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Students notified of study abroad decisions

Office of International Studies accepts 789 applicants; most popular programs include English-speaking locations



By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

The Office of International Studies (OIS) received 1,499 applications for study abroad programs for the 2010-2011 school year, Director Kathleen Opel said.

Opel said not all of the 1,499 applications were "unique," meaning that some students turned in multiple applications to OIS.

"The number of applications we received this year was just a bit higher than last year, probably by 10 or so," she said.

Opel said they were able to offer acceptances to 789 people and place some others on wait-

ing lists. She said the most popular programs were mainly in English-speaking locations.

"Students who applied to study abroad during the next academic year were notified on Feb. 5 about their acceptance decision from the programs they applied to," Opel said.

Opel said they considered a number of factors in their decision aside from a student's GPA.

"It would be really easy if [admission] were only based off GPA," she said. "First we examine every part of the application, everything written with the essay being the most important part."

Among other factors that influenced the committee's decision was the required academic

letters of reference, rector reference and Dean's approval.

"Most students understand and have met the guidelines we have laid out for the abroad programs," Opel said. "We get a sense of who are those applicants who are best suited for the program as well as the program that best suits the students. We choose based on students who fit both criteria."

Students accepted to a study abroad program have until Friday to notify OIS about their decision to either accept the invitation or withdraw.

The traditional favorites were London, Dublin and both Australia programs as well as

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Fr. John Jenkins lectures on ethics

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Making leadership decisions in an ethical context, a topic University President Fr. John Jenkins is certainly familiar with, was central to a lecture he held Tuesday.

"The Ethics of Leadership" lecture was the second of four main events hosted by the Mendoza College of Business as part of its annual Ethics Week.

Jenkins' presentation was structured around balancing the moral and practical components of making leadership decisions, both in and outside of business.

Jenkins said ethical leadership is a "practical activity" and emphasized the importance of not only developing, but also implementing ethics in one's life and career.

"It's something you do," Jenkins said. "Be good at it."

"If you want to be an ethical leader, pay attention to the small things," Jenkins said. "It's about the



Jenkins

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Retired history prof. Robert Burns dies Fri.

Observer Staff Report

Retired professor of history Robert Burns died Friday after a long illness. He was 83.

Prior to teaching at Notre Dame, Burns served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He later graduated from Northeastern University and went on to obtain his master's and doctoral degrees in history from Harvard.

Burns began at Notre Dame in 1957 and taught courses in Irish

and British history. He also was the author of a two-volume study on "Irish Parliamentary Politics in the Eighteenth Century" and "Being Catholic, Being American: The Notre Dame Story," a two-volume history of Notre Dame from its foundation to 1952.

Thomas Schlereth, professor of American studies and a Notre Dame alumnus, remembers

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Mass held in celebration of Rhoades



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Bishop Kevin Rhoades speaks in the Basilica on Notre Dame's campus Tuesday. Rhoades succeeded Bishop John D'Arcy at the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

Notre Dame celebrated the arrival of Bishop Kevin Rhoades to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend with a Mass of thanksgiving at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Tuesday.

Rhoades, former bishop of the Harrisburg, Pa., diocese, succeeded Bishop John D'Arcy, who retired on Jan. 13. Both Rhoades and University President Fr. John Jenkins presided the mass.

"I hope he feels this is home and not a place to visit," Jenkins said.

The Observer reported in a Nov. 16 article that Rhoades

was one of some 80 bishops who denounced President Obama's appearance at the 2009 commencement in a letter to Jenkins last spring. Despite past tensions, Rhoades said he anticipates a close relationship with Notre Dame.

"I believe, as Pope John Paul II said when he visited the United States in 1987, that bishops should be seen not as external agents but as participants in the life of the Catholic university," Rhoades said during his homily.

Rhoades defined this relationship as one of his new obligations as successor to D'Arcy.

"As I undertake my new responsibilities as Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, I am very conscious of my responsi-

bilities, my responsibility particularly to strengthen and promote the Catholic universities in my Diocese and especially to promote and assist in the preservation and strengthening of their catholic identity," Rhoades said.

Rhoades explored the role of these Catholic universities in the larger society.

"Our institutions make a vital contribution to the mission of our church and truly serve societies," Rhoades said. "They become places in which God's presence in human affairs is recognized and in which every young person discovers the joy of entering into Christ's being for others."

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INSIDE COLUMN

It ain't broke, don't fix it

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The NCAA needs to adopt this cliché when looking at possible changes to the men's basketball tournament.

There has been a lot of talk recently about a possible expansion of the bracket, and it is completely bewildering why anyone would want to change anything that is so good. I mean seriously, what sports fan doesn't love March Madness?

Matthew Robison

Sports Wire Editor

People, sports writers, fans, the blogosphere, have all been talking about expanding the tournament to include another round, so as to avoid so many "deserving" teams being shunned.

Some, including Denver Post sports writer and ESPN contributor Woody Paige, have even made the suggestion that the tournament include all 347 Division I teams. Listen, I know it's called March Madness, but that would be insanity.

The reason the NCAA holds the tournament is to reward those teams that have had quality seasons with a chance to compete for the national championship. Those who have had mediocre seasons have not proven themselves contenders.

Some might challenge this by saying, "why not just give everyone a shot?"

The answer: everyone does have a shot. Every team (with the exception of the Ivy League and the independents) has a chance to earn an NCAA bid by winning their conference tournament.

If an additional round were added, of the 64 additional teams added to the bracket, 60 of those would be crushed in the preliminary round. Sure, there would be some upsets, there always are. But winning the national championship is tough enough as it is. Winning six games in three weeks against the best teams in the country is a formidable challenge, and only the best teams do so.

A team that's won 30 games deserves to compete for the title, a team that goes 16-14 with a .500 record in its conference doesn't.

On Selection Sunday, 65 teams get in, 282 don't. Yes, some schools get their hearts broken. This year, as the season is shaping up, the Irish look to be on the proverbial bubble. The coaches, players and fans will be waiting with bated breath to see if we get it in. Dozens of other schools will be doing them same.

But the heartbreak of the selection show is just part of the Madness. Some say it's not fair. On the contrary, I'd say it's not fair to make a team that has had an outstanding season, finished in the top 10 in the polls and won their conference tournament have to risk having a great player go down with an injury or, gulp, lose in a huge upset to a less than mediocre team in an additional preliminary round. They've earned their shot, give it to them.

So, amid all this talk of expanding the tournament, let's just remember just how much we all love and enjoy it, and admire it for all it's worth. It ain't broke, college basketball fans, so don't fix it.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH SPORTS TEAM HAS THE BEST-LOOKING ATHLETES AT ND?



Hans Helland
sophomore Knott

"Fencing ... I'm dating a fencer."



Stu Jansen
junior Stanford

"Volleyball, because they go for the kill."



Justin Pham
sophomore Fisher

"Volleyball because I used to have a crush on a volleyball player in high school."



Nicole Sugiyama
senior Pasquerilla East

"Baseball because they know how to hit home runs."



Linsey Laufenberg
senior Howard

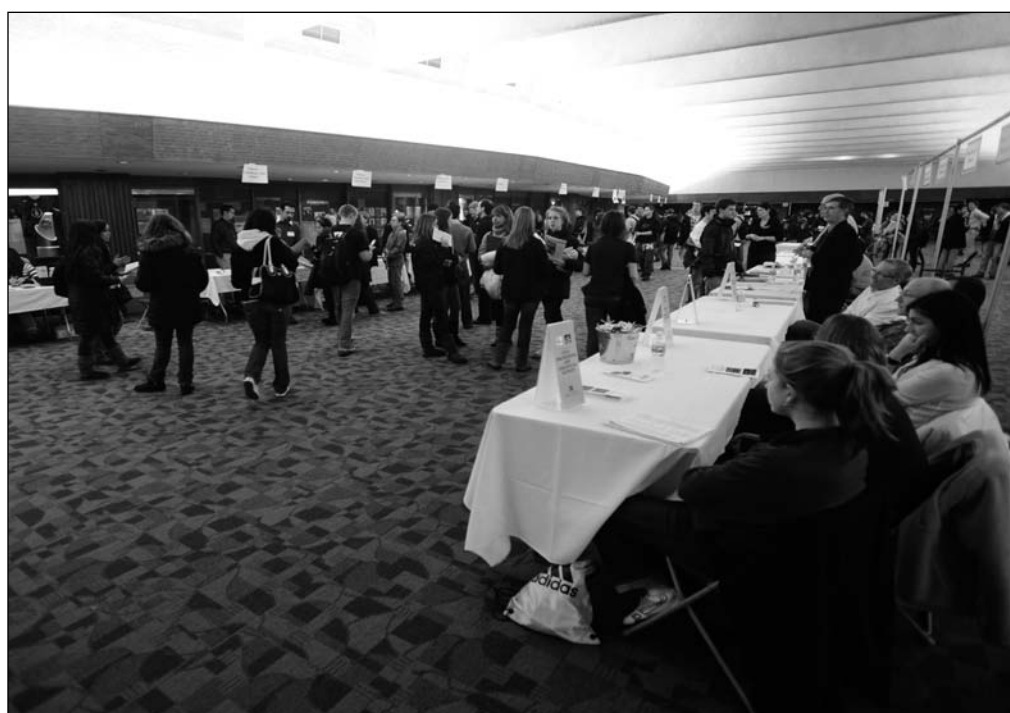
"Football because they look good in tight pants."



Liz Cress
junior Holy Cross

"Hockey because Brad Phillips is my best friend."

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



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Students browse at Majors Night to find out more about majors offered at Notre Dame. Majors Night took place Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 in the Joyce Center.

OFFBEAT

Man claims deputies beat him for burping

ROANOKE, Va. — A Roanoke man claims sheriff's deputies beat him in the city jail because of his burping. Thomas Scott Vandegrift made the allegations in a federal lawsuit filed last week against several deputies, the city, the sheriff's office and the sheriff. According to the lawsuit, the deputies were annoyed by Vandegrift's burping, which was caused by acid reflux.

Vandegrift was being held at the jail on a drunken driving charge. He pleaded no contest in 2008

and received a six-month suspended sentence, a \$750 fine and a year of driving restrictions.

The lawsuit alleges excessive force, conspiracy to violate civil rights and assault and battery.

Sheriff's office spokeswoman Patricia Johnson said Monday there would be no comment on the lawsuit.

Man steals ambulance with patient inside

MADISON, Wis. — Authorities say a drunken man stole an ambulance from a Wisconsin ski area with the patient and para-

medics still inside. The Dane County Sheriff's Department says emergency responders were treating a patient in the back of the ambulance at the Tyrol Basin Ski and Snowboard Area in Mount Horeb on Monday night. They say a 24-year-old Illinois man got into the vehicle and drove it around the parking lot.

The sheriff's department says deputies arrested the man. But it is unclear how he was stopped.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

All of William Shakespeare's 154 sonnets will be read aloud by Notre Dame administrators, faculty and students today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in O'Shaughnessy Hall. Sonnet Fest 2010 is sponsored by Shakespeare at Notre Dame and the Department of English.

A lecture entitled "Brothers Karamazov the Opera: Turning a 'polyphonic' novel into redemptive religious art" will take place today from 1:55 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. in Room 210-214 in McKenna Hall.

A lecture, "Russian Classics on the Stalinist Stage: The Case of Boris Godunov, 1936," will take place today at 4 p.m. in Room 210-214 in McKenna Hall.

Jane LaTour, author of "Sisters in the Brotherhoods: Working Women Organizing for Equality in New York City," will discuss her book from today from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Room 117 of DeBartolo Hall.

Daily mass will be celebrated at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Jacqueline Vaught Brogan will read poetry from her work "Damage" at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore today from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

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Halls to host polar bear plunge

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Saturday at 2 p.m., Notre Dame students will be braving the ice-cold waters of St. Joseph Lake in the first annual Polar Bear Plunge, organized by Badin and Dillon Hall.

Despite the frigid temperatures, Badin Hall president Taylor Osicek is anticipating a strong turnout from the student body.

"We are hoping for an attendance of at least 250 for our first year. We are hoping that by using two dorms to sponsor the event, we can really generate some enthusiasm for the event," she said.

"We understand that some people are not familiar with the idea, so we hope to introduce them to the premise this year, and get them to participate next year," Osicek said.

Participation in the event is relatively straightforward and

should be popular with Notre Dame students, Osicek said.

"Basically, it's just running into a body of water in the middle of the winter and running out. It has kind of a cult-like following and mob mentality behind it that we hope will translate to Notre Dame well," she said.

Osicek said Badin and Dillon drew inspiration for the event from similar fundraisers that occur across major United States cities. She cited Chicago as an example, noting that on New Year's Day participants run into Lake Michigan. Part of the appeal of the event is that it occurs in the winter.

"Kevin Doyle, the Dillon presi-

dent, Kaitie McCabe, Badin's vice president and I realized there are so much fundraising runs in the fall and spring, but thanks to the lovely South Bend weather, there is a total lag in the winter," Osicek said. "We thought this would be a creative way to fill the void."

Osicek said originally the Polar Bear Plunge was meant to raise funds for a local charity, but with recent events that have transpired in Haiti, organizers of the event have changed the

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Taylor Osicek
president
Badin Hall

focus of the event.

"Initially we were going to raise the money for the Center for the Homeless, but after the disaster in Haiti, we decided to give all the \$5 donations from the participants to the fund that student government has started," she said.

Students can pre-register in both dining halls Wednesday and Thursday, or register Saturday before the 2 p.m. start time at St. Joseph Beach.

Osicek said the event will entail more than just a swim in the lake.

"By participating, you are automatically entered in a raffle for Notre Dame Snuggles, and gift cards for restaurants at Eddy Street Commons. We will have free hot chocolate, brownies and cookies provided along with some music playing," she said.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Members discuss Web site to review housing



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Student body president Grant Schmidt listens to discussion about the Web site in the COR meeting Tuesday.

