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## St. Liam's offers treatment for SAD

By EMMA RUSS  
News Writer

Students depressed by continual snowfall, below-freezing temperatures and cloudy skies can seek refuge in the Inner Resources Room in St. Liam Hall, University Health Services staff psychologist Wendy Settle said.

Settle said every year thousands of Americans fall victim to seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a type of clinical depression that emerges during the long and dark winter months.

Research shows people need a certain amount of sunlight to maintain their well-being. Settle said light absorbed by the body stops the production of melatonin, a hormone produced to help the body sleep. During the winter, people are drowsier because the body produces more melatonin with fewer hours of daylight.

"We become almost like a bear hibernating," she said.

Symptoms of SAD include depression, fatigue, irritability and weight gain, according to Settle. About one to two percent of Americans experience severe symptoms, while 10 to 25 percent encounter the "winter blues," a watered-down version of SAD with milder symptoms, such as over-eating and over-sleeping.

Victims of SAD and the winter blues typically reside in the



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**Sophomore Cara O'Connor reads under the ultraviolet light of the Inner Resources Room, a room designed to help students suffering from seasonal affective disorder.**

middle latitude regions of the United States, Settle said. As residents of South Bend, students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are extremely vulnerable.

The Inner Resources Room, located on the third floor of St. Liam Hall, was designed specifically to help students suffering from winter depression on campus. In addition to a massage chair, negative ion therapy and a mini waterfall hanging on the wall, the Inner Resources Room offers light therapy.

The Light Box provides full

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**O'Connor relaxes in the massage chair, another resource for students with winter depression available in St. Liam's.**

## Fire dept. installs new alarms

By ADAM LLORENS  
News Writer

The Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD) recently upgraded 16 residence halls with new fire alarm systems, in hopes of creating a safer and more hospitable environment on campus, and will install better alarms in other buildings as well, Notre Dame Fire Department Chief William Farhat said.

Mike McCauslin, assistant director for Risk Management and Safety, arranged funding of the project.

"Concerns had been expressed by both students and rectors about actually hearing the fire alarms," McCauslin said. "Older dorms only had alarms in common spaces and corridors throughout the residence hall, not in individual rooms."

The new system is built with sounder-based technology, McCauslin said. This technology placed an actual alarm in every room in these residence halls, and residents will be able to hear the alarm at all times.

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## New master's degree focuses on Global Health



Photo courtesy of Joseph Bock

**An injured Haitian girl is carried through a displacement camp in April 2010. Global health students may work with the ND Haiti Program.**

By MEGAN DOYLE  
Associate News Editor

A new master's of science in global health degree will provide students with practical science-centric training and prepare them to improve health in developing countries, according to Joseph Bock,

director of global health studies at the Eck Institute for Global Health.

A degree in global health is designed to focus on practical issues of health without national boundaries, Bock said, because global health refers to the scope of a prob-

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## Seniors head to Peace Corps

By TORI ROECK  
News Writer

Notre Dame ranked 18th among medium-sized schools this year to send the most volunteers to serve in the group, according to a University press release.

The University jumped five spots on the list from last year as the Peace Corps prepares to mark its 50th anniversary, the release said. Notre Dame was included on this list for the past 11 years.

Peace Corps recruiter Rok Teasley said Notre Dame averaged 23 applicants to the group in each of the past four years. Nineteen seniors applied already this year, and the rolling application process is ongoing.

Current seniors wishing to join the 25 Notre Dame alumni currently serving in the Peace Corps must first complete a grueling application process, according to the release.

Senior Claire Brosnihan said

### Peace Corps

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- ND ranked 18th among medium-sized schools to send the most volunteers to the Peace Corps.
- Average 23 ND applicants each year for the past 4 years
- 19 seniors applied so far this year (ongoing)
- 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps
- ND's 11th year on top ranked list



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the process includes a lengthy online application, an hour-long interview with very specific and personal questions, and multiple steps of clearance, contributing to months of waiting.

