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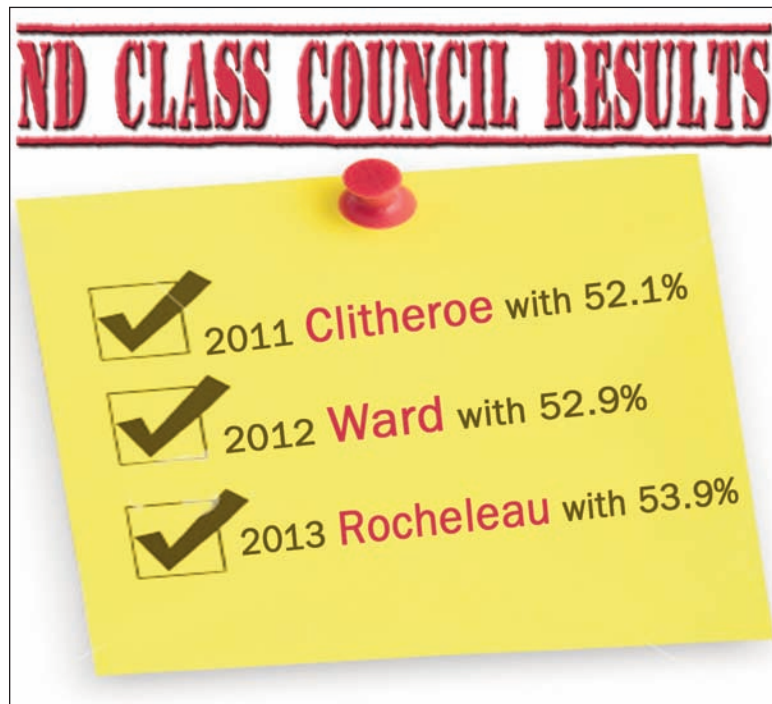
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Clitheroe, Ward, Rocheleau win

Class Councils to take office April 1 after being elected with over 50 percent of votes



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By SARAH MERVOSH
Assistant News Editor

The freshman, sophomore and junior classes decisively elected next year's Class Councils, without the need for run-off elections. The winning tickets will assume their roles April 1.

Juniors Kate Clitheroe, Cath Flynn, Michael Wagner and Evan James won the race for Senior Class Council with 52.1 percent of the vote.

They defeated their opposing ticket, juniors Tim Castellini, Jessica Leiferman, Brittany Johnson and Cole Patterson, who garnered 39.5 percent of the vote.

"I'm relieved and out of control excited. I'm so pumped," Class of 2011 president-elect Clitheroe said.

"I think we have a lot of new

and exciting ideas for next year that really focus on being seniors and concluding our four years here," she said. "I think our enthusiasm about our platform just kind of gives it a lot more oomph. We're going to make it the best year we have had here."

Clitheroe said by the end of the year, she would like to hold a class rosary at the Grotto. In the fall, she said her administration will begin by focusing on an event to kick off the football season.

"We want to do something with the new season and the new coach ... to get everyone excited," she said.

Sophomores James Joseph Ward, William Thwaites, Tess Fitzpatrick and Lauren Ruhling collected 52.9 percent of the vote to secure their position for

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Students send thanks to generous benefactors

By ANN-MARIE WOODS
News Writer

Hand-written thank-you notes are not a lost art here on campus.

Students stopped by the fourth annual Thanksgiving in February event Monday and Tuesday to write more than 500 letters of thanks to alumni donors who have contributed to the Notre Dame Annual Fund this year.

"Alumni donations make up a huge part of the financial aid that Notre Dame is able to give out and also help fund many of the activities that go on here," senior Emily Everett, co-chair of the Student Development Committee, said. "We think it's important for the alumni to hear from the students and know that their gift is appreciated."

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Annual Fund and the Student Development Committee, Thanksgiving in February provides students with the opportunity to learn more about the financial contributions alumni donors make, understand how these donations affect life at Notre Dame and personally show gratitude to the University benefactors.

"We have a list of recent donors and we ask that students come in and spend a couple of minutes writing thank-you notes to the alumni who have so gener-

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COR Council asks to postpone department dissolution

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The possible dissolution of Department of Economics and Policy Studies was the main topic of discussion at the Council of Representatives (COR) meeting last night.

Student government chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin said Student Senate would ask the Academic Council to postpone voting on the resolution to dissolve the department at the end of the spring semester.

The vote on dissolution of the department is scheduled to take place tomorrow.

"There has been virtually no undergraduate student input taken into account on this decision and none has been sought by those making the decision," he said.

Brellenthin said the proposal to dissolve the department is based on rankings, which many undergraduate students don't consider to be vital to their education.

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SGA tickets announced

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

Juniors Rachael Chesley and Laura Smith will be facing off against junior Meg Griffin and sophomore Emily Skirtich for student body president and student body vice president, respectively, during the election that runs from 8 a.m. Thursday to 8 p.m. Friday.

Both tickets say they want to improve campus relations

between students and the Student Government Association (SGA) during the 2010-11 academic year.

Rachael Chesley and Laura Smith

Chesley has served as a member of the Student Activities Board (SAB) as well as on Dance Marathon and the Class Gift Campaign. Smith has been also participated in Dance Marathon and has served on the first year, sophomore and junior

boards. Although both have never sat on SGA boards, they said they think that provides them with a "fresh perspective."

One of the ticket's main goals, Chesley said, is working to connect campus clubs and SGA to create a better relationship.

"We want to see more integration of the clubs on campus, more support, more open communication,"

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Lecture examines U.S. foreign policy

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

A Cornell University political science professor critiqued the lack of foreign policy progress of both the former Bush and current Obama administrations in a lecture Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Professor Matthew Evangelista's lecture, titled "A 'War on Terror' by any other name ... What has Obama changed?" was partly based on Evangelista's book "New Wars, New Laws? Applying Laws of War to 21st

Century Conflicts."

The lecture examined "how policies regarding the war on terror ... have changed or not changed under the Obama administration," Evangelista said.

Much of the lecture focused on controversial topics like Guantanamo Bay, military torture and targeted killing using drone aircrafts.

Evangelista compared statements made by former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld — like his description of Guantanamo Bay detainees as "the worst of the worst" — with CIA

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Cornell University Professor Matthew Evangelista speaks on foreign policy Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center.

INSIDE COLUMN

It's bobsled time

The Vancouver Olympics have sparked a deserved fascination with icy athleticism. When watching competitive curling, speed skating, ice skating and lugeing, it's impossible to avoid one question.

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Step three: Finally the big day arrives. Friday, wake up and make sure you eat your Wheaties and stretch. Then, at 7 p.m., head over to the Joyce Center to check in for registration.

Step five: Compete in the race for your life. Winner takes home the golden sled. Losers can eat their feelings with free carnival food.

Step six: Win or lose, enjoy the free food and free carnival brought to you by the accounting firm, KPMG. Spend \$1 on a raffle ticket for sweet prizes.

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Jess Shaffer

Scene Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE IS YOUR DREAM VACATION?



Bernard Nartey

sophomore
Stanford

"The Bahamas because it's warm."



Brittany Jones

freshman
Welsh Family

"Greece. My sister and I have always wanted to go there."



Elizabeth Maki

freshman
Pangborn

"Rome, so I can visit the Vatican."



Kathryn Corcoran

senior
off campus

"Puerto Vallarta because I'm going with Cathy for Spring Break!"



Cathy Bowers

sophomore
Keenan

"Puerto Vallarta because I'm going there with Kathryn ... we're so clever."



Matt Cirillo

sophomore
Keough

"Hawaii because I was born there."

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



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Irish football coach Brian Kelly watches on during the Bengal Bouts semifinal rounds Tuesday night in the Joyce Center. The finals will take place Saturday at 7 p.m.

OFFBEAT

Woman claims her love handles saved her life

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A Florida woman said her love handles saved her life when she was shot entering an Atlantic City bar. Samantha Lynn Frazier said she heard two pops when she walked into Herman's Place early Saturday. The 35-year-old then felt pain and saw blood on her hand after she grabbed her left side. Atlantic City police said Frazier was an innocent bystander.

Detective Lt. Charles Love said the gunman was aiming for a man who escaped with a bullet hole in his down

jacket.

The suspect remains at large.

Frazier told The Press of Atlantic City that "I could have been dead. They said my love handles saved my life."

Puppet cleavage a no-no for Colo. bus shelter ads

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Puppet cleavage has been ruled out for advertising posters in Colorado Springs bus shelters. Lamar Advertising rejected posters for a touring production of the Broadway show "Avenue Q" because they show the cleavage of a fuzzy pink

puppet.

Lamar account executive Jeff Moore says the company takes a conservative approach in Colorado Springs. The city is known for its political conservatism, and some conservative Christian groups have headquarters in the city.

The poster has been replaced by one showing the face of another puppet.

"Avenue Q" is a Tony-winning musical about twentysomething New Yorkers, both human and puppets, searching for life and love.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

An exhibit titled "All Art is Propaganda" will open at 8 a.m. today in Room 102 of Hesburgh Library.

"Expanding the Boundaries: Selected Drawings from the Yvonne and Gabriel P. Weisberg Collection" will be hosted in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries West of the Snite Museum of Art beginning at 10 a.m. today.

Daily Mass will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. today.

The women's tennis team will take on Ohio State today at 3:30 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Center. Admission is free.

The men's basketball team will play Pittsburgh tonight at the Joyce Center at 7 p.m. Ticket information is available at 631-7356.

Eric Coble's play "Natural Selection" will be performed tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$10.

The 52nd annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will take place tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. The event is free.

Bengal Bouts finals will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. General admission is \$6.

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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Professor calls on Church laity

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Fairfield University professor of religious studies Paul Lakeland delivered a lecture at Saint Mary's LeMans Hall Tuesday calling for laity to assume more responsibility in the salvation of the Catholic Church.

The laity must be responsible to uplift the Church by paying close attention, practicing discernment, becoming understanding and acting responsibly, he said.

Lakeland's lecture, titled "Catholicism at the Crossroads: Thinking From Below," was sponsored by the Center for Spirituality's Spring Lecture Series "Catholicism at the Crossroads."

One of Lakeland's eight books, "Liberation of the Laity: In Search of an Accountable Church," won first place in the Catholic Press Association 2005 awards.

Lakeland's lecture focused on his most recent book, "Catholicism at the Crossroads: How the Laity Can Save the Church."

"Saving the Church starts in the local parish," Lakeland said.

Lakeland discussed the ways in which the lay people must work to preserve the Church.

He said parishioners can begin by paying attention to the world around them, especially to three major factors which are affecting the

Church.

One problem is the shift in Catholic demographic within the United States, Lakeland said.

This demographic, he said, does not consist just of the change in ethnicity, but in the age of the congregation as well.

"Connected to these demographic issues is the change in factions of participation in parish life, especially the decline in regular Mass attendance and the loss of religious literacy," he said.

Additionally, Lakeland said the developing understanding of the relationship between the consciousness and authority was another factor that requires extra attention.

Finally, attention must be given to the tension between the historical passivity of the laity and the emerging movement for a more participatory church.

"We need to be attentive to all three of these issues before we can turn our intelligence loose upon analyzing their meaning," he said.

Lakeland also discussed why parishioners must practice discernment.

"We can only be discerning in a community of adults in

which genuine accountability is systematically practiced by the laity," Lakeland said.

The final step from thinking from below, Lakeland said, is understanding.

"This is the moment at which I believe we look at theological models," he said. "What models help explain to us out of our grassroots experience how to think about the church today."

Lakeland said the Church could be looked at in four models. He described the Church as a hospice, as a pilgrim, as an immigrant and as a pioneer.

Finally, he spoke about the importance of acting as a responsible Catholic.

"The roots of lay passivity lie in ignorance of the responsibility of Christian discipleship that occurs in Baptism."

Paul Lakeland
professor
Fairfield University

Christian discipleship that occurs in Baptism," Lakeland said. "Historically the blame for that goes to Church leaders who did not tell the story about Baptism. Today the blame goes to all of us because being better educated carries additional responsibilities."

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Panelists examine entrepreneurship

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

When senior Jeff Lakusta was a freshman, he never imagined that he would one day be the president of a successful, internationally recognized nonprofit organization.

"After traveling to South Africa and getting a firsthand look at the extreme poverty that exists there, I realized one person can make a huge difference," he said.

"Recognizing the interconnectedness of humanity is key," Lakusta, founder of the Eyes on Africa Foundation, said in a panel Tuesday evening.

Student government and the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies sponsored the event, titled "Be The Change: A Forum on Social Enterprise," in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Five panelists discussed the goals, challenges and rewards of social entrepreneurship, as well as what it takes to be successful in it.

Melissa Paulsen, a project manager in the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, said it isn't just about creating wealth, but also about creating opportunity.

"Social enterprise requires transformation, innovation and purpose," she said. "It combines an economic engine with a social purpose."

According to Paulsen, there are a number of resources available to Notre Dame students looking to

start a social venture, including the Social Venture Competition.

"We can provide marketplace perspective and real world critical feedback," she said.

Chris Fuchs, a 2001 Notre Dame graduate and founder of Better World Books, attested to the helpfulness of these resources.

"We didn't know what we were getting into when we got started," Fuchs said. "But the connections we made through the Social Venture Competition opened up a number of doors for us."

Although there are a great deal of both business and logistical challenges in starting a social enterprise, the personal connections that come through the work make it all worthwhile, he said.

"The most exciting thing has been being able to evolve with the business and bring new people into the organization as it grows," Fuchs said.

Today, the online bookstore generates \$7 a minute for nonprofit organizations.

Lakusta said seeing the good he has done keeps him driven.

"If you make a mistake, keep pushing forward," he said. "What you do helps so many more people than you'll ever know."

Other panelists included Sonia Menon, a junior and semi-finalist in the 2010 Social Venture Competition, and David Murphy, CEO of Better World Books.

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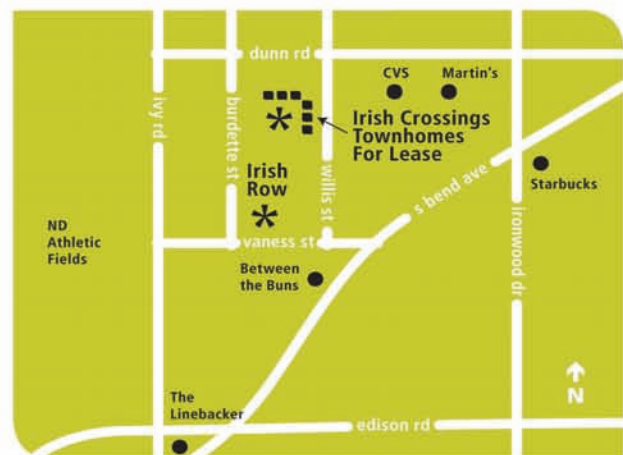


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Student body president Grant Schmidt said this decision would be reflective of many different processes within the University.

"This proposal is controversial because it sets the precedent for how input will be sought for academic decisions from the student body," he said.

Many COR members thought student government might be overstepping its boundaries by demanding that student input be taken into account in University academic decisions.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said student government is not requesting to be involved in every decision that the University makes, but students who will be affected by such decisions should have a chance to voice their opinions.

"We come to a university because the professors and deans have an expertise but we're also scholars," she said. "We want to be a part of decisions that affect our scholarship."

Brellenthin articulated that what student government wants is more knowledge of the situation.

"Half of what we're asking for is to be educated before a deci-

sion like this is made," he said.