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the ongoing development of a new Web site that would allow Notre Dame students to rate and review off-campus housing properties at their meeting Tuesday night.

The Web site, which will be accessed at rent.nd.edu, will enable students to look up off-campus houses and apartments and read reviews from other students, much like the system on www.ndtoday.com.

The idea for the Web site was first brought to student body president Grant Schmidt's attention last year when he attended a college symposium. The need for a property-review Web site was brought up as an issue in the student body elections last spring.

"Basically we want this to be an authentic way for students to review the different housing options they have off campus," Schmidt said.

Rent.nd.edu creator, sophomore Joey Rich, gave COR members a 10-minute demo about the utility of the site and its current functions.

"Anyone can sign up to make a listing but if you're a Notre Dame student you get the special privilege of rating the properties," Rich said.

There is even a section where students can rate the landlords from "best friends" to "rotten people."

The Web site currently has two categories in which to look for listings and reviews, either under houses or apartment complexes.

Many COR members expressed concerns with this feature as well as with the characteristic that only one person has control over the objective information about a property, such as amenities, number of

rooms and pricing.

Rich said once rent.nd.edu is launched and receives more listings, a search feature will be added that will allow for more complex housing searches that include pricing and property features.

"The point of the Web site is not so much about selling your house," vice president Cynthia Weber said. "It's about conveying information about a specific area to students."

Members of COR expressed concerns over monitoring of the Web site and the updating of objective information about the properties that will be listed.

One of the major concerns was who would have the control over updating the property listings.

"The information that is key on this Web site is the subjective information, the reviews and ratings," Schmidt said. "You can

always call the landlord or visit the property to learn about the other stuff. This would be an added bonus."

Weber agreed with Schmidt that rent.nd.edu will be more about peer reviews and less about students selling their house or apartment.

"Students will look at the property and talk to a landlord before they decide on a property," she said. "This Web site will be a double-check."

Weber also responded to COR members' worries about the current construction of the Web site.

"Web sites evolve and changes are made when you see how the visitors are using the site," she said. "You can't make changes for the future until you see how the way the site will be used."

The original plan was to launch rent.nd.edu last night, but after the discussion among COR members, Schmidt decided that further work needed to be done on the Web site.

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Student government releases benefit CD

By JILL STINCHCOMB
News Writer

Student government recently released "Head Above Water," a CD containing original music by Notre Dame students whose profits will benefit for the Global Water Initiative.

The CD is being sold for \$6 at the LaFortune Information Desk and online at the Student Shop ND until April 1. The proceeds will go to the non-profit organization The Water Project via the Global Water Initiative.

"We've had a tremendously positive response to the CD. We've sold at least 100 CDs, and hope to sell more as it's a long-term project," junior Rachel Roseberry, co-director of the Global Water Initiative, said. "We want to sustain the cause and support the musicians right up until April 1."

Justin Pham, sophomore and co-director of the Global Water Initiative, said the CD was meant to have a unifying effect among Notre Dame students.

"The mission of our water initiative has been to unite different parts of the Notre Dame community to walk in the same steps as one another and support people

without access to potable water," Pham said.

Sophomore Brian Powers, whose song "One Too Many Things" is featured on the CD, said he participated in the project to help a good cause.

"Music is such a huge part of my life and I love that something I put so much effort into can help someone else," Powers said.

He added, "I like that this gets exposure for the musical scene at Notre Dame, which can be kind of limited. The benefits are twofold."

Nicholas Gunty, a sophomore whose song "Winking Prose" is featured on the CD, also said he contributed to support the cause.

"I wanted to contribute my talents to something that I thought was a noble cause," Gunty said. "Everyone should buy the CD. It's a worthwhile cause to give your money to regardless, and there are definitely some gems on the CD."

Roseberry said, "This is a unique opportunity for Notre Dame students to support both their fellow students and a cause larger than the Notre Dame community."

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Rachel Roseberry
co-director
Global Water Initiative

College holds blood drive

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

The American Red Cross is always in need of blood and the Office of Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary's College contributed to that need by organizing a blood drive Tuesday.

The drive, which took place from noon to 6 p.m. in the Student Center lounge, gave student the opportunity to give to those in need.

Freshman Ali Buckley donated during the drive and cited the importance of saving lives.

"I think it's important because, first of all it helps a lot of people and it doesn't really take that much from us and just one pint of blood

from us could save someone's life potentially," Buckley said.

Junior Jennifer Kornexl helped coordinate the event by signing students up during dinner over the past week. Kornexl said students were more likely to donate if their

OSCE worked diligently to prepare for the drive.

which allowed more blood to be donated the American Red Cross. "I think it's something that students do if their friends are doing it. A lot of times at dinner when people are signing up, they will ask their friends nearby to give as well," she said.

Kornexl said more than 80 people signed up to give blood for this drive, and more than 100 students, faculty and staff members attended the last blood drive.

Freshman Sarah Huser said she donated blood because there was a need and she was able to help meet that need.

"There are so many people who can't donate blood, there's no reason why those of us who can shouldn't when there are so many people who need it," she said.

Kornexl and others in the OSCE worked diligently to prepare for the drive.

Students were able to volunteer to either donate blood, or if they were unable to, they could donate their time by helping check people in.

"I really enjoy getting people excited about giving blood and seeing the outcomes of the blood drive. It's always great to see how much Saint Mary's is willing to give," Kornexl said.

Saint Mary's College offers four blood drives a year. Two are held each semester, Kornexl said.

"There is always a need for blood, so if you're healthy enough to give, we strongly encourage students to consider this opportunity to save lives," she said.

Kornexl the blood drives are not just open to students and the entire community is invited to share the gift of life.

The next blood drive will be held on April 12 from noon to 6 p.m. Kornexl urged students and community members to visit RedCrossBlood.org and use the sponsor code 'smcnd' to schedule an appointment to donate blood.

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junior

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Haitian man found alive in rubble

PORT-AU-PRINCE — University of Miami doctors working in Haiti are treating a man who, according to two other Haitians, had been trapped by debris since the Jan. 12 earthquake — but he may have been provided food and water during his reported ordeal.

The two Haitians' account could not be confirmed by doctors at a university field hospital or at a Salvation Army medical center in Port-au-Prince where the man, emaciated and suffering from dehydration, was first brought by the two men on Monday.

Nery Ynclan, a University of Miami media officer in Haiti, said the patient was in stable condition Tuesday and being treated for dehydration and malnutrition. The man identified himself as Evans Monsigrace, 28, she said, adding that his family told doctors varying accounts of his ordeal.

Sri Lankan parliament dissolved

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Sri Lanka's president dissolved parliament to make way for spring elections a day after authorities arrested a key opposition leader, crippling the only serious threat to the ruling party's stifling grip on power.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa's move Tuesday to call parliamentary elections follows his sweeping victory at the polls last month over his former army chief Gen. Sarath Fonseka, who had defected to the opposition after helping to end the country's quarter-century civil war. Fonseka was arrested by the military on Monday on sedition charges.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senate Dems unveil jobs package

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats circulated a jobs bill Tuesday that's light on new initiatives on boosting hiring and heavy with provisions sought by lobbyists for business groups, doctors and the satellite broadcasting industry.

Senate Democrats were working to round up Republican support, but more snow in the nation's capital made it unlikely the Senate could pass it this week and hand President Barack Obama a quick, badly needed political victory. Republicans are willing partners because much of the bill is made up of tax breaks they support, though many GOP senators said they were still waiting to see the details.

Mudslides threaten L.A. foothills

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. — Homeowners in mud-ravaged foothill towns north of Los Angeles packed their cars and left Tuesday as evacuation orders took hold and a new winter storm arrived.

Officials issued evacuation orders for 541 homes on the hillsides of La Canada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Acton and two canyons. Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies went door to door, urging people to leave; those who refused signed waivers acknowledging they were aware of the risk.

Sheriff's deputies also asked residents to move their vehicles and trash cans away from the streets, where heavy rain on Saturday caused water and rocks to roar through, smashing cars and concrete barriers together.

Officials also issued evacuation orders late Tuesday for parts of the foothill city of Sierra Madre.

LOCAL NEWS

Democrats plan new job legislation

INDIANAPOLIS — Look for Democrats in the Indiana House to introduce legislation in the coming days that they say will be aimed at creating jobs.

Democratic House Speaker Patrick Bauer of South Bend says job creation will be the top agenda item for his caucus in the second half of the legislative session.

He says he hopes to get bipartisan support to pass legislation that puts people back to work, assists small businesses and holds companies accountable for the promises they make to create jobs.

IRAN

Iranian nuclear program advances

Obama responds to uranium enrichment with warning of possible sanctions

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iranian nuclear technicians set dozens of centrifuges spinning Tuesday to begin enriching uranium stocks to a significantly higher level, prompting President Barack Obama to warn of a "significant regime of sanctions."

Iran's acceleration in its enrichment program was a defiant step that puts weapons-grade uranium in closer reach, should Tehran choose to go after the bomb. It was also another in a series of mixed messages that appeared calculated to boost Iran's leverage in negotiations with world powers on limiting its nuclear program.

Only days ago, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Iran was ready to send its stockpiled uranium — currently enriched to safer, low levels — to Russia and France for processing into fuel rods to power a research reactor. That was proposed last year in a U.N.-drafted plan aimed at eliminating Iran's ability to enrich those stocks to higher levels needed for making warheads.

Obama, speaking at a surprise appearance in the White House briefing room, said the sanctions process is moving along quickly, but he gave no specific timeline.

In his most extensive remarks on Iran in some time, Obama said Iran appeared to have spurned his offer of engagement.

But even announcing its latest step, Iran was careful to leave the door open to a negotiated solution, saying it would stop the work if the West found a way to provide it with fuel for the research reactor, which makes radio isotopes for use in cancer treatment.

"Whenever they provide the fuel, we will halt production of 20 percent," Ali Akbar Salehi, the head of Iran's nuclear program, told state TV late Monday.

He was referring to the level of enrichment neces-



In this April 2008 file photo Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, left, inspects a project at Natanz Uranium Enrichment, 200 miles south of Tehran.

sary for the Tehran reactor. Iran's current stockpile has been spun to a level of 3.5 percent, suitable for use in fueling power plants, which is Iran's primary stated aim for its enrichment program.

The United States and its allies in Europe suspect Iran is using such civilian work to mask an effort to develop a weapons capability. Central to their concern is uranium enrichment, which at levels of 90 percent provide a possible pathway to nuclear arms production.

Iran denies it wants to produce weapons but has defied U.N. resolutions demanding it halt enrichment as a way of easing the concerns.

Even before the announcement, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert

Gates said he believed the U.N. should slap new sanctions on Iran in "weeks, not months," according to his spokesman.

France also said Iran's action left no choice but to push harder for a fourth set of U.N. Security Council sanctions to punish Iran's nuclear defiance.

Even Russia, which has friendly ties with Iran and has opposed new sanctions, appeared to edge closer to other Security Council members supporting harder penalties, saying the enrichment work has raised new suspicions.

"Iran says it doesn't want to have nuclear weapons. But its actions, including its decision to enrich uranium to 20 percent, have raised doubts among other

nations, and these doubts are quite well-founded," said Nikolai Patrushev, the chief of Russia's Security Council.

Senior diplomats from the six major powers — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany — held a conference call last Friday to discuss a U.S.-produced list of possible new sanctions. U.N. diplomats briefed on the talks, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were private, said no decisions were made.

Diplomats say China holds the key to new sanctions and Tuesday's statement from its Foreign Ministry calling for more talks indicates that Beijing is not yet ready to impose tough new measures.

Scandalized N.Y. gov. refuses to quit race

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York Gov. David Paterson, defying calls from even fellow Democrats to drop out of the race for a full term, said Tuesday that he would leave only if the voters turned him out through the ballot box, or "in a box."

Paterson spoke to reporters after several days of rumors sweeping the state Capitol about carousing in the governor's mansion, all of which Paterson strongly denied.

Since Paterson took over from his predecessor, who resigned in a prostitution scandal, his popularity has plummeted and many Democrats

have voiced their preference that Attorney General Andrew Cuomo run for governor when Paterson's term is up.

That infighting and the recent rumormongering have further fractured state Democrats and added a decidedly weird edge to the national party's struggle to maintain ground it gained in the last election.

Facing challenges from coast to coast amid voter frustration with incumbents of both parties, Democrats in particular are girding for losses that could see states' chief executives go into Republican hands. New York, a traditionally Democratic-leaning state, would be a devastating

blow to a party that just two years ago saw a landslide amid the election of Obama.

Paterson appeared to take heart from an interview earlier in the day with The New York Times, which had been widely anticipated to be preparing a story dealing with his personal conduct. He said that in the interview he was not asked about drug use in the governor's mansion or partying with women.

"The only way I'm not going to be governor next year is at the ballot box, and the only way that I will be leaving the office before is in a box," Paterson said during a news conference.

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day-to-day decisions you make ... Living an ethical life is about developing habits. If you develop good habits, they're called virtues."

Jenkins touched on how one should ethically approach especially difficult and complex decisions.

"Some of the toughest decisions aren't public," Jenkins said.

From his own experience, Jenkins put special emphasis on the line of self-questioning.

"What are the principles that should guide this decision? What decision can I make that accords with these principles?" he said.

During the question and answer session following the lecture, conversation quickly turned to Jenkins' highly controversial decision to invite President Obama to present the main address at the 2009

Commencement ceremony.

"This president is pro-choice, there's no doubt about it, and that's significant," he said. "It's about respecting the office.

"I know people seriously disagree and I respect that ... You just have to do what you think is right."

The session concluded with questions regarding the future and the challenges it presents to the University as a place of higher education and moral formation.

"It's always difficult to be different. I think there's a gravitational pull towards acting like others ... I think we've resisted that," Jenkins said, citing the University's unique incorporation of morality, faith and service into academics and student life.