Brosnihan, a political science

major with a minor in peace studies, said she would be stationed in French-speaking sub-Saharan Africa to work on a malnutrition-focused public

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## CORRECTIONS

A Feb. 8 article, “Officials appoint new University librarian,” misidentified Diane Parr Walker’s start date as University Librarian. She will begin the position July 25. The Observer regrets this error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: *How do you put a giraffe in a refrigerator?*

					
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<i>“Snap off its neck.”</i>	<i>“Very carefully.”</i>	<i>“No, that’s animal cruelty.”</i>	<i>“Shove it in.”</i>	<i>“Open the door and put it in.”</i>	<i>“You open the door, take out the elephant, and put it in.”</i>

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SARAH O’CONNOR/Thee Observer

**PEMCO students perform a scene from the musical “Chicago” Tuesday in dress rehearsal. “Chicago” opens Thursday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. Performances are Thursday through Saturday.**

### OFFBEAT

**I’m robbing you, sir’: ‘Polite’ robber arrested**

SEATTLE — A man accused of robbing a Seattle convenience store at gun-point last weekend might have earned points with its owner by being polite.

But saying “sir” probably won’t impress prosecutors or federal authorities who say they have supervised him since he wrapped up a prison term for an earlier string of hold-ups.

The King County Sheriff’s Office identified the suspect Tuesday as Gregory P. Hess, 65. He’s a former Starbucks barista who has been on federal supervision since 2007, when he was released from prison after receiving a nearly six-year sentence for hitting five banks and a video store in the Seattle area.

His bail was set at \$250,000. He is being held for investigation of robbery but has not been charged.

**Hungary’s 84-year-old burglar strikes again**

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Hungary’s notorious octogenarian thief is not ready for retirement.

The 84-year-old woman, known as “Flying Gizi,” whose criminal record goes back to the 1950s, is again in custody for suspected theft, police said Tuesday.

Fejer County Police spokeswoman Agnes R. Szabo said the burglar, whose real name is Gizella Bodnar, is suspected of taking some 15,000 forints (euro55, \$75) from a home in Bicske, a town in central Hungary.

Bodnar, who has been convicted of over 20 crimes and has spent nearly 18 years in prison, got her nickname because she enjoyed taking domestic commercial flights after successful break-ins.

She eluded capture for years, as police never imagined that the cat burglar would travel so far to commit her crimes.

This time, she only got as far as the Bicske train station before the police found her and the missing cash she took from a wallet on the house’s living room table.

*Information compiled from the Associated Press.*

### IN BRIEF

Siegfried Hall’s annual **Day of Man** will be taking place **all day** today at various locations throughout **campus**. Each Rambler will be wearing only shorts and flip-flops in order to collect donations to benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless.



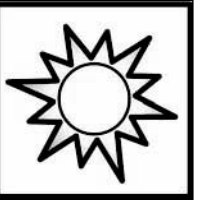

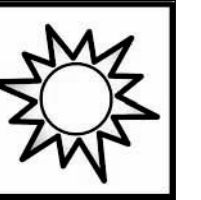
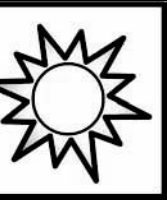
The lecture “**Democratic Revolution in the Middle East? The Rise of Civil Resistance in Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon and Beyond**” will be held **today** at the Hesburgh Center auditorium at **4 p.m.** In this current events panel, Kroc Institute faculty experts will review the tumultuous events that are transforming Egypt, Tunisia, Lebanon, Yemen, and other countries in the Middle East.

A reading by **Monica Mody**, 2010 Nicholas Sparks Prize Winner, will take place today at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Hammes Bookstore**. The Nicholas Sparks Prize is awarded to a recent graduate of the MFA Creative Writing Program at Notre Dame. The reading is **free** and open to the public.

The **student body president/vice president debate** will take place **tonight** at **9 p.m.** in the **Main Lounge of LaFortune**. Elections will be held next Tuesday, February 14.