Schmidt said Student Senate will request tonight that the resolution to dissolve the Department of Economics and Policy Studies be postponed until undergraduate economics majors have a chance to give their input to the College of Arts and Letters.

In other COR news:

♦ Schmidt brought to the attention of COR members a request made by Fr. Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs, to increase the allotment to the Rector Fund.

The Rector Fund provides monetary assistance for students who can't afford fees for things like football tickets, books and service trips. The money for the Rector Fund comes out of The Shirt Charity Fund, which has a current value of \$1.3 million.

Schmidt said the allotment for the Rector Fund for the 2009 fiscal year was \$60,000 but around \$92,000 was given to students from the Office of Financial Aid. In response to the increased need, Poorman asked that the annual funds be increased to \$100,000.

"Use of this fund has increased dramatically over the past few years and people are requesting assistance for legitimate reasons," Schmidt said. "To me, increasing the funds

seems like a no-brainer because it goes to a very important cause."

COR also discussed the recent passing of a resolution in Student Senate that proposes and recommends the passing of a student medical amnesty policy.

The Senate and the Office of Residence Life and Housing will work together to develop and implement a policy for the 2010-11 academic school year.

The policy would allow students to report medical emergencies without having to worry about receiving a disciplinary record for breaking school rules.

Schmidt said because of recent discussion about revisions to du Lac, it is very likely that a medical amnesty policy could be in place by the Fall 2010 semester.

He said one of the main arguments against the passage is that many University officials believe that such a policy is already "unofficially" in place on campus.

"Even if it is in place, students have to know about it," Schmidt said. "It needs to be outlined in du Lac so that students can make that phone call without being deterred."

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ously donated to the Notre Dame Annual Fund in the past year," Everett said. "This is a great opportunity for students to show their appreciation for the benefits that they have received because of the generosity of Notre Dame's alumni donors."

The Notre Dame Annual Fund is a source of expendable financial support that provides not only student financial aid but also meets the growing needs in academic and student life, beyond the earnings from the endowment.

"Many students don't know that tuition only covers half of the cost of their education, and alumni donations make up a huge portion of the difference," Everett said.

Junior Aleksandra Koryzno recognized the importance of keeping in contact with alumni donors, as they contributed to her education and experience at Notre Dame.

"I let them know what I'm doing, I thank them for giving me the opportunity to be here and I inform them what their help is allowing me to do here," she said.

Koryzno has remained in contact with one donor from Ann Arbor, Mich., whom she was able to meet in person at an alumni club picnic.

"He was very appreciative of me thanking him and also that I'm fully utilizing the scholarship that he provides for students like me," Koryzno said.

Most alumni echo the same sentiments of thanks for student recognition of their donations, Everett said.

"Many alumni will send us letters and let us know how much they enjoy talking to our student callers who call them from the phone center, and we know that our letters are also well received," she said. "We encourage students to continue this tradition by participating in Thanksgiving in February in the future."

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"We think it's important for the alumni to hear from the students and know that their gift is appreciated."

Emily Everett
co-chair
student development

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Chesley said.

Smith said this would include members of SGA going out to meetings of other clubs when possible as well as holding events that bring together club leaders to encourage dialogue.

The ticket would also like to increase knowledge and communication with the alumnae network, Chesley said.

"This College is built on the foundation of tradition and one of the things that attracted me to this college is the alumnae base," she said.

Chesley said she and Smith would like to increase the "presence of alumnae on campus."

The two said they recognize that their opponents' experience may appear to place them at an advantage, however they believe they bring an "unbiased view."

"Sometimes you just need to shake things up a bit with an outside perspective," Smith said.

Chesley agreed, saying their view is "exactly how a student would see student government from the outside."

"We have an understanding of the student body," Chesley said. "We would be thrilled to dive in and learn SGA."

Chesley and Smith said their main goal can be summed up in two words: community and integrity.

Both have studied abroad and hope to bring those lessons back to campus.

"Everybody is involved in some way, and we want to encourage students to be the face of Saint Mary's, this community, this integrity, this acceptance," Chesley said. "We want them to be this face of Saint Mary's whether they are here on campus or off campus and even after they graduate."

Meg Griffin and Emily Skirtich

Griffin, who currently serves as student body vice president and previously held the post of sophomore class president, and

Skirtich, who is currently executive secretary for SGA, said their overreaching goal for the next academic year will be to "invigorate the student body with a sense of unity and school spirit."

The pair hope to continue the work of the current SGA administration and hold more all-campus events, like the Navy Ball.

The team also wants to work to connect students with the heritage of the College, improve communication with students, faculty and administration, and improve campus life overall, Griffin said.

In order to help improve student's connection with the heritage of the College, Griffin said she hopes to continue the work she did this year with Jenny Hoffman, current student body president, including planning the creation of an academic course on Saint Mary's heritage.

"Since it frequently takes more than one academic year to create a new course, we are still in the midst of the process and look forward continuing the process next year," Griffin said.

Ideas to improve communication between the student body and its government include closer ties between SGA and campus clubs.

"Some of our plans are to refine the allotment process, hold club officer orientation sessions, make the SGA Web site a working tool for clubs, open a club workspace in the SGA office and release a 2010-11 Club Handbook that will serve as a reference tool and answer frequently asked questions," Griffin said.

Club changes would be part of their short-term goals for the end of this academic year.

To improve campus living for students, Griffin and Skirtich say they hope to connect with Notre Dame's student government and try to get nearby off-campus restaurants to get "campus currencies accepted," Griffin said.

Griffin said their experience makes them best suited for the job.

"With our progression [...], we are in a better position to serve the student body, to diagnose from afar potential mistakes and avoid them," Griffin said. "Even with that experience, we will still make some mistakes, everyone makes mistakes, but we will have the experience to better react and address them."

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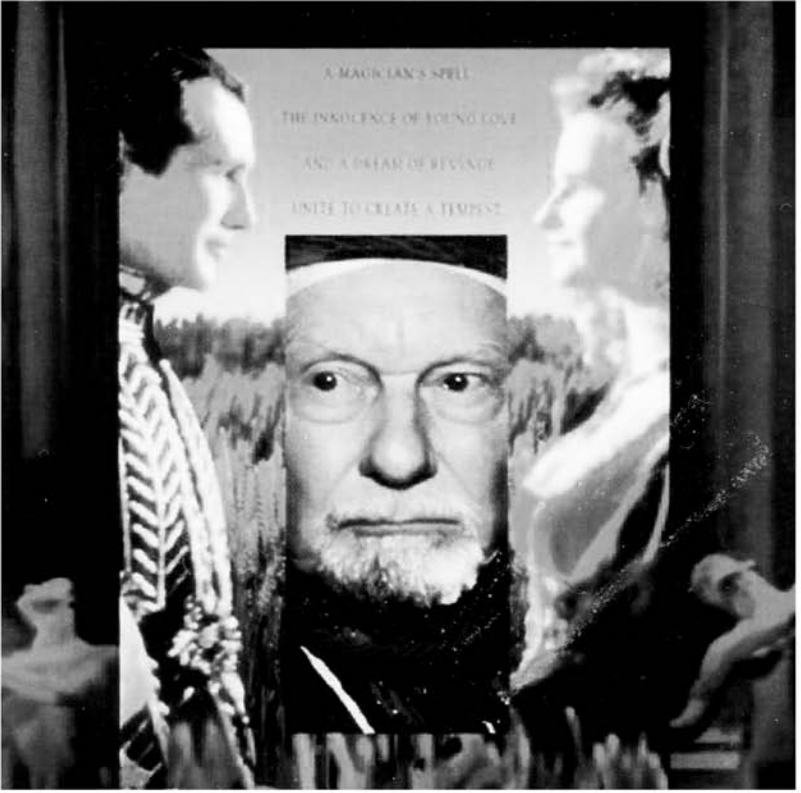
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hunger-striking Cuban dissident dies

HAVANA — An opposition political activist imprisoned since 2003 died Tuesday after a lengthy hunger strike, members of Cuba's human rights community said.

Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who was jailed on charges including disrespecting authority, died at a clinic at Havana's Combinado del Este prison, according to Vladimiro Roca, a leading dissident who said he spoke to Zapata Tamayo's family.

Zapata Tamayo, 42, was not among the island's best-known dissidents. He was arrested in 2003 on charges of disrespecting authority, said Elizardo Sanchez, head of the Havana-based, independent Cuban Commission on Human Rights and National Reconciliation.

UK considers anti-libel tourism laws

LONDON — A committee of British lawmakers says the government should change the country's laws to stop "libel tourism" from stifling investigative journalism and press freedom.

The chairman of the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport committee said Wednesday that it was "a humiliation" that several U.S. states have introduced laws to protect American citizens from the enforcement of legal settlements in foreign jurisdictions such as Britain. A similar federal law is currently before the U.S. Congress.

The committee, which has members from the three main political parties, said in a report that the government must act "as a matter of urgency" to redress the balance of libel laws that have "tipped too far in favor of the plaintiff."

NATIONAL NEWS

Two injured in Colo. school shooting

LITTLETON, Colo. — Teachers tackled and subdued a man armed with a high-powered rifle just after he shot two teenage students Tuesday at a suburban Denver middle school that's just miles from Columbine High School, the site of one of the nation's deadliest school shootings, authorities said.

The seventh-grade math teacher who tackled the suspect, David Benke, is a 6-foot-5-inch former college basketball player who has taught at the school for about 10 years, his wife Sandra Benke, told KUSA-TV. Other teachers quickly piled on the gunman, the station reported.

"Some staff acted very quickly, and very heroically," Jefferson County Sheriff's office spokeswoman Jacki Kelley said.

Pa. courts reconsider gay custody

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A Pennsylvania appellate court has rejected a 25-year-old legal precedent and ruled that a parent's homosexual relationship cannot be used against the parent in determining child custody.

The eight-judge Superior Court panel issued its decision last month in a custody battle between a mother and father who were identified only by their initials.

It also reversed the lower court ruling that awarded the father primary custody of their daughter, and granted the appeal of the mother to continue shared custody.

In doing so, the judges said a 1985 Superior Court decision that said a parent must prove that their gay relationship is not detrimental to the child.

LOCAL NEWS

House repeals employer tax increase

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House has passed legislation that would repeal an increase on taxes that employers pay into the state's unemployment insurance fund, which is deeply in debt to the federal government.

The Democrat-controlled chamber voted 90-5 for an amendment to repeal the tax increase. The fund has been paying out hundreds of millions of dollars more in benefits than it has been taking in through employer taxes and owes the federal government \$1.6 billion in loans to remain solvent.

Toyota recall won't be total fix

Congress hears testimony from defect victim and company's U.S. sales chief

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Massive recalls of popular Toyota cars and trucks still may "not totally" solve frightening problems of sudden, unintended acceleration, the company's American sales chief conceded Tuesday, a day before the Japanese president of the world's largest automaker must confront angry U.S. lawmakers.

House members listened in rapt silence Tuesday to the tearful testimony of a woman whose car unaccountably surged to 100 mph, then they pressed U.S. sales chief James Lentz on the company's efforts to find and fix the acceleration problems — actions many suggested were too late and too limited.

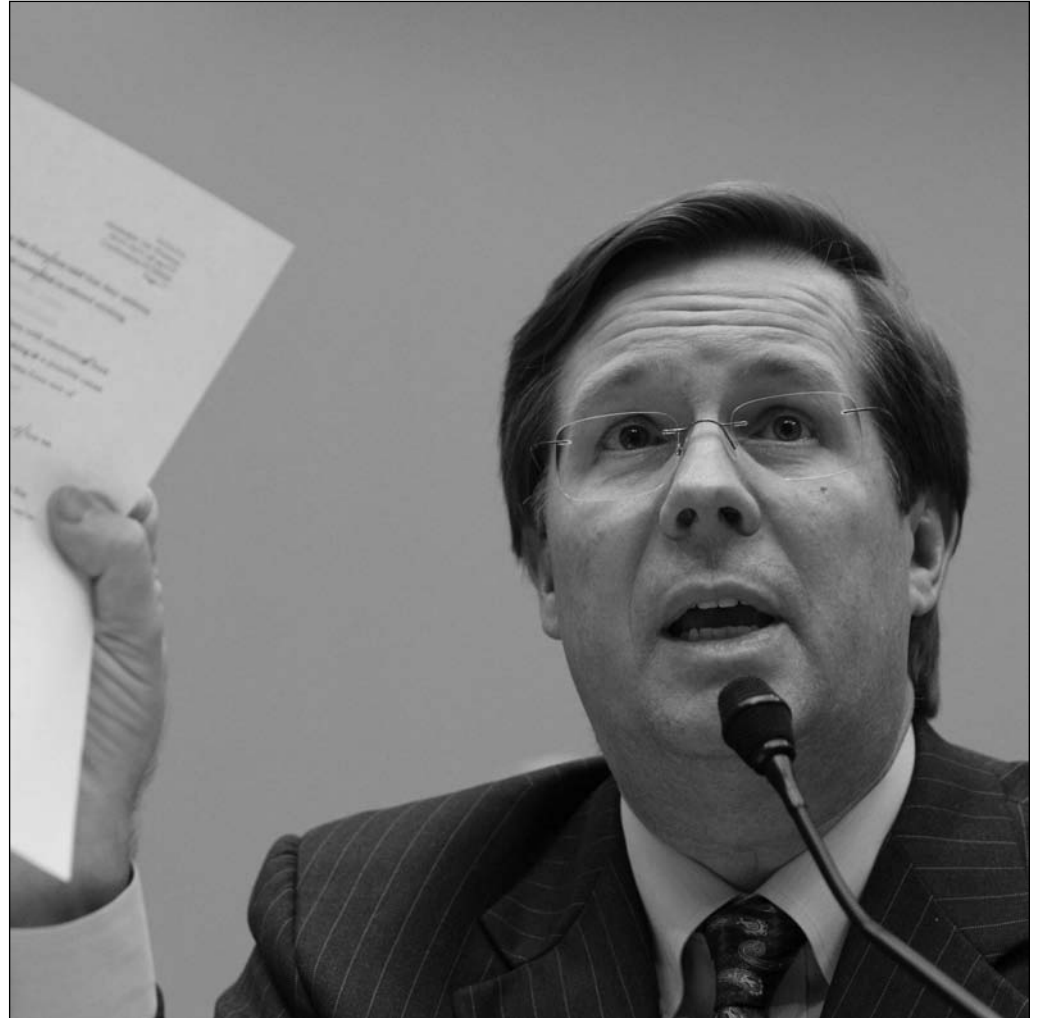
Lentz apologized repeatedly for safety defects that led to recalls of some 8.5 million Toyota cars and trucks, and he acknowledged the changes the company is making probably aren't the end of the story.

Putting remaining doubts to rest is of vital importance to millions more Toyota owners in the United States and elsewhere, who have continued to drive but with serious concerns about their cars. Toyota sales have suffered, too, and a small army of dealers showed up on Capitol Hill Tuesday, arguing that this week's high-profile hearings are unfairly targeting their company.

"We are vigilant and we continue to look for potential causes," Lentz told the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

That search had better continue, a number of lawmakers said, openly questioning Toyota's insistence that the problems are mechanical, not linked to the vehicles' sophisticated electronics.

Without a more vigorous investigation of the possibility that electronics are involved, Texas Republican



James E. Lentz, president and COO of Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., testifies on Capitol Hill Tuesday before the House Oversight and Investigations subcommittee.