"In the end, it's people who are committed to being different, to living an ethical life. That difference is sometimes the greatest challenge."

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Burns as a teacher who "really cared about and kept in touch with his students."

"Bob was an affectionate and humorous man both in and out of the classroom," Schlereth said in a press release. "I will always think of him as a story broker. He always had an engaging story to tell, and he always expected an engaging story in return."

Phillip Gleason, a Notre Dame historian and colleague of Burns, described him as "extraordinary in his adaptability, generosity and willingness to take on other duties in service to the University."

Burns served the University beyond his teaching and scholarship by taking on a variety of administrative duties. He was acting editor of the University's Review of Politics, Notre Dame's journal of political philosophy, from 1967 to 1968.

He also directed a year-long

program to train high school history teachers in 1967 and served as dean of Notre Dame's summer session from 1969 to 1971. Burns was an associate dean of the College of Arts and Letters from 1971 to 1981 and served as acting dean from 1981 to 1983.

"The accomplishment in which Bob took the greatest pride while in the dean's office was his initiative of Notre Dame's highly successful London program for juniors in Arts and Letters, which provided both students and faculty in the college an incomparably enriching experience," Gleason said in the release.

Burns retired from Notre Dame in 1995.

"Bob was heartily devoted to Notre Dame and served her in a great variety of ways," Gleason said. "Perhaps the most lasting testimony to his love for the University is represented by his 'Notre Dame Story.'"

"He will be missed by his many friends, and the memory of Robert E. Burns should be long cherished here."

Siegfried Hall and Morrissey Manor, [where] I celebrated dorm mass last week," he said.

At the end of mass, Jenkins presented Rhoades with a bishop's staff depicting Our Lady of Guadalupe, drawn by a member of the art department. The image had particular significance for Rhoades, who was ordained as bishop on the feast

of Juan Diego, to whom our Lady of Guadalupe appeared.

In an interview with The Observer during a reception following the mass, Rhoades said he looks forward to integrating into the Notre Dame community.

"I am looking

forward to having a lot of opportunities to be here on campus to celebrate liturgy and to really be a part of the community," Rhoades said. "As Pope John Paul said and I said in my homily, the bishop shouldn't be seen as an external agent, but as a real part of the community and that's my hope and my prayer."

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Rhoades

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For Notre Dame, in particular, Rhoades said he hoped that the University would uphold its Catholic heritage.

"This is my prayer for the University of Notre Dame — that it may always be faithful to its Catholic mission by constantly growing in its commitment and witness to truth and charity," Rhoades said. "That our Catholic ideals, attitudes and principles pervade all aspects of University life — teaching, research, curricular and extracurricular activities."

Rhoades also recognized his reception from the Notre Dame community.

"In the past few months, I have received an incredibly warm welcome from Fr. Jenkins and the whole Notre Dame community, including the priests and the resident students at

"Our institutions make a vital contribution to the mission of our church and truly serve societies."

**Bishop Kevin Rhoades
Diocese of Fort
Wayne-South Bend**

Abroad

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Rome and Toledo, she said. "The English language programs tend to be strong," she said.

Sophomore Kelly Kraus, who was accepted into the London Program for Spring 2011, said she's never traveled abroad and is very excited.

"I have never been abroad before and it will definitely be a new experience for me," she said. "I hope to also visit Ireland, France and Spain, among other places."

For students who were wait-listed, OIS laid out a series of guidelines on their Web site to help with the process.

Opel said it is important to note there is no ranking on any of the waiting lists, and the who will be accepted depends on the accepted students who choose to withdraw.

"In some programs, a spot may open up for a male because another male dropped out, or there may be room for an engineering major," she said.

Although there were many qualified applications for each program, Opel said sometimes OIS is limited by the number of

students it can extend invitations to based on the number of available slots at the school.

"In some programs we're restricted in the number of students we can send and that sets off the number of total acceptances," she said. "For example in the Hong Kong program, even if we have 50 terrific applicants, we can only send four students."

Opel said movement on the wait list usually happens between now and April, but it does continue over the summer.

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IN BRIEF

Private colleges look to rein in aid

In the last year, the nation's private colleges have laid off staff, shelved construction projects, slashed sports teams and turned down thermostats to cut costs. But student financial aid has kept flowing.

Now the weak economy is forcing some institutions to limit their generosity after many of them doubled or even tripled financial aid over the last decade to attract more applicants and reduce student debt.

Two of the nation's most selective private colleges — Dartmouth and Williams — announced they would no longer offer aid packages that allow students of any income to attend without taking out loans. Other schools are expected to follow suit, meaning many middle-class students will have to take on more debt.

Situations vary depending on the school, but experts expect financial aid at private schools to be less generous than last year while colleges increase tuition by 4 to 6 percent.

Bond yields rise with return to stocks

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Interest rates rose in the bond market Tuesday after investors moved back into stocks and a three-year note sale generated less demand.

Bonds also lost some of their safe-harbor appeal as European officials appeared to be moving closer to a solution for Greece's debt crisis. Bond and stock investors have been concerned that Greece's fiscal troubles could undermine Europe's common currency, the euro, and destabilize debt markets.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 150 points, back above the psychological barrier of 10,000. It closed below 10,000 on Monday for the first time since Nov. 4.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note that matures in November 2019 rose to 3.65 percent from 3.57 percent late Monday. Its price fell 22/32 to 97 24/32. That yield is a widely used benchmark for consumer loans including mortgages.

Expectations of a bailout for Greece helped global markets bounce back. Reports that European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet is changing his travel schedule to attend a meeting of EU officials Thursday where the Greek debt crisis will be discussed.

JAPAN

Toyota recalls 437,000 hybrids

The Japanese automaker issues additional recall on its popular Prius, among others

Associated Press

TOKYO — Toyota is recalling 437,000 Prius and other hybrid vehicles worldwide to fix brake problems — the latest embarrassing safety lapse at the world's largest automaker.

"I don't see Toyota as an infallible company that never makes mistakes," President Akio Toyoda said at a news conference Tuesday. "We will face up to the facts and correct the problem, putting customers' safety and convenience first."

The number of vehicles recalled globally by Toyota Motor Corp. now has ballooned to 8.5 million, including for floor mats that can trap gas pedals and faulty gas pedals that are slow to return to the idle position. The 2010 model of the Prius — the world's top-selling hybrid and Japan's top-selling car — wasn't part of the earlier recalls.

There have been about 200 complaints in Japan and the U.S. about a delay when the brakes in the Prius were pressed in cold conditions and on some bumpy roads. The delay doesn't indicate a brake failure. The company says the problem can be fixed in 40 minutes with new software that oversees the controls of the antilock brakes.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a statement Tuesday that Toyota's leaders have assured him they are taking safety concerns "very seriously." The statement said LaHood's agency will stay in constant communication with Toyota to hold the company to its promise.

Also, State Farm, the largest auto insurer in the U.S., said it alerted federal regulators late in 2007 about a rise in reports of unexpected acceleration in Toyota vehicles. Congressional investigators are looking into whether the government missed warning signs.



Toyota Motor Co.'s 2010 Prius hybrid vehicles wait for shipment at Tahara pier, near Toyota, central Japan, Tuesday.

Toyota officials went to Japan's Transport Ministry earlier Tuesday to formally notify officials the company is recalling the 2010 Prius gas-electric hybrid. The automaker is also recalling two other hybrid models in Japan, the Lexus HS250h sedan, sold in the U.S. and Japan, and the Sai, which is sold only in Japan.

The 223,000 cars being recalled in Japan include nearly 200,000 Priuses sold from April last year through Monday, according to papers the automaker filed with the ministry.

In the U.S., Toyota will recall 133,000 Prius cars and 14,500 Lexus HS250h vehicles. Nearly 53,000 Priuses are also being recalled in Europe. Toyota is suspending production of

the Sai and Lexus HS250h in Japan until the updated software for those models is ready.

If drivers experience a delayed reaction when depressing the brakes in any of these models, they should keep pressing, according to Toyota and the transport ministry.

The Prius repairs will start in Japan on Wednesday. U.S. owners will start receiving letters about the recall next week.

Toyoda, the president, has been criticized for being largely invisible during the two weeks after the company announced Jan. 21 the gas pedal recall in the U.S., Europe and China.

He apologized at his first public news conference last Friday, but was criticized by

Japanese media for failing to outline concrete steps to tackle the safety crisis and reassure customers.

In contrast to his halting English in response to questions from foreign reporters at last week's news conference, Toyoda seemed much better prepared Tuesday, reading from an English statement after doing so in Japanese.

"We will do everything in our power to regain the confidence of our customers," Toyoda said.

He said he planned to go to the U.S. soon to talk with American workers and dealers to bring the ranks together.

Analysts said fears of an even bigger consumer backlash prodded Toyota into recalling the Prius.

Stocks jump on hope of Greek debt rescue

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average jumped back above 10,000 on hope that a resolution was near for Greece's debt crisis.

The Dow rose 150 points Tuesday, a day after closing below 10,000 for the first time in three months. The major indexes all gained more than 1 percent. Treasury prices slid as demand for safer investments fell.

Global markets bounced back on reports that plans are being developed in the European Union to rescue Greece. That raised hopes that policymakers will take bigger steps to contain debt troubles in other weak European economies including Portugal and

Spain.

Though Greece's economy is small, that country's yawning budget gaps were undermining faith in the euro, Europe's common currency. Investors also believed that other countries might have trouble raising money in debt markets, which would hamper efforts to get their economies going again.

World stock markets have been tumbling in recent weeks on concerns that debt problems would spread. The euro is still down about 5 percent for the year, but rose for a second day against the dollar as the outlook improved for Greece.

Greece took steps Tuesday to calm markets, pledging to slash spending and raise fuel taxes.

The European debt problems are the latest obstacle to trip up the stock market after 10 months of steep gains. Stocks began retreating in mid-January after China said it would try to control its economy to avoid speculative bubbles. Things got worse when President Barack Obama announced plans to curb trading by large financial institutions.

"There's some euphoria that maybe it's not going to be blowing up," said Erik Davidson, managing director of investments for Wells Fargo Private Bank in Carmel, Calif., referring to easing fears over Greece. Davidson said some of the market's slide had been over concern that stocks had risen too far. The problems in Greece provided a handy excuse to sell, he said.

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Culture of college rankings becoming toxic

In 1983, U.S. News & World Report published their first-ever college rankings. It seemed an innocent enough way to gain some new readers, while potentially providing insight to prospective college students as to exactly which schools were very considered "the best."

After all, this was more than a decade before use of the Internet proliferated, which would make this kind of data extremely easy to find for future generations. Little did they know, however, that this simple list would ignite a firestorm in the academic community and create an entirely new line of thinking for high school students, parents, and counselors.

The very concept of listing which college is "the best" is a completely inane concept, and it is an exercise in futility. Different colleges have different missions and each one has unique qualities about them. Even with we just compare major research universities (or just liberal arts colleges, etc.) the range of schools is so broad, and many of the philosophies and cultures are so different, it is useless to compare them. The whole ranking system treats college education as a commodity, almost as though every school provides essentially the same experience, and that these higher ranked ones are "better" than the other ones ranked below them on the list, with complete disregard for any subjective, non-quantifiable considerations. The whole concept is so American, and it feeds off of the culture of competition that exists in this country. Americans always want to be better than their neighbor at everything, and this list finally gives them grounds to compete with each other when it comes to higher education.

Beyond the mere concept of this system, though, I also have an issue with the methodology that is used. Twenty-five percent of the rankings are derived from a survey of deans of other academic institutions and their ratings their competitors' "perceived academic excel-

lence," as if they can actually quantify that on a one to five scale. For example, do you think that a dean at the University of Florida or UCLA knows about Notre Dame's recent commitment to engineering research and the fact that the school just opened a brand new, state-of-the-art engineering building? I would hope that they are more focused on bettering their own school. This past year, Notre Dame dropped to 20th in the rankings, from a tie for 18th, largely due to the fact that our peer assessment scores are lower than every school near us on the list. So does that mean that because some administrators who have never set foot on this campus don't think that highly of Notre Dame, our education that we are receiving is now "worse" than it was last year?

Now, if this was simply a list in an obscure news magazine that came and went, then that would be one thing. But the USN&WR rankings have become a cultural phenomenon to the point that it now has a tremendous impact on academia. Without knowing too much about Notre Dame before my experiences here the last three years, it seems as though the University places a priority on raising their own ranking, though I would imagine that everyone in the administration will deny it. The term "aspirational peer" is a term that is thrown around far too frequently on this campus, and it bothers me every time I hear it. The term is usually applied to schools that are perceived to be "better" academically than Notre Dame, such as Northwestern, Duke and Stanford, and it seems as though we are craving for them to accept us as peers. Why don't we just focus on making Notre Dame the best it can possibly be? I'm obviously supportive of the school continuing to improve itself; but that can be a unilateral exercise. Notre Dame's mission and culture are unique (as are Northwestern's and Duke's, etc.), and any standardized comparison to doesn't do either any justice. Just because it is convenient and easy to compare ourselves to these schools through numerical rankings (all you have to do is look

at the list), it doesn't mean that it is right to do it.

Beyond our campus, though, I see the rankings and competitive mindset permeate through high schools to the point where the first question some of my peers would ask after a prospective school was introduced would be, "Well, where is it ranked?" If it wasn't high enough for their standards, it was immediately thrown from consideration. I know of parents who didn't allow their kids to apply to certain schools because they weren't ranked high enough and they thought that their kids "could do better." An extreme case was a parent who, allegedly, refused to allow her son to apply to any school that was not ranked in the USN&WR top 25. Period. I have no way of knowing if this is true, but if other high schools are anything like the one I attended, then I have absolutely no problem believing it. The rankings are turning college admissions into a high-stakes, pressure-packed game, in which the goal is to gain bragging rights over instead of finding the school that is the best fit.