The **Martin Luther King, Jr. Series for the Study of Race** will be held by Multicultural Student Programs and Services in **DeBartolo 136 tomorrow** at **6 p.m.** This is the fourth of a five-part series which take place on Thursday evenings.

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## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Council discusses term changes

By JOHN CAMERON  
News Writer

At its Tuesday meeting, the Council of Representatives (COR) discussed problems with the transition at the end of student government office terms, including ineffective training of new officers and difficulty in event planning during the transition period.

Student body vice president Andrew Bell said the issue comes up repeatedly and could be addressed in a Student Senate amendment. A common complaint, Bell said, is the inability of students studying abroad to serve the next semester.

"Are there certain positions where we think it's possible to start at different times in the year other than the usual April 1 to April 1?" he said. "I guess the options are shifting the dates of the term start, or are there positions we think could be shorter or is there a single time frame we think everyone should have?"

Ricky Bevington, director of First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL), a freshman leadership program, said he thought a single set of term dates is best because it simplifies the

process for students considering running for office.

"If we streamline it, I think it would be best for attracting people to these positions," he said.

Julia Sutton, Student Union Board (SUB) manager, said the current term transition of April 1 presents her group with a challenge in programming the rest of the semester.

"SUB has issues with this. We physically can't not plan after April 1. Antostal's after April 1," she said. "I guess it would be ideal for programmers not to be considered in that."

Sutton said part of the problem with having a different term end-date for SUB members is that it would leave them ineligible to run for another office.

Sophomore class president Brett Rocheleau said the April 1 date negates the opportunity for class councils' event programming for April, a month ideal for outdoor events.

"I think for class councils the election time, March 1, is good. I would just recommend they change office around May 1," he said. "Then they could get a lot of events done in April."

Student body president Catherine Soler said program-

ming is a possibility during April despite the transition period.

"You can plan events [for April] as long as it's approved by Programming Board and you have that transition with the new people going in [to office]," she said. "I think it's hard, it's an extra step, but I don't think that makes it impossible."

Kate Clitheroe, senior class president, agreed a smooth, cooperative transition period between office-holders is essential but often overlooked.

"I think if you're going to have an April 1 date, you need to emphasize there needs to be a period of transition where you help the new people get acclimated," she said. "The duty's not clear enough ... it may be on paper but it's not enforced."

Soler said it might come down to personal responsibility on the part of officers to ensure their successors are properly trained.

"Is there a real reason, or are we just being lazy in our transition?" she said. "I think maybe that's something we need to take more responsibility for."

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## Discussion honors deceased thinkers

By ALICIA SMITH  
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Members of the Saint Mary's College community gathered Tuesday to remember three great thinkers who died within almost one month of each other this time last year.

The memorial honored Edward Schillebeeckx, who died Dec. 23, 2009, Mary Daly, who died Jan. 3, 2010 and Howard Zinn, who died Jan. 27, 2010.

Sr. Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality, spoke about Schillebeeckx, a Dominican priest who worked to reshape theology.

"Dominicans were very influential in recasting theology in newer ways of thinking," Dolphin said.

Dolphin said she decided to study Schillebeeckx's works while she worked to complete her doctorate at the University of Chicago.

"I knew with great clarity that I wanted to study Edward Schillebeeckx," she said.

Dolphin said she worked with his sermons and had the opportunity to study directly with Schillebeeckx.

"He was so personable and so helpful," she said.

Religious studies professor Stacy Davis spoke about Mary Daly, a feminist who worked to empower women.

Daly was extremely well educated and earned three PhDs, Davis said.

"Daly is probably the best example of what an educated woman is capable of," Davis said.

Davis described Daly as a "radical feminist."

"The only way you can really exist is just to be free," Davis said. "What she wanted for everybody was to exist free from patriarchy, free from oppression."

Davis said Daly left the Church because of its patriarchal structure.

"Her argument was you should not waste your time banging your head against a wall," Davis said. "She was not persuaded that Christian institutions would do the right thing on their own."

Davis said Daly was ahead of her time and directed many of her efforts toward creating equality for women.

