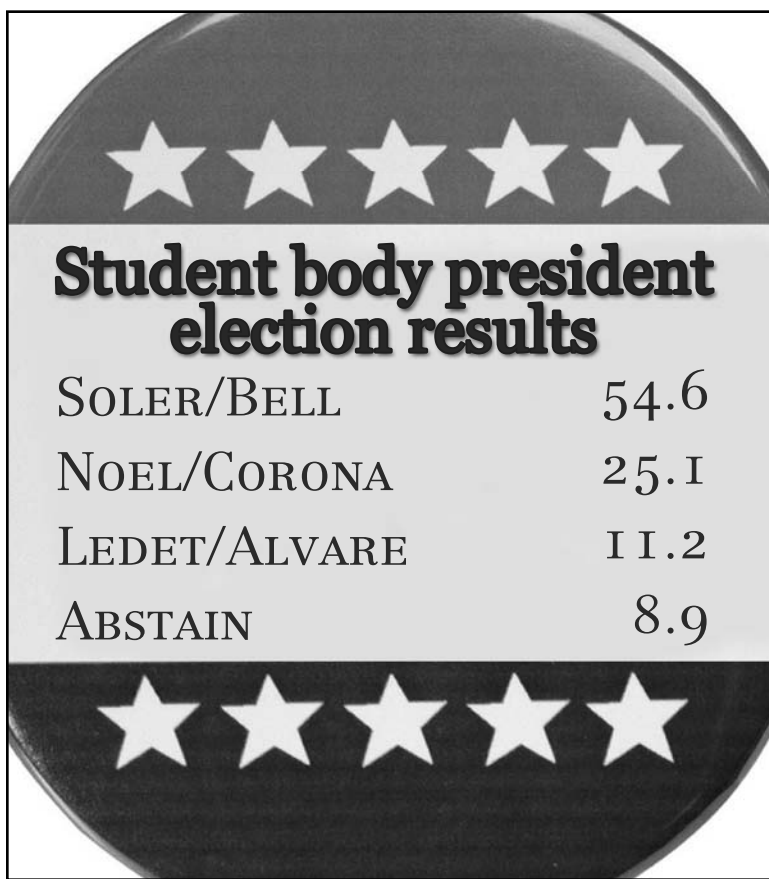
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Soler, Bell to lead student body for 2010-11



Student body president election results	
SOLER/BELL	54.6
NOEL/CORONA	25.1
LEDET/ALVARE	11.2
ABSTAIN	8.9

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Election marks first time sophomores take top student gov't offices

By SARAH MERVOSH
Assistant News Editor

Sophomores Catherine Soler and Andrew Bell became the first all-sophomore ticket to win the election for student body president and vice president when they received 54.6 percent of the vote Monday, Judicial Council president Ian Secviar said.

Soler and Bell defeated juniors Eras Noel and Julian Corona and freshmen Peter Ledet and Gabe Alvare in the election.

"As far as I know, [Soler and Bell] are the first sophomores to win," Secviar said. "Our records show that two sophomores have never won going back to the year 2000."

Secviar also said it was unusual for the ticket to win without a

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Student body president-elect Catherine Soler, left, and vice president-elect Andrew Bell debate in LaFortune Student Center Wednesday.

Mendoza hosts Ethics Week

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

In an effort to encourage discussion of ethical matters among students and faculty, the Mendoza College of Business launched its 13th annual Ethics Week Monday, focusing this year on the issue of abortion.

This year marks the first time that the week's events are related to a single theme — an idea that was born out of the controversy surrounding the

decision to invite President Barack Obama as the Commencement speaker for 2009, event organizer Ken Milani, a professor of accounting, said.

"What happened in May was confrontation," Milani said. "Then eventually reasonable voices started talking and agreed to disagree respectfully. We wanted to keep the conversation going."

Milani said Ethics Week began as a way to honor Notre Dame management professor

John Houck, a strong advocate for business ethics education. Houck died in 1996.

"A number of people involved in ethics at Notre Dame got together to determine what could be done," Milani said. "The first Ethics Week was held two years later."

The series takes place in February each year, a conscious decision by the organizers.

"We do ethics here 24/7, but we specifically schedule around

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Retired ND American Studies professor dies

Christman founded publishing course for students

Observer Staff Report

Retired Notre Dame American Studies professor Elizabeth Christman died Thursday. She was 96.

Christman served as an editorial research officer for the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked for a New York literary agency before joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1976.

When working for the agency Harold Ober Associates, Christman associated with well-known writers such as William Faulkner, Pearl Buck and J.D. Salinger.

Christman read the Salinger novel "Catcher in the Rye" when it was still a manuscript.

But her vocation was teaching, so she obtained masters and doctoral degrees from New York University in order to teach

at DePauw University and then at Notre Dame.

At the University, she designed and taught a publishing course in which students would seek out manuscripts, sign a contract with the author and go through the steps of editing, producing and selling the books.

She also wrote short stories, novels and poetry. During the 1978 summer Commencement address, she delivered her speech in verse — the only Notre Dame Commencement speaker to do so.

Several of her novels, such as "A Nice Italian Girl" and "Ruined for Life," are published.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Church in Webster Groves, Mo.

The University is in the process of planning a memorial Mass on campus in honor of Christman.

Contributions in Christman's honor may be made to Friends of Kids with Cancer at 530 Maryville Centre Drive, Ste. LL5, St. Louis Mo.



Christman

Conference to examine identity

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

The Edith Stein Project, sponsored by the Identity Project of Notre Dame, will return to campus for a fifth year, initiating an honest discussion on human identity and relationships.

This year's conference, scheduled to take place this weekend in McKenna Hall, is titled "No Man is an Island: Creature, Culture and Community."

JoAnna Roman, co-chair of

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Observer file photo

Panelists discuss identity issues at the 2009 Edith Stein Conference. This year's conference takes place this weekend.

INSIDE COLUMN

Ladies' love letter

Dear Ladyfriend,
 This is probably going to be dripping with sap, so if you don't want to read, I'll understand. Also, I just remembered there's a whole Facebook page dedicated to this, but whatever, The Observer needs some love. OK, here we go.

Adriana Pratt
Assistant Scene Editor

There is something I have observed during my wisdom-bringing 19 (almost 20!) years of life and it is this: Girls do not value themselves enough. I'm sure guys don't either, but I'm sorry boys, this one's for the ladies.

Females don't take enough time to sit down and evaluate where they are in life (at Notre Dame, learning and having fun), how they got there (through hard work and dedication), the gifts they have (an overabundance of them) and the respect they deserve (a LOT). This lack of self-evaluation can often lead to distractions that hurt rather than help.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and the flood of red roses, candy hearts and delicious chocolates delivered to the girl next door might remind you that you're single and might make you feel just a little unloved. Let's face it; we all want a little something special from someone special on V-Day. But don't let the thought that you haven't found "the one" get you down. There's no reason to be sad. Because guess what: you're beautiful.

And — double bonus — guess what, again! This compliment comes for free. No favors are expected in return and none should be for a statement so obvious. At the risk of sounding Taylor Swiftian, stay beautiful.

Too often for girls, the college mentality becomes "find a man, impress him, hold his attention, then lasso him in." To do this, we ladies tend to lose sight of our own value and compromise things we wouldn't normally be so loose about. That's not what college is for. It's a time of discovering who you are, where you want to go in life and how you're going to get there. And of course making sure you have fun along the way.

Boys will come and boys will go but you will always be a constant in your life, so make yourself proud. Eat, drink, be merry ... but remember not to compromise the gifts you have. A man who's a man will want the same.

Moral of the story: Be happy where you are. You're beautiful, you've got plenty of time to find "the one," and if you make sure to enjoy life every step of the way, it will all work out. Call up your other single friends and have a ladies' night out to celebrate the successes you've had and anticipate the good things to come. Happy Valentine's Day to my lovely lady-friends. You're the best.

Love,
 Adriana

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE ONE THING YOU WOULD WANT IN A ZOMBIE INVASION?



Emily Conron
freshman Breen-Phillips

"The Elder Wand."



Annie Flood
freshman Welsh Fam

"The invisibility cloak!"



Kirsten Milliard
sophomore Breen-Phillips

"James T. Kirk with a phaser."



Caitlin Glimco
freshman Walsh

"The Resurrection Stone."



Hannah Greggs
freshman Ryan

"A slow friend with a tasty brain."



Mary Clare Murphy
senior Lyons

"A library with really good locks and a lifetime supply of chocolate."

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



A Saint Mary's College Communicative Disorders Club booth sells cupid grams that include a card and a bag of homemade cookies in celebration of Valentine's Day.

GRACE KENESY/The Observer

IN BRIEF

An exhibit titled "Expanding the Boundaries: Selected Drawings from the Yvonne and Gabriel P. Weisberg Collection" will open at 10 a.m. in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries West in the Snite Museum of Art.

"Markings by Koo Kyung Sook" will be on exhibit at 10 a.m. today in the Milly and Fritz Kaeser Mestrovic Studio Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art.

"New Courts for New Democracies: Judicial Changes in Latin America from 1975 to 2009" will begin at 12:30 p.m. today. The lecture will be held in Room C103 of the Hesburgh Center.

The Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering will host "Organ Culture and Tissue Engineering Models of Heart Valve Disease" today in Room 138 of DeBartolo Hall. The seminar will begin at 3:30 p.m.

A painting display by visiting artist Dawn Okoro will be on exhibit in the Dooley Room in LaFortune Student Center at 4 p.m.

Mass of Thanksgiving to formally welcome Bishop Kevin Rhoades to the diocese will be celebrated in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5:15 p.m.

Majors Night will be offered in Joyce Center Heritage Hall through Gates 1 & 2 at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Rotten radishes prompt gas leak calls in Ohio

DEFIANCE — An Ohio fire department says the smell of decaying radishes prompted calls from residents worried about a possible gas leak. Tiffin Township Volunteer Fire Department near Defiance in northwest Ohio responded to five reports of suspicious smells in the last 45 days. A field of oilseed radishes, planted as a cover crop that adds nutrients to the field, is near a natural gas compression station and a gas exchange station.

Tiffin Township Fire

Chief Jamie Wonders said each run to investigate the odor takes about an hour. The agency responds to calls even when it suspects the smell is from the radishes.

Mark Reynolds, a pipeline technician with the TransCanada natural gas compression station, said the gas stored at the facility is odorless.

New world record set for swallowing swords

SYDNEY — An Australian performance artist set a new Guinness World Record on Monday by simultaneously swallowing

18 swords, each nearly as long as two and a half rulers.

Chayne Hultgren, also known by his stage name The Space Cowboy, beat the record he had set in 2008 by swallowing the swords, each 72 cm (28.35 inches) long, at an outdoor event in central Sydney.

The 31-year-old said he started practicing with swords when he was 16 and has used different methods to perfect the art, including stretching his throat with hoses.

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

CLC responds to possible du Lac revisions

Disciplinary sanctions, alcohol abuse policies reviewed; Council members contribute feedback to ORLH

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

The Campus Life Council met with Bill Kirk, associate vice president for Residence Life, Monday to comment on possible revisions of the du Lac student handbook, emphasizing in particular the progression of disciplinary sanctions and the University's policies for alcohol consumption on campus.

CLC members cited concern for the outline of disciplinary action set forth by the Office of Residence Life after Kirk presented potential reviews of du Lac during last week's meeting.

"One of our general perceptions about the way that du Lac is currently structured is that there ought to be some type of procedural provision for cases that may not need for a disciplinary record to be opened," student body vice president Cynthia Weber said. "Can the Office of Residence Life enact educational action without disciplinary action?"

Student body president Grant Schmidt said misunderstandings about the rules in du Lac could deter students from properly reporting an unsafe situation. Cases of medical amnesty and leniency for first-time offenses were brought forward as examples of policies that may need

clarification.

"Our whole reason for maintaining disciplinary records is to document a student's history in case of further offense and to create records if we should have to deal with inquiries from other institutions," Kirk said.

Kirk said the University has "a whole series of levels of sanctions" in place to regulate the disciplinary process and said that his office could benefit to learn from any research on these issues.

Community service as a sanction for certain behaviors was analyzed during the last meeting, and members of the Council agreed this volunteer time was an appropriate disciplinary response.

"Community service is a way for students who have taken something away from community to give something back," Zahm Hall rector Corry Colonna said.

Another disciplinary issue on the table was the University's handling of drinking games. The current policy in du Lac cites participation in drinking games as abusive drinking, a statement that the members of du Lac advised relaxing.

"We have heard the desire on several occasions to see more flexibility in the drinking game policy," Weber said. "While I am not advocating drinking games, most advocate more social drink-



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber at a meeting of the Campus Life Council on Nov. 16.

ing than excess."

Schmidt questioned whether students are drawn off campus during the weekends because of the stringent policy on drinking games in dorm rooms. He pointed out that students of legal drinking age are not allowed to partake in drinking games on campus.

"I think that the vast majority of the drinking that goes on campus is illegal," Kirk said. "And though we respect the privacy of student's rooms, I would hesitate to extend that policy to drinking games."

Kirk said the Office of Residence Life would not consider revising its stance on drinking games.

"The purpose of most drinking games is to consume a lot of alcohol in a short period of time," Kirk said. "And frankly, it can be considered sinful to deliberately give up your ability to make good and rational decisions that way."

Other suggestions for the Office of Residence Life included methods to make students more aware of the policies in the student handbook.

Council member Bridget Bredemann posed the idea of a video for freshman orientation in order to make du Lac regulations more approachable, and she suggested using the off-campus Web site as a "resource to clarify what is relevant for students living off campus."

The Council will continue discussions of the du Lac revisions with Kirk as the review process continues.

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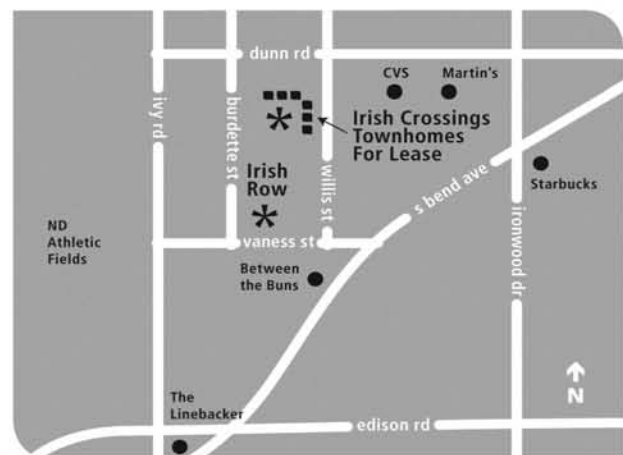


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SMC switches to Active Directory

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

As a way to make the technological network more efficient, the Information Technology department at Saint Mary's College has recently adopted a new program.

Active Directory will improve the current networking services that are offered on campus, Janice Thomasson, chief information officer said.

In order to make the switch, students were asked to follow a link provided by the Information Technology department. After typing in their usernames and passwords, students had made the switch. If students did not make the change by Feb. 1, they would be unable to access Bellaire, the wireless network on campus, as well as their Blackboard and Zimbra accounts.

"Students were asked several times in the last few weeks via e-mail to migrate to Active Directory and were warned they would be unable to get to Bellaire Wireless, their Saint Mary's College e-mail or Blackboard if they did not do so," Thomasson said. "Despite these requests some students still did not do so. The ResNet office in [Haggar College Center] did a brisk business on Monday, Feb. 1 with students who had not migrated."