I chose to attend Notre Dame because I thought that it would be the most complete fit for me, personally. I did it not because it was the most highly ranked school I was accepted by, but because I considered the location, student body, unique culture, academics and my own personal experiences with the atmosphere on campus, and then decided that it was the right fit. I would urge anyone picking colleges to look beyond an arbitrary list (who made USN&WR the authority on college, anyway?) and find the best college according to you, not a magazine.

Andy Ziccarelli wants everyone to come out and support the Bengal Bouts this Saturday. Bonus points will be awarded to anyone who knows the origin of his nickname. Andy is a junior majoring in civil engineering and can be reached at aziccare@nd.edu

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A new perspective

Julian and I want to thank all our supporters. We ran the race and we battled until the end but the other team came out on top. Our campaign has come to an end but what we stand for has not.

This is not the end of "A New Perspective." It will live on through the voice and the experience of every person who has the willpower to make a difference. "A New Perspective" is not a set of promises, but it is a set of challenges. It sums up not only the intention of what "A New Perspective" will offer, but also what "A New Perspective" will ask. These times call for us to gather around the tables in our dorms, our dining halls, our classrooms and any other place where we can meet to explore unknown solutions that will give way to a future that rains down on us with opportunity.

As long as there are unsolved problems, there will be unknown solutions. There will be risks that we will have to take and there will be trials that we will have to persevere. We will not be complacent and turn to the mediocrity of the past for answers, but instead we will have courage and press forward into the future where "A New Perspective" is waiting to be found.

Congratulations to Soler and Bell and I wish them the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Your fellow classmates,

Eras Roy Noel III and Julian Corona

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 Feb. 8

PEMCo Understands Racial Sensitivities

Admittedly, I was first tempted to write a response to Mr. Fink's ill-conceived notion that this campus wants to revisit the Viewpoint war and the accompanying debate over President Obama's visit and the abortion issue (It doesn't. Seriously, leave it alone for everyone's sake). However, I cannot in good conscience sit idly by and let Ms. Francillon's condemnation of PEMCo's staff, choice of show, and that show's message ("Need for diversity in the arts," Feb. 8) go unchallenged.

First and foremost, it must be stated that "Parade" is not about "a black man on trial for murder." It centers on Leo Frank, a Jew raised in New York who is falsely put on trial as a scapegoat for the murder of a young girl in the Deep South. These Southerners fall prey to the mob mentality and its lust for blood, and focus their rage on the one man who is most unlike them within the community. Accusations that are made based on hearsay and without the necessary background research to back them up shouldn't be tolerated, and it angers me that such false and inflammatory remarks were written.

I fully understand the issue at hand regarding ethnicity and the casting of shows at the college level and beyond. So too does PEMCo. In 2008's production of "Kiss Me, Kate!" the lead role of Fred Graham was played by Kyle Carter, a black male in what has historically been a white role. Surely one example does not make a compelling or airtight argument, but can it truly be said that

a show as racially charged as "Parade" or "Ragtime" would have its intended impact without that glaring dichotomy on stage? I submit that it would not, and that the place for breaking ethnic barriers in theatre are elsewhere.

Regarding the workshop mentioned in the previous letter, I wholeheartedly support a dialogue examining the choices that exist to create theatre experiences that support actors of any race. However, if choosing "Parade" as this season's PEMCo Mainstage is going to be under fire, then it must be stated that this show was chosen for a reason: on a campus where diversity remains such an issue, what better way to stimulate dialogue than by performing a show that preaches the importance — nay, necessity — of racial sensitivity?

Indeed, Jason Robert Brown, the writer and composer behind "Parade" will be on campus and holding a discussion following Sunday's performance. He will most certainly be touching on the racial implications of performing this show. I encourage everyone, and particularly Ms. Francillon, to attend and get some first hand knowledge about this sure-to-be impressive production.

Break a leg, guys.

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 Feb. 9

POLITICS DAILY

Liz Christman, enemy of the passive voice, who rocked some jaunty hats

My writing teacher and friend Elizabeth Christman, who wore a spiffy new suit and hat on the first day of every semester and was one of the finest humans ever, died last week at age 96. To be honest, I am completely bereft.

Melinda Henneberger

Politics Daily

Miss Christman, professor emeritus of American studies at the University of Notre Dame, was a literary agent in New York who read "The Catcher in the Rye" when it was still in manuscript form, and once took Agatha Christie shopping for a bathing suit. But that was before she went back to school at the unheard of age of 52, to pursue a doctorate and a dream — to teach young idealists how to change the world with their words.

Writer of notes and wearer of pearls, she kept a framed photo of Henry James in her kitchen and a rosary on her night stand. She taught Trollope well into her 80s, and while sensible in the extreme, also had the most contagious sense of occasion.

Although I will not succeed in communicating her awesome Liz-ness to those who did not know her, I can at least tell you what she told me: The passive voice is the enemy. There will be time enough. Reading is the most enduring of all life's pleasures. Deciding what you want is the difficult part; the rest is just hard work. No extraneous words. "Middlemarch" is the best book written in English. Writers write; you can't just tell them you won a contest! I think we should have a glass of wine, don't you? Soon you will be happy to be referred to as girls.

The only person I ever knew her to actively dislike was a college beau of mine — also her student — whom she dismissed as "too silly for you." In her

later years, when her short-term memory had gone, she repeatedly confessed that — now it can be told! — she was, in fact, a Democrat. Whenever I phoned, she'd cry, "How did you ever find me here?" in assisted living — and then would laugh when I'd answer, "Hey, I'm a reporter, aren't I?"

The eldest of seven, Liz grew up in St. Louis, and after graduating from Webster College — now Webster University — in 1935, moved into a garage in her parents' house to pursue a career as a writer. In her unpublished memoir, "Twenty Septembers," she remembers, "I fixed up a studio for myself in the attic of our home, and to it I would retreat and turn out stories and verse which I hoped would get me started commercially. My father didn't press me to get a job, though he had six other children coming up behind me to educate. He was willing to let me try this out."

She made some sales, netting \$25 for a short story published in *The Catholic World* and \$1.50 a line for some humorous poems that ran in *The Saturday Evening Post*. But "I didn't think of any career ... as a total lifetime undertaking," she said in her memoir. "I expected to marry, and in the days of my youth few women ever continued their careers after marriage. Writing, in fact, fitted in better with my scenario of a future as wife and mother than any other job. It was the kind of work one could do in intervals between wiping cute little noses and preparing succulent meals."

That never happened, despite two marriage proposals that I know of. And, during her New York years, "there was a man I loved long and deeply but could not marry." As a younger woman, she was "left at the altar," as she always put it, and to get over it joined the Navy as a WAVE and was posted to

Washington during World War II. In New York after the war, she worked her way up from the typing pool to become a sub-agent for Harold Ober — Mr. Ober to her. Never one to hesitate on her way to making a point, she recalled a prominent writer's complaint that he'd come down with a raging case of writer's block after running a work in progress past "that horrid Miss Christman."

She received her doctorate from NYU and at last became an associate professor in her 60s, fortunately for me and every other AmStud major at Notre Dame, where she made a habit of inviting entire classes over for lasagna — and on at least one occasion, a rib-bruising marathon of the word game "fictionary." Though I'm still not sure that writing can be taught, I never learned more from a teacher.

She was a late bloomer as a writer as well, publishing four novels, including the gloriously semi-trashy "A Nice Italian Girl," which was made into a TV movie, and another about a woman who discovers that her husband is gay. Her greatest work, though, was the unlikely life she built for herself, brick by brick, with equal parts rigor and joy. As a Christian and as a writer, she was of the "don't tell them, show them" school; in class, she spoke of Flannery O'Connor's Catholicism rather than of her own, and I only knew she went to Mass every day because she arrived for lunch appointments straight from Sacred Heart.

Immediately after graduation, I received one of her patented notes inviting me to begin calling her Liz, and from then on we exchanged letters, calls, and visits as friends — though believe me, never equals. She was so much on my mind last week, yet I didn't call her because — ninny! — I dreaded telling her that J.D. Salinger had died.

Her sister, Mary Ellen Hyde Mooney, told me on the phone that she had been fine until just last Monday, when she announced that she was tired, went to bed, and then slipped away over the next several days, while Mary and her daughter said the rosary with her.

In her memoir, Liz ended her own story this way:

"Besides teaching students, I've taught myself. The best way to learn a thing, they say, is to teach it. By the constant concentration on what makes good writing, close examination of both good and bad examples, tireless reiteration to my students of such principles as "prefer the concrete to the abstract," I've improved my own writing. Even if my students haven't written many novels, I have written five. And it was teaching that got me started."

The Notre Dame campus is beautiful in September. All summer long the chirping sprinklers have kept the lawns thick and green. How charmingly these lawns are populated with sunburned young men and women in shorts, hurrying or dawdling to their classes. September in campus life is the new year, and it feels full of resolution and promise. Each September I relished this beginning more keenly, realizing that there couldn't be many more for me. Having found my true calling late in life, I have nothing but gratitude for the universities that took a chance on me and the colleagues who welcomed me into their fortunate circles. Leaving these circles, I take with me the memory of charmed years. ... Those golden September campuses can't fade or fray."

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There is an egregious travesty happening every day, every minute in our little Notre Dame Bubble. In our dining halls. In our dorm rooms. In our on- and off-campus eateries. It is overlooked and under-advocated. That's right, I'm talking about the merciless slaughter and consumption of alarming amounts of vegetables.

Marie Claire O'Donnell

Scene Writer

But the tragedy is not just the over-consumption and thoughtless killing. These vegetables are oppressed and beleaguered their whole vitamin-enriched lives.

Think about it. Veggies are given a bad rap. Kids turn up their noses at them, choosing instead to munch on brightly colored fruits like apples or peaches, or deliciously cheesy snacks like Cheez-Its. Vegetables are associated with mashed-up baby foods.

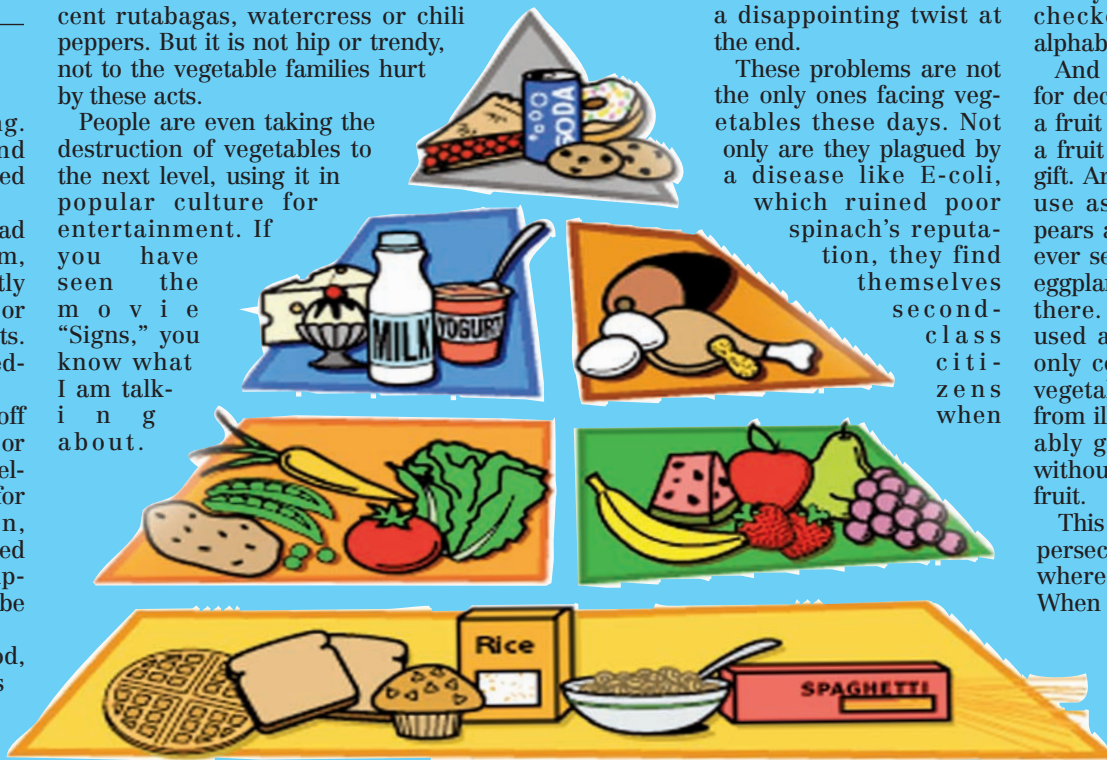
From then on, children are turned off by the mere mention of peas, broccoli or carrots. The whole food group is then relegated to the position of punishment for children, a food that must be eaten, pushed around on a plate or slyly shoved under chair cushions before a scrumptious, gooey chocolate chip cookie can be eaten.

By adolescence and young adulthood, the stigma surrounding vegetables lessens, but it is replaced with another problem: consumption at alarming rates. Carrots are ruthlessly pulled from their cozy, earthen homes, peas torn from their snug pods and corn ripped from its stalks. No thought is given to the heartlessness of these acts. In fact, the recent hipness of vegetarianism only exacerbates the prob-

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lem. Now it is "cool" to massacre innocent rutabagas, watercress or chili peppers. But it is not hip or trendy, not to the vegetable families hurt by these acts.

People are even taking the destruction of vegetables to the next level, using it in popular culture for entertainment. If you have seen the movie "Signs," you know what I am talking about.



make another movie with a disappointing twist at the end.