"To be a radical feminist is to choose life, both for women and men," Davis said.

Professor Jan Pilarski, director of the College's Justice Education Department, spoke about Howard Zinn, and showed a short video based off Zinn's memoir.

Pilarski discussed how Zinn took life experiences and reflected on them in order to shape his lifestyle.

Pilarski said Zinn was a professor and worked to teach his students how to make changes.

According to Pilarski, Zinn made modifications that were incremental to help his students question what was going on within society during the time of the Civil Rights Movement.

"As young people, as scholars, as other faculty got involved, [they noticed] that they weren't allowed to use the public libraries," Pilarski said.

Pilarski said Zinn helped educate others about social issues so they could bring change to society.

"They really reversed at least one institution and changed it so that the students and the faculty who were engaged in that struggle really kind of uprooted and transformed the institution and the community," Pilarski said.

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## Alarms

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"The newer West Quad residence halls were built with sounder-based technology enhanced fire alarm systems," McCauslin said. "We recently identified the halls that did not have those types of alarms. The Office of Risk Management and Safety then went to the University to ask for funding, which was then granted."

Farhat also played a major role in the efforts to upgrade the fire systems in various dorms.

"This is a progressing project which got its start in August and will be going on until March," Farhat said. "It is difficult to upgrade systems when the halls are occupied, but this project, while expensive, is one that the University felt was necessary."

The 16 dorms across campus to received newer systems recently tested the new alarms recently to ensure their effectiveness, Farhat said. During the test, NDFD did not find a flawed system in any of the dorms.

The 16 residence halls were merely the first goal of Notre Dame's fire alarm renovation project.

"In addition to the 16 dorms

that were upgraded, University Village and other off-campus apartments associated with Notre Dame will also be revamped," Farhat said.

Farhat said NDFD does more work on campus than respond to fires. The majority of calls received per school year do not concern fires.

"NDFD takes about 13,000 calls per school year," Farhat said. "While not all of them deal with fire-related issues, it is important all on-campus residents understand the importance and severity of a potential fire. The four fire drills required by the Indiana Fire Code are an essential aspect in creating a safe, emergency-free atmosphere."

McCauslin said he believes students and staff should be elated to have these new alarms.

"The Notre Dame community should be thrilled that the University continues to invest in their safety," McCauslin said. "When you look across the country at the number of fires that occur on college campuses, Notre Dame continues to make great strides in reducing the chances of potential disasters and promoting the lifestyle and safety of its residents."

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health program.

"The Peace Corps gives you a different perspective from South Bend, Indiana and Notre Dame," Brosnihan said. "Putting all of your beliefs into action is a big part of it."

Brosnihan said she would like to work in international relations or at an international non-profit organization after her time in the Peace Corps.

Senior Shannon Coyne will also join the Peace Corps after graduation. A political science and Arabic double major with a minor

in peace studies, Coyne said she will be teaching English in either Jordan or Morocco.

"I was attracted to the principles that underlie the mission of the [Peace Corps]," Coyne said. "I was interested in post-graduate service, and it seemed like a logical choice."

Coyne said her minor in Peace Studies prepared her for her time in the Peace Corps.

"Peace Studies classes are good for helping you think about ways to promote international development," Coyne said. "But more than my studies, my experiences outside the classroom really prepared me."

Coyne participated in service through the Center for Social

Concerns and the Kellogg Institute, and traveled to Ghana and Cairo, Egypt through the University, which provided invaluable service experiences for her.

Coyne said she is most interested in gender issues and will seek a master's degree in development after leaving the Peace Corps in hopes of working for a non-governmental organization.

Megan Conway, a 2006 Notre Dame graduate, also studied Peace Studies while she was a student. She joined the Peace Corps after graduation and is now at the University of Michigan Law School.

Conway said a class on tropical African politics she took as an

undergraduate piqued her interest in Africa. She was stationed in Cameroon, where she worked on public health initiatives.

"We worked with potable water projects, AIDS education, basic health and hygiene and environmental education classes," Conway said. "And I focused in pre-natal care projects."