Active Directory will allow the Information Technology department the ability to manage the network on their own, Thomasson said.

"With it now in place, we can move forward with projects like self-service password changes, the ability to share files

between departments and more collaborative opportunities," she said.

According to Thomasson, Active Directory will help keep passwords away from phishers and offer additional storage space.

"Active Directory manages our passwords and keeps them safe from prying eyes. It also keeps your computer's name unique so you can access the Internet," Thomasson said. "Additional storage will be offered in the year ahead as an Active Directory benefit. Zimbra e-mail is also more robust with less downtime."

According to Thomasson, most of the action is behind the scenes and the program allows the Information Technology staff to communicate more effectively and efficiently.

"It is a special way of organizing our network and its resources so users can communicate more efficiently," she said. "Most of the Information Technology staff's current Active Directory activity is behind the scenes, involving how end user information is managed on the network."

Thomasson said the network will change because of the switch creating a more effective communication atmosphere.

"The way in which [the Saint Mary's College] network is organized is changing since we migrated to Active Directory," she said. "Those who are likely to often communicate or share files with each other will be configured so they can do this more efficiently."

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Saint Mary's supports South Bend food bank

By BRITTANY VANSNEPSON
News Writer

In a campus-wide effort to provide food options for the less fortunate, the Saint Mary's College's Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) will be collecting boxed and canned food for a local project called Neighbors in Need this month.

Saint Mary's was invited to participate by local news station WSBT-TV, alongside different agencies that plan to help with the drive. The project runs throughout the month until Feb. 12. The food will then be collected at the WSBT-TV studio on Feb. 15.

"The food being collected is for the Northern Indiana Food Bank," Carrie Call, director of the College's OCSE, said.

The Food Bank, located in South Bend, helps to provide food for those in need throughout the county's limits.

Students are encouraged to get involved, and large boxes are placed in the residence halls for

their canned or boxed donations.

"As always, the good thing about a food drive is that for a very small amount of money you can buy a single can of food," said Call.

The Food Bank is hoping that the relatively cheap prices of canned food will encourage student involvement.

"Going out of my way to give food is a small price to pay to know that someone has food in their belly tonight," sophomore Taylor Chamberlain said.

The OCSE has held annual food drives before, but this is the first time it has been in collaboration with WSBT-TV. In the past, it worked side by side with the Saint Mary's cross country team to collect and count donations to redistribute to local food banks.

The OCSE has tried to put a new spin on food donations in the past, by, for instance, asking for once a week canned food donations during the Lenten season.

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Lecture examines science of autism

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

Guest speaker Joshua Diehl, director of the Notre Dame Center for Children and Families, presented "Solving the Autism Puzzle" Monday evening on Saint Mary's campus as part of Student Diversity Board's Disabilities Awareness Week events.

Diehl explained what autism is, what it looks like and what science tells us about autism.

Diehl began with a brief history of autism. He said it was once believed that autism was not a biological issue — a theory that has now been discredited.

"The blame for this condition was on cold parents," Diehl said. "Research has been wrong on this issue for a long time."

Some research shows autism appears to be on the rise, but Diehl said it is difficult to find solid statistics to show this.

"Now that we know more and more about autism, we are diagnosing more kids at 8, 9 and 10 years old," Diehl said.

Diehl said there have been expanding definitions and increasing awareness about autism and this could lead to the increase of children diagnosed with autism.

"There has been a huge increase in interest about autism and our own awareness. And awareness leads to more diagnoses," Diehl said.

He then spoke on the criticism that autism has been over-diagnosed. He said he

believes autism is over-diagnosed but also under-diagnosed. Autism may be under-diagnosed in smaller communities due to lack of resources or awareness. But it also may be over-diagnosed in larger communities so

children can have increased services.

Diehl also examined some causes of autism. He explained the causes of autism are most likely both genetic and environmental.

"The majority of cases seem to originate from a complex genetic predisposition," he said. "Anywhere from three to 10 genes contribute. We do

know that it is four times more common in males than it is in females."

There are some people who believe that vaccines can cause autism, Diehl said. But there is no direct evidence or research that can prove or disprove this.

"A small minority of children can have reactions to vaccines that could lead to a neurodevelopmental disorder, although all large scale research studies show no link between autism and vaccines," Diehl said.

This controversial issue led to a rift between some parents and some members of the medical community.

"Even if there is a link between vaccines and autism, it would probably only explain a small number of cases. Not vaccinating a child likely puts them at a greater risk for neurodevelopmental disorders," Diehl said.

The best intervention is early intervention. There is no cure for autism but there are multiple treatments such as medications and alternative approaches like special diets and different supplements.

"Treatment must get as much attention as identification and finding the causes and I support parents trying to do all that they can for their children," Diehl said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuela declares energy emergency

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez has signed a decree declaring an energy emergency in Venezuela to facilitate his government's efforts to ease severe energy shortages.

Venezuela imposed electricity and water rationing in December to prevent a collapse of the electricity grid as severe drought drops water levels behind the Guri Dam to critical lows. The dam supplies most of Venezuela's electricity.

Energy Minister Ali Rodriguez says the government must accelerate plans to reduce energy consumption while boosting production.

Chavez signed the emergency decree Monday.

Commander charged with murder

TORONTO — The commander of Canada's largest Air Force base, who once flew dignitaries around the country, has been charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of two women.

Ontario Provincial Police Det. Insp. Chris Nicholas said Monday that Col. Russell Williams, 46, was arrested Sunday in Ottawa. He was also charged in the sexual assaults of two other women.

The charges left Canada's military in a state of shock.

Williams, a 23-year military veteran, was appointed as the base commander of Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Trenton, Ontario last July. Trenton is Canada's busiest Air Force base and is providing logistical support for Canada's missions in Haiti and Afghanistan.

NATIONAL NEWS

Abortion activists monitored

MADISON, Wis. — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security conducted a threat assessment of local pro- and anti-abortion rights activists before an expected rally last year, even though they did not pose a threat to national security.

The DHS destroyed or deleted its copies of the assessment after an internal review found it violated intelligence-gathering guidelines by collecting and sharing information about "protest groups which posed no threat to homeland security," according to a department memo written last year.

The report was only shared with police in Middleton and with the director of the Wisconsin Statewide Information Center, an intelligence-gathering hub, according to the memo, which was signed by general counsel Ivan Fong and inspector general Richard Skinner.

Investigation follows fatal explosion

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Authorities looking for the cause of an explosion that killed five people at a power plant under construction launched a criminal investigation Monday, saying they could not rule out criminal negligence as the cause.

"If everything went right, we wouldn't all be here right now," Middletown Mayor Sebastian Guiliano said. "There's a point where negligence raises to the level of criminal conduct, and that's what we're investigating."

The powerful explosion blew apart large swaths of the nearly completed 620-megawatt Kleen Energy plant as workers for the construction company O&G Industries Inc. were purging a gas line Sunday morning.

LOCAL NEWS

Spill shuts down major road

ELKHART, Ind. — A fuel spill in a northern Indiana railroad yard caused authorities to close a main road while it was cleaned up.

Elkhart police say it took firefighters and hazardous materials crews about two hours to clean the about 200 gallons of spilled fuel at the Norfolk Southern railroad yard on the city's west side.

Authorities closed Old U.S. 33 until early Monday while the work was being done. No injuries were reported. Details of what caused the spill weren't immediately released.

AUSTRIA

Iran plans to enrich more uranium

World leaders alarmed and call for restrictions; Iran asserts peaceful intentions

Associated Press

VIENNA — Iran pressed ahead Monday with plans that will increase its ability to make nuclear weapons as it formally informed the U.N. nuclear agency of its intention to enrich uranium to higher levels.

Alarmed world powers questioned the rationale behind the move and warned the country it could face more U.N. sanctions if it made good on its intentions.

Iran maintains its nuclear activities are peaceful, and an envoy insisted the move was meant only to provide fuel for Tehran's research reactor. But world powers fearing that Iran's enrichment program might be a cover for a weapons program were critical.

Britain said the Islamic Republic's reason for further enrichment made no sense because it is not technically advanced enough to turn the resulting material into the fuel rods needed for the reactor.

France and the U.S. said the latest Iranian move left no choice but to push harder for a fourth set of U.N. Security Council sanctions to punish Iran's nuclear defiance.

Even a senior parliamentarian from Russia, which traditionally opposes Western ambitions for new U.N. sanctions, suggested the time had now come for such additional punishment.

Konstantin Kosachev, head of the international affairs committee of the State Duma — the lower house of parliament — told the Interfax news agency that the international community should "react to this step with serious measures, including making the regime of economic sanctions more severe."

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had already announced Sunday that his country would significantly enrich at least some of the country's stockpile of uranium to 20



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, uses a device as he visits an exhibition of Iran's laser science, in Tehran, Sunday.

percent. Still, Monday's formal notification was significant, particularly because of Iran's waffling in recent months on the issue.

Western powers blame Iran for rejecting an internationally endorsed plan to take Iranian low enriched uranium, further enriching it and return it in the form of fuel rods for the reactor — and in broader terms for turning down other overtures meant to diminish concerns about its nuclear agenda.

Telling The Associated Press that his country now had formally told the International Atomic Energy Agency of its intentions, Iranian envoy Ali Asghar Soltanieh said that IAEA inspectors now overseeing enrichment to low

levels would be able to stay on site to monitor the process.

He suggested world powers had pushed Iran into the decision, asserting that it was their fault that the plan that foresaw Russian and French involvement in supplying fuel from enriched uranium for the Tehran research reactor had failed.

"Until now, we have not received any response to our positive logical and technical proposal," he said. "We cannot leave hospitals and patients desperately waiting for radio isotopes" being produced at the Tehran reactor and used in cancer treatment, he added.

The IAEA confirmed receiving formal notification in a restricted note to the

agency's 35-nation board made available to The Associated Press.

Iran's atomic energy organization informed the agency that "production of less than 20 percent enriched uranium is being foreseen," said the note.

"Less than 20 percent" means enrichment to a tiny fraction below that level — in effect 20 percent but formally just below threshold for high enriched uranium.

At the same time, the note indicated that Iran was keeping the agency in the dark about specifics, saying the IAEA "is in the process of seeking clarifications from Iran regarding the starting date of the process for the production of such material and other technical details."

Man breaches security at Detroit airport

Associated Press

ROMULUS, Mich. — A portion of a terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport was evacuated Monday after a man without a boarding pass walked through a passenger screening checkpoint and refused to obey security officers, officials said.

The man failed to stop about 7:45 a.m. at the McNamara Terminal, the Transportation Security Administration said. He was subdued by airport police after a stun gun failed to stop him, an FBI agent said.

In a criminal complaint filed with U.S. District Court in Detroit, FBI agent Michael Thomas said the man, identi-

fied as Kaylan L. Policherla, walked through the checkpoint and a metal detector with his hands in his jacket pockets.

Transportation Security Administration workers activated an alarm, security doors were lowered at the portion of the terminal between the security checkpoint and terminal concourse, and people were evacuated from that area, airport spokesman Mike Conway said.

A TSA screener followed Policherla until airport police arrived and ordered him to stop, Thomas said. An officer discharged a Taser at Policherla but it had no effect, and officers then wrestled him to the floor and handcuffed him,

Thomas said.

Dogs were used to search the portion of the terminal that had been evacuated, but nothing was found, Conway said. Security screening resumed about an hour later, officials said.

The complaint alleges that Policherla violated federal security requirements. Policherla remained in custody Monday evening, but a court appearance was not immediately scheduled, FBI spokeswoman Sandra Berchtold said.

The complaint said Policherla was born in 1982 and his car, a Volkswagen Passat with Ohio license plates, was illegally parked outside the McNamara Terminal before he entered the building. The vehicle was searched and towed.

Kristof examines gender

Journalist shares travel experiences to illustrate inequality

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

"Women aren't the problem, they are the solution," Nicholas Kristof, author and New York Times op-ed columnist, said during a lecture Monday, discussing the importance of women in developing countries.

He said women are the greatest and most under-used natural resource.

The lecture — held in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium — focused on themes from the book he co-authored with his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, titled "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide."

The book tells stories of the women he and his wife have met during their travels and even some women whose lives Kristof directly affected.

Kristof said he believed the largest problem facing the 21st century is gender inequality.

"When you put together this kind of lethal discrimination on top of sex-selective abortion, then you have somewhere between 60 and 100 million females who have been discriminated against to death in the world," Kristof said.

He used several stories from his own experiences throughout the lecture, including an anecdote from when he was

covering a story on human trafficking in Cambodia. He said he went to a brothel to talk to the women, and found one young girl whose mother didn't have the money to buy her daughter back. Kristof bought two of the girls to free them from the brothel. He said he received receipts for both of them.

"When you get a written receipt for another human being, that's just a disgrace to all of mankind," Kristof said.

Kristof offered ideas to help improve conditions for women in these countries, highlighting education as one of the more important steps to the problem.

"There is no magic bullet to fighting poverty. But, the single thing that is closest, that makes more of a difference than any other, is education"

Nicholas Kristof
op-ed columnist
New York Times

"There is no magic bullet to fighting poverty," Kristof said. "But, the single thing that is closest, that makes more of a difference than any other, is education."

He said there were small solu-

tions to the problem that would help increase attendance in schools. Worms were one problem he touched on that kept children out of the classroom. He also said many high school-aged girls would have to miss class due to their menstrual cycles because they did not have the proper sanitary materials to deal with it. Kristof used these examples to show "cheap" solutions to the problem people don't generally con-

sider.

"It's not just a matter of putting up school buildings," Kristof said. "It's things we never even think about."

He said for college students to really be educated, they need to spend time abroad in developing nations.

"One of the reasons I really encourage you to go out and spend time in the grassroots is because then you'll have a better sense of what does work to make that kind of difference," Kristof said.

He said he recognizes these issues are "depressing" and seem "vast," but even helping one person is making a difference.

"What is important to know is that you truly can make a deep difference with some people, and that is an incredibly important difference," Kristof said. "You don't have to solve the whole problem to make a difference."

He said he has seen some terrible things in his travels, saying it takes the worst of humanity to bring out the best in it.

"It truly does bring out the best of humanity and they express that humanity with courage, with altruism and it's very inspiring," Kristof said.

In closing, Kristof said he did not merely want to educate students on these issues, but also generate action.

"For you students to have some pillar throughout your life that is about some larger cause, I think would be a major source of fulfillment for you," Kristof said.

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Ethics

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Valentine's Day because it's a time when you're expressing your love very explicitly," Milani said. "It's a time of sincerity, of meaning."

The speakers for this year's events include University President Fr. John Jenkins, local Bishop Kevin Rhoades and director of the Women's Care Center in Mishawaka Bobby Williams. Past speakers have included Digger Phelps, Chris Zorich and University President Emeritus Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy.

Notre Dame is often listed as one of the world's top universities in the area of business ethics, a tradition that Malani said stems from the very beginning of the University's history.

"Our first dean was Cardinal O'Hara," he said. "Ethics is in our DNA."

For students and faculty who may not have had exposure to

ethics in their education, Ethics Week serves as a way to facilitate discussion for both the present and future, as well as inside and outside the classroom, he said.

"It's a chance to hear a dialogue on a very controversial topic," Malani said. "[University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh] has said that Notre Dame is where the Church does it's thinking. I agree with that."

Rhoades, bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, was the first speaker in the series. His lecture titled "Ethics, Morality and Religion: Their Impact on the Abortion Issue," took place Monday in the Giovanini Commons of the Mendoza building. Jenkins will speak today at 12:30 p.m. in the Giovanini Commons on "The Ethics of Leadership," and Williams will speak on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., also in the Commons.