Rep. Joe Barton said of Toyota's probe: "In my opinion, it's a sham."

The U.S. government is pursuing the electronics question, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood told the panel. "We're going to go into the weeds on that" and come up with answers, LaHood said. He said the company's recalls were important but "we don't maintain that they answer every question."

Lentz's appearance set the stage for Toyota's president — Akio Toyoda, grandson of the company's founder — to apologize in person on Wednesday.

Toyoda will accept "full responsibility" for the halting steps that led to the recall, according to prepared testimony released in

advance. He also will offer his condolences over the deaths of four San Diego, Calif., family members in a crash of their Toyota in late August.

"I will do everything in my power to ensure that such a tragedy never happens again," Toyota will tell the House Government Oversight Committee. "My name is on every car. You have my personal commitment that Toyota will work vigorously and unceasingly to restore the trust of our customers."

"Quite frankly, I fear the pace at which we have grown may have been too quick" and led to safety defects at the heart of the recall, Toyoda says in his prepared testimony.

There were repeated dis-

plays of emotion at Tuesday's daylong hearing — both from the Tennessee woman who survived a 2006 sudden acceleration incident when she was unable to control her runaway Lexus and from Lentz himself, who choked up while discussing the death of his own brother more than 20 years ago in a car accident.

"I know what those families go through," Lentz said. Rhonda Smith, of Sevierville, Tenn., said her Lexus raced out of control to speeds up to 100 miles an hour, and that nothing she did to try to stop it worked — including braking and shifting into neutral. "I prayed to God to help me," she said, fighting back tears.

N.Y. subway terrorist pleads guilty

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Distressed over the deaths of civilians in his native Afghanistan, a man who once operated a coffee cart near the World Trade Center site hatched a plan to join the Taliban and fight the U.S. military.

Najibullah Zazi traveled to Pakistan in August 2008 but never made it to Afghanistan. Al-Qaida operatives spotted him. They had more ambitious plans and conspired with him to try to help him die a martyr in a bombing of the New York subway system, he admitted Monday.

"I had discussions with al-Qaida leaders, including target locations, such as New York City subways," he said.

Zazi, a former Colorado airport shut-

tle driver, pleaded guilty Monday in Brooklyn federal court to conspiring to use weapons of mass destruction, conspiring to commit murder in a foreign country and providing material support for a terrorist organization. The 25-year-old, part of what prosecutors consider one of the most serious U.S. terror threats since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, faces life in prison without parole when he's sentenced in June.

The jailed Zazi had recently volunteered information about the bomb plot in the first step toward a plea deal, The Associated Press learned earlier this month from officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the terror investigation was ongoing. His cooperation suggests prosecutors hope to expand the case and bring charges

against other suspects.

Already charged are an imam, a cab driver and Zazi's uncle and father, who's been accused of trying to dispose of chemicals.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said in Washington that the planned bombings "could have been devastating."

"This attempted attack on our homeland was real, it was in motion and it would have been deadly," he said.

Zazi admitted using notes taken at an al-Qaida training camp in Waziristan, Pakistan, to build homemade explosives with beauty supplies purchased in the Denver suburbs and cooked up in a Colorado hotel room. He then drove the materials to New York just before the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

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statements that classified most detainees “noncombatants.”

“[Only] 8 percent of the detainees at Guantanamo were Al Qaeda,” Evangelista said.

The treatment of detainees was one of the main focus areas of Evangelista’s examination.

Evangelista quoted excerpts of Article 5 of the Geneva Convention, which calls for a determination of detainee status by “a competent tribunal.”

Evangelista said that vague term typically implies a committee of officials from the military force itself.

“The people who decide ... are the people who capture them,” Evangelista said. “There is no right of appeal.”

Evangelista said under these policies, officials often fall short of adhering to acceptable standards of treatment of prisoners.

“Of course, we know their human rights are being violated,” he said.

Torture, especially waterboarding, has become an especially hot topic, Evangelista said, as it has

been contested on both legal and ethical bases.

“The only time it wasn’t considered a form of torture was during the Bush administration,” he said.

Targeted killings, like those initiated with the use of remote-controlled aircrafts to target presumed hostiles, have also come under fire in recent years.

Evangelista noted a problem in the inefficiency of the practice.

“The people being targeted ... [are] not soldiers,” he said. “Civilians are protected under the Geneva Conventions.”

The U.S. Supreme Court subsequently ruled that the U.S. had indeed violated the Common

Article 3 of the Conventions, which states during armed conflicts, noncombatants and civilians should be treated “humanely.”

“The Bush administration responded by making legal many of the things the Supreme Court had declared unconstitutional in the Military Commissions Act of 2006,” Evangelista said. “So, how would we recognize if things have changed?”

He established three standards for evaluating the Obama administration regarding war practices: whether former policies were discontinued, whether

the illegal practices were stigmatized and whether the crimes and perpetrators were investigated.

Evangelista said Obama’s initial language on the subject was vague, as he said detainees would either be released, detained in the U.S. for trial or handled in a manner categorized as “other.”

“This language worries people,” he said.

Furthermore, Obama’s failure to follow through with the closing of Guantanamo Bay, Evangelista said, falls short of the first qualification of change: discontinuing practices.

Evangelista said the shortcomings of the Obama administration, especially with regard to investigating the crimes, are associated with issues that date back to the Bush administration’s Justice Department.

The current administration has, however, succeeded in stigmatizing the practices, Evangelista said, referencing a statement by Attorney General Eric Holder that called waterboarding torture.

Evangelista offered a simple response as to why the administration has failed to identify and thwart policies deemed immoral and illegal by many.

“The politically attuned advisers got scared, I think,” Evangelista said. “The answer is politics.”

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Councils

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Junior Class Council.

They defeated sophomores Chase Riddle, Paul Moya, CJ Kelly and Megan Carey, who won 36 percent of the vote.

“We’re really honored to have this privilege to serve you guys,” Class of 2012 president-elect Ward said. “We’re excited for next year and we love the Class of 2012.”

Ward said one of the main goals of his administration will be to hold events with the sophomore and senior classes next year.

“I feel that our class is already pretty unified,” he said. “I feel like it’s time that

we start getting unified with the classes above and below us because those are the two we’re going to be spending them most time here with.”

Ward also commended his opposing ticket and said he looks forward to working with them next year.

“Chase and those guys put up a great campaign and they’re all great kids,” he said. “They have great ideas too and it will be exciting to work with them next year.”

“Hopefully together we can crank out more than just the ideas that we had in the campaigns.”

Freshmen Brett Rocheleau, Kevin Doherty, Kathleen Kehl and

Patrick Adams were the winning ticket for Sophomore Class Council. They won with 53.9 percent of the vote.

The Rocheleau ticket ran against two opponents — freshmen Richard Bevington, Ashley Armendariz, Elliot Pearce and Sadaf Meghani, and freshmen John McKissick, Brianna Neblung, Alex Draime and Ian Trudell.

Rocheleau said he was “elated” and “excited” to win the election.

“With three tickets, we thought we were definitely going to go for a run-off on Thursday so knowing that the campaigning is done is a relief,” he said.

Rocheleau said one of his main goals is to unify the Class of 2013.

“Our whole goal is to try to get the whole class more involved together, sort of break down barriers so we can work more as a class,” he said.

He said he plans to do this by holding a dance for the freshmen class mid-April, holding more class trips next year and hosting a “Domecoming” in the fall, which would be comparable to other college’s Homecoming events.

“We have experience. All four of us were a part of student government this past year so we sort of knew how the system worked,” he said. “We think that we’ll be very effective next year when we’re in office.”

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“I think we have a lot of new and exciting ideas for next year that really focus on being seniors and concluding our four years here.”

Kate Clitheroe
president-elect
Class of 2011

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK

FEBRUARY 21 TO 28

2/21–2/28 “Giving a Voice” Poster Campaign

2/22 Take Back the Night

Prayer Service; 8:00 pm; Log Chapel

March; 8:30 pm; ND Campus

Speak Out; 9:00 pm; Co-Mo Lounge

2/24–25 Resource Tables; 11:30 am–1:30 pm;

LaFortune and Dining Halls

2/24 Movie and Snacks: *The Accused*; 8:00–10:00 pm;

Montgomery Theater in LaFortune

2/25 Free T-Shirt Giveaway; 11:30 am–1:30 pm;

LaFortune and the Dining Halls

2/26 “A Time to Heal” Dinner; 5:30–7:00 pm;

Legends (club side); RSVP required

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MARKET RECAP

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Dow Jones 10,282.41 -100.97

Up: 1,165 Same: 112 Down: 2,695 Composite Volume: 947,000,415

AMEX	1,849.40	-13.97
NASDAQ	2,213.44	-28.59
NYSE	6,974.60	-103.93
S&P 500	1,094.60	-13.416
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10,352.10	0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	5,315.09	-36.98

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-3.18	-0.11	3.35
BANK OF AMERICA (BAC)	-1.67	-0.27	15.94
STANDARD & POOR'S (SPY)	-1.21	-1.35	109.81
Brocade Com. Systems (BRCD)	-22.99	-1.60	5.363

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-2.84	-1.08	3.69
13-WEEK BILL	+35.29	+0.30	0.1150
30-YEAR BOND	-2.09	-0.99	4.63
5-YEAR NOTE	-3.88	-0.95	2.35

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-1.45	78.86
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-10.10	1,103.00
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-2.10	86.20

Exchange Rates

YEN	90.2050
EURO	1.3513
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.0560
BRITISH POUND	1.5437

IN BRIEF

Chevron plans solar power plant

NEW YORK — Chevron Corp. said Tuesday it will build a solar power plant near a mine that a subsidiary operates in New Mexico.

The plant will generate electricity by spreading 175 solar panels across 20 acres at Chevron's molybdenum mine in the village of Questa.

San Ramon, Calif.-based Chevron, the country's second-largest oil company, didn't disclose how much it would cost to build.

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative has agreed to buy the energy generated from the 1-megawatt plant through a power-purchase agreement. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring.

Chevron Technology Ventures, the subsidiary that's building the plant, views the plant as a demonstration site that will teach the company how to use solar on other properties.

Chevron shares fell 92 cents to \$72.04 in Tuesday trading.

Obama seeks to repeal antitrust laws

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama urged Congress on Tuesday to strip health insurers of their decades-old exemption from federal antitrust laws — hardening his stand against the industry as he tries to revive his stalled health care overhaul.

The White House announced Obama's support for a House bill that would repeal the industry's antitrust exemption, saying that would foster a more competitive marketplace that benefits consumers. The announcement follows Obama's call for new federal rate-setting powers that would give the Health and Human Services department the power to deny excessive increases in health insurance premiums.

"Removing this exemption will allow appropriate enforcement and examination of potential policies that might prove uncompetitive, or might stifle competition," spokesman Robert Gibbs said.

Obama has scheduled a health care summit with congressional leaders of both parties for Thursday, in a bid to rescue Democratic health care plans passed by both chambers that stalled after Democrats lost their 60-seat majority in the Senate. On Monday, he unveiled a proposal that sought to bridge the differences between the House and Senate bills.

Stocks fall after consumer report

Dow Jones falls 100 points as investors move from stock market into treasuries

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The stock market fell sharply Tuesday after a surprising drop in consumer confidence reminded investors of the fragility of the economic recovery.

The Dow Jones industrials fell 100 points. Interest rates also fell in the bond market as investors moved money out of stocks and into the safety of Treasuries.

The Conference Board said its consumer confidence index fell to 46 in February from 56.5 last month. That was well below the forecast of economists polled by Thomson Reuters. They expected a reading of 55.

Not only did the index fall sharply, it is far from indicating strength in the economy. A reading above 90 means the economy is on solid footing. Consumers are vital to a strong, sustained economic recovery because their spending accounts for more than two-thirds of all economic activity.

The confidence numbers came as investors were already rethinking the more optimistic assessment they had of the economy last week. Stocks had rallied for four straight days on upbeat earnings news, including some from retailers, and on improving housing and manufacturing numbers.

That rally has ended this week in response to a growing pile of disappointing consumer news, including retail earnings reports. While Home Depot Inc., Sears Holdings Corp., Macy's Inc. and Target Corp. all reported better-than-expected earnings Tuesday, the companies indicated that sales growth is lagging. That's a sign that consumers are still too hesitant about the economy and their own job security to spend freely.

"Consumers are still just very confused," said J. Garrett Stevens, CEO of FaithShares, which manages exchange-traded funds. Economic reports



In this Jan. 25 photo, traders John Panin, left, and Bobby Gray work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

remain mixed, which is typical for this point in a recovery and add to uncertainty among investors, he said.

"Until we get more consistently positive trends, it's like to be choppy like this," Stevens said.

The Dow fell 100.97, or 1 percent, to 10,292.41 after being up around 19 before the consumer confidence index was released. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 13.41, or 1.2 percent, to 1,094.60, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 28.59, or 1.3 percent, to 2,213.44.

About two stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 4.54 billion shares, up from 3.84 billion on Monday.

Stocks have been volatile during the first two months of the year, alternating between multi-week stretches of gains and losses. Stocks rallied the past two weeks on signs of domestic growth after a nearly monthlong drop because of worries that European debt problems would upend a global economic recovery.

The Chicago Board Options Exchange's Volatility Index, which is known as the market's fear gauge, shot up 7.2 percent Tuesday. An increase in the VIX signals that investors are prepared for swings in the market.

Meanwhile, interest rates fell in the bond market as Treasury prices rose. Investors were betting that a weak recovery will force the

Federal Reserve to keep interest rates low. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 3.69 percent from 3.80 percent late Monday.

Investors will get further insight into potential interest rate changes when Fed chairman Ben Bernanke testifies before Congress on Wednesday and Thursday.

A modest increase in sales and cost-cutting helped Home Depot's profit top expectations. The home improvement retailer also raised its dividend and outlook, evidence it is confident about the strength of an eventual recovery. Competitor Lowe's Corp. on Monday also raised its outlook, but had a cautious tone about growth.

GREECE

Greek unions strike in midst of crisis

Associated Press

ATHENS — Greek unions are set to make a show of strength Wednesday in a nationwide strike against austerity measures aimed at pulling the debt-plagued country out of its worst postwar financial crisis.

In the first general strike since the center-left government's election in October, all flights to and from Greek airports have been canceled, while trains and ferries will be idle.

Millions of Athenian commuters will be left without most forms of public transport. Public schools, tax offices and municipal offices will be closed, while

public hospitals will function on emergency staff.

Journalists are also holding a 24-hour strike, and two separate demonstrations are planned for central Athens.

The country's two largest umbrella labor groups, the private sector GSEE and public sector ADEDY, fiercely oppose a wave of belt-tightening measures announced over the past weeks to reduce the bloated budget deficit from 12.7 percent of GDP to 8.7 percent this year.

Greece's woes have affected confidence in the euro as a common currency, and hiked the country's borrowing costs.

The governing Socialists have frozen civil service wages and hiring while cut-

ting bonuses, hiking consumer taxes and raising retirement ages.

"The Greek people are well aware that the fiscal situation of the country is in terrible shape ... But the measures are not fair," GSEE head Yiannis Panagopoulos said. "We demand a fair distribution of the burden so that wage-earners and pensioners do not pay the price for a crisis they did not create."

The government, however, facing a March 16 deadline from the European Union to show signs of fiscal improvement, is under pressure to take additional measures. These could include a hike in the Value Added Tax, currently at 19 percent, and further civil service bonus cuts.