Although her time in the Peace Corps was rewarding and worthwhile, Conway said she learned that international sustainable development, more specifically public health, was not the field for her.

"I had a phenomenal experience, but I realized that I didn't want to live abroad for the rest of my life," Conway said.

Conway said the unique undergraduate experience at Notre Dame contributed to her choice to join the Peace Corps.

"I don't think I would have joined the Peace Corps if I had attended one of the other universities I was thinking of," Conway said.

Notre Dame's relationship can be attributed to the University's mission to serve others, Coyne said.

"It's definitely the emphasis that Notre Dame students put on service," Coyne said, "and taking what you learn in the classroom to give back to others."

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# Masters

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lem rather than its geographical location.

Bock, who will oversee the program, said the coursework would build the practical skills students would need to work in international development and global health.

"Our mission isn't so much to enhance their theoretical knowledge of biology but rather of ... applied biology," he said. "Instead of 'know why,' this is about 'know how.'"

Bock said he would like to see graduates of the program move into work with humanitarian organizations such as Doctors Beyond Borders, Catholic Relief Services or the World Health Organization.

"We are here to help people widen their perspectives, to look closely at the reasons behind extreme poverty and vulnerability, to develop the practical skills so they can do something that would be different than what they would have if they had not gone through this program," he said.

Students will graduate from the program with the ability to look at the picture of health on a global scale as well as on a local scale, Bock said.

The first class to enter the program will include six students to begin in the fall. Bock said most of the applications

currently being reviewed are from college seniors working on bachelor's of science (B.S.) degrees.

The master's program will last 12 months. Students will follow a core curriculum of classes on global health challenges, research methods in global health science and bioethics.

The coursework will also include nine credit hours of electives and can select courses covering a range across different disciplines. Electives include courses on immunology, applied probability, environmental microbiology, AIDS and parasitology.

"We are going to make every effort link global health students with faculty who are doing global health work," Bock said.

Students will also spend two to three months of field experience in a resource-poor setting, Bock said. Students can connect with faculty projects or international organizations such as Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to complete this requirement.

"The field experience can be a number of different options," he said. "It can be service, it can be research, it can be project monitoring or it could be evaluation of projects."

The program will focus its fieldwork in developing countries, Bock said.

Bock joined the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in 2007 at the

director of external relations before he moved to the Eck Institute. Bock is the University's liaison to Catholic Relief Services and has worked in global health in South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe and Haiti, according to a University press release.

The College of Science will fund the field experiences for the students, Bock said. The class is expected to grow to 12

in its second year and up to 25 in its third year.

Tuition, currently set at \$39,710, will be subsidized by the College of Science at the rate of \$24,710. Students will therefore only pay a maximum of \$15,000 to enter the program, he said.

Bock said participants in the program would have the chance to live Notre Dame's mission.

"We see it as a fulfillment of

Notre Dame's mission to bring about greater knowledge to bear on helping poor and vulnerable people, and the vast majority of those people are in developing countries," he said.

"This is not just about intellectual curiosity. This is about having a passion to really reach out to the poor and vulnerable."

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Photo courtesy of Joseph Bock

**Joseph Bock, director of global health studies at the Eck Institute for Global Health, speaks at an information session Thursday for the new master's of science degree in global health.**

# SAD

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spectrum light with no UV rays. While the large lamp does not tan skin at all, Settle said the light box rejuvenates students suffering from depression with its artificial sunlight.

The Inner Resources Room has one Light Box on hand as well two others available for rental. Settle said thirty minutes per day could snap light box users out of their winter funk.

Most patients use light therapy in the early morning hours, Settle said.

"[The light box] is best to use in the morning," she said, "because it tricks your body into thinking your day has been extended."

Benefits of light therapy

include higher energy levels, better concentration, fewer mood swings and a better night's sleep. The Inner Resources Room is available for students, faculty and staff without any recommendation or official diagnosis from a doctor.