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Edith

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the 2010 Edith Stein Project, said the conference will examine the relational nature of human beings in terms of a lot of separate issues, such as marriage, the family, homosexuality, sexual violence and eating disorders.

"While the conference has focused on women and women's issues in the past, we

decided on a theme that would bring out more on the human person and human relationships," Roman said.

This year, over 30 people will present at the conference, she said.

Notable speakers include Mother Dolores Hart, a Benedictine nun from Connecticut and a former Hollywood actress, once starring in a film alongside Elvis. Hart will share thoughts on how relationships played a role in finding her vocation, Roman said.

Sarah Johnson, also a co-chair of the conference, said the Edith Stein Project is especially important in a culture where many problems, like sexual assault and eating disorders, are all associated with identity.

"These issues or problems have deeper theological and philosophical dimensions,

which go into the very root of being," she said. "That is really what the conference is all about."

Both Roman and Johnson got involved with the Edith Stein Project early in their college careers.

"A friend had recommended the conference to me during my freshman year," Johnson said.

Her interest piqued, and she went and has been attending it ever since.

Roman's involvement with the conference began when she

"It spoke to me as an honest and frank effort to reach out to other people, no matter their thoughts or beliefs."

JoAnna Roman
co-chair
Edith Stein Project

attended it for the first time during her sophomore year. She said she was inspired by the presentations and the spirit of those working on the conference.

"It spoke to me as an honest and frank effort to reach out to other people, no matter their thoughts or beliefs," she said.

Speakers will present throughout the day Friday and Saturday on various topics including motherhood and fatherhood, vocations and contraception.

A Mass, dinner and discussion with John D'Arcy, former bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, will be held on Friday, beginning with the Mass at 5:15 p.m.

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MySpace Music to audio advertise

LOS ANGELES — Hoping to boost revenue, MySpace Music has begun experimenting with audio advertisements that users must hear if they want to listen to music for free online.

The 30-second ads began appearing last week when users listen to songs on artist profiles, album pages, playlists and pop-out players. They expand on a trial that began in December.

The ads are impossible to avoid, unlike the visual, banner ads that can be put out of sight in background windows as users listen along while doing other Web surfing or computer work. But the audio ads are timed so that a user can listen to up to 100 songs on a playlist or to a full album with just a single interruption after the first song.

The oral pitches make online listening more like over-the-air radio, although online listeners can choose which songs they hear.

MySpace Music, a joint venture between major recording companies and News Corp., wants to boost the frequency of such ads this month before settling on how often they'll be running. Other online music sites such as Pandora and Yahoo Music already run similar audio ads.

Fiat 500 to be built in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Chrysler Group LLC says it will invest \$550 million to build the Fiat 500 minicar at its assembly plant near Mexico City.

Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne says the new work at its Toluca plant will create 400 jobs. He said Monday the company will begin making the model in December for U.S. and Latin American markets.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon says Chrysler will produce between 100,000 and 130,000 vehicles at the plant, creating about 1,200 indirect jobs. Chrysler says the Mexican government has provided a \$400 million incentive package for the project, the majority of it as loans.

Chrysler, controlled by Italian automaker Fiat Group SpA, already employs 2,000 workers to manufacture the PT Cruiser sedan and the Dodge Journey at the factory.

The automaker also has a truck assembly plant in the northern Mexico city of Saltillo.

Oil drilling debate continues

Environmental groups rethink agreement regarding California offshore drilling

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nearly two years ago, a broad coalition of environmental groups celebrated a deal with a Texas oil company that promised to eventually end its drilling operations off California's scenic Santa Barbara County coast.

Now, a growing number of those former eco allies are lining up against the plan, in part because no one outside a small circle of supporters was allowed to read the final agreement.

Many also wonder if the 2022 end date for drilling is enforceable and worry the deal with Plains Exploration & Production, known as PXP, could inadvertently end a 40-year moratorium on new offshore drilling along the entire California coast.

About 110 groups have joined the "Oppose PXP Coalition." Among its members is the Sierra Club, which initially endorsed the deal and was still listed as a supporter on the PXP Web site long after the group changed its position.

The company has used the roster of environmental backers to win public support for the proposal.

"It's very frustrating," said Michael Endicott of the Sierra Club. "I asked them to do it last year. Stop saying Sierra Club is in support of the project — we're not."

The growing opposition comes at a critical time, with politicians eyeing the coast for more drilling as a way to bolster battered budgets.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently proposed using royalties generated by leasing state land to PXP to fund state parks. President Barack Obama indicated he might support more offshore drilling as a way to bolster domestic oil production.

"Approval of PXP will be interpreted nationally as



Offshore oil drilling platforms such as "Gail," operated by Venoco, Inc., seen here, are the subject of debate by environmental groups in California.

embracing offshore drilling in federal waters," said Assemblyman Pedro Nava, a critic of the deal who is running for state attorney general.

The 27 oil platforms now operating off the Central and Southern California coasts produced 13.3 million barrels of oil in 2009, a small fraction of the amount used in the U.S.

PXP spokesman Scott Winters did not respond to e-mailed questions and calls for comment. The company also has operations in Texas, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico.

Linda Krop of the Environmental Defense Center, the lead attorney for the three respected environmental groups that signed the agreement,

would not say how many supporters were still onboard. She believes those who joined the opposition only object to parts of the governor's proposal, not the deal with PXP.

"Every local group we had is still on board," she said.

Many critics outside Santa Barbara have taken aim on the Environmental Defense Center and Get Oil Out!, which formed after a 1969 oil spill from an offshore platform off Santa Barbara County fouled miles of ocean and shoreline in wildlife-killing goo. The other group to sign the deal was the Citizens Planning Association.

PXP wants to slant drill about 30 new shafts from Platform Irene in federal

waters to Tranquillon Ridge, a formation in state waters.

Its pact with the three groups also calls for the company to donate 3,900 acres (1,580 hectares) to The Trust for Public Land and make a contribution of \$1.5 million to a fund that could be used to purchase hybrid buses.

Such terms initially drew support from environmental groups beyond the three that signed the deal. Others, such as Coastwalk California, took no position.

Criticism hit a new high last month, when the agreement was leaked to the media. Its confidentiality was a major concern for environmentalists and regulators.

Boeing's biggest plane completes flight

Associated Press

EVERETT, Wash. — Boeing Co.'s giant 747-8 freighter — the biggest plane the company has ever built — successfully completed its first flight Monday, a year later than originally planned.

The huge plane took off from Everett's Paine Field at 12:39 p.m. PST after a weather delay. It returned to Paine at 4:18 p.m.

Hundreds of employees and other airplane fans gathered to watch the plane take to the air. The flight came just one day short of the 41st anniversary of the first flight of the original 747 model.

At 250 feet long — more than twice the length of the Wright Brothers' first flight — the plane is about 18 feet

longer than the existing 747-400 jumbo jet. The company conducted taxi tests on the freighter Saturday, with the aircraft performing well, Boeing said.

Boeing also is developing a passenger version of the plane. It lists 76 orders for the freighter and 32 for the 747-8 passenger jet, with the vast majority from international customers.

The company says the jets will be much quieter, more fuel efficient and have lower emissions than current 747-400 models.

Boeing launched the freighter program on Nov. 14, 2005, with firm orders for 10 planes from Cargolux of Luxembourg and eight from Nippon Cargo Airlines of Japan. The jet has a list price of more than \$301 million, though airlines commonly negotiate discounts.

After completing the test program, the first freighter will be refitted and delivered to Cargolux.

The freighter version is to enter service late this year. The first delivery was to have been in late 2009 and the first passenger version in late 2010, but Boeing pushed back the dates due to design changes, limited engineering resources and an eight-week strike that shut down factories.

Boeing's European rival Airbus had planned a freighter version of the Airbus A380, the world's largest passenger jet. However, that program was put on hold in 2007 after FedEx Corp. and UPS Inc. canceled their orders, leaving Airbus with an empty order book for the cargo plane. The A380 airliner made its first flight in April 2005 and went into service in October 2007.



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Election

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run-off election. In order to win without a run-off election, the ticket must win by more than 50 percent of the vote.

"This is the first time in at least four years that we haven't had a runoff," he said.

In total, 4,177 students voted in the election, making this year's turnout the second highest voter turnout on record, vice president for elections of the Judicial Council Marcelo Perez said.

Last year holds the record for highest voted turnout with 4,509 votes, he said.

Soler, who will become Notre Dame's fifth female student body president, said she is grateful to everyone who voted and supported her ticket.

"We're grateful for the faith that people had in us, [that] they could see our experience, and our passion and commitment, and not use our age as something that would deter them," she said. "We're very excited and a little humbled by how much people really cared about the elections here."

Bell said they plan to begin working on their initiatives prior to their official instatement April 1.

"We're going to be getting started right away to meet with more administrators and establish more contacts to help us move forward," Bell said.

Once they officially begin leading the student body, Soler said they will put their plans into action.

"We could start on our textbook rental program, begin doing things for The Wall," she said. "We can try to get new hummus in the dining hall."

The Wall will be a place in LaFortune where students can go to see all of the events happening each week, Soler said.

Bell added they will also work with outgoing student body president Grant Schmidt and vice president Cynthia Weber to learn what worked for them and continue the successes of their administration.

Soler said she would like to continue Schmidt and Weber's presence as student leaders in the community.

"I think Grant and Cynthia have been tremendous leaders in the community and that's something we definitely want to follow in their footsteps and be the face of the University in terms of community relations," she said.

The ticket also said they would like to increase student government's visibility and emphasized their approachability.

"I think people forget that we're regular students. After this we're going to study for accounting," Bell said. "We have homework. We have the same stresses. We get excited about the weekend."

"When you have thoughts just come share them with us."

Soler said she is excited to begin her term as student body president, but also said she enjoyed the election process.

"We are very respectful of our competitors," she said. "It was a fun election."

Eras and Corona, who received 25.1 percent of the vote, accepted their defeat with a smile.

"I mean it's good. It's a relief. It's closure," Noel said. "Thank you Notre Dame students, it was a great experience."

Noel said he plans to continue his ideas for "Perspectives," a series of interactive lectures where students and professors would discuss intellectual issues.

"Professors are really interested in that," he said. "I think our venue now to be able to get this done is through a student club."

Ledet and Alvare, the Zahm ticket, said they were pleased they received more votes than the option to abstain and plan to celebrate.



A full crowd looks on as student body president-elect Catherine Soler and vice president-elect Andrew Bell debate their campaign platforms Wednesday in LaFortune.

PAT COVENEY/The Observer

"I think we're just going to party," Ledet said.

Soler and Bell said they were excited to officially become president and vice president and get

moving on their platforms.

"We're really excited to be [the student body's] leaders," Soler said.

Bell added, "And not only to be

their leaders, but to work with them."

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Vibrant Brazilian dance rhythms will transport revelers from South Bend to the streets of Rio de Janeiro during Notre Dame's 12th annual celebration of Brazilian Carnival, to be held Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight in South Dining Hall. The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

The Brazilian celebration of Mardi Gras, Carnival will feature professional Brazilian dancers performing and teaching dance steps to the authentic axe and samba music of Chicago Samba. Directed by Moacyr Marchini, Chicago Samba features Brazilian musicians who have performed together for almost 20 years.

Carnival participants include students, area residents, members of the local Brazilian community, and lots of kids. All don their Carnival beads and dance the night away.

"Carnival brings everyone together in an event that is different from anything else in South Bend," said Tatiana Spragins, a

Brazilian who is president of the Portuguese Language Club. "It gives the vibe of Brazilian culture and the fun is contagious."

Brazil Club president Valerie Kornfield, who grew up in Brazil, agreed.

"Carnival shows Brazil's love of music and dancing and the joy that characterizes Brazilians," she said. "It is a great party, my favorite event of the year."

Carnival is sponsored by Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies, which brings together scholars, students and policymakers to study important international problems facing humanity.

Co-sponsors of the event include the Latin American Studies Program, the Institute for Latino Studies, Catering by Design, the Brazil Club, the Portuguese Language Club, the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, and the Department of Transportation Services at Notre Dame; WVPE Radio, Microtel Inn and Suites, and AudioBahn Productions, LLC.

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First Amendment vindicated

What the President's critics have labeled a shocking breach of decorum during his State of the Union Address, combined with Justice Samuel Alito's mouthed disapproval while his colleagues sat stony-faced amidst lavish applause from congressional Democrats, set off a flurry of controversy that has drawn even more attention to the Supreme Court's recent ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.



Christie Pesavento

Right Winging It

Why did this case create such a stir? Let's begin with the background.

In 2008, a nonprofit conservative group known as Citizens United produced a documentary criticizing then-presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and sought to run commercials for the film. Unfortunately, a little something called the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (also known as McCain-Feingold) stood in its way. The Act makes it illegal for corporations and unions from dipping into their general treasury funds for independent expenditures that are classified as "electioneering communication," or speech that advocates for or against a candidate running for office 30 days before the primary elections. A district court ruled that the commercials violated the Act despite Citizen United's claim that the documentary was nonpartisan and based solely on facts.

The organization appealed to the Supreme Court, and the case was argued two separate times, first in March of 2009 and again last August. Finally, on Jan. 21, the Court delivered its ruling, with the majority finding that McCain-Feingold's restriction on expenditures was an unconstitutional encroachment on the right of corporations to speak freely in political campaigns.

The decision sent cheers through the ranks of conservative and libertarian

circles and prompted ominous predictions of electoral Armageddon from liberals, including the Commander in Chief:

"Last week, the Supreme Court reversed a century of law to open the floodgates for special interests — including foreign corporations — to spend without limit in our elections. Well I don't think American elections should be bankrolled by America's most powerful interests, or worse, by foreign entities."

This statement, made during the State of the Union Address, was what elicited the "not true" remark from Justice Alito. And for good reason.

For starters, the charge of overturning "a century of law" is a substantial exaggeration. The Court did reverse its 1990 decision in *Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce* that upheld a ban on independent political expenditures by corporations, but the 1907 prohibition of direct political contributions remains untouched. In fact, the decision in *Citizen's United* specifically criticizes *Austin* as "a significant departure from ancient First Amendment principles." Indeed, *Austin* was the first decision in the Court's history to uphold a restriction on independent political speech. So it was the twenty year old ruling that marked a significant reversal of past precedent, not *Citizen's United*.

The president was also incorrect in stating that the ruling "opens the floodgates for special interests — including foreign corporations." Aside from the patent hypocrisy of his attack on special interests when, as a candidate, Obama was positively swimming in special interest donations and decided against public funding of his campaign to avoid the spending limits it would have entailed, the allegation itself is a complete misrepresentation of the facts. The section of Federal Election Commission law banning foreign nationals, including corporations, from contributing money to American elections remains on the books. Justice Kennedy even went out of his way to explicitly state, "We need not reach the question whether the government has a compelling interest in preventing foreign individuals or associations from influencing our nation's political process." In other words, the main

issue at stake in *Citizens United* was whether corporate political speech deserves the same First Amendment rights as that of an individual, not whether foreign nationals should be able to interfere with elections in the United States.

Speaking of which, the claim that corporations are not covered by the First Amendment because they do not constitute individual persons is "short-sighted at best," according to former Federal Election Commissioner Hans von Spakovsky. "Corporations, after all, are just collections of individuals, and the First Amendment protects their right to petition the government for redress of grievances."