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Lessons from inside the ring

I came to Notre Dame fully realizing that my experience here would be very different from my high school friends. Notre Dame is unique, I was told, and it is true. The proof is everywhere. At most schools, kids go out to bars or fraternity parties on Thursday nights, but you are more likely to find me in the Dillon Hall chapel at Mass then. Most schools would have given anything to have President Obama speak at their commencement; at Notre Dame it was controversial (to say the least). And most people tend to gain a little weight their freshman year, the so-called "freshman 15." I, however, experienced the much less common "freshman negative 15," thanks to another Notre Dame tradition: Bengal Bouts.

Not that I knew what being a boxer meant when I signed up. It sounds cliché, but until you experience a boxing match, you really have absolutely no idea just what goes into it. It is the epitome of the individual sport. Once that bell rings, it is just you and the other person inside that ring: no timeouts, no substitutions and no way to escape. You're trapped. The rush of adrenaline so completely takes over your body that a plane could land behind you and you wouldn't notice. That rush, combined with the nerves that everyone inevitably feels in the spotlight, makes boxing the most physically demanding sport in the world. Not once have I ever left the ring feeling as though I had anything left to give in my body.

Now, as I sit here and look back at my

Bengal Bouts career having just finished my third year in the program, I can honestly say it has been the single most influential experience I have had in my time at Notre Dame. Personally, I have given the boxing program a lot of myself over the past few years. I have given the Bouts money in the form of donations, an uncountable number of pushups and sit-ups and a hell of a lot of my time. I've even contributed to the blood stains that are on the canvas of the sparring ring in the boxing gym.

However, everything that I have given to Bengal Bouts has been repaid to me in some way, and then some. Boxing has given me a sense of direction and purpose and, in college, it can be very easy to not have one. How many people swear that they are going to go to the gym every day, and then two weeks into their resolution, they stop? Particularly as a college student, when there is nobody that can force you to do anything, people get lazy. As a boxer, though, you don't have that luxury. If you miss a workout, enjoy it, but don't be surprised if you happen to get popped in the face when you come back.

More than that, though, Bengal Bouts gives you a chance to be part of a team; something I thought I was saying goodbye to forever when my high school days were passed. It is certainly an interesting dichotomy. In many ways boxing is the loneliest of all sports. However, during the season you train as a team and everyone who will fight goes through the same grueling workout day after day. Regardless of who comes out on top in the end, everyone has mutual respect for every other fighter in the

gym because you know just how much they had to go through to get to the tournament. It is a brotherhood, something that can't just be created and certainly not something that you ever can take away from anyone who has fought in the Bouts.

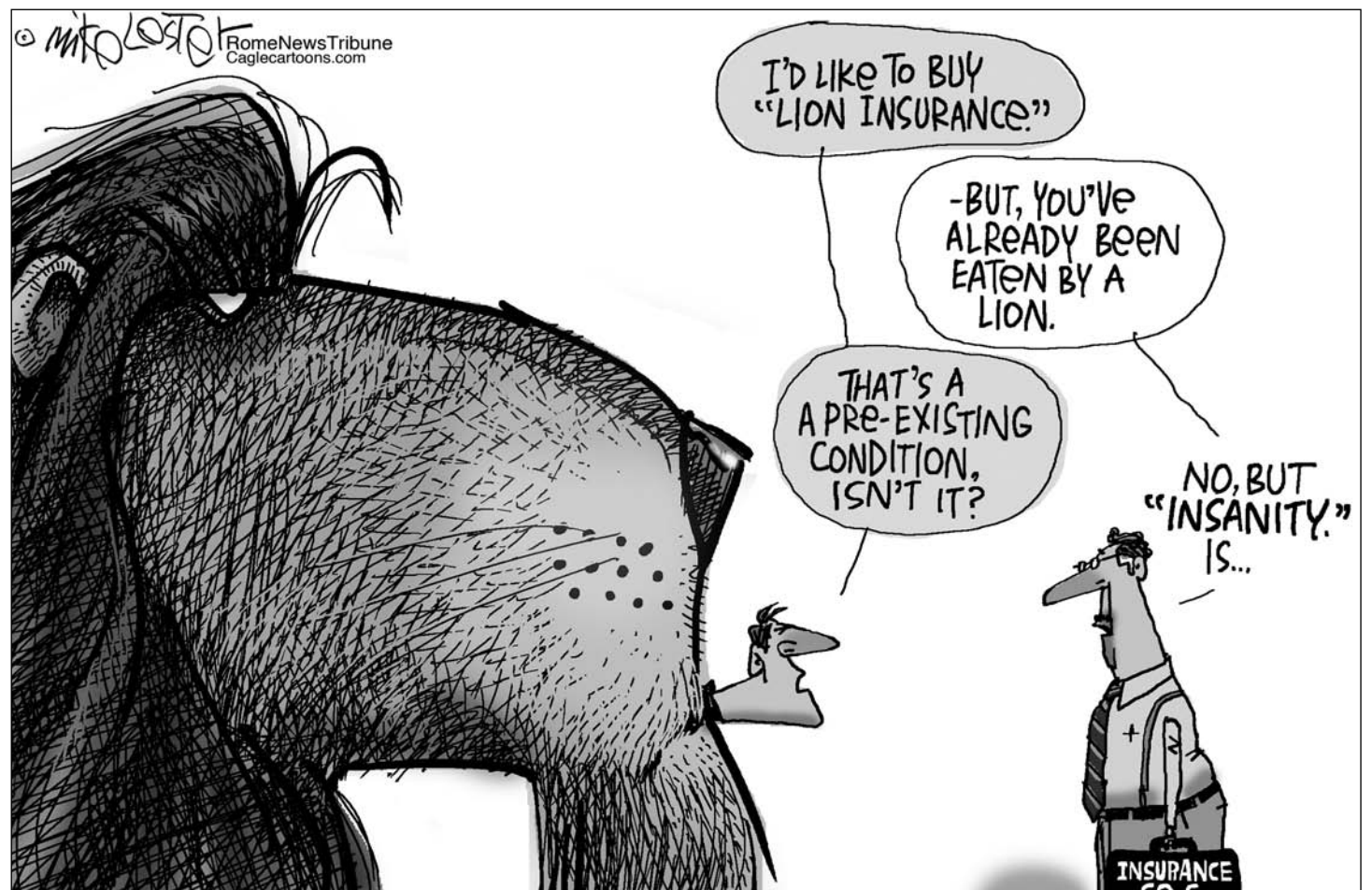
The best part of the whole experience, however, is the fact that I learned more than I could imagine by putting myself through the program. I've learned that it is better to be tall than short (that one I can't do much about, unfortunately). I've learned how to handle disappointment. Believe me, there isn't a worse feeling in the world than the one you get after losing a 4 minute fight after spending four months of your life training for it. I've learned that persistence can be more valuable than talent. And I've learned (been reminded, actually) that I have the best friends and family in the world, people that took time out of their life to support what I was doing, even if they disapproved of me doing it in the first place or if they spent the whole time hiding behind their hands.

Boxing is not for the faint of heart. But if you have a strong urge to work extremely hard, experience an adrenaline rush like nothing you've ever felt before and discover more about yourself than you ever wanted to know, then maybe I'll see you in the ring. Just don't drop your hands.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



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What are your plans for Spring Break?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A good name, like good will, is got by many actions and lost by one."

Lord Jeffrey
Scottish judge

Putting people first

The theme of this year's Human Development Conference at Notre Dame is "People, Power and Pragmatism: The Future of Development in Our Changing World." Just like in the title of the conference, I believe that we need to put people first in the field of human development. Seemingly, this should not be a hard task for us.

Jeremy Tamargo
Guest Columnist

In the era of globalization, we are more connected than ever to the world around us. Think of how much time we spend on our cell phones, e-mail, Twitter and Facebook (to name but a few). This technology ensures that we are always capable of being instantly connected to friends and family, whether they are a few feet from us or half a world away. In theory, we all should be masters of the art of relationships. Putting people first in relationships should be as natural as

our impulse to check our e-mail inbox every time we open the laptop.

Human development should also come natural to us as students at the University of Notre Dame. Father Jenkins espouses the "distinctive mission" of Notre Dame to be a shining example of Christ's love in the world through our service to humanity. Catholic Social Tradition provides us with the framework of how to live out of our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. Principles such as the "life and dignity of the human person" and the "preferential option for the poor" are supposed to be the norm in all that we do. According to the University's Mission Statement, the ultimate product of a Notre Dame education is the cultivation of a student with "a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice."

To me, it is clear that the mission of this University is inextricably linked to

the field of human development. Both entities strive to place the dignity of each and every human being is at the center of all of our efforts in this world. This weekend, the Human Development Conference will feature 64 presenters who have conducted research in 14 fields of development in 43 countries. It is a tremendous opportunity to continue to develop the "disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many" that is at the center of the University's mission.

For me, this weekend is also an opportunity to examine my own development as a human being. How are my own relationships? Is upholding the dignity of every human life the foundation of all my actions? Am I becoming the student that is described in our Mission Statement? Am I truly an example of Christ's love in the world? When I am completely honest with myself, I always fall short of the answers that I would hope for. I would like to invite you to do

your own examination this weekend. At the very heart of it all, the field of human development is a part of our "distinctive mission" to build the kingdom of God on earth. We must remember, however, that Jesus taught us that "the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). Ultimately, authentic human development starts with me. In striving to be all that God calls me to be, I become "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:12) that exemplifies the call to selflessly "love one another" (John 13:35) in all that I do.

Human development is truly all about people. And it starts with you. Be the light of the world and start renewing the face of the earth.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unforeseen effects of Revue move

A recent tragedy has befallen the men of Keenan Hall. Over a week ago, the residents of Keenan were notified that Saint Mary's College was ending its tradition of hosting the Keenan Revue, stating that it does not align with the mission statement of our sister college. I write this letter not in anger, but rather, in extreme sorrow. Some of my closest friends attend Saint Mary's (many of whom fervently support the Revue), and I have the utmost respect for the College. While I understand the motivations behind cutting ties with the Revue, I am deeply grieved by the repercussions.

One of the greatest by-products of the Revue is that it gave Notre Dame students, especially women, a reason to wander over to Saint Mary's and behold its underappreciated beauty. This event was one of the few traditions between our two great schools that actually took place on Saint Mary's campus. Now, however, the Revue will be relocated to Notre Dame's Washington Hall, which has less than half the seating capacity of O'Laughlin Auditorium, or some other inferior venue off campus. As a result, fewer students

will be able to enjoy the countless hours of hard work that Keenan residents devote to their signature event.

The sad fact of the matter is that this travesty could have been avoided. Every year before the curtain rose on opening night, the Revue was first performed in front of a Saint Mary's board who had the ability to censor any joke(s) they deemed inappropriate. This board effectively had the ability to veto any content that did not align with the College's mission statement (a power which they occasionally executed), but this fact that is no longer relevant. I fear that as a result of banning the Revue from Saint Mary's campus, the show will lose some of its magnificent luster and less respect will be shown to our sister college.

In the end, however, I trust that my brothers will band together to return the Revue to its deserved glory. Stay valiant, fellow Knights.

Fratre in Christo,

Andrew Balsley
graduate student
off campus
Feb. 23

An argument against research

There was a Viewpoint debate a few weeks ago that discussed at length the reasons for which Notre Dame is not a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU) — an organization dedicated to research. While the primary focus of the debate was why Notre Dame has not been invited to join the AAU, I want to propose something to those who are asking this question: Why, exactly, do you want Notre Dame to join the AAU?

As a fairly small university, at which 80 percent of the enrolled students are undergraduates, Notre Dame should make undergraduate education its utmost priority. I imagine that many of us, myself included, chose to attend Notre Dame because it is not a large, faceless institution that readily allows research to supersede other educational necessities. Yet, we have a President, who in his inaugural address, asserted that he is simply committed to "maintaining [Notre Dame's] traditional excellence in undergraduate teaching."

As recently as his inauguration to his second term, University President Fr. John

Jenkins has placed far more emphasis on trying to improve the research presence at Notre Dame instead of improving its undergraduate experience. The notion that Notre Dame's goal is to merely "maintain" the current level of undergraduate teaching at Notre Dame should be preposterous to all of us. Surely there are always improvements that can be made.

Conversely, we all see daily the level at which the "research mentality" is being shoved down our throats — we need look no further than our inboxes to validate this. While I do not want to undermine the value of research, I do want to suggest that its role at Notre Dame should not be nearly as important as that of undergraduate education here. We, as undergraduates, are owed an administration that strives to better the level of undergraduate education here. Jenkins needs to revise his goals for the University.

Justin DeRosa
sophomore
Fisher Hall
Feb. 23

Experience key in SGA election

As the current Chief of Staff at Saint Mary's, I would like to urge all students to vote in the upcoming elections. It is crucial to the future of the College for our students to take an active role in choosing their leaders. These young women directly affect student life, policies and ultimately your experience at Saint Mary's.

That being said, I would like to endorse junior Meg Griffin and sophomore Emily Skirtich for the Student Government Association (SGA) president and vice president. Meg is this year's SGA vice president and Emily serves as this year's secretary. Both are extremely dedicated individuals

who have the experience and the vision to lead next year's SGA executive board. In working closely with these women, I have been able to see first-hand how passionate they are about their leadership roles. They are intelligent, hard-working, and fun — really an inspiration to work with.

This team is excited to continue and expand upon their service to the student body. Please help by voting this Thursday on PRISM starting at 8 a.m.

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Feb. 23

Giving thanks everyday

In response to the letters surrounding the issue of pay for workers at Notre Dame, perhaps it would be wise to also reflect on what we, as individuals, can do.

I have a part time job at Starbucks in LaFortune and I do my best to take the time to greet each customer with a friendly, "Hi, how are you today?" It is not unusual for people to ignore this greeting and bark out their order. I imagine there are similar experiences across the campus, in all the delicious eateries. Regardless if a person supports the idea of a raise, will such a raise make us feel less guilty about being, well, just plain old rude?

That being said, I would like to thank all the food service workers — from the crust tosser at Sbarro to the stir-fry chefs at SDH — the food here is delicious. I don't care what the silly complaint du jour is. I am eternally grateful for the cornucopia of cafés, my bountiful choice between two wonderful dining halls and the fact that you guys could make a flying purple people eater taste good.

But there is another group of people on campus that I would also like to thank, and that is the Notre Dame Fire Department. I recently fell severely ill and NDFD was the first on the scene. I was unresponsive, and while being wheeled away in a stretcher by Mishawaka EMTs, I was unable to thank these invaluable Notre Dame family members.

So, while it is noble to request, I also recognize it may not be practical to raise the salary of every employee of Notre Dame, who I believe do their work dutifully and perform their jobs exceedingly well, and are deserving of such a raise. However, if our Catholicism has taught us one thing, let it be that thanksgiving is not just for one day a year. It is for every day — to be expressed with grace to the person who makes your Subway sandwich to the Notre Dame fire fighter who checks your vital signs.