These problems are not the only ones facing vegetables these days. Not only are they plagued by a disease like E-coli, which ruined poor spinach's reputation, they find themselves second-class citizens when

Hundreds, if not thousands, of cornstalks were mown down to create those crop circles. Destruction and devastation reigned in those corn communities, all so that M. Night Shyamalan could

compared to their partners on the Food Pyramid, fruits. According to the Food Pyramid, which is a hierarchy I can believe in, vegetables are actually more important than fruits, meriting 3-5 serv-

ings daily compared to only 2-4 daily servings of fruit.

But still, fruits are given the top spot that vegetables deserve. It is always "fruits and vegetables," but why can't it be "vegetables and fruits?" What do they have that veggies lack? It can't be an alphabetical order thing, because it's always "Sonny and Cher," and last I checked, "c" came before "s" in the alphabet.

And why are fruits always the choice for decoration or gift baskets? It's always a fruit bowl in the middle of the table, or a fruit basket sent as a "Get Well Soon" gift. Are vegetables not pretty enough for use as decoration? Sure, apples and pears are shiny and bright, but have you ever seen the deep purple color of a ripe eggplant? That's the color of royalty right there. Sure, pumpkins and gourds are used at Thanksgiving, but that holiday only comes once a year. And shouldn't vegetables be sent to people recovering from illnesses? The vitamins would probably greatly help the healing process, without all the sugar naturally found in fruit.

This is on behalf of the poor vegetables, persecuted and abused in silence everywhere. These vegetables have no voice. When they are slaughtered, they cannot express their pain in human terms. So, from now on, let's all be Equal Opportunity Eaters, Decorators and Gifters. Don't let the vegetables go under advocated for any longer.

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By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

Commercials, normally just money-making breathers that more often than not go unnoticed except for the occasional talking gecko, are as much the life-blood of the Super Bowl as are touchdowns and fourth quarter nail-biters.

Chips and six different kinds of dip neatly laid out on the table, we all sit there, our eyes glued to the television screen, as millions and millions of dollars are (wisely or unwisely?) spent for the mere chance to capture the widest television audience of the year. And it's that golden chance to not merely advertise but have a lasting effect on consumers that pushes companies to create elaborate, interesting, innovative, altogether entertaining commercials — the same commercials that we've now made a hobby of watching.

It's the game that we care about, yes, but it's the commercials that we stop all else for as we watch in anticipatory silence for our next favorite of

the night. And it's those favorites that we talk about and go on to remember not only in the moments after, but years later.

I still remember my favorite commercials from Super Bowls past, and it's those standouts, like those from this year's crop, that justify our infatuation.

With Sunday's pickings still vivid, here are 10 commercials that stood out from the rest during the triumphant Saints win (sorry Colts fans, had to rub it in).

E-Trade Baby (girlfriend)

E-trade has quickly become one of the staple ad campaigns of the Super Bowl with its hit baby commercial and this year's follow-up only added to the company's ad success.

Google

While some might find this pick odd (and the fact that Google even felt the need to advertise odd), this simplistic, heartfelt and perfectly measured love story told in Google searches was the standout of this year's Super Bowl. It's quite beautiful actually. It was perplexing and somewhat weird at first, but once it becomes clear what's hap-

pening, Google shows a heart and a creativity that in the end sheds light on just why the company is so amazing.

Monster (beaver violinist)

Yeah, it has kind of been done before, but Monster's 30-second tale of a beaver whose simple passion for violin eventually lands him a spot as a premiere violinist is memorable in its own right and spells out the company's mission in a perfectly clear way.

Doritos (boy slapping man)

A little boy slaps his mom's date and counts down "One, you don't touch my mama. Two, you don't touch my Doritos." The cold stare that followed was priceless.

Doritos (snack-attack samurai)

This was probably the most hilarious moment of the night. It consists of a man dressed in a Doritos-samurai outfit. It's got the quirky weirdness of a Skittles commercial and the punch of a spicy chip.

Volkswagen (punch buggy)

Volkswagen's cheery, simple punch buggy-athon capped off by Stevie Wonder getting Tracy Morgan was a nice little laugh. Add to that one of

the year's great songs in the background, "Two Weeks" by Grizzly Bear.

Bud Light (Lost spoof)

With "Lost" coming to an end this season it seems only fitting that one of the great Super Bowl advertisers would spoof the castaway's first moments after the crash.

Hyundai (Brett Favre)

An easy one, yes, but a good point nonetheless. Not to mention one that, at this rate anyway, might come true. Maybe Hyundai is right — maybe Brett Favre will win the 2020 MVP Award — but until then, let's just stick it out for another 10 retirements.

Bud Light (Autotune)

Bud Light struck comedic gold numerous times throughout the night. This commercial, filled with none other than the Autotune, was a great one. Not to mention T-Pain's cameo at the end of the commercial (What would he be without the Autotune?).

Bud Light (house made of beer)

A house — made entirely out of beer cans. Enough said.

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Out in the unexplored reaches of the Internet lie untold riches in amusing videos, amazing songs and amicable, unwitting participants. A great source of these entertaining ways to put off work is the Interweb behemoth YouTube.

Matt Brown

Scene Writer

Now, rather than expounding at great length about the sheer variety of majestic moving pictures at your fingertips, I would like to direct your attention to the "drive-through singing your order" scene. It is one lush with variety and charming personalities on both sides of the order screens and is inspiring to all those who view it.

There is something surpassingly pure about being able to communicate your most heartfelt desires to people around the world through song. Only the greatest singers throughout history have been able to do it: Johnny Cash in "Ring of Fire," Elvis Presley in "Blue Christmas," Daniel Powter in "Bad Day" and 50 Cent in "Candy Shop."

But only in these Internet sensations the subject is one we all can get excited about and share the desire for: food. Be it McDonalds or Taco Bell, in rap or folk song, these musical orders strike a chord in your very soul that resonates long after you have left that small Internet screen behind. The characters become friends that you shared an emotional journey with through trial and tribulation, misunderstanding and reordering, taking step after begrudging step towards the ultimate goal, fast foody satisfaction.

Every time that I watch these videos I am struck by the desire to go out and to follow in these brave men's footsteps. Those who came before have paved the way for we who stand on the shoulders of giants. I have begun the long and arduous process of composing a musical number worthy of the

drive through speaker at Wendy's on U.S. 30, and so too I challenge you reader. Watch these videos, take detailed notes and study the style, rhythm, rhyme and flow of these masters of the culinary musical art.

Add this goal to your bucket list, to-do list, procrastination list, grocery list, any list your want as long as it is on there and progress is being made. Don't let your fear of singing in public stand in your way. Take that fear and own it. Those around you are sure to be just as impressed as you were when you first heard dulcet tones streaming forth from your speakers, crooning out the need for a Big Mac. This is not a journey for the faint of heart but I have faith that you and I together can make a difference in one late night drive-through worker's life.

That being said, these videos are a great source of idle entertainment. They are perfect for that 10 minutes you



have before you really should buckle down on your homework but you can still get away with puttering around on the Intranets. It is sure to bring a smile, or at least the hint of a smile to your face even on the bitterest of bitter cold days here in South Bend, where even polar bears would complain of nasty weather. At the very least it brings up comforting images of delicious fast food fantasies sure to make the most stone cold of palates water. So happy hunting everyone, enjoy the songs, enjoy the videos and enjoy some fast food.

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SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS



McDonald's Rap



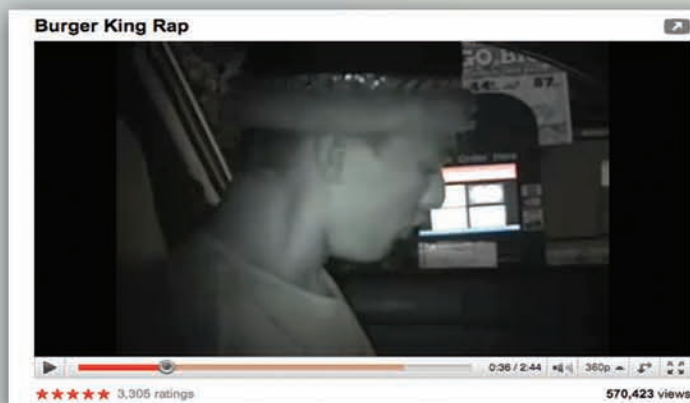
Taco Bell Rap



Wendy's Rap



Burger King Rap



NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 22 Vanderbilt upsets No. 12 Tennessee

Aminu, McFarland lead Demon Deacons' victory over Eagles; Illini defeat Badgers, ending Badgers' home win streak

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jeffery Taylor scored 16 of his career-high 26 points in the first half, and No. 22 Vanderbilt never trailed Tuesday night in routing No. 12 Tennessee 90-71.

The Commodores (18-5, 7-2) grabbed sole possession of second place in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division, one loss behind No. 3 Kentucky. They also swept the season series against their in-state rival for the first time since 2004-05 — the season before coach Bruce Pearl took over Tennessee.

Tennessee (18-5, 6-3) had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Jermaine Beal scored 20 points and A.J. Ogilvy had 11 for Vanderbilt, which didn't miss reserve John Jenkins. The freshman who had been averaging 10.4 points was hospitalized with flu.

J.P. Prince led Tennessee with 19 points, Wayne Chism had 16, Melvin Goins 11 and Scotty Hopson 10. Brian Williams, suspended for nine games after a New Year's Day arrest, returned to the rotation but didn't enter the game until 13:34 was left and the game well in the

Commodores' control.

The Commodores needed this game, the first of five of six in Memorial Gym, and they were coming off an ugly 72-58 loss at Georgia.

They beat Tennessee 85-76 in Knoxville on Jan. 27, and they never let Tennessee get started in the Vols' visit to Music City as they won for the third time in four games in this series. They improved to a perfect 12-0 at home this season, 17 straight dating to a Jan. 25, 2009, loss to Florida.

The Commodores scored the first six points and led 44-27 at halftime. They hit eight of their first 11 shots as Tennessee missed 14 of its first 17 and eventually led by as many as 27 points twice.

The Volunteers got as close as 10 points early in the second half as Prince scored to pull them within 46-36. He missed the free throw and the chance to cut the lead to single digits for the first time since the opening minutes.

Vanderbilt responded with a 20-3 run to put the game away, and Festus Ezeli capped the spurt with two free throws with 12:38 left that gave the Commodores their biggest lead yet at 66-39. The sellout crowd taunted the Vols late by chanting "Lane Kiffin" — the name of the football coach

that bolted Tennessee for Southern California last month.

Taylor hadn't scored more than 10 points in a game since Jan. 23 against Auburn. He couldn't miss against Tennessee as the sophomore was 4 of 5 from the field and perfect on all eight free throws for his most points in the first half since 13 against Missouri on Dec. 2.

Pearl, wearing his orange blazer for the rivalry, drew a technical foul at 12:14. It was just a blip as Vanderbilt eventually pushed its lead to as many as 20 when Taylor hit two free throws to make it 30-10 with 8:46 remaining.

Wake Forest 92, Boston College 85

Al-Farouq Aminu had 22 points, Chas McFarland added 14 points and 11 rebounds and Wake Forest held off a late rally by Boston College to beat the Eagles on Tuesday night.

L.D. Williams added 14 points for the Demon Deacons (17-5, 7-3 Atlantic Coast Conference). They never trailed, were held without a field goal for the final 10.5 minutes, but made 14 of 18 free throws in the final 5:36 to win their third straight and fifth in six games.

Wake Forest trails both Duke (7-2) and Maryland (6-2) in the standings.

Tyler Roche scored a career-high 31 points — including 15 of BC's first 19 — and Corey Raji had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Eagles (12-12, 3-7). They played without leading scorer Joe Trapani, who didn't make the trip because of illness, and lost their third straight.

BC has dropped eight of 11 in 2010 and fell to 1-4 in ACC road games this season.

Illinois 63, Wisconsin 56

Demetri McCamey scored 27 points and Mike Tisdale added 19 on 8-of-11 shooting to lead Illinois to an upset over No. 11 Wisconsin on Tuesday night, snapping the Badgers' 51-0 home record against unranked Big Ten opponents under coach Bo Ryan.

The Illini (17-8, 9-3) became the first team to beat Ryan three times at the Kohl Center after wins in 2005 and '06 and ended Wisconsin's 18-game home winning streak. More important, Illinois won its fifth straight game after a 78-73 win over then-No. 5 Michigan State on Saturday that featured fans rushing the



Demetri McCamey of Illinois makes a basket during the Illini's victory over Wisconsin Tuesday. McCamey had 27 points during the game. AP

court.

This one may have been better, because the Illini are now in prime position to challenge the Spartans for the regular-season conference crown. The schedule isn't easy for Illinois, which plays four more ranked teams in its final six games, including two games with No. 13 Ohio State and a rematch with the Badgers in the regular-season finale.

It was a shock for Wisconsin (18-6, 8-4), which got 15 points from Jason Bohannon, including 13 in the second half, and 12 from Trevon Hughes.

The Badgers built a 22-11 lead while only Tisdale could find the basket, hitting every field goal for the Illini until just over 6 minutes to play in the first half.

That's when McCamey took over.

McCamey, the Big Ten player of the week for his performances against Iowa and the Spartans, scored 15 of Illinois' final 20 points of the half and the Illini hit 10 consecutive shots straddling halftime to erase the double-digit deficit.

With 5:16 left, Wisconsin's Jordan Taylor fell to the

ground, but managed a pass to Bohannon for a 3 that tied it at 53-all. But D.J. Richardson and McCamey answered with jumpers to push the lead to 57-53, and Wisconsin went cold, going scoreless for 5 minutes.

The Badgers missed nine consecutive shots down the stretch, including a layup by Taylor with just over 2 minutes to play and 3s by Keaton Nankivil, Taylor and Bohannon.

McCamey hit one free throw with 58 seconds left and Richardson hit two more 16 seconds later to seal it.

With a winter storm making life miserable in southeastern Wisconsin, there were several open seats throughout the Kohl Center and the top of the student section was sparse.

Wisconsin went up 22-11 on a four-point play by Hughes and early only the 7-foot-1 Tisdale hit six of his first seven shots.