Patients start to feel a difference in as little as three to four days, and research shows light therapy's effectiveness rate is similar to antidepressants, Settle said.

Light therapy can benefit an individual feeling the effects of SAD but Settle said professional treatment is still the best option for anyone suffering depression.

"Anyone with symptoms of SAD should be evaluated by a physician to determine the best treatment option," she said.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

### A knight's tale

We all know the type: Born humming the Notre Dame Victory March, parents who met at Notre Dame, been attending football games at Notre Dame Stadium since they were a toddler. Certainly a healthy portion of the student body right now can claim Notre Dame as less of a college choice and more of a family tradition.

I'm not that guy.

That's not to say I don't have a family tradition when it comes to higher education; however, my family's mascot of choice wears a suit of armor rather than a green blazer and wields a knight's sword in favor of a shillelagh. In lieu of the Victory March, I was immersed in "The Bells Must Ring" as family members wore scarlet red sweaters that bore the word: Rutgers. The state university of my home state, New Jersey, with its main campus a mere five-minute drive down the road, and a fixture in my life since before I could talk. When high school ended, and it came time to choose a collegiate home, the school I grew up loving lost out: Notre Dame offered me a level of opportunity that I could not turn down. I had a new love, and Rutgers was relegated to 'second-best' status.

It is plainly obvious to me that my situation is extremely common — and that not everyone here is a Notre Dame lifer. Among my quad-mates alone, there are strong allegiances to Ohio State, UCLA and Texas. I recall my roommate's complete mental breakdown as Notre Dame and UCLA battled in basketball in December 2009 as he watched two teams he loved try to destroy each other.

Sunday was then — for me — the equivalent experience of my roommate's day of emotional torment, as our men's basketball team battled Rutgers at the Purcell Pavilion in a game the Irish won 76-69. Walking to the arena, I didn't know how I would feel. Rutgers basketball was perhaps the team I held closest to my heart out of all the Scarlet Knights programs. I attended a huge chunk of the team's home games in courtside seats for more than a decade with my late grandfather, who was the biggest fan of them all — the Knights basketball team was ironically the last thing I ever spoke to him about.

When the teams walked out on the court though, my internal allegiances felt clear. This was a Notre Dame team I was invested in, players I go to school with, colors that are becoming a part of me. I felt little for this Rutgers — a new coach, new players, uniforms that seemed design solely to purge the memory of the teams I loved.

Perhaps this is how those of us who love other schools in addition to Notre Dame should look at these situations: on Sunday, there is no doubt who represented me on the court. One side represented all that was, another all that is in my life. I was born and raised in Scarlet and Black, but I am firmly Irish. And I think that's okay.

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Chris Allen

*Sports  
Production  
Editor*

## The pains of being good at math

I dread every conversation that begins with "What's your major?" and have toyed with the idea of picking a more socially acceptable major, such as medicine or law.

After all, once I mention math, the jig is up. Eyebrows raise, foreheads wrinkle and then comes the inevitable next question: "What can you do with that?" Apparently one of the things I cannot do with math is: Have a good conversation.

With people my age, of course, there's no implied pejorative in having a "useless" major. This is because most college students are in the same boat — marking time till their forced ejection into adulthood. But with older people, say relatives or potential employers, there is an undeniable tone of disapproval in the fact that I am seemingly wasting valuable resources — social, monetary, environmental — by educating myself about such a manifestly worthless and uninteresting subject. Coming from these mouths, "What can you do with that?" really means "What right do you have to exist?"

Never mind that the American economy sustains many people far more useless and annoying than myself — 30H!3, say, or Paris Hilton — in a manner vastly disproportionate to their redeeming social value (or lack thereof). And it is a curious fact that these interrogators, looking sternly down their noses at me, never seem to have thought too long or hard about the value of their own contributions to American society.