Melissa Jordan
freshman
Ryan Hall
Feb. 22

Musical Madness



by Caitlin Ferraro

- 1 "Louder than Words" - tick, tick...BOOM!
- 2 "Seasons of Love" - Rent
- 3 "Defying Gravity" - Wicked
- 4 "Endless Night" - The Lion King
- 5 "I Got Life" - Hair
- 6 "I Dreamed a Dream" - Les Miserables
- 7 "What I Did For Love" - A Chorus Line
- 8 "Summer Nights" - Grease
- 9 "All That Jazz" - Chicago
- 10 "It's The Hard Knock Life" - Annie
- 11 "You Can't Stop the Beat" - Hairspray
- 12 "Luck Be a Lady" - Guys and Dolls

As much as I love popular music, sometimes I need to take a break and play some of my favorite songs from musicals. Musicals can be enjoyed by any audience, and they should be. The best songs can range from the tender, heartfelt ones to the upbeat, fun songs that make you want to get up and dance. I feel musical numbers are meant to be sung aloud and proud, preferably with friends and on road trips. No matter if the musical was created in 1956 or 2007 these numbers are relevant. You need not be a musical buff to enjoy these songs.

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a chance and listen at
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A personality a little too shallow to make for an amiable conversation, Megan Fox fails to impress in her latest interview with W Magazine. With looks that are unquestionably beautiful — dark long waves, steel blue eyes highlighted by arched eye brows and delicate, rosy lips — Fox is a pleasant break from the Barbie blonde America loves to love. Her daring and sultry attitude, tattooed arms and perfect body (all of which lead to apt Angelina Jolie comparisons) make you wish for an equally mesmerizing personality. Unfortunately, personality does not seem to be a forte for Fox.

After controversial comments about how "Transformers" wasn't all that great of movie (surprise, surprise) Fox went on to star in the massive fiasco that was "Jennifer's Body." Luckily for her, however, that won't be much of a problem since she recently signed a seven-figure contract with Armani underwear in what Fox claims will be a challenge because, not only is she "a Vargas girl" (and, when wearing lingerie, immediately "provokes a pinup image"), but she has no confidence. But that's not the problem. It's cool when celebrities as huge and beautiful as Fox show their insecurities (they're humans too). The problem is in her contradictions and nonchalant-ness to everything. Where's the charisma we used to find in celebrities? For that matter, where's the talent? Fox herself said acting isn't her talent. Instead, she's "marginally talented at a lot of things." What? What is that supposed to mean?

Let's go to the beginning. Fox begins her interview complaining about photo-shoots and how she hates them. Indeed, if you look at her pictures you can tell she isn't having much fun (and likes maintaining that same facial expression ... in every picture). Fox isn't a fan of fashion either, and sticks to basic T-shirts and jeans, which is actually kind of cool. Again, normal. A little later, however, she talks about how she actively pursued acting in her youth and actually managed to get her mom to take her from Florida to L.A. to audition for a show (in which she ulti-

mately got a role). A pretty determined and driven action for someone who would later say acting isn't really her thing. Maybe saying that is better than saying she's a natural even though her past roles haven't been impressive (at all). Anyone remember Fox in "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen" with Lindsay Lohan or in "Holiday in the Sun" with the Olsen twins? Both characters are equally whiny. Maybe this says something about what Fox can do well.

She continues by saying how being a celebrity is such a burden. Boo Hoo. I mean, I don't doubt this, I bet it really is a pain to have people follow you around, destroy your privacy and to become scrutinized by the public eye. What I do doubt is the legitimacy of her "I didn't create this" claim. In 2008 Fox said, in an interview for a male magazine, that she once had a stripper girlfriend who "smelled like angels." Turned out this was a lie. When confronted about that, she replied "Whatever." And then she talks about how very maternal she is and how she's worried she'll get caught up in everything that's going on in her life and forget to have children "even though I would be able to provide them with an amazing environment." Finally, she concludes

about how she can't trust girls in the industry. Everyone seems to resent her. Maybe if she kept a different attitude, things would be a little different. All it seems from this is that she leads a somewhat lonely life, where she doesn't like being a celebrity and doesn't trust her talent. I think Megan Fox needs a change of attitude. And we need to be more selective in the people we admire and pay many fortunes to. Whatever happened to all the Grace Kellys and Audrey Hepburns of the world?

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February has never flown by so fast. Usually, these 28 (sometimes 29) days creep by, stealing away all enjoyment once held in January at returning to campus and friends. Work finally begins to pile up, snow continues to fall, and the days just keep dragging. One enjoyable aspect of high school was always February vacation, a week-long break over

Mary Claire O'Donnell

Scene Writer

President's Day instead of just a long weekend. It's a New England phenomenon that really breaks up the monotony of February.

But here at Notre Dame, we don't even have three-day weekends, so the idea of a February Break is a laughable one. This year, though, there is something almost as good as February vacation to get everyone through the winter doldrums: the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The 21st Olympic Winter Games have provided endless entertainment and distraction for the past week and a half. At almost every given moment, one Olympic event or another is playing, either live or on replay, on NBC, MSNBC, USA or

another NBC syndicate. From ski jumping to pairs skating, half pipe to two-man bobsledding, the opportunities for viewing and cheering on the Americans are limitless.

But why do we watch all these events? Why do we allow ourselves to spend so much time watching sports we have never before cared about in our lives? If you've recently found yourself transfixed for hours by men's and women's curling, you understand.

The draw these random sports hold over us is inexplicable.

Never before in my life have I cared about curling, and yet I can now explain many of the rules and even some of the stats from the round robin men's match between the United States and Switzerland. I

recently had a conversation with friends on this same subject. We all find ourselves entranced by sports like curling or speed skating, and we do not know why. It's easy to understand our fascination with Shaun White and his gravity defying aerials, or the men's Olympic hockey team and their stunning defeat of Canada, but not some other sports.

I think that a lot of it stems from the desire to be involved. The Olympics have been a major sporting event, uniting city-states and nations, since the times of the ancient Greeks. We all, on some level, want to feel included in this international event that puts our favorite television shows on hiatus for two weeks. We all want to feel some of the power and magic surrounding the Olympics, the aura and history. Watching every sport, no matter how boring ice dancing is compared to the men's short program, helps us forge this deep connection to the Games.

Another thing people love about watching the Olympics is whipping out their ancient and possibly questionable family genealogy and basing their support for teams off of the family tree. You can't just root for Team USA during the Olympics — though they should be your No. 1 — because sometimes the Americans do not make the competition or are not competing in the heat current-

ly playing at 11 p.m. on MSNBC.

Instead, Denmark is competing against France in women's curling. Obviously, you choose to support Denmark because you are pretty sure that your family is 1/16th Danish (or was it 1/20th?). Or maybe German skaters are neck and neck with the Swedes, and you, possibly 1/16th Danish, have never forgiven the Germans for taking the state of Schleswig-Holstein from your already tiny country. Obviously, then, you chose to throw all your support behind the team from Sweden.

No matter your reason for watching or for supporting a certain team, the 2010 Winter Olympics will be there on at least two channels whenever you flip on the TV, at least until Sunday. So thank you Shaun White, Apolo Ohno, Bode Miller, and all other Olympic athletes for helping us through February. It would have been a rough month without you.

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By GENNA McCABE

Scene Writer

Breaking into the music scene can be a daunting task. With lots of competition and the unpredictability of music tastes, it can be nearly impossible to make a name in the world of music.

While this is particularly true on a large scale, musicians are often faced with similar challenges even on the relatively small scale, like at a place like Notre Dame. Yet, there are always those bands that manage to stand out. The Revelin' Family Band, a band consisting of several Notre Dame seniors and a graduate student, has managed to do just that. Starting out small, but gradually gaining momentum throughout the school year, The Revelin' Family Band continues to develop a substantial fan base and play shows all around South Bend.

The Revelin' Family Band was formed by Senior Mitch Bradford during his sophomore year. Since then it has existed in several different variations, but for the last year there has been a consistent lineup. It currently consists of Bradford on lead vocals and guitar, senior Brad Monroe on vocals and guitar, senior Tim Gallo on guitar, graduate student Joey Herzog on bass, senior Joe McLean on keyboard and senior Dave Lucas on drums. Bradford, Lucas, Gallo and Monroe met while studying abroad in London, and in the words of Monroe, "our similar tastes demanded that we play together when we returned to Notre Dame."

Through their jam sessions and common musical interests, the band has developed a sound Monroe describes as "the best of rock, country, and soul with pop sensibility." Playing a variety of music from Carole King to Men Without Hats, the group is constantly adding new songs to its repertoire. Even within one show, the band can

be heard playing a variety of songs, making it surprisingly difficult to pin down their genre. "Purple Rain" by Prince has become a specific favorite among the band and fans.

"I think we feel a common catharsis [when playing "Purple Rain"] with our audience that results in a frenzy of emotional expression," Monroe said.

The Band has played at a variety of venues in South Bend, most recently performing at Club 23, Reckers and Legends. They have several gigs lined up for the near future, including Mulligan's, Club Fever and another appearance at Club 23.

For now, the band intends to continue playing together as long as possible. With all of the members graduating in the spring, it is inevitable that the band will have difficulties staying together. Still, with many of the members somewhat unclear about future plans, a tour of some sort is in discussion. If nothing else, all members of the band intend to continue playing music.

"Even if the band doesn't survive, the music will live on," Monroe said.

More immediately, fans and intrigued readers can catch Brad Monroe and Dave Lucas performing at Acousticafe Thursday at 10 p.m. in LaFortune. The duo, working under a side project "The Monroe Doctrine," have become a staple on the Acousticafe circuit and have been known to play a variety of hits, including "Sexy Chick" by David Guetta.

Keep an ear open for news of The Revelin' Family Band and check them out the next time they are performing around campus. It's a great opportunity to support local talent and take in an awesome performance at the same time.

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NFL

Eagles release Westbrook after eight seasons

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Brian Westbrook could break open a game from almost anywhere on the field.

Lined up in the slot, he could run a slant, beat a linebacker and take off with no one able to catch No. 36. His defining moment with the Philadelphia Eagles came on an 84-yard punt return that stunned the New York Giants in 2003.

Out of the backfield, he was a 1,000-yard rusher who always kept defenses guessing — and flailing.

But in his later years, it was injuries that defined Westbrook more than his dynamic offensive skills. His age, salary and lengthy list of beaten body parts led the Eagles to release him Tuesday and save the team \$7.5 million due next year.

"I think we all know that Brian is one of the all-time great Philadelphia Eagles," coach Andy Reid said. "For what we've done here over the years, Brian has been just a

huge part of building this program to the level that we're at now. My heart will always be a Brian Westbrook fan as we go forward here."

A former All-Pro, the 5-foot-10 Westbrook led the league in yards from scrimmage in 2007 with 2,104. He rushed for 1,333 yards and accounted 12 touchdowns that season.

But he spent much of last season on the sidelines, missing eight games with a pair of concussions and an ankle injury. Westbrook had only two touchdowns in 2009.

Reid said he called Westbrook with the news Tuesday morning. Reid said Westbrook should still have an opportunity to play for another team. Reid said he thinks Westbrook still wants to play.

"I don't know that for a fact, but I think he might want to do that," Reid said.

LeSean McCoy, who rushed for 637 yards with four touchdowns in 16 games as a rookie, will become Philadelphia's No. 1 running back.

"That's who's going to take

the ball from here," Reid said.

Westbrook's season went south on Oct. 26 when his helmet collided with Washington linebacker London Fletcher's right knee and he suffered a concussion. Westbrook missed the last five games after suffering his second concussion in three weeks against San Diego on Nov. 15. He was cleared to return for the postseason.

He has rushed for 5,995 yards in eight seasons in Philadelphia and caught 426 passes for 3,790 yards. The 30-year-old Westbrook has scored 68 touchdowns rushing, receiving and on punt returns.

"He had no weaknesses," Reid said. "There wasn't any one thing that you could pick out that he was not good at; he was brilliant. There are just certain guys that are just football smart and he was one of those guys."

Westbrook, a third-round pick out of Villanova in the 2002 draft, is Philadelphia's career leader in yards from scrimmage (9,785). He also ranks second in yards rushing

(5,995) behind Wilbert Montgomery and third in receptions (426) behind Harold Carmichael and Pete Retzlaff.

He is third in team history behind Carmichael and Steve Van Buren in touchdowns and holds the franchise single-season record for most scrimmage yards in a season (2,104 in 2007) and most receptions in a season (90 in 2007).

He eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark 20 times (including playoffs) during his career, tying for second-most in club history.

"Brian Westbrook is one of the most electrifying players in the history of this franchise and is certainly also one of the most popular," Eagles chairman Jeffrey Lurie said. "He was personally one of the my favorite players to watch each and every Sunday, and his playmaking abilities, leadership and values will be missed."

Westbrook is the second high-profile running back to be released in two days following LaDainian Tomlinson being

shown the door by the San Diego Chargers. Both Westbrook and Tomlinson turned 30 last summer and have been sidelined by injuries that kept them from performing at the level they displayed in their primes.

Westbrook's signature moment came in 2003. The Eagles appeared headed to a 2-4 start on Oct. 19, when they trailed 10-7 late in the fourth quarter against the Giants. But Westbrook returned a punt 84 yards for the winning score with 1:16 left in one of the more memorable plays of the Reid era.

He never played 16 games because of a variety of injuries to his knees, ankles, ribs and triceps. He practiced sparingly, if at all, in his final seasons.

If Westbrook fails to sign with another team, Reid would welcome him back to the organization in an unspecified role.

"He, to me, is a Philadelphia Eagle and he's the kind of people that you want in your organization," he said.

MLB

Ricketts ready to bring Cubs into new era of prosperity

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Tom Ricketts once sat in the bleachers at Wrigley Field, cheering for the Chicago Cubs. On Tuesday, with the players gathered around him in the spring training weight room, he addressed the team that his family now owns.

His message was simple: He and his family will be around and do everything possible to help the Cubs win.

"If there is anything we can do better, let us know," Ricketts said he told the players.

For his part, Ricketts is already taking steps.

There are new upgrades at Wrigley Field, including an improved clubhouse and weight rooms, a new players' lounge, a new club in the outfield and better restrooms for fans. The Ricketts also raised ticket prices on some seats at the storied stadium.

"Obviously Wrigley needs a lot of love and a lot of help over the next few years," Ricketts said. "That will be very challenging. Other than that, we feel the pressure to produce on some winning teams and that will be something that is always with us."

The Cubs haven't won a World

Series since 1908.

Ricketts said if the Cubs are in contention around the trade deadline, it's possible they would spend the money to bring in a player needed to make a playoff push.

Manager Lou Piniella sounded confident that would happen.

"The fact they are going to be involved and visible and the fact they want to win and are very competitive, and I'm sure if we get in position during the course of the summer and we need something, there's a darn good chance they'll step forward," Piniella said.

"The Ricketts are going to be good for Chicago and for the Chicago Cubs," added Piniella, who is in the last year of his contract. "This is not just a one-year or two-year thing. They want to keep this team in their family for a long, long time."

The \$845 million sale of the Cubs, Wrigley Field and other assets from the Tribune Co. to the family of billionaire Joe Ricketts was completed in October, more than 2½ years after the baseball franchise went on the market.

Asked how he would separate his ownership responsibilities from his passion as a fan, Tom

Ricketts acknowledged that could take some work.

"That's rough, right? Because you do sometimes let your fan hat take over," he said. "The fact is, it's a pretty comfortable balance for us. You let the guys like (general manager) Jim (Hendry) and Lou do their jobs and everything will take care of itself after that."

First baseman Derrek Lee said it's nice to have a face with ownership instead of a corporation.

"I think it will help, someone you can identify with and speak to," Lee said. "I already got a chance to speak with him at the convention and he was asking different questions and it was nice. We never really had that."

The Cubs had considered moving their spring training operation to Florida before deciding to remain in Mesa with the promise of a new stadium.