His teammates, meanwhile, missed 10 straight shots until McCamey's layup with just over 6 minutes left until half-time.

But the Illini hit eight straight shots to end the half, 10 in a row and 17 out of 21.



Vanderbilt's Jeffery Taylor dribbles past Tennessee's Skylar McBee during Vanderbilt's 90-71 upset on Tuesday. AP

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<http://pregnancysupport.nd.edu>

Jim: Did I ever tell you why I left Scranton?

Dwight: [cries quietly]
Jim: Yeah, I didn't think I had. Well, it was all about Pam. Yeah, I mean, she was with Roy... and I just couldn't take it. I mean, I lost it, Dwight. I couldn't sleep, I couldn't concentrate on anything. And then weird stuff, like, food had no taste. So my solution was to move away. It was awful. And it's something that I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy. And that includes you.

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NFL



Nevada casinos won \$6.9 million on the Super Bowl, where the Saints defeated the Colts Sunday. Bettors wagered \$82.7 million. They made \$179,000 more than last year, when the Steelers defeated the Cardinals.

Nevada casinos win \$7 million on Super Bowl

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Nevada casinos won almost \$6.9 million on this year's Super Bowl as bettors wagered \$82.7 million on the NFL title game, gambling regulators said Tuesday.

The Nevada Gaming Control Board said the win was \$179,000 more than sports books won last year, on \$1.21 billion more in bets.

The underdog New Orleans Saints beat the favored Indianapolis Colts 31-17 in the Sunday game.

Indianapolis started as a four-point favorite when the matchup was set, according to Las Vegas Sports Consultants, a firm that provides betting lines to about 90

percent of the state's 182 sports books. The Colts were a 4½-point favorite in the Glantz-Culver line, with the over-under at 55½ points.

Jay Kornegay, executive director of the race and sports book at the Las Vegas Hilton, said results were hurt by bad weather in the north-eastern United States, which prevented some gamblers from making planned trips to bet on the game in Sin City. But he said the bets taken on the game were indicative of today's struggles for casinos in Las Vegas.

"We thought the Super Bowl was a great measuring stick of the economy and we think the economy is just a little better than what it was last year," Kornegay said.

Kornegay said his sports book accepted 14 percent more wagers than it did last year, but average bets were lower.

Nevada's biggest Super Bowl win in the last 10 years was in 2005, when the New England Patriots topped the Philadelphia Eagles and casinos won \$15.4 million. Bettors wagered the most in 2006, when \$94.5 million was bet on the Pittsburgh Steelers victory over the Seattle Seahawks.

Nevada casinos lost almost \$2.6 million in 2008, when the New York Giants beat the favored Patriots.

Kornegay said the Hilton lost money on the game in part because it lost money on normally lucrative proposi-

tion wagers. Casinos usually profit by offering long odds on unusual circumstances players like to bet on — a successful 2-point conversion, for example.

Saints quarterback Drew Brees threw a 2-point conversion pass to Lance Moore in the fourth quarter that was initially called incomplete, but was overturned by referees following a Saints challenge.

Other unsuccessful proposition bets for the Hilton included an interception returned for a touchdown, which bettors won when the Saints' Tracy Porter intercepted a pass from Colts quarterback Peyton Manning and returned it 74 yards for a touchdown to clinch the game.

IN BRIEF

Astros' Lyon undergoes minor shoulder surgery

HOUSTON — Astros reliever Brandon Lyon had surgery to drain a small cyst in his pitching shoulder but is expected to be ready for spring training.

The team said in a statement Tuesday that Lyon had the cyst drained two weeks ago and has been throwing without discomfort since. The right-hander is expected to begin workouts with his new club Feb. 20, when pitchers and catchers report for spring training in Kissimmee, Fla. He might be about 10 days behind in his throwing program, the Astros said.

Houston signed Lyon as a free agent in December to a \$15 million, three-year contract.

"Brandon was experiencing some weakness and discomfort in his shoulder, and we brought him in a couple of weeks ago to be seen," general manager Ed Wade said.

Six NHL teams will open 2010-11 season in Europe

NEW YORK — The NHL is sending more teams across the pond. The league and its players' association announced Tuesday that six clubs will open the 2010-11 season in Europe, the fourth straight year the NHL will begin play overseas.

The Boston Bruins, Carolina Hurricanes, Columbus Blue Jackets, Minnesota Wild, Phoenix Coyotes and San Jose Sharks will combine to play a total of six games in Europe at the start of next season.

The Hurricanes and Wild will meet in a pair of games in Helsinki on Oct. 7-8; Columbus plays San Jose in Stockholm on Oct. 8-9; and the Bruins and Coyotes face off in Prague on Oct. 9-10.

"We are extremely pleased that six teams — more than ever — will open their season in Europe," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement.

Kobe not sure if he will play in NBA All Star Game

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant isn't sure if he'll play in this weekend's NBA All-Star game in Dallas because of his sore left ankle.

Bryant missed his second consecutive game Monday night against San Antonio, which lost to the Los Angeles Lakers 101-89.

"If I'm not able to play, I won't play. But I'm healthy, I will," he said. Bryant said he can't push off on his left foot.

"I can't move to play. Can't go," he said, adding he would be a game-time decision Wednesday at Utah. "If I'm ready to go, I'll play."

Lakers trainer Gary Vitti would like Bryant to rest through All-Star weekend, capped by Sunday's game. Bryant said he couldn't commit either way.

"I don't know what it's going to look like on Sunday. I'm not clairvoyant," he said, laughing.

NFL

Peppers considers fresh start

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Julius Peppers no longer wants a long-term contract with Carolina, saying the Panthers have ignored him this offseason.

In an interview aired Tuesday morning on Charlotte radio station WFNZ-AM, the five-time Pro Bowl defensive end indicated he's irritated by the team's "silence" and has changed his stance on whether he wants to continue his career in Carolina.

"Last year, at the time, that was the option that I wanted most," Peppers said. "Now it's not."

While agent Carl Carey said last week he believes the Panthers aren't interested in retaining Peppers, Carolina's career sacks leader, team officials haven't announced their plans for the impending free agent. General manager Marty Hurney didn't immediately return a phone message Tuesday.

"How can you say you want to be somewhere when you're not really sure if they want you there because they're not even talking to you?" Peppers said.

It's another twist in a long-running saga between the two sides.

After being held to a career-low 2½ sacks in 2007, the Panthers still offered to make Peppers the NFL's highest-paid defensive player. Peppers on Tuesday provided conflicting reasons on why he rejected the contract.

"That deal was to make me the highest-paid defensive player, but slightly, very slightly," Peppers said. "I didn't really feel the sincerity behind that deal."

But later in the rambling answer during the radio phone interview, Peppers also indicated he wasn't worthy of such a deal.

"I had 2½ sacks that season and they're coming to offer me being the highest-paid defensive player. Like, I can't even accept that," Peppers said. "I'm not deserving of that."

Peppers bounced back with a career-high 14½ sacks in 2008, then announced he wanted to play elsewhere and pleaded with the Panthers to let him leave in free agency. He said Tuesday he wanted out because he was upset with the team's direction under then-defensive coordinator Mike Trgovac.

"In my eyes I didn't see us getting any better on that side of the ball," Peppers said. "I felt like it was time to try somewhere else, do something else. But things changed. They brought in new people."

Trgovac and defensive line coach Sal Sunseri left. Ron Meeks took over the defense and Brian Baker replaced Sunseri. At the same time, the Panthers placed the restrictive franchise tag on Peppers, limiting his options in free agency.

"I never felt that they did that with the intent to keep me here," Peppers said. "I felt like they did that in attempt to send me off somewhere else to get compensation, draft picks or whatever."

There was no deal and Peppers eventually changed his tune, beginning negotiations on a long-term contract. But a deal couldn't be reached and Peppers played under the one-year tender worth an NFL-high \$16.7 million. After recording 10.5 sacks, Peppers made the Pro Bowl and earned a \$1.5 million bonus.

NHL

Funeral mass held for Burke's son

Associated Press

CANTON, Mass. — Brendan Burke, the son of Toronto Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke and an advocate for gay rights, was remembered Tuesday for his compassion and courage four days after his death in a car crash on a snowy Indiana road.

"From birth, he had an unshakable faith in the genuine good that resides in all people," his brother Patrick said at a funeral Mass. "Along with that faith is hope, hope

that he could bring that good out from inside of people and into the world by being open, caring and kind to everyone he met."

Brendan Burke played goalie at Xaverian Brothers High School in nearby Westwood but decided not to play as a senior because the locker room atmosphere was becoming harder to deal with, according to an article on ESPN.com in December.

That article related how he told his father on Dec. 30, 2007, that he was gay.

"I had a million good reasons to love and admire Brendan," Brian Burke said in the story. "This news didn't alter any of them."

Brendan, 21, was in the second semester of his senior year at Miami University in Ohio, where he was student manager of the hockey team. He died Friday when his car slid sideways into the path of another vehicle. His friend, Mark Reedy, 18, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., also died in the accident.


Many mourners stood for the Mass inside the packed St. John

The Evangelist Church. Among those who attended were staff and players from Miami, wearing their red jerseys with white letters and numbers, and staff and players from the Maple Leafs. Also there were NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, Boston Bruins general manager Peter Chiarelli, New Jersey Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello, Edmonton Oilers coach Pat Quinn and Boston Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein.

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NHL

Noel gets used to new interim coaching position

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Since becoming the interim head coach of the Columbus Blue Jackets a week ago, Claude Noel has received over 1,000 calls, texts and e-mails offering congratulations.

Some are from folks back home in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, or from players and coaches dating back to his long career beating the bushes of the AHL, ECHL

and practically every other HL.

Others? He's not so sure. "You know what's wild? People send me texts with the number but no name — and I don't know who it is!" Noel said, laughing at himself. "There might be 20 percent that are just numbers."

It's a vintage Claude (rhymes with "ode") moment. As an assistant under Ken Hitchcock, who was fired after the Blue Jackets got off to a miserable 22-27-9 start this season, the players

really liked Noel. He joked with them, acted up, played around and also worked hard with them.

He has his own way of saying things. He refers to players as "stallions." He is constantly talking about letting go and "freeing the mind." Offensive players aren't forwards, wings or centers, they're "shooters."

But in the Noel dictionary, the most important word is among the shortest.

"That's his big word — joy. He's been saying it all year long," goalie Steve Mason said.

Now he's saying it as the head man, at least for the remaining 22 games this season. He's off to a 2-0 start heading into Wednesday night's game against San Jose, the top team in the Western Conference.

"He's kind of serious with us," captain Rick Nash said. "When he was an assistant coach he was a bit more fun. Now he's more serious, and he has to be. In here, he's all business."

Noel, 54, said he hasn't changed personalities. Perhaps his new position means he's not the players' best buddy anymore, but that doesn't mean he's not the same person.

"I can still be that way, but not to the level they saw me as an assistant," he said, sipping a bottle of water in his office after Tuesday's workout. "They'll see that again. They might not see that level again in this hockey arena. Maybe at the end of the season."

His boss didn't hire him because he was popular with the players. Noel, a veteran coach in the minors, also knows what he's doing behind the bench and in the dressing room.

"I didn't know about 'joy' and



Claude Noel, interim head coach of the Columbus Blue Jackets, argues with officials during a game against the Dallas Stars on Feb. 4.

'free the mind' and all the other phrases he's grown fond of using," general manager Scott Howson said on the day he promoted Noel. "I just knew that he was a good coach who has had tremendous success at the AHL level. It was more his track record and the people I know who knew him well along the way."

At the end of the season, Howson will evaluate Noel's performance and will consider whether to knock the "interim" off his job title. If the Blue Jackets keep playing the way they have the last two games, winning by a combined 6-1 over Dallas and Buffalo, Noel will make Howson's decision a difficult one.

Noel grew up in a small Ontario town, the son of a miner

and a housewife who raised Claude, a brother and two sisters. He still gets emotional when he thinks back to the day in 1981 when he was playing for the AHL Hershey Bears and his then-coach Bryan Murray (now GM of the Ottawa Senators) broke the news that Noel's father had died.

"The flight home was gut-wrenching," Noel said, his voice cracking almost three decades later.

As a player, he toiled for remote outposts before finally getting a taste of the NHL, playing seven games with the Washington Capitals in 1980. He never made it back, spending most of the next 10 years plying his trade before eventually starting as a coach on the bottom rungs of the pro ladder.

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WNBA

Nolan, Smith will stay with Shock after move

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — One of the last things the Detroit Shock did before they moved to Oklahoma was announce that All-Stars Deanna Nolan and Katie Smith had agreed to contract extensions.

Now that the WNBA franchise has moved to Tulsa, the team's two top scorers may not be coming along, after all.

Coach and general manager Nolan Richardson says Nolan has indicated she intends to skip the upcoming season to rest instead of relocating with the team. Her agent says she's not under contract and "considering all alternatives."

Smith, a six-time All-Star, has already said she doesn't plan to play in Tulsa and is listed as a free agent by the league. The season begins in May.

Team officials said they're uncertain what happened with the contract extensions but they're holding out hope Nolan will join the Shock.

"We're hoping that she will play, but she may decide — according to her agent — she may decide to take off this year because she's tired," Richardson said. "As of right

now, she's saying that she's not playing this year."

Nolan, a Michigan native, has played her entire eight-year career in Detroit, winning three WNBA championships and being selected as an All-Star four times.

Her agent, Mike Cound, said it was "more or less correct" that Nolan's agreement in September to extend her contract was contingent on the franchise remaining in Detroit. Instead, an Oklahoma-based ownership group bought the team in October and moved it to Tulsa.

"Basically, Deanna is under no contractual obligation to compete for Tulsa or any other WNBA team at this time, nor is she under any obligation to comment on the topic," Cound wrote in an e-mail. "She is considering all alternatives and Tulsa and Coach Richardson will be the first to know anything she decides."