Moreover, the fear that those evil corporations will now be able to buy elections that many expressed after the ruling was released is largely unfounded, thanks in part to the fact that many corporations donate opportunistically rather than according to deeply-held political beliefs, hoping to gain the favor of whichever side is ultimately elected. In fact, data from *OpenSecrets.org* demonstrate that between 1998 and 2009, corporations overwhelmingly favored the Democratic Party. Perhaps Obama and co. should have turned down those donations in the name of fairness and equality.

The bottom line is that freedom of speech, especially the political kind, lies at the core of American democracy. Its denial bars one from participating fully in self-government, and its protection has remained a central component of Supreme Court doctrine for centuries. Fortunately, by striking down the limitations imposed on corporations by McCain-Feingold, the Court has vindicated the right of all Americans, including those associated through corporations, to full participation in our democratic system.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Have a heart, save a heart

Everybody knows that Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day, a time to shower your loved ones with flowers and candy in order to show that your heart is in the right place. (Boys with girlfriends — don't forget!) But what a lot of people don't know is that the month of February also raises awareness about another type of heart — your actual heart. February is officially American Heart Month. It's the month where the American Heart Association raises awareness about heart disease and tries to share tips on how to stay heart healthy because, unfortunately, Coronary Heart Disease is the No. 1 killer in America. Think about that.

The sad thing is that a lot of heart disease is preventable. People who know me might not know this but I am a survivor of heart disease. When I was 11-years-old, I was diagnosed with sick sinus syndrome, a congenital heart defect that requires an implanted pacemaker to help my heart maintain proper functioning. To me, proper heart

health is important. My heart disease reminds me daily that I can do things daily to strengthen my heart and prevent further heart disease down the road. I can ride my bike to class, I can go for a run around the lakes, I could eat Cheerios instead of Lucky Charms, I could have chicken pizza instead of pepperoni and ham, I can climb the stairs instead of taking the elevator. Heart disease is incredibly preventable by watching your weight, being physically active, eating healthy foods and avoiding excessive alcohol consumption. So for Valentine's Day this weekend, treat both your hearts right.

Celebrate American Heart Month and keep heart disease away!

Melissa Vondriska
 junior
 Lewis Hall
 Feb. 7

Say cheese

I would like to express my genuine anticipation for my favorite dining hall season: Lenten Fridays! I am so sick of the same dining hall food week-in and week-out. I am ready for the meatless classics like grilled pizza and cheese quesadillas to make their glorious return! Even better is the fact that while I consume these creative concoctions, I will get to entertain myself with the inevitable Observer Viewpoint flame war that will ensue.

A freshman from Dillon will complain that he is Wiccan and should be able to eat meat whenever he wants. A senior from off campus who probably doesn't even eat in the dining hall anymore will counter that Jesus didn't eat meat on Fridays. This simple exchange will explode until it takes up both (sometimes even three!) pages of Viewpoint. There is absolutely nothing more important to discuss that this intriguing issue. Thank you, Observer!

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 Feb. 5

LGBTQ support from MEChA

In light of the recent discussion relating to the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and questioning population on our campus, it has come to the attention of our club, MEChA, (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan) that the struggle these friends are facing now is not unlike the struggle many of us have faced in the past. We also have been mocked, told to change, been refused justice, even physically hurt. We know what it is to feel self conscious about our words, our actions and the way we look. To be afraid of persecution because of a characteristic we cannot change, a characteristic we are born with, leads us to not only doubt ourselves, but also the people we are surrounded by. Committing any of these actions, or ones like them, is against everything our Christian faith tells us.

We are supposed to love our neighbor, whether they are gay or straight, white or colored, men or women, as we would love ourselves. How then can our faith-based University tell us that these members of our school are not subject to protection against harassment and ridicule? Including sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause does

not mean the University condones homosexual or otherwise alternative lifestyles any more than including "religion" condones the practice of ritual sacrifice on campus. All it means is that the University respects these individuals as human beings with a particular difference that should not be targeted by any person, group or entity.

That being said, the members of MEChA proudly declare their support of all the LGBTQ community. We also support the inclusion of sexual orientation under the non-discrimination clause, and the observance of the Gay/Straight Alliance as an official university organization. It is well known that students walking around with bright orange shirts saying "Gay? Fine by Me" are allies of this cause. Now, we want it to be known that students wearing black and red MEChA shirts are, also.

In Solidarity,
 MEChA

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 Feb. 7

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Music companies need to back off

Federal Judge Michael Davis presided over a case earlier this year where peer-to-peer user Jammie Thomas-Rasset was ordered to pay \$1.92 million in damages for sharing 24 songs on the Internet.

Davis made no comment on the amount of the award and showed no discernable emotion as the judgment was read out. Thomas-Rasset appealed the \$1.92 million amount on the grounds that it was arbitrary and unconstitutional, and Davis agreed with her.

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On Jan. 22, Davis reduced the amount of the damages, stating that the jury's decision led to a "monstrous and shocking" damage award that veered into "the realm of gross injustice."

Davis used his power of remittitur to slash the damage award by 97.2 percent, from \$1.92 million to \$54,000, and he suggested that even this lower amount was too much. The difference between the two amounts shows that the initial number must have been pulled out of thin air.

In his decision to reduce the award, Davis did not oppose the guilty verdict or fail to point out the inconsistencies Thomas-Rasset had shown during the trials.

"Despite never implicating others during her depositions or testimony in the previous trial, in this second trial, she suddenly leveled new accusations against her children and ex-boyfriend, asserting that they might have committed the infringement," Davis wrote in the decision. "Thomas-Rasset's refusal to accept responsibility for her actions and her decision to concoct a new theory of the infringement, casting possible blame on her children and ex-boyfriend for her actions, demonstrate a refusal to accept responsibility and raise the need for strong deterrence."

Statutory damage laws were originally written with the intent of stopping commercial infringement.

"In the case of individuals who infringe by using peer-to-peer networks, the potential gain from infringement is access to free music, not the possibility of hundreds of thousands — or even millions — of dollars in profits," Davis wrote. "The need for deterrence cannot justify a \$2 million verdict for stealing and illegally distributing 24 songs for the sole purpose of obtaining free music."

The Recording Industry Association of America was determined to make an example of Thomas-Rasset because it is fighting a losing battle when it comes to prosecuting every individual who illegally downloads music.

Now, when record labels find someone stealing music, they try to take them for everything they are worth based on action and not intent. In this case, there was no malicious intent or any way Thomas-Rasset was reaping any kind of monetary reward other than not having to pay for the songs.

Record labels need to stop prosecuting peer-to-peer users and punishing people for the industry's faulty business model, and work out a way to succeed in the digital age.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Romance Is Anything But Boring

By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

Like all great epics, the third Los Campesinos! album, "Romance is Boring," begins with "In Medias Res." The choice of title accurately reflects the turn that the band has taken in its follow up to 2008's "We Are Beautiful, We Are Doomed."

The quintessentially British band is well-known for their upbeat refrains and cheery melodies, yet the sound of this new album is much more mature than anything Los Campesinos! has done before, yet it retains that unwavering enthusiasm that made the group popular in the first place.

The opening track asks the question, "If you were given the option of dying painlessly in peace at 45 but with a lover at your side after a full and happy life, is this something that would interest you?" While this may not in fact interest you, the rest of the album is sure to hold the attention of listeners, both devoted fans as well as new recruits to the Los Campesinos! camp.

The title track, "Romance is Boring," fits well considering the rapidly approaching day dedicated to romance alone. It may serve as a much-needed wake up call for the couples who have been disgusting the rest of the campus by publicly displaying their affection in front of the fro-yo machine. "Romance is Boring" is a song that can easily be sung by even the worst of tune carriers which is a perfect example of the group's mission.

Songs from previous Los Campesinos! albums are mostly songs that are best screamed in a car full of good friends. It is refreshing to hear some of that old excitement brought into this new album.

The song immediately following

"Romance is Boring," "We've Got Your Back" does a good job of showcasing the general theme of the entire album. Part of the song is toned down, in the best way possible, while the other half is full of upbeat exclamations from the entire band.

Despite the fact that Aleks Campesinos! (Campesinos! of course being the band's collective surname) left the band to continue her studies, her vocals remain on this album, most notably so in "We've Got Your Back." It's curious that her part in the song is the more demure of the two, because it seems that the band will be sticking with the toned down image despite her being gone. The best part of the entire song, and the part that will remind listeners most of the earlier work of the band, is the collective scream of, "If your hero told you to go huff a sharpie what would you do? I do not know!" The lyrics are certainly absurd, but the enthusiasm behind them is beyond comparison.

Some of the songs seem to have a completely different feel from the Los Campesinos! that came roaring out of the gate two years ago. "200-102" and "Heart Swells/100-1" are the most notable. They clearly do not fit into the mold that Los Campesinos! created for themselves. They appeared to be so full of energy that they needed to add an "!" at the end of their name because otherwise the idea simply didn't translate. On those two tracks, however, there is folksier guitar and eerie whispering than a Los Campesinos! fan may be able to

'Romance is Boring' Los Campesinos!

Label: Witchita

Recommended Tracks: "We've Got Your Back," "In Medias Res"



handle.

"The Sea is A Good Place to Think of the Future" comes near the end of the album and is yet another sign of the band's maturation. The lyrics seem so honest and deep, it even seems as though they were ripped straight from someone's diary. The song itself is great, but the music video is even better. The simplicity of a group of cool people just sitting on the beach is perfect. It would make anyone want to run off to the nearest beach and just sit around for a while.

"Romance is Boring" marks a shift in gears for Los Campesinos! There is almost a tug of war going on between staying young and growing up. This album shows both sides extremely well. It gives fans more of what they loved from previous albums while giving them a taste of what the future may be like for the group.

It also happens to be the perfect album for anyone who recently discovered that they would be spending quite some time in Britain. Word of advice: save the hours you would have spent rereading Harry Potter and just listen to Los Campesinos! instead.

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By KATHERINE GREENSPON
Scene Writer

As he studies in the college classroom during the day, he turns into a major-label artist by night. His name is Mike Posner and he's not your ordinary newcomer to the music scene.

Mike Posner has mastered the ultimate balancing act as he shows up for classes and gets signed with J Records (RCA/Sony) for his first album release. Mike Posner remains a full time senior at Duke University as he records new songs for his first album release. So far, 2010 has been a great year for this young artist who hopes to graduate from Duke with a major in sociology, minor in business and is releasing his album by the end of the year.

After Posner was signed to a record company he thought about dropping out of school so he could focus all his energy on his music. To make his mother happy he decided to finish out his senior year.

Posner has opened for artists like Will.i.am, Akon and 50 Cent. He continues to travel on the weekends when he is not hitting the books in the library. He travels to and from L.A. and New York serving up high-energy performances and radio station interviews, one red-eye flight at a time.

Posner started writing his own songs when he was 13 years old and continued to write lyrics for other artists as he grew older. He soon decided that the best person to deliver his musical vision was himself, so he set up his own small recording studio in his college dorm. Having his keyboard and microphone ready he began developing mix tapes that he distributed all over Duke University.

Being a struggling student-musician does have its perks, however. Because Posner was considered a college senior he was able to use the university's iTunes U which is a feature that allows artists to release their music for free. After he shared his mix tapes online record companies started taking notice. J Records

has taken Posner under its wing and now his songs are showing up all over the radio waves and at college parties around the country.

Posner's music reflects his experiences as a college student and is easy to listen to whether you are with your buddies or your girlfriend. Two songs that have been leaked onto the Internet and iTunes are "Drug Dealer Girl" and "Smoke N' Drive."

Both songs have a rap, hip-hop feel to them with his voice sounding very similar to auto-tune but his seeing him live reveals his auto-tune free authentic voice and lyrical content that makes him one of a kind.

He has collaborated with artists like Kid Cudi, Big Sean, Bun B, Eric Holljes and 3OH!3. Posner still works on mix tapes with Don Cannon and DJ Benzi who continue to help him on his debut album which is said to be 50 percent done. Posner's first mix tape titled "A Matter of Time," was released in early 2009.

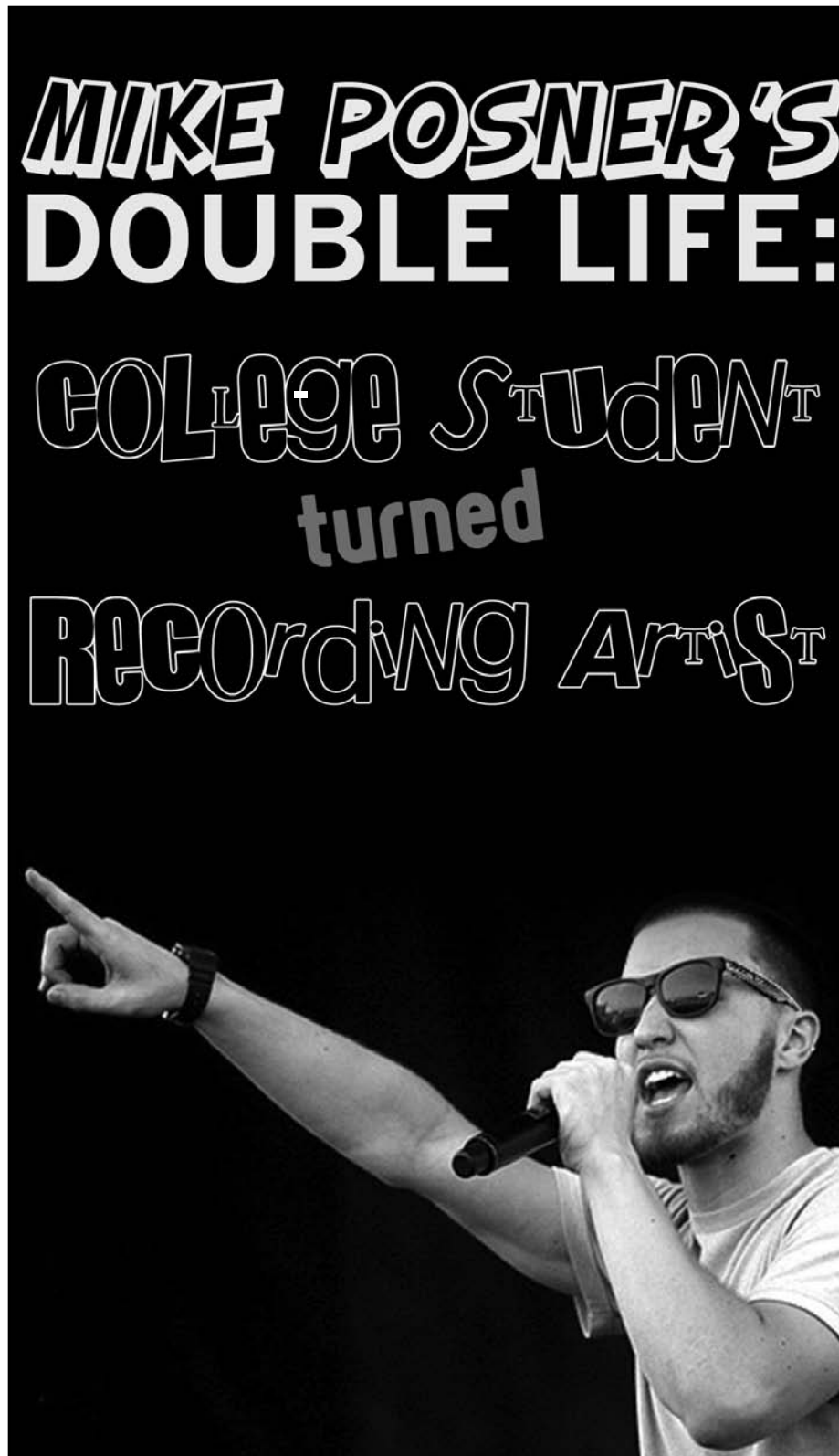
Posner's "Drug Dealer Girl" music video is entertaining as he travels around his Duke University campus looking for his "drug dealer girl." His music is unusual, and with a style and personality to match he is bound to stay in the musical game. He's attracted crowds in the thousands whether it's Governor's Island in New York or just traveling from campus to campus. He is making his first appearance in this

year's Warped Tour where he will be performing in amphitheaters across the country.