An Arizona legislative committee has approved a \$1 surcharge on each auto rental in the Phoenix area and an 8 percent surcharge on tickets to all spring training games played in Maricopa County to help pay for an \$84 million complex. The so-called Cubs tax is opposed by some owners of other teams in the Cactus League, including the



Cubs owner Tom Ricketts addresses the media on Tuesday at Chicago's spring training facility in Mesa, Ariz. AP

White Sox's Jerry Reinsdorf.

"I'm not going to talk about any of that," Ricketts said. "I think we are very confident we'll get a solution that works for everybody down here."

One of the biggest buzzes of the first day of camp surrounded 19-year-old shortstop Starlin Castro. Piniella said Castro reminded him of a young Edgar Renteria.

Castro batted .299 combined last year at Class A and Double A and then hit .376 in the Arizona Fall League.

Could he make the big league team at such a young age as a non-roster invitee? Stay tuned.

"I want to do what I have been doing, play the game, enjoy the game, practice hard," Castro said through a translator.

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Dr. Hazmat: I thought you said this guy was dead. Frank Pierce: He got better.

Saving someone's life is like falling in love. The best drug in the world. For days, sometimes weeks afterwards, you walk the streets, making infinite whatever you see. Once, for a few weeks, I couldn't feel the earth — everything I touched became lighter. Horns played in my shoes. Flowers fell from my pockets. You wonder if you've become immortal, as if you've saved your own life as well. God has passed through you. Why deny it, that for a moment there, why deny that for a moment there, God was you?

I ain't no freakin' monument to justice! I lost my hand! I lost my bride! Johnny has his hand! Johnny has his bride! You want me to take my heartache, put it away and forget?

There are three kinds of pipe. There's aluminum, which is garbage. There's bronze, which is pretty good, unless something goes wrong. And something always goes wrong. Then, there's copper, which is the only pipe I use. It costs money. It costs money because it saves money.

AROUND THE NATION

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3 Ohio State	2
4 Texas	8
5 USC	1
6 UCLA	3
7 Florida	12
8 Stanford	9
9 Kentucky	10
10 Georgia	7
11 Louisville	16
12 Mississippi	11
13 Baylor	5
14 Illinois	13
15 Pepperdine	14
16 Wake Forest	15
17 Texas A&M	17
18 Florida State	18
19 Virginia Tech	20
20 Alabama	19
21 Duke	22
22 North Carolina	21
23 Rice	NR
24 Arizona	23
25 Washington	24

NCAA Division I Women's Basketball AP Poll

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

Women's Basketball Big East Standings

team	conf. W-L
1 Connecticut	13-0
2 West Virginia	12-2
3 Georgetown	11-2
4 NOTRE DAME	10-3
5 St. John's	9-4
6 Rutgers	7-6
7 Syracuse	6-7
8 DePaul	6-7
9 Providence	6-7
10 Marquette	5-8

OLYMPICS



Bode Miller isn't apologizing to anyone for skiing out of the giant slalom at the Olympics. Miller claims his high-risk, high-reward style of skiing is the reason he's won three medals thus far in the 2010 Olympics.

Bode 'right there,' but skis out of giant slalom

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — Bode Miller makes no apologies for his high-risk, high-reward style. It's what earned him three medals in the first three races at the Vancouver Olympics, and what caused him to ski out in the giant slalom on Tuesday.

"I'm taking more risk than everyone else. That's partly why I'm able to get medals. It looks easy when you make it," Miller told The Associated Press in an interview after missing out on becoming the first man to win four Alpine medals at one Winter Games.

"When you crash like

today, it's like, 'Oh, huh?' I did a good job today, too," Miller continued. "I was right there. I was right on the edge."

He's constantly on the accelerator going down the mountain, taking chances few others would, and that gambler's mentality has paid off richly for him in Whistler.

Until Tuesday, of course, when his attacking nature cost him. The other side of Miller surfaced, the one that was on display in Turin four years ago.

Miller chalked up his failure to complete the first run of the giant slalom to his aggressiveness and intensity.

Losing time on the upper

section of the course, where he narrowly avoided a crash, he tried to make it up by going faster on the bottom.

This time, the 32-year-old from Franconia, N.H., couldn't correct his line with that much speed. He came out of a right-hand gate in the second half of his run, and simply couldn't bring it around in time for the next gate. He said he hooked his glove on a gate and "that's all there is to it."

Miller also told the AP that he had trouble picking up the bumps on the course because of the overcast conditions.

"This light — I knew I had an issue this morning.

I'm not one of the better skiers in flat light. I tend to move a lot more," Miller said. "Some of those guys are so squared up and solid, the bad light doesn't affect them that bad. ... I hit any of those little bumps while I'm moving, I blow out."

Miller blew off the media after his run. He elected to ski down the hill rather than stopping in the interview area, as skiers typically do after finishing a race.

With his giant slalom day over, Miller was intent on sneaking in some rest. He has one final chance, in Saturday's slalom, to add a fourth medal.

IN BRIEF

Report: Woods apologizes to parents at preschool

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods has offered another apology, this time to parents of children at the preschool that his 2-year-old daughter attends, an Orlando television station reported Tuesday.

WFTV reported on its Web site that it has obtained a letter that Woods and his wife, Elin, wrote to parents of children attending Premier Academy to apologize for increased media scrutiny around the school.

"We hope that the paparazzi will find something better to do with their time in the near future," the letter said.

Media coverage around Woods and his family has been intense since the Nov. 27 accident outside his home led to revelations that the world's No. 1 golfer had been cheating on his wife.

Chargers' Jackson pleads guilty to DUI charge

SAN DIEGO — Chargers Pro Bowl wide receiver Vincent Jackson pleaded guilty to his second DUI charge. He has been sentenced to four days in jail and five years of probation.

Because it was his second DUI conviction, Jackson also will be subject to the NFL's personal conduct policy and likely will face at least a one-game suspension next season. Jackson pleaded guilty in a 2006 DUI case and was on probation when he was arrested again in January 2009, just days before a playoff loss at Pittsburgh.

City Attorney's Office spokeswoman Gina Coburn said Jackson was given the standard sentence for a DUI with one prior offense. This includes two penalties: a \$2,408 fine and 10 days total of public service.

Wizards Howard tears ACL, out for season

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards said Tuesday that forward Josh Howard will miss the remainder of the season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Howard was injured Monday night in Washington's win over the Chicago Bulls, only his fourth game with the Wizards since being acquired from Dallas in a seven-player trade on Feb. 13. He collided with the Bulls' Flip Murray (notes) with 4:23 to play in the first quarter and stayed on the floor for a minute before being helped off the court by two trainers.

Howard started three games for Washington and scored 14.5 points a game to help the Wizards go 3-1 since the deal, which also sent starter Caron Butler to the Mavericks.

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Michigan accused of major recruiting violations

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The NCAA is accusing Michigan Wolverines of five potentially major rules violations under coach Rich Rodriguez, who admitted making "mistakes" but will be back for a third try at putting the Wolverines back into the national title hunt.

Incoming athletic director David Brandon disclosed the NCAA conclusions Tuesday, while expressing full support for his coach, who is just 8-16 in two seasons heading the nation's winningest football program.

"Rich Rodriguez is our football coach, and he will be our football coach next year," Brandon said.

In its notice of allegations — which Michigan received Monday — the NCAA said Rodriguez "failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance within the football program." He tracked neither what his staff was doing nor whether his players were following NCAA rules, particularly those limiting the time spent on practice and football-related activities, the report said.

It also said the athletics department failed to make sure its football program was complying with NCAA regulations. Brandon said the department "clearly made mistakes," but "there was no charge of loss of institutional control" — an allegation that in previous cases has led to severe NCAA sanctions for other schools.

An accompanying letter from the NCAA to university President Mary Sue Coleman said Michigan "should understand that all of the alleged violations set forth in the document" are considered to be "potential major violations of NCAA legislation, unless designated as secondary."

Brandon said he wasn't sure he understood "the difference between 'major' and 'minor' and 'secondary' and 'primary.'"

"They spell it out very specifically in their own language," he said.

Another possible problem for Michigan is that it could be subject to the NCAA's "repeat violator rule" because it was sanctioned in 2003 for wrongdoing within the basketball program.

"We will make all necessary changes," Coleman said. "What we will not do is make excuses."

Michigan has 90 days to respond and will appear at an NCAA hearing on infractions in August. The school will see how its internal investigation matches up with the NCAA findings and will consider implementing self-imposed sanctions, a move that could reduce NCAA penalties.

The NCAA said last October that it was looking into the Wolverine program following a report in the Detroit Free Press citing anonymous football players that said Michigan exceeded NCAA limits regarding practices and workouts in 2008 and 2009.

Rodriguez, who signed a six-year deal worth \$2.5 million per season, tearfully defended his program just five days before the season-opener, saying he and his staff have fol-

lowed the rules. He suggested the complaints were an attempt to "tear up" his rebuilding effort following a 3-9 season.

On Tuesday, the coach said if the football staff misinterpreted NCAA rules, "That's on us."

"We're looking at it to see why we misinterpreted and why we made mistakes," he said.

NCAA regulations allow players to spend eight hours a week on mandatory workouts during the offseason. Players told the Free Press they spent two to three times that amount on required workouts, though the NCAA report released Tuesday said players more often exceeded the limit by two hours per week.

The players also said the amount of time they spent on football activities during the season exceeded the weekly

limit of 20 hours and often exceeded the daily limit of four hours. They said football staff often watched offseason scrimmages that are supposed to be voluntary.

Near the end of last season, the school released embarrassing details of an internal audit that discovered Rodriguez's team failed to file forms tracking how much time players spent on football during his first season and the following offseason.

The audit noted "a concern" that the football program failed to file monthly forms created by the school to comply with NCAA rules by tracking how much players work out and practice.

The school report did not find issues of noncompliance — a key issue for NCAA investigators — but acknowledged the practice logs for football were not available to be

reviewed when the audit was conducted. The forms since had been turned in on a timely basis, according to the school.

"My reading of the situation is we had a breakdown of communication," Brandon said Tuesday. "We found we were not being vigilant in the way those [time records] were being filled and managed."

The time record system that the football staff designed "was too cumbersome to manage" and is being changed.

The decision to hold the infractions hearing in August means Michigan will have a distraction just as the Wolverines are getting set to kick off a new season in their refurbished stadium.

Brandon, who takes over as athletic director on March 8, called Tuesday "a tough day" and said the university was taking "full responsibility for

those events that brought us to this point."

"We will dedicate ourselves to learning from this and doing everything we can to prevent it from happening again in the future," said Brandon, the outgoing chairman and CEO of Domino's Pizza.

Rodriguez stumbled to a 3-9 season in his debut at Michigan, the team's first losing season since the late 1960s and his 4-0 Wolverines stumbled down the stretch last season, leading to speculation about his tenure in Ann Arbor.

According to his contract, Rodriguez can be fired for cause if the NCAA, the Big Ten or the school determines he has committed a major violation of NCAA rules or he has intentionally committed any other type of violation of NCAA rules.

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Results

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Both landed solid shots back and forth in the third round, and neither was fazed by shots to the head. After more of the same back and forth action, Straccia landed a good left to the chin. Despite Straccia's constant attempts to deal a blow that would leave Wallace unsteady, Wallace never left himself in a position in which Straccia could do so, and Wallace claimed the unanimous decision.

205 pounds

Pat 'Tigers love pepper, they hate cinnamon' Burns def. Jason Healy

The first round between senior Burns and junior Healy was relatively slow. Each wanted to be patient and pick and choose their spots carefully. With both adopting low, wide stances, neither could attack well enough to knock the other off-balance.

At the outset of the second, Healy landed a solid left, and then a few strong body shots as Burns covered. After a stoppage, Burns came out strong and landed a solid right hook to end the round.

In the third, the tempo moved up a notch. With each fighter sensing that he needed to distance himself on the scorecard, the two broke out of the rigidity of their styles. After two good 1-2 combos with a quick right and a swooping right, Burns landed one more heavy right to the head and

Healy went down. At that point, Burns celebrated the fight as his and did indeed win in a unanimous decision.

John 'Papi' Tchoula def. Luke Scullion

Before the opening bell, it was clear Tchoula would need to overcome a distinct disadvantage in height and reach in order to top Scullion, an MBA student.

By staying low and in close, Tchoula effectively nullified Scullion's advantage and quickly took over the fight. Tchoula was on the offensive nearly the entire fight, and Scullion's only option was to try to counter in the few instances in which Tchoula left himself unsteady after an attack. Although Scullion made several impressive counterattacks and even made it appear that he would make a comeback, Tchoula never really lost control and continued to work the body and occasionally go after the head with reaching jabs. Tchoula advanced to the finals via a unanimous decision.

Heavyweight

Will 'at the Edge of Darkness' Burroughs def. Timothy Latham

In a downright dominating performance from Burroughs, the Law student never really had a doubt in his mind that he was going to put an end to senior Latham's attempt at an upset. After Latham tried to put Burroughs on his heels with a quick combo right after the opening bell, a combo that Burroughs simply absorbed, Burroughs put Latham in the

corner with one counterpunch. That's where it ended. Burroughs sent a flurry of body punches that landed with a thud in the ribcage of Latham. When Latham slid his arms down to cover, Burroughs pounded him a few times before the referee stopped the fight less than 20 seconds after the opening bell.

Kevin 'The Long Beach Lumberjack' Crepeau def. David 'Dutch' Stedman

In a much closer battle than the bout before it, the two southpaws had a great test of mettle. The bout started with an exchange that went both ways for a while, but when the junior Crepeau landed vicious a left hook to the body, senior Stedman hit the mat.

In the second, Crepeau came back out on the offensive. Stedman tried to counter, but did so ineffectively. After blow to the chest, Stedman staggered again. But Stedman kept battling back. After the bell rang to start the third, Stedman got right in on Crepeau and landed three consecutive left hands to the body, seemingly knocking the air out of Crepeau. Although Crepeau was ahead in the fight for all three rounds, he just did not have anything left in the tank to finish Stedman off, but still won in a split decision.

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MLB

Phils' Werth hopes to build on breakout year

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Sporting a thick, scraggly beard and long hair flowing beneath his baseball cap, Jayson Werth caused a stir with his appearance on Monday. After a breakout season with the Philadelphia Phillies last year, Werth's performance should get most of the attention.

Werth batted .268 with 36 homers, 99 RBIs and 20 steals, earning a trip to the All-Star game in his first full season as a regular. The right fielder hit .275 with seven homers and 13 RBIs in the postseason as the Phillies fell two wins short of repeating as World Series champions.

If Werth puts up similar numbers this year, he can really cash in. He's entering the final year of a \$10 million, two-year deal. It's uncertain whether the Phillies will be able to afford Werth when he becomes a free agent next winter.

Werth made it clear he doesn't want his contract situation to become an issue and he's not going to keep discussing it.

"This is the first time I've been in a situation of dealing with a long-term deal and extensions and all that," Werth said. "This is the first time I've had that opportunity. We'll deal

with that when it comes. It's not something I'm going to be focused on. Really, I'm here to play baseball, play the game hard, play the game the right way and win."

Phillies general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. already has warned that the team isn't going to be able to re-sign all of its star players. Since winning the World Series in 2008, Philadelphia has given several players multiyear deals.

"I know how much they're spending is an issue and I think it's always an issue no matter what the situation is," Werth said. "I definitely think that will play a part of it going forward. But that's something that my agent and the team will work out and hopefully it will work out and I'll be in Philadelphia for a long time and continue to play with these guys. The game of baseball is weird like that. Guys come out and go. But with our situation here, we've had a lot of guys stay. I'm already a part of something special here and have been for a few years, but to continue that would be awesome."