Nolan, who ranked eighth in the league last season by averaging 16.9 points per game, was designated one of the Shock's two core players — meaning she would be guaranteed a maximum, one-year contract.

NHL

Devils struggle in week before Olympics



Florida Panthers goalie Tomas Vokoun makes a save as New Jersey Devils' Brian Rolston attempts to score on Jan. 20.

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Jacques Lemaire didn't want to describe his 20-minute, on-ice discussion with the New Jersey Devils as a pep talk.

It was just a coach stating the obvious at practice on Wednesday to a team that has lost four of its last five games and 10 of 14.

There was no shouting. No wild arm gestures. Maybe a couple of taps on the ice with his stick.

"Most of it was about winning battles, competing for pucks, being harder on pucks, working on the power play," forward Zach Parise said. "Just things when you are going on stretches like this, what's causing it. There are just areas of our games to sharpen up."

If you've watched the Devils in the past week or so, there are inexplicable periods where the team makes a couple of costly mistakes.

In a 3-2 loss to the Flyers in Philadelphia on Monday night, the Devils squandered a 2-0 lead in the final two minutes of the second period.

Against the Rangers in New York on Saturday night, New Jersey gave up three goals in a three-minute span in the second period in a 3-1 loss.

The string of four losses in five games started with the Kings scoring twice in the final 1:46 in a 3-2 win a little more than a week ago.

"It's just like being brain dead for a little bit, and we are paying the price for it," goaltender Martin Brodeur said.

With three games left before the Olympic break, the Devils have seen their lead in the Atlantic Division dwindle to two points over the Pittsburgh Penguins, who have played one more game than New Jersey.

The Devils have led the division since Dec. 18.

"We are looking for wins, definitely," Lemaire said. "It's obvious that we're not playing our best hockey. We are not consistent. We're having very good periods, and average periods, and we just have to be more consistent."

Lemaire spent a lot of time on Wednesday having his team work on the power play. New Jersey was 1 of 7 with the extra man on Monday night and they will

be facing the Flyers again on Wednesday at the Prudential Center.

Patrik Elias, who returned to the Devils lineup two games ago after sitting out 10 games with a concussion, said no one was panicking. He felt the team had plenty of chances to score on Monday and just didn't find the net.

"We talked about it," Elias said. "We have to tighten up in certain areas and be a little more desperate out there. When you go through a stretch like this, he (Lemaire) wants to make sure we go back to basics and tweak a couple of things. Sometimes when you go through a stretch like this, you try to do a little too much and you get out of position."

The one thing that has changed in the recent run is the Devils have lost a little confidence. When bad things happen, their play gets tentative and opponents have taken advantage.

"We're a good group of players and we know we can get out of this," defenseman Andy Greene said. "Everyone goes through these ups and downs during the year and maybe ours is a little longer now. We just have to be prepared."

Devils captain Jamie Langenbrunner felt Lemaire's approach was positive.

"When you're involved in it, sometimes you lose sight of it a little bit," Langenbrunner said. "You're so wrapped up in it. You're trying to work your way out of it. You're maybe sometimes trying to do too much. That definitely can be a little bit of the case right now."

The Devils will be without defenseman Anssi Salmela for Wednesday's game. He suffered an apparent concussion when hit in the second period by Flyers forward Jeff Carter a split second after scoring a goal to put New Jersey ahead 2-0.

Salmela did not practice Tuesday and Lemaire said there was no way he would play Wednesday.

Lemaire didn't get the feeling that Carter was trying to hurt Salmela.

"The league looks at every incident and if there's anything they'll take care of," Lemaire said.

NBA

Bobcats end Wizards' streak

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Raymond Felton hit a fade-away 12-footer with 1.9 seconds left and the Charlotte Bobcats beat the Washington Wizards 94-92 on Tuesday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

After Antawn Jamison missed a scoop shot in the lane, the Bobcats got the rebound and didn't call a timeout. Charlotte's play broke down, and Felton drove to the left of the lane and let go a shot over Randy Foye's outstretched arms that swished through.

Jamison missed another scoop shot in the paint at the buzzer for the Wizards, ending their unexpected and bizarre weeklong trip — even if they were likely to be stranded in Charlotte overnight because of another mid-Atlantic snowstorm.

Stephen Jackson scored 22 points for Charlotte.

Caron Butler had 23 for the Wizards, who rallied from a seven-point deficit early in the fourth quarter to nearly beat another Eastern Conference playoff contender on the road.

The Wizards surprised the Magic in Orlando on Friday, then were scheduled to fly to Washington after the game and face Atlanta on Saturday.

They never got there because of the first winter storm and the Hawks game was postponed. Washington ended up staying in Orlando for three more days until flying to Charlotte on Monday.

Butler was the hero in the

comeback win at Orlando, and he got hot early in the fourth quarter to erase Charlotte's 81-74 lead. Butler hit two jumpers, a 3-pointer and a mid-range jumper as the Wizards took an 85-83 lead with 5:11 left.

After Jackson was called for traveling, Mike Miller hit a 3-pointer at the other end with 47 seconds left to put Washington ahead 92-91.

Flip Murray's crossover dribble got him to the hoop and he was fouled. But he hit only 1 of 2 free throws with 33 seconds left.

Despite playing on a tender ankle that knocked him out of practice Monday and forced him to sit out Tuesday's shootaround, Felton came through for Charlotte as it again reached .500.

All-Star Gerald Wallace added 17 points and 13 rebounds, Murray and Boris Diaw added 16 points apiece and Felton scored 11 for the Bobcats in Tyson Chandler's return after missing 22 games with a foot injury.

Chandler didn't start, but was effective in a 7-minute

stretch in the first half. He had an alley-oop dunk, hit 3 of 4 free throws and had five points and four rebounds, but Charlotte trailed 37-32 when he went back to the bench.

The Bobcats rallied to take a 50-49 halftime lead on Diaw's 3-pointer with 2 seconds left.

Chandler didn't play in the third quarter, when Charlotte built a 73-66 lead before the Wizards scored the final four points.

He started the fourth and was replaced after 3 minutes as the Wizards rally came up short.

Team officials were told the latest storm would likely mean they wouldn't be able to get back to Washington late Tuesday night. But since this was the Wizards' final game before the All-Star break, several players were scheduled to stay in Charlotte and then fly to their homes or vacation spots on Wednesday.

Mike Miller had 19 points, Jamison 16 and Andray Blatche 15 for Washington, which fell to 0-2 against the Bobcats this season.

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ble major in anthropology and science pre-professional studies, she's managed to post a 3.86 career grade-point average. In addition, Ciobanu is a member of the Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program and has been named an ITA Scholar Athlete and Big East Academic All-Star for the past three years.

"When it comes down to it, the one thing that really got me through rough patches and helped me be successful has been the support I've gotten from my friends, my teammates, my coaches, and my advisors," Ciobanu said. "It has been comforting to have teammates and friends who have been there for me to support and encourage me when things got hectic."

Ciobanu specifically pointed to her coaches as amazing sources of encouragement and enablers to help her achieve her academic goals.

"I am so blessed to have played for such amazing coaches, who are not only great coaches but also great people," she said. "Both [Irish coach] Jay [Louderback] and [assistant coach] Julia [Scaringe] have always been incredibly understanding when I needed to miss practice to make up a lab, to study for a final, or to go on med school interviews. It's truly refreshing to play for a school that cares about your development as a whole person,

and will always try to help you out in anyway they can."

Ciobanu's accomplishments on the tennis court are just as impressive. A three-year starter, she holds an overall record of 186-57 in matches. In her career, she has been ranked as high No. 31 in singles and No. 39 in doubles. Last year, she helped the Irish to their first ever NCAA Semifinal appearance, the best performance in program history.

This year, Ciobanu is trying to slow everything down and truly appreciate her last season.

"It's nice to know that the late nights of studying and the tiring practices and workouts have paid off, and it's even nicer to be able to look back on it and realize that it was all worth it," Ciobanu said. "But also bittersweet. Knowing how fast in-season goes by, I've just been trying to appreciate every single moment — all the great times, the laughs, the hard-fought matches, the ups and downs — really, just all of it."

"For me, being a leader so far this year has been more about having no regrets — holding on tight to each other and taking advantage of every opportunity we have this semester. I feel really blessed to be able to appreciate something so incredible as it's happening, and to know that every moment spent with my teammates of these last few months I have left at Notre Dame is incredibly precious."

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Championship in 1982, Tennessee and Connecticut have appeared in 19 of the 28 championships played. Tennessee is 8-5 all-time in the title game, while Connecticut is a perfect 6-0.

This year Tennessee's record of 21-2 has the Lady Volunteers ranked fifth, while the Huskies' perfect mark of 23-0 and the pursuit of their own consecutive-wins record makes them the undisputed No. 1 team in the country.

If you do the math, there is a 70 percent chance that one of the two programs appears in the national championship game (19 divided by 28, carry the 8, round up, anyway). The real chance Tennessee or Connecticut makes it to the national championship? One hundred percent. If you've taken fundamentals of arithmetic and you don't believe me, turn on ESPNU and watch just one of their games.

Senior guards Ashley Barlow, Lindsay Schrader and Melissa Lechlitner couldn't care less about the numbers I just rolled off. Winning is winning, and if they have a shot of making it to title game, they know they will have to knock off Tennessee

or UConn in what will likely be portrayed as a stunning upset.

Unlike the men's game, my problem is the absolute lack of parity in women's basketball.

Men's basketball still has its traditional powerhouses in UCLA, Kentucky, North Carolina, Duke and others, but only North Carolina has won more than three championships in the past 30 years. March Madness is exciting because of the inevitable upset, the Cinderella story, not the dominance of one or two teams every year.

No one is denying that men's basketball is a completely different animal than women's. It has more viewership, more fans and most importantly, more coverage. But why do the media have to portray two teams as defining the entire women's game instead of six, seven or eight?

Connecticut and Tennessee have the most championships and they deserve all the respect and attention that comes with that accomplishment. Notre Dame football enjoys being a product of that system, and rightly so. But when two programs absolutely dominate the coverage of their sport because of their success year in and year out, something's got to give.

Huskies coach Geno Auriemma and Lady Vols

coach Pat Summitt have become national icons, but what do they have over McGraw? More wins, more WNBA products, and more attention, yes, but more talent as a coach? I doubt it.

A South Bend native, freshman guard Skylar Diggins is having a sensational year for any player, let alone a freshman. But the national recognition she would be getting if she played for Auriemma or Summitt, the recognition Maya Moore and Candace Parker benefitted from, is nowhere to be seen.

Maybe the Irish are the real benefactors of the system. Maybe Notre Dame sneaks under the radar as a No. 3 seed, pressure-free, all the way to a defining game against Connecticut or Tennessee, and wins. But does anyone outside of Notre Dame notice?

I believe this team can win a national championship. I want it to be our fourth, or fifth, or sixth title, but I'll take it. Rome wasn't built in a single day, but another Irish title is another step to eliminating the disparity in a sport that deserves better.

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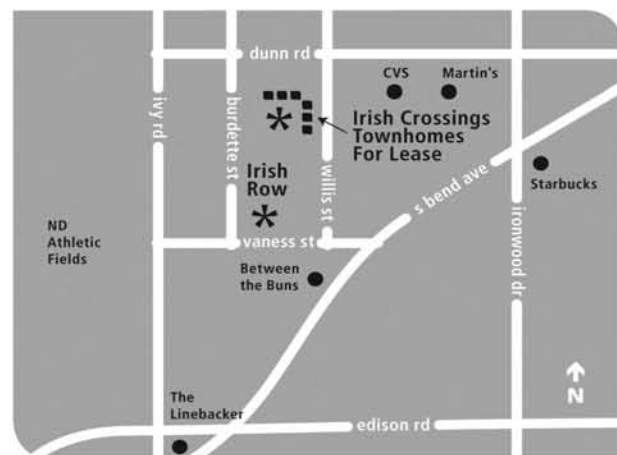


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SMC BASKETBALL

Wade makes impact with passing, defense

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Despite only being in her junior year, Liz Wade has left her mark on the Saint Mary's program both on and off the court.

Throughout this season, Wade has been a terrific team leader for the Belles, playing tough on offense and defense every game.

"She sees the game very well at both ends of the court," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said.

One of Wade's specialties is turning defense into points. She enters Thursday night's game third on the Belles' all-time steals list with 214 in her career. She needs 60 more to tie the record and for her, that may not be too much trouble.

Wade ended last season with 86 steals, quite a feat for the sophomore player. Not only does she have the ability to create turnovers pose a defensive threat, but the Belles' offense then has many more opportunities to score.

Wade not only gives the Belles more opportunities on offense with her steals, she also sets up her teammates to score. Wade has recorded 82 assists on the year.

Wade does not put forth all of her efforts on the defensive end

alone. She also provides leadership on offense by setting up the offense as the team's general on the floor.

"Liz Wade is a very talented point guard," Henley said.

Not only are her skills on the court noticed by her teammates, her leadership ability has been noted as well. Wade leads by example on the court and through this she allows other players to mimic her tough playing style.

"She was voted as one of the captains this season as a junior which speaks volumes as to how her teammates respect her," Henley said.

The impact that Wade left on the team from last season resonated into this season as her teammates selected her as a captain. Last season was a remarkable one for Wade, as she became the youngest player to earn the Defensive Player of the Year award in the MIAA conference.

Even through this season Wade has not let up the intensity that she played with last season. She continues to lead the Belles and contributes greatly to the team's success.

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Freshman guard Skylar Diggins drives for a layup during an 86-76 victory over Pittsburgh on Feb. 6. Diggins and the Irish forced 23 turnovers and held Cincinnati to 50 points Tuesday in a 66-50 win.

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said. "Today was exceptional, it was a career high."