College parties have adopted many of his mix tapes and as people walk party to party the echoing lyrics of an auto-tune-like voice makes people anxious for his upcoming debut album. Posner has made all of his songs that are not showing up on his debut album available for free on his website. Posner rocks a hipster image with confidence and has given the young music industry what it has been looking for.

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‘HEAD ABOVE WATER’
KEPT AFLOAT BY
STUDENT PASSION

By JOHN TIERNEY
Scene Writer

The Global Water Initiative and student government released the album "Head Above Water" last week to benefit the non-profit group The Water Project.

The traditional sounds of Thursday night AcoustiCafe are evident in this CD featuring student artists. Most of the tracks are soothingly chill and are music to calm stressed nerves.

The album invites the listener to remove clutter from their lives, with track titles such as "Free and Clear," "One Too Many Things," and "Find Some Peace."

Some of the songs, including senior Tristan Hunt's "Zihuatanejo," directly relate to the album's charity mission. The song balances a respect for the escape that the beach town of Zihuatanejo provides with an understanding of the area's poverty. The song question, "would you drink from this water?" relates to the mission of The Global Water Initiative, and will remind listeners that approximately one billion people lack access to potable water.

The city that lends its name to the song is the third most visited beach town in Mexico. Hunt's chill,

acoustic style evokes memories of warmth, relaxation and a summer by the sea.

Daniel Tostado's "I Have a Pet Oyster and His Name is the World" is a seemingly upbeat song that also has a deeper message. Tostado brings a light tone to the music and the listener can hear that he had fun recording the track. Lines such as "now he likes sports and beer, and I like sports, but I don't like beer," are defined by their silliness. But these silly lines are balanced by more metaphysical concerns that "things aren't good with me and my oyster." Tostado sings the song in an upbeat and lighthearted way that emphasizes its silliness, but he changes his style often enough for the listener to notice the song's metaphors.

Followers of student government might be eager to listen to study body vice president Cynthia Weber's "If You Go." Weber, a junior, told The Observer that she decided not to run for student body president this year in part to devote more time to music.

"If You Go" is one of the more interesting songs on the album. What Weber might lack in experience, she makes up for with passion. The track opens with a compelling half-minute guitar solo before Weber begins to sing. Her voice reveals her relative lack of experience compared to some of the other artists on

the album, but she sings with honesty and passion.

Katharine Feeley's "Walk Alone" was one of the more professional sounding tracks on the album. Feeley, a senior with experience performing in musicals with PEMCo., sings with a fuller voice than found elsewhere on the album. Her voice reflects the emotional maturity of the song's lyrics, which tell the story of a woman who was widowed after 51 years of marriage.

Mike Matheson's "Take Me Down" is a fitting song for the Valentine's Day season. The song is a man's plea to his girlfriend to "take me down to the pier by the shore." Matheson's light and vibrant voice fits the excitement of the stage of love during which the lovers want to spend as much time together as possible.

The album is generally a relaxing listen, perfect for either studying or decompressing. It's worth the small price of \$6 at the LaFortune Box Office and online at the ND Shop Web site. Proceeds from the CD benefit The Global Water Initiative and The Water Project, which support development of clean water resources for the nearly one billion people who currently do not have access to potable water.

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ND CLUB SPORTS

Men's Ultimate enjoys three-win weekend

Special to The Observer

Men's Ultimate

Notre Dame's Ultimate men's squad traveled out west to compete in its first spring tournament over the weekend, at Las Vegas' "Trouble in Vegas." The Irish finished 3-0, defeating rival USC 13-0, Connecticut 13-12, and Whitworth 13-4 Friday.

Although victorious, the offense never seemed to click, forcing many needless turnovers.

Due to heavy rains, the second and third days of the tournament were canceled. The Irish had been scheduled to play Harvard, Arkansas and several other good teams on Saturday and Sunday.

Women's Ultimate

The Ultimate club's women's "A" team traveled to its first tournament of the spring semester this weekend in Las Vegas. The Irish shut out both Utah and California State San

Marcos 13-0 Friday, followed by a 13-9 victory over Whitman. The final two days of the tournament were canceled due to heavy rains.

Senior captain Katie Morin demonstrated strong leadership and equally strong deep cuts, while senior Jenna Adsit played tough defense and junior Kim Schlesinger consistently made good break cuts.

Additionally, freshmen Kelly Taylor, Kelsey Taylor, and Allie Hawkins and junior Rachel Newkirk proved to be excellent recruits during their first tournament as official members of the "A" team.

After their opening tournament was cut short, the Irish will look to get some more playing time in at a tournament this weekend in Baton Rouge, La.

Women's Ice Hockey

The Women's Ice Hockey Club was back on the rink this weekend, dropping two games to the X-factor. The Irish lost a

2-1 scrimmage Saturday. Sophomore goalie Elissa Cmunnt came up strong, stopping 19 of 21 X-factor shots. Cmunnt kept the Irish in the game defensively, and Notre Dame fought hard at the other end of the ice, taking 25 shots throughout the game.

The X-factor was first to score, but Notre Dame junior Karen Riedl answered with a goal in the first period. The scrimmage remained tied until the final minutes of the third period when X-factor standout Hache scored the game winner.

Notre Dame dropped a 6-1 game the X-factor Sunday morning. The Irish could not shut down Hache, who racked up three beautiful assists and a goal. The X-factor's Dahlbesa, a young, fast player, scored two goals off crisp passes from Hache. With her first goal of the season, freshman Caitlin Ryan finally put the Irish on the scoreboard late in the third period.

The squad will return to the ice in South Bend next weekend, hosting Illinois Saturday at 9 p.m. at the South Bend Ice Box and again Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Joyce Center Ice Arena.

Figure Skating

After a tough start to the season, Notre Dame reclaimed its position as a top collegiate figure skating program with a third place finish at the Midwestern Synchronized Skating Championships.

In a competitive field of 11 teams, the Irish skated their best and cleanest program of the year, jumping three places in standings from the previous competition just a week before.

Skating to a "Jailbird"-themed medley, the ladies dazzled both the judges and the audience in their electric orange costumes, managing to edge out Minnesota and Central Michigan, their main rivals. After claiming the bronze medal, the Irish are

hoping for an even higher finish at the upcoming Tri-State Championships.

Men's Volleyball

The men's volleyball club won four of six matches in MIVA competition this weekend. The Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association is the strongest conference in the country, last year boasting three of the top four ranked teams and nine of the top 25.

The Irish opened play defeating UW-Milwaukee, 25-14, 25-13 and Illinois State, 23-25, 25-21, 15-13. The squad dropped the next two contests to Marquette, 25-14, 25-16, and to UW-Oshkosh, 25-21, 25-23.

Behind the key play of freshman Rob Bauer, senior Mike Nejedly and sophomore Josh Rehberg, the Irish rebounded to sweep the final two matches over Northern Illinois, 25-20, 35-33 and Iowa State, 25-16, 25-22.

NHL

Gainey hands over Canadiens GM position to Gauthier

Associated Press

MONTREAL — From his time as captain to his tenure as general manager, Bob Gainey has spent a lifetime providing leadership for the Montreal Canadiens.

Now, he's handing the reins to a trusted colleague.

Gainey stepped aside Monday as Montreal's general manager and was replaced by assistant Pierre Gauthier in a surprising front-office shake-up for hockey's most storied franchise.

Team president Pierre Boivin — with Gainey and Gauthier on either side of him — made the announcement at a Bell Centre news conference. Gainey will remain with the club as a special adviser to Gauthier, an assistant to the general manager under Gainey.

"I look forward to assisting Pierre and the team in our pursuit of our 25th Stanley Cup," Gainey said. "I'm leaving the team I love most in the hands of the man I trust most."

Gainey starred for the Canadiens from 1973-89 and the Hall of Famer rejoined the team as GM after the 2002-2003 season. Montreal made the playoffs four out of five seasons during Gainey's tenure.

"I think that is an accomplishment in today's NHL, where 45 percent of the teams miss the playoffs every year," said Gainey, who won five Stanley Cups as a forward with the Canadiens.

Boivin said Gainey informed him during the Christmas holidays that he would not seek to extend his contract after it expired in June.

"I believe that the GM position requires a long-term vision and a long-term commitment," Gainey said. "At this point I'm not prepared to make a commitment of four, or five, or six more years in this position. The decision between leaving a little too early or staying a little too long — between those two choices I prefer to leave a little bit too

early. I've done my best. Now it's time for me to pass the torch."

The Canadiens, who celebrated their 100th anniversary on Dec. 4, had missed the playoffs for the fourth time in five years when Gainey was hired, including three straight seasons from 1998-99 to 2000-01, matching the worst drought in team history.

Montreal went 241-176-46-7 in the regular season during Gainey's tenure, including a 28-26-6 mark this season. The Canadiens finished first overall in the Eastern Conference two years ago, the team's first regular-season conference title since 1988-89 — Gainey's final season on the ice.

But the Canadiens haven't advanced beyond the second round of the playoffs since winning their 24th Stanley Cup in 1993.

"It's been a privilege to participate with the Montreal Canadiens' organization again in a different role," said Gainey, the team's captain from 1981-89. "Spectacular evenings at the Bell Centre with jersey retirements, including my own. It's been fabulous and I'm very thankful for the opportunity."

Gainey's tenure, however,

included personal tragedy. His daughter, Laura, was lost at sea in December 2006. That came 11 years after his wife, Cathy, died of cancer.

A Montreal native, Gauthier was Anaheim's GM from 1998-2002. Before that, he served in the same capacity with Ottawa from 1995-98.

"It's a great honor to be named general manager of the Montreal Canadiens," Gauthier said. "I've always thought that working in the National Hockey League is an honor. Working as a general manager is also a great honor. But working for the Montreal Canadiens as a general manager is the greatest honor."

Gainey, who won a championship as general manager of the Dallas Stars in 1999, hired Gauthier as the Canadiens' director of professional scouting in 2003. Gauthier, who served with Gainey and Bobby Clarke as co-general managers of Canada's 1998 Olympic team, added the assistant gen-

eral manager's duties following the 2005-06 season.

Gauthier expressed his gratitude to Gainey, whom he described as "a great friend," for bringing him to Montreal and agreeing to advise him in his new duties.

"I've enjoyed working with him and learned so much from him," Gauthier said.

Gauthier said the Canadiens' primary objective is to win the Stanley Cup, and his priority is to move the team from the middle of the pack into the top tier of the league.

"I like this team," said Gauthier, who hired current Canadiens coach Jacques Martin in the same capacity with the Senators in 1996. "I like the coaching staff. I've worked with Jacques before. I'm very comfortable with this group and I've had a lot of time in the organization and we have a very strong organization. As soon as we leave this room today, I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get the job done."

"I'm leaving the team I love most in the hands of the man I trust most."

**Bob Gainey
former Canadiens GM**

"I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get the job done."

**Pierre Gauthier
Canadiens GM**

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PERSONAL

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Farewell, happy fields, Where joy for ever dwells! Hail, horrors!

Hail, infernal world! and thou, profoundest Hell, Receive thy new possessor, one who brings A mind not to be changed by place or time. The mind is its own place, and in itself Can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven. What matter where, if I be still the same, And what I should be, all but less than he Whom thunder hath made greater?

Here at least We shall be free; th' Almighty hath not built Here for his envy, will not drive us hence: Here we may reign secure; and, in my choice, To reign is worth ambition, though in Hell: Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven

Waiting for the ambulance to come, hoping that it doesn't come too late. Hearing the sirens in the distance, "Hold on, help is on the way." Mr. Ambulance Driver, I'm right here beside her. Though I'll live, somehow I've found, Mr. Ambulance Driver, I'm not a real survivor, Wishing that I was the one that wasn't gonna be here anymore.

AROUND THE NATION

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NCAA Men's Basketball Division I AP Poll

	team	previous
1	Kansas	1
2	Syracuse	3
3	Kentucky	4
4	Villanova	2
5	West Virginia	6
6	Purdue	8
7	Georgetown	7
8	Duke	10
9	Kansas State	10
10	Michigan State	5
11	Wisconsin	16
12	Tennessee	14
13	Ohio State	13
14	Texas	9
15	New Mexico	15
16	Gonzaga	17
17	BYU	12
18	Butler	23
19	Northern Iowa	24
20	Georgia Tech	21
21	Temple	19
22	Vanderbilt	18
23	UNLV	NR
24	Baylor	20
25	Pittsburgh	22

NCAA Women's Basketball Division I AP Poll

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

NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Division I USCHO Top 10

	team	points
1	Miami (Ohio)	996
2	Denver	949
3	Wisconsin	899
4	St. Cloud State	844
5	Bemidji State	703
6	Yale	650
7	Minnesota-Duluth	642
8	Cornell	637
9	Colorado College	635
10	Boston College	598

NASCAR



Danica Patrick announced that she will make her much-anticipated NASCAR debut this weekend at Daytona International Speedway. Patrick had been on the IndyCar circuit for several years prior to stock car racing.

Patrick to make debut in Daytona

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Danica Patrick will make her NASCAR debut this weekend at Daytona International Speedway.

The IndyCar star will drive the No. 7 Chevrolet for JR Motorsports in Saturday's second-tier Nationwide Series race.

The decision announced Monday to race at Daytona was made after team officials dissected her stock-car racing debut in the ARCA race at Daytona on Saturday. The team had left the option to race up to Patrick, who wanted to assess her first race before deciding whether to enter one of the most prestigious

Nationwide races of the season.

Patrick overcame a midrace spin to finish sixth.

"Racing in the Nationwide Series race was my goal during this entire two-month preparation process, but we wanted to make sure it was the right thing to do," Patrick said in a statement. "The ARCA race was a blast, and I'm not ready for my first Daytona Speedweeks to end just yet. I want more racing."

Patrick had been hesitant to make her debut at Daytona because of the top talent that race attracts. Sprint Cup drivers have won nine of the last 10 Nationwide races here, and

the lone exception was Martin Truex Jr., who won in 2005 in JR Motorsports car.

Patrick will be joined in the field by Dale Earnhardt Jr., her car owner. He has five wins and 10 top-10 finishes in 17 Nationwide races at Daytona.

Earnhardt will be driving JRM's flagship No. 88, while Patrick will be in the car she will drive in 13 previously announced races. Her schedule after Daytona includes the Feb. 20 race at California and the Feb. 27 race at Las Vegas.

"I think Danica proved to everyone that she can compete in stock cars at a high level, and right now seat time is extremely impor-

tant," said Kelley Earnhardt, Earnhardt's sister and the general manager and a part owner of JRM.

"She has worked extremely hard during the past two months for this opportunity. Her dedication and work ethic is infectious."

JR Motorsports acquired the points from CJM Racing to ensure Patrick a spot in the field. CJM Racing finished 15th in the owner standings last season, but has suspended operations.

There's been slight backlash against Patrick for taking the Daytona ride because many believed her decision to race cost Kelly Bires a seat.