As for his new look, Werth didn't want to explain.

"He's a cross between Jesus Christ and the Geico Caveman," teammate Brad Lidge said.



Recognize Excellence

Nominations are sought for two awards that recognize excellence in teaching and advising.

Dockweiler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising

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Submit online nominations at provostawards.nd.edu.

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- Foster students' ability to express themselves effectively within the discipline

Nominations due by Monday, March 1. Nineteen recipients will be selected.

Fights

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Matthew 'Cool and Tough' Paletta def. Michael 'Nobody Puts Baby in a Corner' Urciouli

Both fighters began the fight biding their time before a flurry of punches opened the sparring, with Urciouli landing the majority. The fight was stopped midway through the first round when the junior Urciouli began bleeding when a previous cut opened up.

The senior Paletta landed more punches than Urciouli at the start of the second round, which was interrupted twice for blood on Urciouli.

In the third round, Urciouli threw lots of punches; despite the volume, Paletta landed more solid punches, forcing the match to be stopped again. The fight continued to be back-and-forth until Paletta landed a body-head-body combination that rattled Urciouli and drew blood again. The referee stopped the match there with 18 seconds left, deciding the match in Paletta's favor.

180 pounds

Mike Doran def. Giacomo 'Il Capo' Minafra

Doran and Minafra began tentatively, with few punches thrown. The first round was marked by many dodges from each fighter, leading to many missed punches. The end of the round was back-and-forth with combinations from each

fighter, with the junior Doran landing the last before the bell.

The sophomore Minafra attacked Doran aggressively at the beginning of the second round. As the round progressed Doran became more aggressive while Minafra picked his opportunities; at one point, Doran caught Minafra off balance and knocked Minafra to the mat.

The third round was opened by punches from Doran, who forced Minafra into a defensive strategy. Doran parlayed his momentum from the second-round knockdown into a unanimous decision victory.

Dominic 'Warsaw War Hammer' Golab def. Nicholas 'It's-a ME-a' Ponzio

The senior Ponzio came out and tried to be the aggressor right away, but the balanced junior Golab would not let it happen. Golab had a decided advantage in height and reach and used it to his benefit well. When Ponzio wanted to get in on him and go to the body, Golab fired back with a quick counter, or eluded his attacks and make attempts of his own. Ponzio landed a good amount of shots to both the body and head, but Golab, a junior, absorbed everything thrown at him with grace and made sure he was always in control. By maintaining a constantly balanced, efficient approach that never put him in a vulnerable position, Golab outlasted Ponzio and eventually claimed the unanimous decision to advance to the final.

189 pounds

Bernardo 'Blue' Garcia def. Jim Hasson

The fight between the two juniors was a bout of two very similar styles, two tall fighters using a stiff left-handed jab to set up a straight right that went to the head of the opponent. At the end of the first round, the two exchanged a flurry of punches that put both fighters off-balance, and the two ended up in a heap on the mat. For rest of the fight, each was patient, picking and choosing their spots, when to attack, when to counter.

Finally, in the third round, Hasson charged at Garcia with a punch and a push, sending Garcia flying through the ropes, over the table, and onto the floor. Garcia was unhurt and unfazed, however, and came back into the fight with a renewed intensity. After an even bout all the way through, Garcia won in a split decision.

Timothy Wallace def. William 'The Italian Stallion' Straccia

Both juniors came out with a patient approach before Straccia unleashed a combination of punches. Wallace came back quickly, however, and landed a combo of his own.

In the second round, the two participated in equal exchanges for most of the round. Straccia tried to attack several times, but missed. Wallace, on the other hand, remained hesitant, unwilling to fall into a trap.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish edge Hofstra in season opener

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

The Irish return from Long Island undefeated following their season-opening victory against Hofstra yesterday. The Irish fought through the rain and cold to emerge ahead of the Pride by a single goal, 13-12.

Though the momentum swung back and forth between the two teams throughout the first half, the Irish showed their depth on offense by setting up plays with numerous players putting points on the board. Going into halftime tied at seven goals apiece, the two evenly matched teams waged a defensive battle throughout the much of the second half.

After securing the lead on an unassisted goal by junior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney, the Irish were able to fend off the Pride for the final grueling 10 minutes.

"I'm really pleased with the win, its always going to be

tough [against Hofstra] but they didn't get flustered when they were down and they handled it really well," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

Blaney set the tone offensively, scoring six of the team's 13 goals, including the game-winner. Junior Jackie Doherty and sophomore Megan Sullivan put on a clinic at defense with some big plays in the second half.

Freshman goalkeeper Ellie Hilling was crucial to the team's defensive effort, playing the full 60 minutes in the net while tallying seven saves in her first performance at the collegiate level.

"Two years ago it was a one goal win too, they're a really well coached team," said Coyne. "I'm happy with the win, it shows our experience and confidence."

The Irish will host their home opener against Duquesne on Saturday in the Loftus Center at 6 p.m.

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Bouts

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defensive, and he spent a good portion of the second round controlling the action.

Robillard opened the third round punching, nearly knocking down Cugliari, but ultimately Cugliari grounded himself with two strong hooks and earning the unanimous victory.

Michael 'The Silver City Slugger' Sayles def. Nicholas 'The Guillotine' Goode

Senior captain Sayles earned a split decision over the bigger Goode, a junior, to return to the finals. Sayles began the fight by evading Goode's punches and jabbing repeatedly to the body. Sayles ended up pounding Goode's body into the corner, though Goode successfully tied up Sayles to stop him whenever he got on a roll.

In the final round, Goode closed very strong, maintaining his energy against the quicker Sayles and landing a number of different powerful hooks to the head. Sayles tripped and fell towards the end of the round, but ultimately the advantage in punches landed throughout the bout was enough to pull out the split decision.

140 pounds

Michael Johnston def. Brian 'The Good Thief' Heath

The two seniors came out with differing styles, and ultimately Johnston prevailed with a unanimous victory. Johnston landed a number of combinations in the first round, which Heath couldn't counter with enough punches to bring the momentum back in his favor.

Johnston settled into a nice rhythm in the second round, moving shiftily around the ring and striking at will whenever Heath opened himself up to an attack. Heath mounted a couple of combos but Johnston's strong defen-

sive abilities usually cut them short before Heath could gain the upper hand.

In the third, Johnston went to the jab and wore Heath out, coasting to a unanimous victory.

Albert Toscano def. Nick 'Bronco' Bortolotti

The two sophomores went toe-to-toe for three rounds as Toscano ultimately bested Bortolotti in a unanimous decision in this energetic bout. The pair fought an even first round as both of them came out riding a wave of emotion from their large cheering sections.

Both fighters went right back to work early in the second, as Toscano's relentless left hook started to hit consistently while Bortolotti attempted to use his long jab to keep him at a distance.

In the third round Bortolotti appeared to turn the tide, striking with a number of punches and staying on the offensive. Toscano adapted and rode his uppercut, which he connected with often to help him wrap up the unanimous decision.

147 pounds

Kieran Bulger def. Matthew Lemanski

The senior Bulger advanced the finals after stalling in the semifinals last year by besting the sophomore Lemanski in a unanimous decision. The fight took on a defensive pace early on as each fighter held back their punches and looked to pounce whenever their opponent let down.

Bulger rode the momentum from a strong end of the opening round into the second, dodging a flurry of punches from Lemanski and countering with headshots.

The third round was a slow affair, as both fighters were visibly spent from the furious second round. Bulger's statement in the second round proved to be enough to win him the unanimous decision.

Kevin 'DiGiornio' Ortenzio def.

Thomas 'Shake and Bake' Enzweiler

Junior Enzweiler had a clear height advantage, giving him the confidence to begin the match with energy, but the sophomore Ortenzio fought back with technique. Both fighters went on the offensive in the second round, and while both ended up worse for the wear, neither took an advantage into the third round. Ortenzio utilized the height disparity well in the third, delivering a series of uppercuts to Enzweiler. In the end, Ortenzio won the very close fight by split decision.

151 pounds

Tim 'The Slayer' Thayer def. Tommy 'The Hebrew Hammer' Schanzer

Senior captain Thayer opened the fight on the offensive, delivering continuous jabs to his classmate's jaw. Schanzer returned the favor, beginning the second round with intensity. Control of the match switched back and forth, but Thayer's strength behind his punches could not be matched. He delivered blow after blow, many of which could be heard from the stands. Thayer took the match in a unanimous decision.

Bobby Powers def. Andrew Kristensen

Sophomore Kristensen ended the first round with the advantage, but junior Powers started the second round by knocking Kristensen off his feet and nearly out of the ring twice in a row. These two consecutive hits caused the referee to call the match with 1:05 left in the second round, giving Powers the win.

155 pounds

Ryan 'Dayman' Slaney def. Andrew Bachinskas

Senior Bachinskas brought the heat as soon as the bell rang, but midway through the first round Slaney got into the match, delivering a series of heavy blows.

Bachinskas began the second round with just as much fire as the first, but again, the senior Slaney took control at the end of the second. The energy from both sides died down slightly in the third round, but Slaney held strong, landing a few more punches despite his fatigue than Bachinskas managed to. Via split decision, Slaney advanced to the finals.

Adam 'Mad' Cowden 'Disease' def. Kyle 'No Name Just Game' Kober

Sophomore Cowden took no mercy in the first round, repeatedly finding contact and cornering freshman and fellow Sorin resident Kober. Kober refused to give in, finding the sophomore's face on multiple occasions. Kober began the second round on a better foot, but Cowden's experience showed through with his ability to move quickly and deliver jabs in key locations. After receiving aid to stop a bloodied nose, Cowden forced Kober into the ropes and maintained control of the third round. In the end, Cowden's experience earned him a spot in the finals via a split decision.

160 pounds

John 'My Body is a Wonderland' Maier def. Kevin Goodwin

Captain Maier established himself as the dominant force early in the first round in the fight between the two seniors. Maier's significant height advantage proved troublesome for Goodwin, as it allowed him the angle to land punches to Goodwin's head and body.

The second round saw a similar pattern as the first, as Goodwin was left on the defensive while Maier danced around the ring and proved to be quick on his feet.

In the third round, Goodwin landed solid blows to Maier's head and had energy saved up to make a strong last effort. Despite Goodwin's initial offensive attempts, Maier landed jabs to Goodwin's head and bloodied his nose. Maier was awarded the match by unanimous decision.

Alex 'Gatito Loco' Oloriz def. Daniel 'Cabbage Patch' Chapman

Oloriz unleashed a flurry of punches to open the first round and pinned Chapman against the ropes to set the tone for an aggressive, hard-fought match. As the first round continued both boxers took turns throwing combinations and exhibited strength and intensity. They went punch for punch to the body and head.

Oloriz came out strong in the second round and unleashed a flurry of jabs to Chapman's head. Oloriz exhibited constant energy and placed many well-timed punches. In the third round, the Oloriz pinned Chapman against the ropes and set the tone for the win by unanimous decision.

163 pounds

Jordan Bucci def. Ryan 'The Show Stopper' Shestak

The two seniors fought an even match bell-to-bell, as both fighters refused to let up throughout the three rounds. The first round saw an even showing from both boxers. In the second round, both fighters engaged in multiple series of jabs and combinations. still remaining close.

Each fighter refused to tire. In the third round, Bucci came out strong and landed multiple punches to Shestak's body. Shestak returned the favor by pinning Bucci against the ropes and landed one staggering blow to Bucci's face. The judges ultimately awarded Bucci the split decision and a return trip to the finals.

Matt Hopke def. Caleb Laux

Toward the end of the largely-even first round between the senior fighters, Hopke began to establish himself as the stronger of the two after completing a series of jabs to the head that put Laux on the defensive.

In the second round, Laux came out strong but Hopke returned his aggressiveness with a series of combinations to the head. Hopke darted around the ring effectively and utilized his height to his advantage.

Hopke came out strong once again in the third round and proved that he would not be taken over by fatigue. He landed multiple controlled jabs to the head in the final seconds of the third round, which convinced the judges that he was deserving of a unanimous victory.

166 pounds

Jason 'Pretty Boy' Miller def. Matthew Gimlett

The first round opened with Gimlett focused on going low and attacking Miller's body, but Miller was able to counter and land punches when his senior classmate Gimlett crouched in preparation for a body shot.

The second round was much more patient; both fighters tested each other early and not many big punches were landed. For a good part of the round, both fighters bided their time before Miller unleashed another late-round combination that drove Gimlett into the corner.

The third round was markedly more energetic. Miller would land two punches, but Gimlett would come right back, adding a couple shots of his own. In the end, Miller's combinations prevailed over Gimlett's sneaky punches as Miller prevailed by split decision.

Gregory Bennett def. Nicholas Severyn

Bennett displayed an extremely aggressive mentality early, moving in and out, looking for quick evasions and jabs. The first round went back and forth between the fighters until the junior Severyn landed a combination on the sophomore in the corner at the end of the first round.

At the start of the second round, Bennett again came out with near-reckless abandon. Severyn began relying more and more on 1-2 punches in a fight that became extremely chippy.

In the third round the bout went back and forth; the fighters traded punches and got tangled up. In a neck-and-neck fight, the judges took Bennett's side in a split decision.

173 pounds

Alex Kissinger def. Kevin 'The Night Man' Kray

Kissinger opened on the attack, but Kray also landed punches early. Kissinger utilized his strategy of driving the junior into the ropes in the first round. Kray moved constantly, dancing around the ring while throwing occasional punches, hoping to frustrate the senior.

As the second round began, Kissinger again attacked Kray into the ropes; each time Kray moved off the ropes, he played a defensive game. In the latter part of the round, Kray abandoned throwing punches and evaded Kissinger.

Kissinger continued to play the role of the aggressor and dictate the fight in the third round. He repeatedly drove Kray to the ropes, where he would throw flurries of punches. Near the end of the round Kissinger overpowered Kray at the ropes to the point where Kray nearly fell out of the ring. In the end, Kissinger won by unanimous decision.

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Seniors

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Lindsay Schrader played in her first game since spraining her left ankle on Feb. 14. In 20 minutes of action, she scored 17 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Missing the game "was not even a question," she said.

Senior captain Ashley Barlow added 11 points, three rebounds and two steals.

Senior walk-on and crowd-favorite Alena Christiansen, playing in her first career start, grabbed the first rebound of the game and scored its last two points.

While senior forward Erica Williamson did not manage her Senior Night goal of shooting — or even attempting — a 3-pointer, she added two points, three rebounds, three assists and one steal to the Irish effort.

"It was our class, the five of us," Lechlitner said. "We were just trying to have a good time."

It was Notre Dame's first win since the Feb. 14 game against DePaul. Without Schrader, the Irish (24-3, 11-3 Big East) fell to then-No. 22 St. John's and then-No. 12 Georgetown on the road.

"It was just great being able to throw it to Schrader when we needed a bucket," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Notre Dame got off to a slow start against the Golden Eagles (14-13, 5-9), who went up 4-0

early in the game.

"I thought, 'Oh, gosh, we look like we have the past couple of our games,' where were feet were in mud defensively," McGraw said.

A layup by Williamson and the first of Lechlitner's four 3-point shots put Notre Dame ahead 10-6 three and a half minutes into the game. The Irish would not trail the Golden Eagles again for the rest of the game.