The game got off to a fast start for Notre Dame (22-1; 9-1 Big East), as after Cincinnati (10-12; 3-7 Big East) scored the first two points of the game, the Irish never trailed the rest of the way.

The Irish used an 11-0 run in the first half to extend their lead out to 30-16 with a minute to go in the first half.

The second half score stood at 32-18, but McGraw was not pleased overall with the first half effort, as she did not believe the offense played up to its potential.

"Offensively we did not shoot the ball all that well," McGraw said.

Notre Dame extended the lead out as far as 20 points to start the second half, but that was when the Bearcats began to make their comeback bid. Utilizing an 11-2 run midway through the second half, Cincinnati was able to reduce the lead to 44-35 with 9:30

left to go in the game.

That deficit was as close as the Bearcats would get, as junior guard Lindsay Schrader decided to turn it on.

Schrader was dominant on the low post throughout the second half, finishing with a team-high 16 points to go along with three steals and four rebounds. Also playing well offensively for the Irish was junior forward Becca Bruszewski, who managed 14 points and 8 rebounds.

Notre Dame quashed the comeback attempt from Cincinnati with a renewed defensive intensity and cruised to the final whistle keeping the Bearcats at a safe distance.

"We played all man-to-man and we got up to pressure the ball," McGraw said. "In the backcourt we really got up and pressured the ball and I was really pleased with that."

The Irish won the rebounding battle 35-32, but McGraw would have liked to see the first half rebounding performance extend across the entire game.

"We outrebounded them sig-

nificantly in the first half, and then in the second half both teams shot the ball really well, so they had an edge in the second half," McGraw said. "I was not particularly pleased with the rebounding in the second half."

The win moved the Irish up to second place in the Big East standings, placing them ahead of No. 9 West Virginia (21-3; 8-2 Big East) and No. 16 Georgetown (19-3; 8-1 Big East). The Irish still trail undefeated No. 1 Connecticut in the standings (23-0; 10-0 Big East).

Notre Dame will next take the court against DePaul (16-8; 5-5 Big East) in this year's Pink Zone Game to benefit research into breast cancer. Tip-off will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

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NBA

LeBron leads Cavs to 12th straight victory

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 32 points to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to their 12th straight win Tuesday night, a 104-97 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

The win gives Cleveland the longest winning streak in the NBA this season. The Cavaliers (42-11) also have the best record in the league.

New Jersey (4-47) has the NBA's worst record and has lost seven straight. The Nets played without point guard Devin Harris, who has a sprained left shoulder. Courtney Lee led the Nets with 24 points.

James, who was named the Eastern Conference's player of the week for the fifth time this season Monday, was 13-of-21 from the field with 11 assists and three rebounds.

Jawad Williams scored a career-high 17 points while Anderson Varejao added 15 for Cleveland.

The Nets built an eight-point lead in the first quarter thanks primarily to 11 points by Jarvis Hayes, who hit three 3-pointers. Cleveland scored the last seven points of the quarter and went ahead for good early in the second period.

The Cavaliers' spurt was capped when with a highlight reel play at both ends of the court. It began when Shaquille O'Neal blocked Brook Lopez's shot at the basket. The 7-foot-1, 325-pound center grabbed the ball and dribbled up the floor before finding James on the

wing. James made a perfect alley-oop pass to Varejao, who finished the play with a dunk, bringing the crowd to its feet. O'Neal then gave Varejao a resounding chest bump and the Nets called timeout.

James converted his own dunk off a lob pass from Daniel Gibson moments later.

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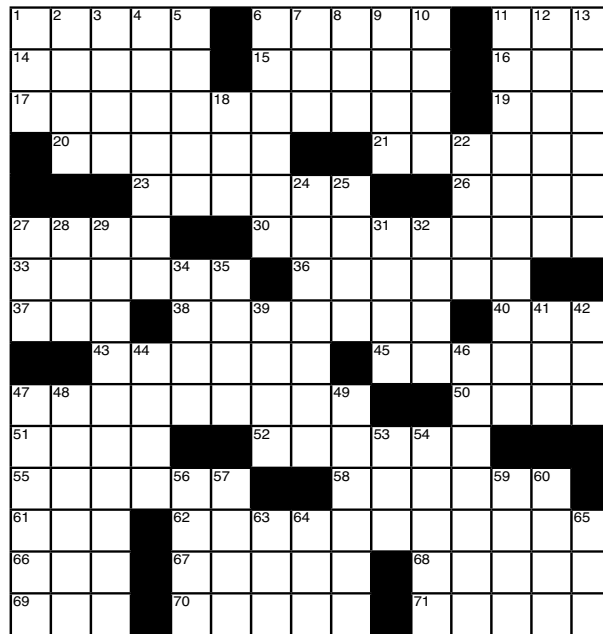
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WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Add a new article to, maybe
 - 6 Sweat units
 - 11 Prime meridian std.
 - 14 Zellweger of "Leatherheads"
 - 15 Not yet reached
 - 16 Evergreen tree
 - 17 Race energetically past?
 - 19 What an athlete may turn
 - 20 It sometimes depicts a dragon or tiger
 - 21 Rides
 - 23 Keys on the side of a keyboard
 - 26 Last word of a January 1 song
 - 27 Mozart's "___ Fan Tutte"
 - 30 Yellow one
 - 33 Todd who directed "I'm Not There," 2007
 - 36 More bohemian
 - 37 East ender?
- Down**
- 1 Thin bark?
 - 2 Soften
 - 3 Grammy winner for "Amarantine"
 - 4 Occupies, as bushes or trees
 - 5 Sonar's measurement
 - 6 Bribe
 - 7 Photo blowup: Abbr.
 - 8 Singer Winehouse
 - 9 Red ink
 - 10 Eyelid annoyance
 - 11 Where an old wanderer is interred?
 - 12 Sister of Venus
 - 13 Like some short tennis matches
 - 18 Louis XIV, e.g.
 - 22 "... so long ___ both shall live?"
 - 24 Fishing boat
 - 25 Garment in Gujarat
 - 27 2008 title role for Benicio Del Toro
 - 28 Trireme propeller
 - 29 What Romeo and Juliet had to do?
 - 31 "___ date!"
 - 32 Went kaput
 - 34 Luxury



Puzzle by Julian Lim

- 35 Arc on a music score
- 39 Made, as a wager
- 41 Sorority letter
- 42 Blockhead
- 44 Tiny bit
- 46 Try for a job at
- 47 "Gil Blas" novelist
- 48 Secure
- 49 Alignment of celestial bodies
- 53 Former space station
- 54 Biblical land with "ivory and apes and peacocks"
- 56 Debuts on Wall St.
- 57 Rochester's love after Galba
- 60 Contestant on a Bravo reality show
- 63 Breach
- 64 6 on a phone
- 65 Enero, por ejemplo

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tyson Houseman, 20; David Gallagher, 25; Zhang Ziyi, 31; Mia Farrow, 65

Happy Birthday: Look beyond your normal circle or familiar locations and you will find something to help you choose a new path. It's time to open up and share your plans with people who have an interest and more experience and knowledge. Strive to reach goals that you have been denied in the past. Your numbers are 5, 11, 24, 27, 36, 38, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Check everything you do twice. You are bound to make costly mistakes if you aren't careful. A poor partnership will start you thinking about ways to correct the situation. Before you jump into something too fast, do your research. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Whether it's a vacation or taking a course to enrich your mind or teach you a new skill, it will turn out well and lead to new friendships. Don't limit what you can do because of a lack of confidence. If someone tries to discourage you, proceed with your plans anyway. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a greater interest in contracts, investments and debts. A job that offers you more creativity will be made available. You will meet an unusually interesting individual through work or an industry-related event. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be drawn to personal concerns that involve partnerships. Take a serious look at the possible repercussions and make some changes yourself and where your associates are concerned -- but within reason. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Aggressive behavior will not help you accomplish your goals. Instead, work quietly behind the scenes, away from those who will slow you down and hold you back. Don't take on someone else's job. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do something nice for yourself. A change made to an investment will be beneficial if you take control and handle what's happening. Expect a more experienced individual to try to undermine you. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stick to your morals and your principles. Problems at home will leave you in an uncertain position. You can turn negativity around by surrounding yourself with people who are like-minded and enjoy the same events and activities you do. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't leave anything to chance, especially if it might affect your personal life. Deception is apparent when dealing with contractors or anyone making promises. Reliability will be hard to find when dealing with others. Prepare to do the bulk of the work yourself. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Concerns regarding your position will arise. Don't get emotional about something you cannot change. Concentrate on ways to draw greater interest to what you have to offer. A trip will pay off in terms of contracts. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do your best to fix anything that may turn into a costly venture and avoid anyone who wants to disrupt your plans. Someone with authority may give you a hard time. Preparation and organization will be your saving grace. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't give in to pressure by someone trying to take advantage of your good nature or vulnerability. Pay your debts but don't pay for someone else. A relationship may not be as it appears. If you are unsure how someone feels, ask. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A window of opportunity will open, allowing you to move into a much better professional position. Don't be afraid to put a little pressure on someone who has promised you something. Be ready to say no to anyone asking for too much. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You are charismatic and embrace the unique and unusual. You have big ideas and will do whatever it takes to reach your goals.

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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

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WOLTAL
LYBBAF



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

Print answer here: ○○○○ - "○○○○"

(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: GUIDE BATHE BEHIND SIZZLE
Answer: When the power failed in midkiss, the lovers were -- "DE-LIGHTED"

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No road worries

Stifling defense leads Notre Dame past Cincy

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The No. 4 Irish picked up the defensive intensity, causing 23 turnovers against Cincinnati Tuesday to earn a 66-50 win for their 22nd victory this year and their seventh in a row.

"Overall, defensively, I was really pleased. We caused 23 turnovers and we held them to 50 points," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Notre Dame got a welcome contribution from junior guard Brittany Mallory, who snagged eight rebounds in the first half for a career high. Mallory also chipped in for two points, two steals and three assists without any turnovers.

"She is playing great defense, and she is always looking to rebound," McGraw

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Senior guard Melissa Lechlitner handles the ball during an 86-76 victory over Pittsburgh on Feb. 6. Lechlitner had six points in Notre Dame's 66-50 win at Cincinnati Tuesday.

Irish have chance to take out powerhouses

Sitting at 21-1 and an 8-1 record in the Big East, Muffet McGraw's squad has the campus talking about women's basketball again. As expected, the comparisons have been drawn to the 2001 national title team and whether No. 3 Notre Dame can deliver the program's second NCAA title.

But consider this. Since the establishment of the Women's NCAA Division I



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FENCING

Team prepares for regionals after perfect regular season

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

Irish fencers may well be on their way for a return to nationals as they get ready to host the Midwest conference championship on March 6. Both the men's and women's teams just turned in an undefeated performance at the Notre Dame Duals this past weekend, concluding their perfect regular season.

"Right now the team's fencing really well — everyone's confident, everyone's been training really hard at practice and it's really good to start seeing things pay off," junior foilist Zach Schirtz said. "We've got the conference tournament coming up and the NCAA and I think we'll be a strong team in both of those tournaments."

Standing at 33-0 and 35-0, respectively, the men's and women's fencing teams,

described by Irish coach Janusz Bednarski as "one of the best in the history of the program" also feature the strongest rosters in recent memory, touting numerous All-Americans in addition to two members of the U.S. National team.

Surrounded by that level of talent, it is little wonder that many members of the team's large freshman class have risen quickly into nationally recognized competitors.

"I think the upperclassmen are doing a good job of shaping the freshmen, we've got a very young team, the upperclassmen have shown some of the freshmen the ropes and the freshmen have really taken on to that and come out and do really well," Schirtz said.

With only three weeks until the start of the postseason, the Irish are certain to see some heated competition as many teams, including No. 5

Northwestern, will be out for redemption after the swift defeats the Irish doled out last weekend.

"Expectations are good but how it will happen, you never know it's always a mystery how you will fence in the most in the most important competition especially when you have such young kids like we have," Bednarski said.

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FOOTBALL

Kelly moves walk-on tryouts to fall semester

Observer Staff Report

Irish coach Brian Kelly will not do away with Notre Dame's long-standing walk-on tradition, but he will change the timetable during which new players try out for the team, Director of Football Media Relations Brian Hardin said Tuesday.

"The walk-on program will not discontinue under coach Kelly, we're simply moving the tryouts from spring until fall. That's when coach Kelly has always had walk-on tryouts," Hardin said. "The primary reason is so that our coaches can spend as much time evaluating the current roster as it stands right now."

Hardin said 25 walk-on players are currently working out with the team, and their status will not be affected by the change.

An understanding of the walk-on tradition at Notre Dame and experience with walk-ons at previous coaching stops both point to Kelly continuing to accept walk-ons in the future, Hardin said.

"He understands the tremendous value that walk-ons have to our program, and he fully embraces and understands the history walk-ons have had, and will continue to have, at Notre Dame," Hardin said. "Everywhere coach Kelly has been, he's had walk-ons who have helped him win championships."

Notre Dame will begin its spring practice schedule on March 26. Per NCAA rules, the Irish will hold 15 practices and conclude the spring with the annual Blue-Gold Game, scheduled for April 24.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Ciobanu impresses on and off court

By JOHN HELMS
Sports Writer

Senior Cosmina Ciobanu has had an unbelievable career at Notre Dame while showcasing an unbelievable work ethic. She's been pretty good at tennis, too.

Ciobanu was awarded the Big East Scholar Athlete award this weekend, an honor going to a male and female athlete from each Big East school. The award, given only to those with "outstanding academic achievement and exceptional athletic performance" comes with a \$2,000 scholarship towards graduate studies.

Ciobanu's achievements in the classroom are certainly outstanding. A dou-

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Irish senior Cosmina Ciobanu hits a backhand during a 5-2 win over North Carolina at the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Feb. 27, 2009.