IN BRIEF

Stallworth released following suspension

CLEVELAND — Donte' Stallworth will get the chance to resurrect his NFL career, but it won't happen in Cleveland.

The Browns released the troubled wide receiver on Monday, wasting little time after NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said Friday that Stallworth would be reinstated following the Super Bowl.

Stallworth was suspended for the 2009 season by Goodell after he pleaded guilty to killing a pedestrian while driving drunk in Florida. He spent 24 days in jail.

"I think he's in a better place than he was," Goodell said on Friday, adding that he met with Stallworth about a month ago. "I think he recognizes what he did and the horrific nature and the unfortunate outcome, and I think he's prepared himself to get back in and play."

Mets hire Bob Melvin as professional scout

NEW YORK — Former major league manager Bob Melvin has been hired as a professional scout by the New York Mets, who also brought back Mookie Wilson as their minor league outfield and base running coordinator.

Melvin was the NL Manager of the Year in 2007 with Arizona. He managed the Seattle Mariners from 2003-04 and then the Diamondbacks from 2005 until he was fired last May 8 and replaced by A.J. Hinch.

Wilson, a member of the Mets' 1986 World Series championship team, was their first base coach from 1997-02 and a minor league manager for New York at Kingsport (2003-04) and Brooklyn (2005).

Guy Conti was replaced as rehabilitation pitching coordinator by Frank Fultz, and Conti becomes a senior adviser in the minor league department. Fultz was pitching coach for the Gulf Coast Mets last year.

White Sox unretire number for Vizquel

CHICAGO — Omar Vizquel will wear the No. 11 of former White Sox shortstop and fellow Venezuelan Luis Aparicio this season.

The White Sox say they have unretired Aparicio's No. 11 for the 2010 season, with his blessing. Aparicio said Vizquel is the one player he'd like to see don his number.

The 42-year-old Vizquel signed with the White Sox this offseason. He is a three-time AL All-Star and is considered one of best fielding shortstops of all time.

Aparicio was named American League Rookie of the Year as a member of the White Sox in 1956 and the 10-time All-Star played 10 seasons with Chicago. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1984, the same year the team retired his uniform number.

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Colts ponder offseason options after SB loss

Associated Press

MIAMI — Reggie Wayne stared right through all those reporters.

He wasn't bothered by the questions Sunday night. He just couldn't believe he and the Colts lost to his hometown New Orleans Saints in the Super Bowl.

Moments after Indianapolis came up one win short of a championship, the Pro Bowl receiver downplayed the disappointment by focusing on next season.

"I'd rather win than lose, but I think once we get this feeling out of the way, we'll be determined to come back and get another shot at it," Wayne said.

Who could blame him for being upset? He'll hear about this loss for years.

It won't be any easier for other Colts, who will constantly be reminded of blowing a 10-point lead in the Super Bowl and failing to live up to expectations following a near-perfect regular season.

"I felt like we played well this postseason," Peyton Manning said. "We played well in our first playoff game, played well two weeks ago and, at times, made some plays against the Saints. We just didn't play well enough to win."

The Colts compiled several impressive accomplishments this season:

They broke the NFL record for consecutive regular-season wins (23).

They set the league mark for wins in a decade (115).

They extended their own NFL mark of consecutive 12-win seasons to seven.

They completed seven fourth-quarter comebacks, also a league record.

Manning won his fourth MVP award, breaking a tie with Brett Favre for the most ever.

But they could have done so much more.

Late in December, the Colts were 14-0 and had a shot to join the 2007 New England Patriots as the only teams to go 16-0 in a regular season. But Indianapolis traded that chance for an opportunity to rest its starters down the stretch, figuring that was the best way to chase a second Super Bowl title in four years.

The Colts finished 14-2 in the regular season and 16-3 overall. Their 31-17 loss on Sunday to underdog New Orleans left both quests unfulfilled.

"I lost my last college game, too, and you never want to dwell on it," receiver Pierre Garcon said. "But it happens. You take it and use it as motivation to come back again next year."

Indy should look awfully familiar.

The likelihood of an uncapped season means players with less than six years' experience cannot become unrestricted free agents. The new rule will

undoubtedly help the Colts, who started the season as the fifth-youngest team in average NFL experience (3.89 years).

The new rules also will prevent the Colts from making any splashy moves in free agency unless they lose a player. No big deal for a team that prefers to build through the draft anyway.

Jim Caldwell will enter his second season as head coach and he already has successors in place for retiring offensive line coach Howard Mudd, and offensive coordinator Tom Moore and team president Bill Polian if they decide to leave.

Indianapolis does have one big move to make — re-signing Manning, whose contract expires after next season.

But he's not going anywhere. Team owner Jim Irsay is prepared to make Manning the highest-paid quarterback in league history again.

"We'd like to get something done, sooner than later," Irsay said. "So once the season ends, we're going to be talking about that and hopefully getting something done before next season begins. It's something that's going to get done, so honestly, those aren't the ones you worry about."

The lack of movement and return of several injured players should make the Colts even stronger in 2010.

Former first-round pick Anthony Gonzalez was expected to have his breakout season after wide receiver Marvin Harrison was released in February. Gonzalez never got the chance, sustaining a knee injury in the first quarter of the season opener. That opened the door for Garcon, in his second season, and rookie Austin Collie, who both had big seasons.

With all three expected back next season, along with Pro Bowlers Wayne and tight end Dallas Clark, Manning could have his deepest and most experienced group of receivers since arriving in Indy in 1998.

Also expected back is 2007 NFL defensive player of the year Bob Sanders, who missed 17 of Indy's 19 games this season with a knee injury and torn biceps. Polian has repeatedly said Sanders will be healthy for training camp.

And the Colts think cornerback Marlin Jackson, their 2005 first-round pick, will return after tearing an ACL for the second straight season. In 2008, it was the right knee. This season, it was his left.

Even without those three players, the Colts still managed to reach the Super Bowl and come within 15 minutes of winning it. So they'll spend the off-season figuring out what it will take to get back to football's biggest game — and close it out.

"We're going to take our disappointment and let it fuel us a bit," Caldwell said. "We'll see what 2010 brings us."

MLB

Twins hope to keep Mauer

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins have been spending their way out of that small-budget image, mirroring the imminent increase in revenue from their new ballpark with a big spike in player salary commitments.

Lead owner Jim Pohlad said it's a sustainable development. So even if the Twins sign Joe Mauer to a mammoth contract extension, they're not afraid it would cost too much to keep a contending-caliber core of players around the American League MVP.

"I think Target Field puts us in better position to make sure that we have a competitive team from year to year," Pohlad said Monday. "Names will come and names will go, but overall the objective is always to have the best team on the field."

The Pohlad family has consistently followed a model of keeping the annual player payroll pegged to 50 percent of team revenue, though in rebuilding years it's fallen well below that. At the Metrodome, there wasn't as much money coming in. This year, though, the payroll will rise by roughly \$30 million to a team record above \$95 million.

"All new ballparks have their peaks, and I'm sure the initial years will be very good to the Twins," Pohlad said. "Then it'll be up to us to sustain it after that, but

the ballpark itself I think can sustain it for a long time."

In a question-and-answer session with reporters in a conference room overlooking a snow-covered Target Field, Pohlad dismissed the notion that the team has been trying to disprove a tightfisted reputation.

"We're not trying to show people," he said. "We're trying to do what we said we're going to do."

Pohlad declined to discuss specifics about negotiations with Mauer on a new deal, citing a pledge to the catcher and his agent to keep the details private. He said he's "absolutely not active at all" in the process, but reiterated the team's desire to keep the homegrown star around for good.

Pohlad said the Twins aren't interested in the possibility of deferred compensation as a way to make a rich long-term contract like Mauer's work.

"They make you feel real good at the time, and then later on you wish you hadn't done that," Pohlad said.

He also indicated an openness to signing Mauer for nine or 10 years, if that's what it would take. First baseman Justin Morneau's six-year contract signed two years ago is the current Twins record.

"I don't think six is a magic number," Pohlad said, adding: "Total value is what drives it. We do not have a term policy."

Since last August, the Twins have added multimil-

lion-dollar players in Orlando Hudson, Jim Thome, J.J. Hardy, Carl Pavano and Jon Rauch. Fans, though, should not expect a spree like that every year.

"We're not going to spend the money just to spend the money," Pohlad said, adding: "We're going to try to put the best team on the field in the most prudent financial way, and I think we accomplished that this year."

Asked about general manager Bill Smith's praise last year for the ownership's approval of the late-season acquisitions, Pohlad quipped: "I think it was time for his review."

Pohlad also reiterated the family's philosophy of trusting the front office to take care of the roster and not meddling or micromanaging in the day-to-day operations of the organization. The family has a small empire of business interests, and the Twins take up between 20 percent and 30 percent of Pohlad's time.

They're fired up about this year's team, though, as they always are.

"We may be characterized as a relatively disengaged ownership group, but we do care about winning and losing," Pohlad said. "There may be one or two down years, but even during those years we're going to care and we're going to want to do better. I've said this a million times and my brothers are the same. We're fans."



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NFL

Super Bowl garners highest TV ratings ever

Associated Press

NEW YORK —The New Orleans Saints' victory over Indianapolis in the Super Bowl was watched by more than 106 million people, surpassing the 1983 finale of "M-A-S-H" to become the most-watched program in U.S. television history, the Nielsen Co. said Monday.

Compelling story lines involving the city of New Orleans and its ongoing recovery from Hurricane Katrina and the attempt at a second Super Bowl ring for Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning propelled the viewership. Football ratings have been strong all season.

"It was one of those magical moments that you don't often see in sports," said Sean McManus, president of CBS News and Sports.

Nielsen estimated Monday

that 106.5 million people watched Sunday's Super Bowl. The "M-A-S-H" record was 105.97 million.

The viewership estimate obliterated the previous record viewership for a Super Bowl — last year's game between Arizona and Pittsburgh. That game was seen by 98.7 million people, Nielsen said.

The "M-A-S-H" record has proven as durable and meaningful in television as Babe Ruth's record of 714 home runs was in baseball until topped by Hank Aaron. Ultimately, it may be hard to tell which program was really watched

by more people. There's a margin for error in such numbers, and Nielsen's Monday estimate was preliminary, and could change with a more thorough look at data due Tuesday.

"It's significant for all of the members of the broadcasting community," said Leslie Moonves, CBS Corp. CEO. "For anyone who wants to write that broadcasting is dead, 106 million people watched this program. You can't find that anywhere else."

Moonves predicted CBS will earn more in advertising revenue than in any other Super

Bowl. The good ratings for the game and football in general also set CBS and other football broadcasters up well when selling advertising for next season, he said.

The Nielsen estimate also drew some congratulations from Alan Alda, the star of "M-A-S-H," and the slugger whose record was beaten.

"If the 'M-A-S-H' audience was eclipsed, it was probably due in large part to the fact that the whole country is rooting for New Orleans to triumph in every way possible," Alda said. "I am, too, and I couldn't be happier for them. I love that city."

There are more American homes with television sets now (114.9 million) than there were in 1983 (83.3 million). An estimated 77 percent of homes with TVs on were watching "M-A-S-H" in 1983, compared with the audience share of 68 for the

Super Bowl.

Nielsen also measures only the United States, and it's possible some World Cup soccer games were seen more worldwide. Accurate measurement of television audiences outside the United States is spotty at best.

Alda also wondered whether the numbers were too close to declare a new champion. He thinks Nielsen didn't take into account large numbers of people watching "M-A-S-H" communally, which is often the case for football games, too.

"Not to say I'm competitive, but in part we are talking about sports," he said. "And I actually AM competitive."

McManus didn't want to jinx it, but the abnormally strong viewership for football this year left him hoping for a record. The NFC and AFC championship games both had their biggest audiences since the 1980s. The growth of high-definition television and its appeal to sports fans has also helped.

A competitive game until the final minutes sealed it. McManus acknowledged some nervousness when Indianapolis jumped out to a 10-0 lead — a Super Bowl rout often makes people turn away from the game — but New Orleans roared back.

The Mid-Atlantic blizzard also helped CBS. After New Orleans, the highest-rated market was snowbound Washington, Nielsen said. More people watched the game from their homes in that area instead of going to parties or bars, and Nielsen does a much better job counting viewers in homes than outside of them.

"Bad weather in the Northeast and good weather in Florida was a good combination for us," McManus said.

The Super Bowl also proved a strong launching pad for the new CBS series "Undercover Boss" that premiered after the game. An estimated 38.6 million people watched the first edition of a series about corporate honchos working secretly as low-level employees in their own companies, Nielsen said. That's third only to a 1996 "Friends" and 2001 "Survivor" as the most-watched program after the Super Bowl.

Meanwhile, Dorito's was a big winner in a measurement of interest in the commercials played during the Super Bowl. TiVo Inc. said the snack company's ad featuring a boy telling a man to keep his hands off his chips and his mom was stopped and played back in 15 percent of homes with the digital video recorder.

The secretly filmed CBS promo with David Letterman, Jay Leno and Oprah Winfrey came in second, followed by the Snicker's ad with Betty White and Abe Vigoda flattened in a football game.

In general, however, TiVo found less interest in the commercials than it has in previous years, judged by how many people paused live action to see them, said Todd Juenger, general manager of TiVo's research department.

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Dawn Okoro is an artist who lives and works in New York City. She holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Juris Doctor from Texas Southern University. Her work incorporates photography, collage, and ideas from popular culture. Through her visit to the University of Notre Dame, Okoro hopes to open a dialogue about popular media's affect on black women's self image and discuss strategies to tell a different story.

For more information, please contact shades@nd.edu.



NFL

Saints, New Orleans bask in Super Bowl glory

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Clearly exhausted from a late night of post-Super Bowl celebrations, Sean Payton leaned on a podium Monday morning, clutching the Vince Lombardi trophy in his right hand.

"You can't get enough of this," the Saints' head coach said at a news conference at the Fort Lauderdale convention center. "This thing lay in my bed next to me last night, rolled over it a couple times. I probably drooled on it. But man, there's nothing like it."

Certainly, the New Orleans Saints never experienced anything like it.

Before this one, the Saints had only eight winning seasons — and two playoff victories — in their previous 42 years combined. New Orleans had to win three postseason games over three great quarterbacks — Kurt Warner, Brett Favre and Peyton Manning — to win the title this season.

The last quarterback standing was Drew Brees, who joined Payton in 2006 with the idea of transforming the Saints into champions for a region needing widespread rebuilding after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in August 2005.

That was easier said than done, but in their fourth season together, they did it. Brees was

chosen the Super Bowl MVP after Sunday night's 31-17 victory over the Indianapolis Colts. After that, his only remaining challenge was believing he'd actually pulled it off.

"I had to wake up this morning and turn to my wife and say, 'Did yesterday really happen?'" Brees said.

"Our victory last night was the culmination of four years of hard work, fighting through a lot of adversity, ups and downs and more importantly than that, representing a city that has been through so much," Brees said.

"Along the way, people have asked me so many times, 'Do you look at it as a burden or extra pressure? Do you feel like you're carrying the weight of the city on your teams' shoulders.' I said, 'No, not at all. We look at it as a responsibility.' Our city, our fans, gave us strength and we owe this to them. ... There's no people that you would want to win for more than the city of New Orleans."

As Brees spoke, Payton sat off to the side, elbows on knees, face buried in his hands. When it was his turn to speak, he recounted Vince Lombardi's grandson, Saints assistant Joe Lombardi, posing for a photo with the sterling silver hardware bearing his last name.