Brooks Smith

*Humanity's  
Bro*

But these are secondary considerations. So let me play my favorite game, devil's advocate, for a moment. Why do I want to do math? If it offers little direct assistance to the survival of the human race, it offers even less to mine. I will never be rich (despite repeated entreaties from various family members to use my "giant brain" to make millions playing the stock market or Texas Hold 'Em). I will, to say the least, enjoy no reproductive advantages over my peers. Add the additional burden of fielding repeated questions about the utility or value of my chosen life's work, and you have a recipe for ... what?

One answer I've been fond of recently is the "argument from global competition," which is that Americans are more poorly educated in math and science than people in other countries (including China and Russia) and that I'm going to devote myself to bridging the gap. This argument is a particularly sharp rhetorical tool because it subtly turns the tables on interrogators who have mentioned their own disgust with, or lack of aptitude for, mathematics. It implicitly accuses those who are mathematically illiterate and proud of it of contributing to our eventual takeover by the Communists.

But to be honest I don't have a great deal of personal investment in our country vanquishing other countries, academically, militarily or otherwise. The unvarnished truth about my relationship to mathematics is that I enjoy doing it, and get the same aesthetic pleasure from a beautiful, well-proven theorem that I get from a Van Gogh painting or Shakespeare play. I could pontificate about the symmetry, elegance, and artistry that goes into a

well-written piece of mathematics. I could write an immaculately sourced 10 page paper in MLA format proving that famous mathematicians live on in the historical record and retain name recognition (via textbooks or theorem names) much longer than their athlete, celebrity or even political/military counterparts. I could even state the obvious, which is that without advancements in 'pure,' 'abstract' mathematics, many of the technologies which we now enjoy would not even exist. But I'm sure everyone knows that.

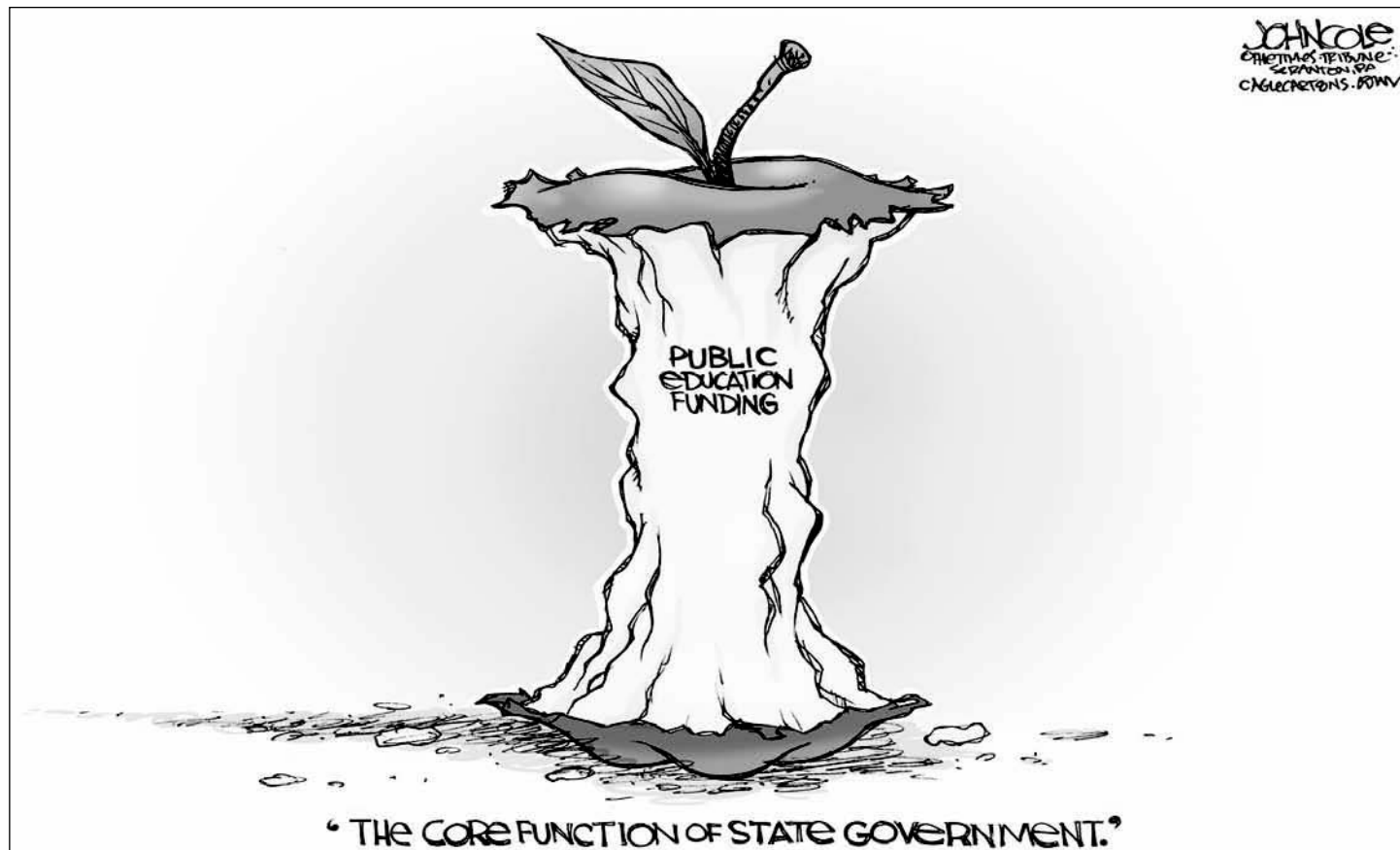
So my actual, personal answer to the question "What can you do with pure math?" is "Make a lasting contribution to human knowledge, with important consequences for math, physics, engineering and technology that will only be apparent 50-100 years after you, my interrogator, have passed away, and in the process achieve a modest immortality. A life spent in the pursuit and contemplation of eternal verities sounds pretty good to me, even if that is not a type of career satisfaction which you, my interrogator, can understand." With any luck, this long-winded, confrontational, unanswerable response will at the very least convince questioners to make small talk with someone else.