Freshman Skylar Diggins, playing off of the bench because of the senior starting lineup, entered the game 3 minutes in and had an immediate impact on the defensive effort.

Diggins finished the game with eight points, six rebounds and a career-high nine assists.

"She is unbelievable," Schrader said.

Forward Jessica Pachko and guard Courtney Weibel each had 15 points to lead the Golden Eagles. Pachko also contributed eight rebounds as Marquette out-rebounded Notre Dame 40-37.

The Irish will travel to South Orange, N.J., Saturday to take on Seton Hall before wrapping up their regular season at home Monday against No. 1 Connecticut.

Monday's game is expected to be Notre Dame's sixth sellout of the 2009-10 campaign. Prior to this season, the Irish had six total sellouts.

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"It was our class, the five of us. We were just trying to have a good time."

Melissa Lechlitner
Irish senior

Panthers

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with time.

"You just can't put somebody in there on this kind of thing until it's better," he said.

In Harangody's absence, junior forward Carleton Scott will start. Scott made his first start against Louisville and had nine points, six rebounds and three blocks in 34 minutes.

"I thought Carleton Scott maybe took a step forward into some new territory that we've been kind of waiting on," Brey said.

The bench also saw more playing time: freshman Jack Cooley played 19 minutes and freshman Mike Broghammer played 10.

"Our young big guys did a heck of a job," Brey said.

Notre Dame had a bye week this week, a much-needed rest after losing to Louisville in double overtime on Feb. 17.

"It seems like we played a month ago after not playing this weekend," Brey said. "I don't know if I've been prouder of a team in 10 years after a loss."

Pittsburgh (21-6, 10-4) is third in the Big East and has won five straight conference games. The Panthers beat No. 7 Villanova Sunday and took down No. 8 West Virginia in overtime on Feb. 12.

Guard Ashton Gibbs leads the Panthers in scoring with 16.8 points per game and shoots 38 percent from 3-point range.

Notre Dame got help in Harangody's absence, help it will need again tonight. Junior forward Tim Abromaitis scored 29 points, senior guard Tory Jackson

added 19 and senior guard Ben Hansbrough scored 21, making 10-of-12 foul shots in the process. The bench didn't add many points, but they allowed the starters to rest — except Jackson, who played all 50 minutes.

The Cardinals made 3-of-5 3-pointers in the overtime periods, something Gibbs may attempt to exploit. The Irish made 13-of-14 free throws in extra time but it was not enough.

Brey said Saturday's game against No. 11 Georgetown was a possible time for Harangody to return but was not certain that he would be ready.

"This group that has played 100 minutes without him will continue to play without him until it's really ready," Brey said.

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Buckeyes

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breaking loss that snapped a four-match win streak. The loss was to No. 10 Tennessee, 5-2.

"It's really important for us to stay focused, and the girls know that," said Louderback.

Crucial to the girls continued success will be sophomore Kristy Frilling. Frilling leads the Irish with perfect records in both singles and doubles in the spring season. She is 8-0 at both No. 1 sin-

gles and doubles, chalking up some very impressive victories over top-ranked players. This weekend alone, she defeated No. 85 Rachael White of Illinois and Northwestern's No. 12 Maria Mosolova.

Frilling has taken out five nationally-ranked singles opponents in all this year. On the doubles side she has been just as impressive. Frilling pairs up with teammate senior Kali Krisik at No. 1 doubles for the Irish. In total, the pair has three wins over ranked teams, including the Wildcats No. 14 duo of

Lauren Lui and Elena Chernyakova.

"Frilling has been so impressive," said Louderback. "Just a model of consistency."

Frilling will look to stay perfect against No. 67 Kristin Flower of the Buckeyes. Flower is 8-4 this season, and will be looking for her biggest personal victory of the season. The two teams are set to square off at 3:30 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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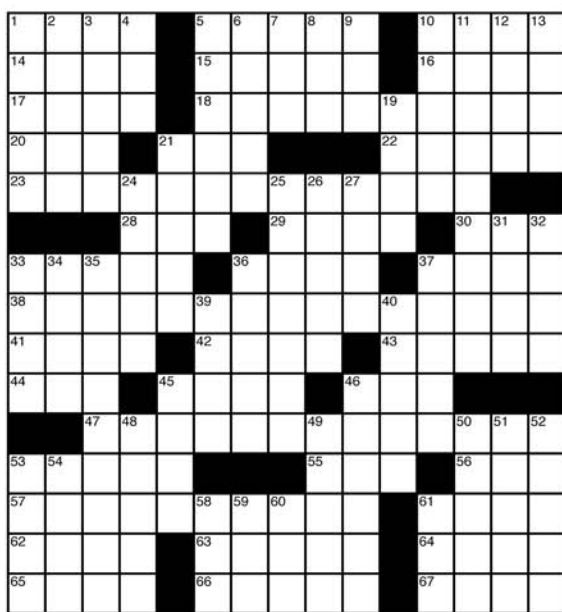
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- Across**
- 1 Stingy
 - 5 Phrenologists read them
 - 10 Not shut all the way
 - 14 What to call a crown
 - 15 Chris with the 1991 hit "Wicked Game"
 - 16 Common mixer
 - 17 Roofless home
 - 18 It creates a small vacuum
 - 20 Personal account
 - 21 "Now I see!"
 - 22 Art buyers' worries
 - 23 Parts of double-blind trials
 - 28 Baby sitter's bane
 - 29 Where flocks feed
 - 30 Word unlikely to end a sentence
 - 33 Sauce prepared in a mortar
 - 36 Daughter of Laban, in the Bible
 - 37 1856 Stowe novel
 - 38 Aspirant's motto ... or, phonetically, what 18-, 23-, 47- and 57-Across each consist of
 - 41 Clancy hero
 - 42 Gives succor to
 - 43 Clear, as a loan
 - 44 Salt
 - 45 Contralto James
 - 46 Elusive swimmer
 - 47 What national banks oversee
 - 53 Not too ____
 - 55 Tapped-out message, often
 - 56 Reach the end
 - 57 Chinese menu option
 - 61 Show-off's shout
 - 62 "The Gong Show" regular Johnson
 - 63 It can be worth up to 20 points
 - 64 "Pardon me"
 - 65 Unappreciated worker
 - 66 Seize, to Caesar
 - 67 Like the "Saw" movies

- Down**
- 1 Rachel Maddow's network
 - 2 Children's song refrain
 - 3 Flame blame, sometimes
 - 4 Post-tax amount
 - 5 King's neighbor
 - 6 Fully expected
 - 7 OS X runner
 - 8 Too rehearsed
 - 9 Perform a wedeln, e.g.
 - 10 No problem at all
 - 11 Guy's means of support
 - 12 Literally, "by two"
 - 13 They often include samples
 - 19 "The Sum ____" (Russell Crowe movie)
 - 21 Hard wear?
 - 24 Nashville-based athlete
 - 25 Actresses Farrell and Jackson
 - 26 Goes from cover to cover
 - 27 Kailua Bay's setting



Puzzle by Trip Payne

- 31 Vengeful goddess
- 32 Swirl
- 33 Left to the captain?
- 34 Popular singer born in County Donegal
- 35 Overrun
- 36 Body that's not the clergy
- 37 Harp (on)
- 39 Fruit growing at an oasis
- 40 Gets ready
- 45 Opposite of exo-
- 46 Heroic poem
- 48 Frequently
- 49 Take over
- 50 Western potato
- 51 Large duck
- 52 Run-down
- 53 Cash-free transaction
- 54 Modeled
- 58 Grp. that meets in the Situation Room
- 59 Upscale hotel offering
- 60 Boathouse item
- 61 Cry before "You're it!"

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dakota Fanning, 16; Kristin Davis, 45; Patricia Richardson, 59; Peter Fonda, 70

Happy Birthday: Emotional issues will capture your attention and you may miss out on some good opportunities because you are wrapped up in personal matters. Put your time and effort into getting ahead professionally and stop spinning your wheels trying to fight the inevitable. Change is necessary whether you want it or not. Your numbers are 2, 8, 15, 23, 26, 33, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone who wants to make you look bad will use the information you divulge against you. Problems with authority, institutions or neighbors can stand in your way. Address any issues that arise swiftly without revealing too much. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may want to accommodate someone but, in the end, it will not help your emotional state of mind or your position. If something doesn't feel right to you, do not take part. Travel for business if it will help seal a deal. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You cannot change what has happened but you can put it behind you and start again. Too much of anything will turn into a bad thing. Don't disrupt what you've worked so hard to achieve. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Participation will be the key to getting ahead. Travel for business will be the deciding factor. A face-to-face meeting will ensure you are in the running for something you really want to take part in. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you pretend to know more than you do, it will lead to mistakes and a change of plans. Know who and what you are up against before you decide to challenge someone. Confidence, know-how and experience will win in the end. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Follow through with your plans or you will be criticized. Avoid taking anyone for granted by doing the work by yourself. Once you have proved that you are quite capable, you will attract worthy partners who can contribute as much as you have. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stick to the rules and regulations or you will face problems with superiors, institutions or agencies. Put your creative mind to work for you. Added responsibilities must not be allowed to hold you back. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There is money to be made, deals to be signed and settlements to go after. Buying or selling property will be to your benefit. An unusual collaboration will bring about a new interest that can turn into greater cash flow. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Expect to face opposition from friends, neighbors and relatives if you are not honest about your concerns and whereabouts. Inconsistency will be your downfall and will lead to changes in your personal life that you don't foresee. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't take anything for granted. What you expect to unfold will not, so stay alert and prepare for an unusual turn of events. If you are ready to be a participant, you can take advantage of a rare opportunity. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your innovative, inventive outlook will take others by surprise and will drum up interest in your plans. Put your time, effort and cash into building a solid foundation for the future, replacing old habits that make your life repetitive and boring. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What you think you are getting and what is actually being offered are not the same. Emotional problems will leave you unsure of what to do next. Don't make any moves that will disrupt your personal life. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are creative and inventive. You are sensitive, emotional, persuasive and persistent. You are determined to get things done.

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The Observer apologizes for the absence of Schad & Freude. It will return tomorrow.

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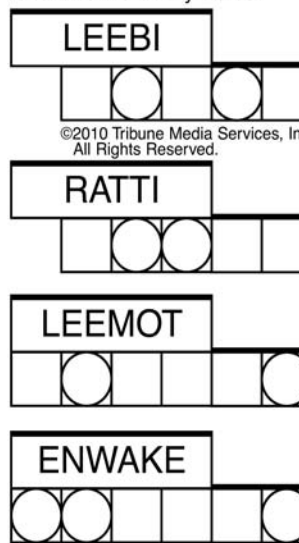


JUMBLE

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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.



Answer: " [] [] [] [] [] " [] [] [] [] [] (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ABBEY PUPIL BENUMB YEARLY
Answer: Easy to hold up on a rainy day - AN UMBRELLA



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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles edge Albion to advance to MIAA second round

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's triumphed over Albion 61-59 in a game that was not decided until the last two possessions were in the books and earned a first-round MIAA tournament win.

The Britons jumped out to an early 10-6 lead from which the Belles quickly recovered and took a 16-12 lead. After a 13-0 Albion run the Belles fought

back, but an Albion 3-pointer with 5 seconds left in the half extended the Briton advantage to 10 points.

The second half opened with each defense prevailing until Albion took their largest lead of the game at 34-22 3 minutes into the half. Saint Mary's responded with a 12-2 run of their own that was capped by a dagger 3-pointer from sophomore guard Katie Sullivan.

Though Albion fought back to a 4-point advantage, the Belles

were able to create another run, this time 14-2 to give Saint Mary's a 48-40 lead with just under 10 minutes left in the game. Each team continued to reel off runs until the game was tied at 59 with about a minute left to go.

The Belles missed an opportunity to take a lead, but Albion could not capitalize, missing a shot that was rebounded by senior forward Anna Kamrath with 24 second left in the clash. Sophomore guard Patsy

Mahoney took the ball on an end-to-end drive into the lane and banked the deciding layup in with 13 seconds left.

The Britons had a final opportunity to force overtime — or even win the game — but Saint Mary's played solid defense, forcing the last Albion shot to clang harmlessly off the rim and sealing the Belles' victory.

Sophomore forward Kelley Murphy paced Saint Mary's with a 16-point, nine-rebound effort, while sophomore guard Maggie

Ronan added 11 points and five assists on five-of-six shooting.

Kamrath's biggest rebound was one of 10 on the night, all of which came in the pivotal second half.

Belles coach Jennifer Henley also earned her 100th career win in the victory, which placed the Belles into a second-round tournament game at No. 2 seed Calvin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Showdowns set

Cugliari beats Robillard by unanimous decision

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Sports Writers

133 pounds

Chris 'Cougar' Cugliari def. Brian 'Ghost Hands' Robillard

Senior captain Cugliari's fast hands and quick feet overcame the sophomore Robillard in a unanimous decision. Cugliari opened the fight looking to set the tone and threw plenty of punches. He connected on a big punch early to Robillard's face, knocking him down. After scoring the early knockdown, Cugliari played it safe, picking his spots and pouncing whenever Robillard let his guard down.

Robillard fought back in the second round using his strong left jab to put Cugliari on the defensive. Cugliari seized any chance he got to put Robillard back on the

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Senior Chris Cugliari, left, connects with a right hand against sophomore Brian Robillard Tuesday during a semifinal match in the 133 lb. weight division. Cugliari advanced to the finals.

IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Harangody out for Pitt showdown

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will be short its star for the third straight game.

Luke Harangody has been ruled out of tonight's game against No. 12 Pittsburgh, Irish coach Mike Brey said.

The senior forward bruised a bone in his right knee during Notre Dame's 90-87 loss to Seton Hall on Feb. 11 and missed the next two games. The Irish (17-10, 6-8 Big East) have lost three straight.

"He's not ready to go, after watching him in practice," Brey said on his radio show. "And I don't know when he's going to be back. That's the reality of what we're looking at now."

Brey said bone bruises cannot be healed with ice, only

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Seniors honored, lead big win

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

It was a storybook night for Notre Dame's senior class.

In front of a sell-out Senior Night crowd, the No. 7 Irish defeated Marquette 82-67 in a performance buoyed by the team's five seniors.

Senior captain Melissa Lechlitner, who hails from Mishawaka and has spent her entire basketball career in the area, scored a career-high 23 points to lead the team.

"It's always nice when your shots are falling," Lechlitner said. "Senior Night is always an emotional night. I wasn't sure how I was going to come out."

Fifth-year senior and captain

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Irish senior Melissa Lechlitner handles the ball during Notre Dame's 82-67 home victory over Marquette on Tuesday.

EILEEN VEIHMEYER/The Observer

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Squad hopes to keep momentum vs. OSU

By JOHN HELMS
Sports Writer

Sunday marked a first in Notre Dame women's tennis history as they upset the top ranked team in the country, Northwestern. This afternoon marks their first match after the historic win, as the Irish will try to keep their momentum going and avoid a letdown after such a monumental victory.

The win was huge for the Irish's self-image. Two weekends ago, the team failed to qualify for the National Indoor tournament, and were sentenced to a weekend by themselves in South

Bend. Northwestern, meanwhile, won the tournament.

"The kids were upset with their ranking, not qualifying for the National Indoor Tournament and they felt like they needed to get some of their respect back," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "It was one of the few times we've competed as an underdog."

Now they're faced with an equally daunting task, backing up the impressive victory against the dangerous No. 17 Ohio State.

The Buckeyes will be especially hungry, considering they are coming off a heart-

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