"Joe Lombardi, his father, Vince Jr., and his two brothers

sat and posed with this trophy, the four of them, while pictures were taken. And I just thought to myself, 'You've got to be kidding me,'" Payton said. "If you believe in heaven, and you believe Vince Lombardi is there looking down on his grandson, it doesn't get any better."

Payton said when all was quiet in the team hotel around 3 a.m., he offered a prayer of thanks for his team and his experience in New Orleans, where he became a head coach for the first time in 2006. The city was still largely in ruin then.

"When we got into coaching or playing, we got into it for certain reasons and yet the reasons in New Orleans far exceeded what we ever expected," Payton said.

The theme for the Saints in 2009 became: A season of firsts. They opened with their first 13-game winning streak, which earned them a first No. 1 seeding in the NFC playoffs. That led to a first home NFC title game, then a first Super Bowl.

Their run to the Super Bowl captured the attention of football fans everywhere. The game was watched by more than 106 million people, surpassing the 1983 finale of "M-A-S-H" to become the most-watched program in U.S. television history, the Nielsen Co. said Monday.



Commissioner Roger Goodell (center) presents Saints coach Sean Payton (left) and QB Drew Brees (right) with the Lombardi Trophy.

Commissioner Roger Goodell called this Super Bowl "clearly more than a game."

"I keep thinking of the word 'magical,'" he said. "When you think about the relationship between the Saints and the Gulf Coast and the city of New Orleans, it was more than just a football game and more than just a football team. The hopes, the dreams and the struggles of that community were all reflected in that football team. It was a great night for the people in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region."

Throughout the past week, Brees used the Super Bowl as a platform to promote New Orleans' recovery and express

his adoration for the distinctive and historic city. After the Saints' Super Bowl triumph, Brees agreed to appear on the Late Show with David Letterman on Monday night.

"We're going to enjoy this for a while. I think New Orleans is enjoying it right this second, still," Brees said. "We don't expect anybody to go to work today in New Orleans, or maybe for the next two weeks considering Mardi Gras is next week."

"We know what it's like to build something from the ground up and just to feel like this is our time. ... I think what's going to be fun is using the term 'repeat' all next year."

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NFL

Who happy with show

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Pete Townshend is used to playing in front of stadiums filled with rabid fans who know every note of The Who's songs. He didn't get that at the band's Super Bowl halftime performance, but he's OK with that too.

Townshend and bandmate Roger Daltrey performed a medley of some of their most famous songs on entertainment's biggest stage Sunday, including "Won't Get Fooled Again" during a 12-minute set that included a laser-lit stage and plenty of fireworks.

While the crowd was involved, and some held up their cell phones to illuminate the night as instructed by the stadium announcers, they were somewhat subdued, and was clear it was not a Who event.

Backstage after their show, Townshend laughed and said: "You know, you could kind of tell from the stage the crowd is really here for the game."

"It was nice for that reason. It was nice to feel a part of something and not having it all to be about us," he added. When it was mentioned that most rock stars want everything to revolve around them, he joked and said: "We're too far gone to care I think."

It was the first football game Townshend and Daltrey, both Brits, ever saw (Daltrey went after his performance to watch the game, which the New



The Who's Pete Townshend, right, does one of his signature windmills during the Super Bowl XLIV halftime show.

Orleans Saints won over the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17). Townshend said he was awed by the spectacle, and the sheer work of putting together the event.

"It's extraordinary," said Townshend. "You forget how big sport is and how every week it happens ... I'm not trying to be humble but we felt like a very small piece of a huge team."

The Super Bowl also saw the debut of a new remix of "My Generation" by will.i.am and Slash. It is available for sale on Amazon.com, will.i.am's dip-dive.com and the Who's Web site, and proceeds will go to aid Haiti after the earthquake there.

Townshend said he was impressed with the remix: "It's

actually very elegant, it's not gangsta," he said of will.i.am's rap on the song.

Townshend called his entire Super Bowl experience a success, despite protests by some children's rights advocates about his presence in the Super Bowl.

Townshend was arrested in 2003 in Britain as part of a child pornography sting but later cleared. He accessed a Web site containing child pornography but said it was for research for his own campaign against child porn. He was required to register as a sex offender, despite being cleared. Townshend said he has been a children's advocate for years and was abused himself as a child.

OLYMPICS

Vancouver hoping to have venues ready

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — If the United States Olympic moguls team is worried about the conditions at Cypress Mountain, it doesn't show.

Trucks and helicopters were still dumping snow onto Cypress Mountain on Monday in an effort to get the Olympic venues ready for the Vancouver Games, which open Friday.

The first event scheduled is women's moguls qualifying on Saturday, with the finals to be raced later that day.

"I've skied on rocks, I've skied on ice, I've skied in the rain. This is nothing," World Cup champion Hannah Kearney said Monday ahead of her first pre-Olympic practice run. "It's unfortunate for the beauty of the surrounding mountains ... but I don't think it is going to be a problem for us skiing."

Only athletes and their coaches were allowed at training on Monday afternoon, when they were to get their first look at the conditions.

"For safety reasons and our desire not to have any of the course preparation work impacted, we decided just to let on the people that are absolutely necessary for the training," said Dave Cobb, the executive vice president of the Vancouver organizing committee.

The weather in and around Vancouver has created some problems for Olympic organizers. Although the venues at Whistler—where the Alpine and Nordic events will be held—are fine, the Cypress Mountain venues closer to the city have been affected by the unseasonably warm weather.

"There's still a lot of snow being trucked and flown in to ensure we have enough contingency snow if the warm weather continues," Cobb said. "There's a lot of activity going on."

IOC president Jacques Rogge said he had "absolutely no concerns whatsoever" about the state of Cypress Mountain.

"There is no concern, and there is no Plan B," he said.

World champion Patrick Deneen was confident events would go ahead on Cypress Mountain. The men's moguls are Sunday.

"If there's snow we will ski for sure," he said. "I've seen pictures, and it looks like there's a lot of snow on that course right now. They've been trucking it in and really making it happen."

Christian Hrab, director of

high-performance for Canada's snowboard teams, said the landscape of white ribbons of snow draped over bare hillsides reminded him of Bardonecchia, the similarly bare Alpine resort where the snowboarding events were staged at the 2006 Turin Olympics.

"It's kind of odd because outside of the field of play there is no snow, and where there was snow, they took it to bring it to the field of play," Hrab said. "And then there is this white, glistening paradise where the field of snow is."

Hrab said the snowboard-cross track had held up well during testing over the last couple of days, and the half-pipe also looks good.

"The pipe has perfect walls, they are 22 feet high, the snow is white, and really they are ready," he said.

John Furlong, the CEO of VANOC, said the organizing committee briefed the International Olympic Committee on the state of the mountain Saturday.

The Americans said skiing on courses built on otherwise snow-free slopes was a fact of life on the moguls World Cup circuit.

"In Italy we were on a dirt hill that was dirt on both sides of us and a run in the middle," Michelle Roark said.

In order to get the venues prepared, organizers already have canceled two days of halfpipe training and pushed back parallel giant slalom training by two days.

Building the halfpipe is organizers' biggest challenge. Once competition begins, they'll also need to reconfigure the snowboardcross course into a parallel giant slalom course in a limited amount of time. Last year, a PGS event at Whistler was canceled when the course could not be converted in time.

At the halfpipe, Cobb said organizers were considering using chemicals to harden the snow on the course. The halfpipe competition starts Feb. 17.

"We're happy with the state of the other courses," Cobb said. "On the freestyle course today training starts. We'll get a sense of how the courses hold up over the next few days."

Shannon Bahrke said a bit of warm weather would not put off athletes who have trained for years for a shot at the Olympics.

"We've worked our whole lives for this," she said. If the conditions are not perfect, "it's not going to be, 'Nope, I'm not going to do it.'"

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Reynolds' burst carries 'Nova past Mountaineers

Pittsburgh uses mid-game surge to remain unbeaten against Robert Morris, ends Colonials five-game winning streak

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Scottie Reynolds didn't have any memorable games against West Virginia — until he got hot against the Mountaineers in the second half Monday night.

The senior guard scored 19 of his 21 points in the final 13 minutes and No. 4 Villanova held off No. 5 West Virginia 82-75.

In the season's first matchup of teams ranked in the top five, the Wildcats (21-2, 10-1) rebounded from a blowout loss at No. 7 Georgetown on Saturday to pull into a first-place tie with No. 2 Syracuse in the Big East.

"You have guys asking where the toughest place to play is, and hands down for me, it's West Virginia," said Reynolds, who had averaged nine points in three previous games against the Mountaineers, including two losses in Morgantown.

"I remember a lot of years here," he said. "It feels good to get one under our belt. It feels good and to do it the way we did it, it feels even better."

Villanova shot 57 percent (29 of 51) from the field and its guard-oriented lineup outrebounded the Mountaineers 38-30.

Leading scorer Da'Sean Butler had his worst performance in three weeks and that haunted West Virginia (19-4, 8-3), which couldn't overcome an 11-point halftime deficit and saw its six-game winning streak snapped. The Mountaineers will have to wait until Friday night at No. 25 Pittsburgh to try for their sixth straight 20-win season.

"You can't expect Da' to get 30 points every game and carry us," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "Our other guys are going to have to do things."

Butler had scored a season-high 33-points as West Virginia rallied from 16 points down in the second

half to beat St. John's 79-60 on Saturday. Last season he torched Villanova for a career-high 43 points at home, but the Wildcats' Reggie Redding limited him to 13 points on 2-of-12 shooting Monday night.

"We were really concerned about him," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "In the St. John's game they were down the same way and he just got it going and once he got it going, it was over. Reggie Redding did a really good job on him."

Butler didn't get his first points until a 3-pointer with 8:40 left in the first half and was held without a field goal in the second half.

"We didn't really compete as well as we should've, especially considering the situation and how much the game meant for us," Butler said. "Overall we weren't focused as far as taking advantage of easy shots. It would've been a different situation if we did."

This was West Virginia's first home game since fans threw objects onto the court last Wednesday, one of which struck Pittsburgh assistant coach Tom Herrion under his right eye. WVU President Jim Clements apologized to the University of Pittsburgh and declared that "boorish and unruly behavior by our fans will not be tolerated."

Students behaved themselves this time. They scrapped a derogatory chant typically done during opponent introductions. Extra security workers surrounded the yellow-shirted student section and fans were asked to report hooligans by text message just in case.

Corey Fisher added 17 points and Antonio Pena had 10 for Villanova

Darryl Bryant led five Mountaineers in double figures with 15 points. Devin Ebanks had 13 points, Mitchell finished with 12 and Kevin Jones added 11.

West Virginia couldn't feed off the capacity crowd, leading only in the game's opening minutes. The Mountaineers picked up their defensive intensity after halftime, holding Villanova without a field goal for the first 6 minutes. But

West Virginia did little on offense to get going.

Villanova held West Virginia under 50 percent shooting from the field for the 11th straight game. West Virginia was just 7 of 27 from 3-point range and shot poorly from the free-throw line, finishing 18 of 32.

"We really played as a unit defensively," Wright said. "We really covered for each other and played unselfishly. When we had to switch, we switched. We got down against Georgetown and lost our composure and started scrambling. Tonight, we really kept good composure defensively."

Every time West Virginia was poised to make a run, the 6-foot-2 Reynolds was there to answer against a West Virginia lineup that at times averaged 6-7.

"There were times when I was the smallest guy on the floor," he said.

Reynolds didn't get a specific pep talk or instructions from Wright about taking over. The opportunities just came to him.

"He wanted everyone to continue to be aggressive," Reynolds said. "All five guys needed to be aggressive so they couldn't play on one person or two."

Limited to two points in the first half, Reynolds hit a 3-pointer and converted two three-point plays over a 3-minute span to push Villanova's lead to 58-47 with 10:28 remaining.

Casey Mitchell gave West Virginia a flicker of hope with a long 3-pointer and free throw with 2 minutes left to bring the Mountaineers within 74-69, but Villanova converted six of eight free throws in the final minute and made 19 of 22 overall.

Pittsburgh 77, Robert Morris 53

Ashton Gibbs and Jermaine Dixon led a mid-game surge as No. 25 Pittsburgh broke out of a tie late in the first half by scoring 27 of the next 32 points, and remained unbeaten against city rival Robert Morris with a victory Monday night.

Gibbs scored 20 points, only the second time in 10 games he's reached the 20-point mark, and Dixon had 18 points and six



Villanova forward Antonio Pena dunks over West Virginia's Deniz Kilici during the first half of the Wildcats' victory Monday night.

rebounds while holding Colonials leading scorer Karon Abraham to two points over the final 24 1/2 minutes. Brad Wanamaker added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Panthers.

Pitt (18-6) won its second game in three days after losing four of five and ended a nine-game winning streak by Robert Morris (16-9) for the second straight season. The Panthers took control by breaking out of a 32-all tie with 2:38 left in the first half and led 59-37 with 12:18 remaining.

Abraham scored 16 points, but didn't have a basket after hitting a 3-pointer with 5:34 left in the first half. His only points of the second half were two free throws with Pitt leading by 22 points with 6:06 remaining. Russell Johnson scored 11 points and Velton Jones and Mezie Nwigwe had 10 each for the Colonials.

For most of the first half, this

was a rarity in the all-Pittsburgh matchup: a close game. Pitt is 28-0 in the series, all on its home court, with every victory by at least eight points. Since 1999, the Panthers' average winning margin is nearly 24 points.

The Colonials, an NCAA tournament team out of the Northeast Conference last season, took advantage of Abraham's fast start to go ahead 19-13. The 5-foot-9 freshman had 14 points as Pitt led only 30-29 late in the half, but he wasn't a factor offensively the rest of the game.

Once Abraham stopped scoring, the Colonials did, too. Pitt scored seven of the final eight points of the first half to take a 39-33 lead. Gilbert Brown's tip-in with 2:18 remaining — his first basket of the game — broke the 32-all tie and preceded Dixon's 3-pointer and Brown's own baseline drive.

Brown has been a streaky scorer lately, getting 25 points against South Florida and 23 against Seton Hall but not scoring against West Virginia while the Panthers were losing four of six. He finished with six points.

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Quick

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Indoor Championships Feb. 20-21. He will seek titles in the triple jump and long jump in both the indoor and outdoor conference meets to put a fitting end to a stellar career. He narrowly missed out on qualifying for another NCAA appearance at the Indiana Invitational, but will get another crack at doing so in the conference meet.

For a career that has been littered with individual and team honors, Quick has had one of the most successful campaigns in his four years at Notre Dame out of the many standout seniors on this year's squad.

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Hofstra

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need to work on but it was excellent preparation for the opener against Hofstra.”

Coyne, entering her 14th season as head coach, has been with the team since they entered Division I in 1997 and has raised the program from the club level to one of the most feared in the country.

With nine juniors and seniors in the starting lineup, experience at the collegiate level is in no shortage on the veteran squad. There is confidence that the senior leadership will help develop the younger players into stronger athletes and more adept “laxers.”

“I think we have some younger players that blend in really nicely so we’ve got good balance,” Coyne said. “I think with each individual game we’ll have a chance to adapt and rise to the occasion.”

Three seniors lead the No. 8 Irish, and they have relied on these seniors to show the underclassmen the ropes.

“The underclassmen have been working really hard,

bringing a fresh style of play so the chemistry is there,” senior captain Rachel Guerrera said. “They’ve adapted to the game so far.”

The Irish will travel to Long Island to take on Hofstra in their season opener on Feb. 23. The last two meetings between the teams have been decided by a one goal margin, but this year there is hope that the tournament in January has given Notre Dame the edge they need for a decisive win.

“It’s always been a close game with them, coming off this weekend I think we can bring a better game than we have in the past,” senior captain Maggie Zentgraf said.

In any case, it is shaping up to be an interesting year for the Irish, and for the returning players another opportunity to make a run for the National Championship.

“We’re not satisfied with last season and you’re always inspired by the other teams here to do your best,” Coyne said.

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Recruits

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recruiting ranking for three consecutive years.

“I was not aware that we are the only school with three consecutive top-six recruiting classes, but that is something we should be very proud of,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. “Most of the credit should go to [associate head coach] Ryan Sachire, as he has been to even more junior events than I and has really developed a strong rapport with many of the coaches of the top junior players, which is a big key.”

Notre Dame also signed more new players than any of the other four top-five teams. Each player signed National Letters of Intent in November to continue their careers under Bayliss and Sachire.

Among the other top five recruiting leaders are Duke, who defeated the Irish 7-0 this past weekend, UCLA, Michigan, the Irish’s next opponent, and Georgia. UCLA currently stands at No. 4 while Duke is at No. 21. Notre Dame stands at No. 34.

National tournament directors, members of the media, and various junior tennis

experts vote in the recruiting rankings on tennisrecruiting.net

Each voter ranked the top-25 recruiting classes, giving schools 25 points for each first-place vote, 24 points for each second-place vote and down to one point for each of the 25 place votes. The Irish received a total of 379 points, compared to 404 for Georgia in fourth place and 445 for Duke in first.

Bayliss said he values certain characteristics in recruits that may not show up in recruiting rankings.

“Seeing them play as often as possible is important because you want to know how they will handle stress and adversity as much as how they handle success,” Bayliss said. “I like to see how they interact with their peers and their parents. If they are rude to their parents they will likely be the same with me. If I am going to spend four years of my life

with someone it is important that we get along.”

In order to land these players, Notre Dame needed to beat out some noteworthy competition. Andrews, No. 11 on the top recruiting list, was also highly interested in Michigan and Stanford before signing with the Irish. Pecor, No. 22 for recruiting, had a bit of an easier decision, signing early

“I don’t believe in bringing in anyone who cannot eventually play in our lineup and each of these guys have shown that potential.”

Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

in September to play for the Irish.

“I don’t believe in bringing in anyone who cannot eventually play in our lineup and each of these guys have shown that potential,” Bayliss said. “We currently have a couple of guys who are clearly better in doubles and it will be interesting to see how each of these new additions adapts there. Certainly we will be among the deepest teams in the country next year.”

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Bearcats

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Roudebush was one rebound shy of a triple-double and finished with a line of 19 points, nine rebounds and 10 assists. Guard Sharees Ulis added 23 points.

Cincinnati has four players who average double figures, which could put pressure on a Notre Dame defense that gave up 76 points Saturday.

However, McGraw said the Irish should be able to fix the problem.

“We’re just going to work a little harder,” she said. “I thought our effort was poor in the Pittsburgh game. We didn’t put pressure on the ball, our press wasn’t effective. In general I thought it was mostly effort, so we can fix that right away.”

The Irish have also had

“[Rebounding is] an important part of the game for us. We need to get back to the basics of boxing out.”

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

trouble rebounding in their last few games, but were able to out-rebound Pittsburgh behind a 10-board effort by freshman guard Skylar Diggins. While the Bearcats trail their opponents in most categories, they do hold an average rebound advantage of 1.5.

“That’s an important part of the game for us,” McGraw said. “We need to get back to the basics of boxing out. Right now, Skylar is coming off of a double-double, [senior guard] Ashley Barlow, [senior guard] Lindsay Schrader and [junior forward] Devereaux Peters are doing great on the boards.”

Notre Dame holds a 5-0 all-time record against Cincinnati, making the Bearcats one of just two Big East opponents, along with Providence, whom the Irish have never lost to.

The Irish will look to continue that streak tonight at 7 p.m. in Cincinnati.

Note:

◆ Freshman guard Skylar Diggins was named Big East Freshman of the Week Monday for the fourth time this season and the third time in the past five weeks.

She joins former Irish players Alicia Ratay and Jacqueline Batteast as the only freshmen to receive this honor four times in a season.

Diggins averaged 18.5 points, 7 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.5 steals per game last week. Against Pittsburgh Saturday, she set career highs in points (23), rebounds (10) and free throws made and attempted (9-of-11). She also tied a career high with six assists.

“Coming off of the game she just had she had to be a pretty easy choice,” McGraw said. “She just gets better every game. She studies up and does whatever she has to do to help us win.”

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Welsh

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second in the 3-meter diving event, finishing with 367.15 points. Geary finished fifth with 296.50 and Koter eighth with 271.30.

“They dive as a team and that is something we have been able to do for years,” Welsh said. “They are a unified group and they have had some great performances.”

In last year’s NCAA Zone Meet, Geary posted a combined score of 564.20, and Villaflor ended with a score of

“They dive as a team and that is something we have been able to do for years.”

Tim Welsh
Irish coach

239.50.

Villaflor closed out last season with posted scores of 324.00 and 323.75 against Northwestern and at the Big East Championships, respectively. His career best for the 3-meter is 326.70 at the 2009 Shamrock Invitational. Geary also came up big at this time of the year last season. He scored a 313.65 at Northwestern, his career best for the 1-meter.

This will be the first Big East Championships Koter has participated in, but the rigorous schedule the Irish have had should be enough to prepare for this weekend.

Welsh credited coach

Caiming Xie with the success of the diving program.

“We depend on Caiming a lot,” Welsh said. “When he says the swimmers are ready to go, then they are ready to go. He really is a superb coach.”

This is Xie’s 15th season as the Notre Dame diving coach. He coached 2008 All-American Michael Bulfin and was named the Big East Men’s Diving Coach of the Year each year from 2005-2007. Under Xie, Notre Dame’s male divers have posted the top seven scores in school history in 1-meter diving, and eight of the top ten scores in 3-meter diving.

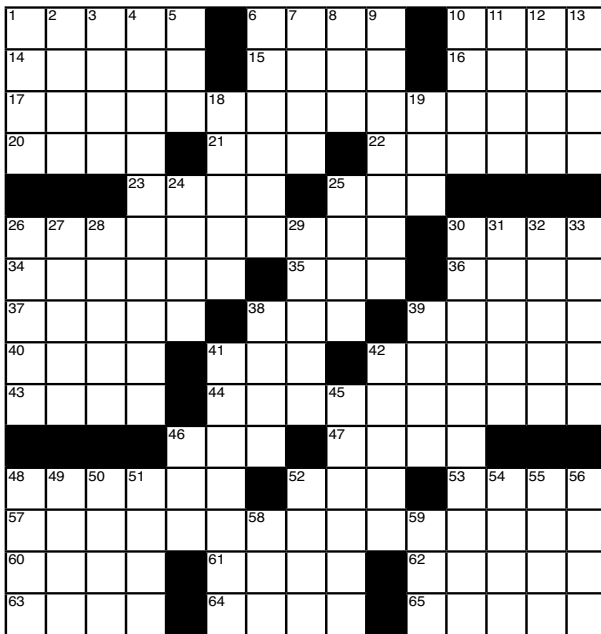
Villaflor, Geary and Koter will look to add to the accomplished list of Xie’s pupils this weekend at the Big East Championships.

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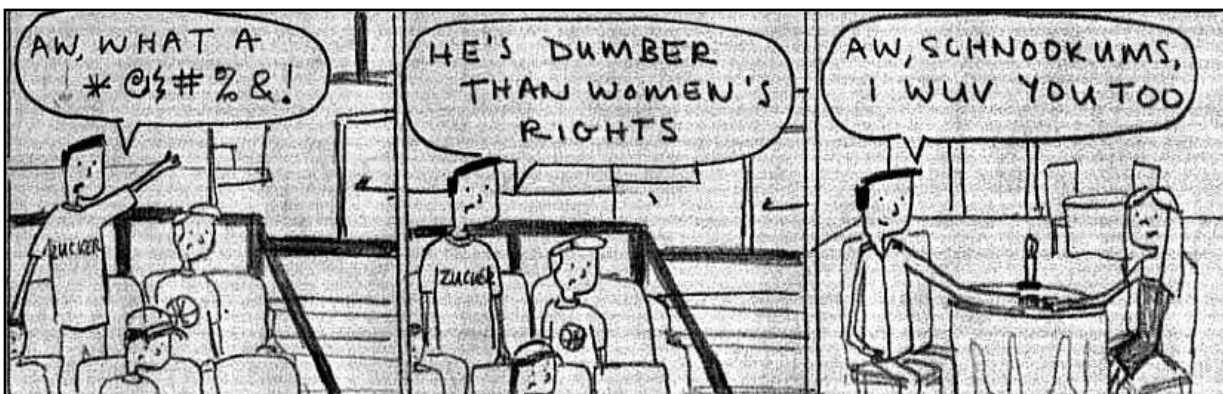
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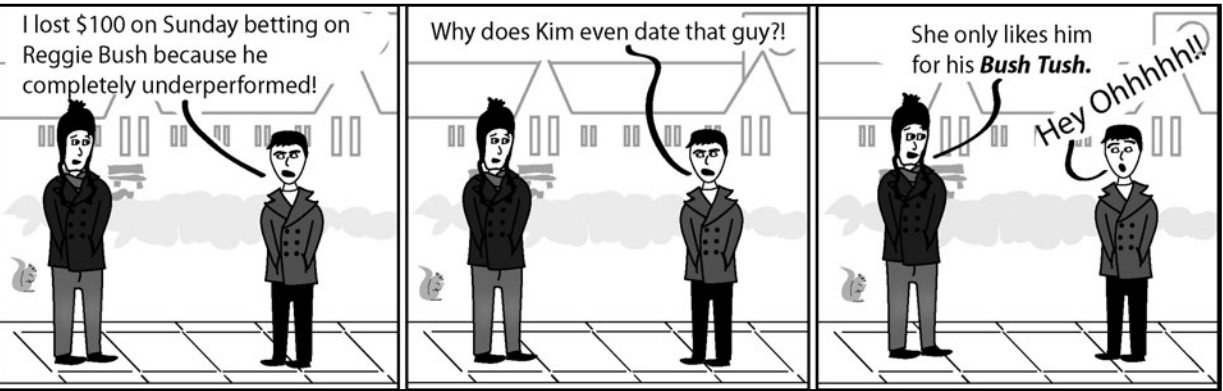
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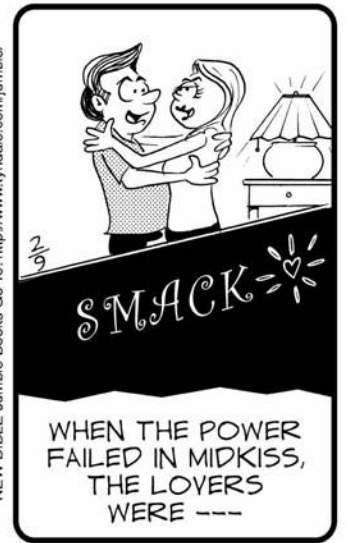
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No rest

Rested Cincinnati awaits rolling Notre Dame

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hasn't had a lot of time to rest since a physical victory over Pittsburgh Saturday, but when the No. 4/3 Irish step onto the court against Cincinnati tonight at Fifth Third Arena, they will face a Bearcats team that has not played in a week.

"I think a break like that is a good thing, especially in February," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "But when you're winning, you don't really want time off. We're on a roll. We want to keep on going."

The Irish (21-1, 8-1 Big East) are 6-0 since losing to No. 1 Connecticut on Jan. 16.

The Bearcats (10-11, 3-6) last played in a Feb. 2 overtime victory over Louisville.

In that game, guard Kahla

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Freshman guard Skylar Diggins slips between two Pittsburgh defenders for a basket during Notre Dame's 86-76 victory on Feb. 6. Diggins and the Irish take on Cincinnati tonight.

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MEN'S DIVING

Three divers lead squad toward title

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame heads to the Big East Championships in Pittsburgh this weekend, three divers, led by one coach, will set the tone for the Irish.

Juniors Wesley Villaflor and Nathan Geary and freshman Ryan Koter are a part of the "Big Three" for the Irish diving squad. Irish coach Tim Welsh is optimistic that they will continue to perform at a high level.

"What we have seen this year is three guys who have all improved," Welsh said. "They dove very well at the Shamrock Invitational last weekend."

In the Shamrock Invitational, Notre Dame (5-6) beat Denver, but lost to Iowa and Missouri. Villaflor placed

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MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Senior jumper Quick continues to lead Irish for fourth year

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Three Big East Indoor Championship appearances, three Big East Outdoor appearances, two-time all-Big East selection, one NCAA appearance.

That's the outstanding resume for senior jumper Eric Quick. As the leading competitor for the Irish in the long jump and the triple jump

for the last several years, Quick has made quite a name for himself on the conference level.

Already this season, Quick has claimed a first place finish in the long jump at the Indiana Invitational. The California native qualified for the Big East Championships with his second place finish in the triple jump and fourth place finish in the long jump at the Notre Dame Invitational, and he took sec-

ond in the 60-meter dash at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener.

Quick's career got off to a fast start, as he earned all-Big East honors in his first season, finishing second in the triple jump at the Big East Indoor Championships, helping the Irish claim the title that year. Quick also earned a spot in the Big East Outdoor Championships, finishing 13th in the long jump.

As a sophomore, Quick's

success in the jumps continued with third-place finishes in both the triple jump and long jump at the Big East Indoor Championships. At the outdoor conference meet, Quick finished fourth and sixth in the triple jump and long jump, respectively. For the second time in as many seasons, Quick was an all-conference selection.

In his third season on campus, Quick's performances catapulted him to an NCAA

Midwest Regional appearance. While just missing out on gaining conference honors for the third straight season, Quick still made impressive performances in both events at the Big East Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

Quick has not slowed down this year, and is on pace to earn another all-conference selection, depending on his performance in the Big East

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MEN'S TENNIS

Class of 2014 shows promise

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's last two recruiting classes have been ranked sixth and fifth, respectively, and this year's class is no different.

The Notre Dame recruiting Class of 2014 has been ranked the fifth-best in the country according to a tennisrecruiting.net poll, one of the top comprehensive sources for tennis recruiting in the country. The Irish will welcome Greg Andrews, Ryan Bandy, Matt Dooley and Billy Pecor to the courts next year.

Notre Dame is the only program in the nation that can currently boast a top-six



Irish coach Bobby Bayliss brought in his third straight top-six recruiting class this fall as the class of 2014 ranks No. 5.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Highly-touted ND prepares for season

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is preparing to take to the field for the start of the 2010 season and with it a chance to follow up a record setting 2009 season that culminated in the team's first Big East championship.

Last year the Irish went 16-5 overall, 6-2 in the Big East, and made the NCAA tournament for the fifth time in program history. They toppled Vanderbilt in the first round but victory eluded them in the quarter-final round against a dominant North Carolina in the

first ever meeting between the two teams.

In January, the Irish traveled to Florida for a pre-season exhibition tournament against the U.S. National Team as well as the U.S. Development Team to test their metal against the world's best, and work out any kinks before the start of intercollegiate competition.

"It was the World Cup team our first game so when you go into that kind of situation, it's more to see what you can do well but also to learn from the best," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We have some things we

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