Or startle them into forgetting the equally unanswerable follow-up, which is, "How will math pay off your student loans?"

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## OBSERVER POLL

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Never do anything when you are in a temper, for you will do everything wrong."*

Baltasar Gracian  
Spanish writer

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Be the Romeo  
to my Juliet

Dearest Pierce,

Reading your “Wanted: Valentine’s Date” (Feb. 7) ad brought tears to my eyes. I knew immediately, as if through a Divine message, that we are simply meant to be together.

I’d love to be your Valentine — for you to take me to Hot Box or Barnaby’s (although I prefer an all-you-can-eat buffet) and “spoil me silly!” cos I’m worth it! I’m already woozy with anticipation! My parents, too, are totally excited to meet you at JPW.

People always say that I’m a really special girl. I have a very large following in the yaoi community (I hope you don’t mind if I liveblog our date for them). Items on my bucket list include: competing in Nathan’s Hot Dog Eating Contest, going out with you on February 14th (can you believe I’ve never had a date on Valentines, either!), and building a miniature Notre Dame campus for my hedgehogs.

xoxox

That Girl You’ve Been Looking For

P.S. I hope you don’t mind prosthetic limbs.

Britt Burgeson

junior

Pasquerilla West Hall

Feb. 8

In the absence  
of humor

Dear PleasaNDville,

I read your latest comic, in which you called out both The Tuesday Variety Show and The Mating Ritual.

That’s pretty bold talk.

You better step up your game.

Best regards,

Paul Dechant

senior

Dillon Hall

Feb. 8

Cupid’s  
courage

Pierce Coticchia’s letter, “Wanted: Valentine’s date” (Feb. 7) exhibits the exact type of romantic courage men on the Notre Dame campus need to embody. I hope many eligible young fillies take Pierce up on his offer, and that many more bachelors take the same challenge next Monday.

In Notre Dame,

Henry Shine

staff

Investment Office

Feb. 7

Please recycle this  
copy of The Observer.And yes, the polar bears  
thank you.

## Ramblers are practical

I would like to comment on Knott sophomore Brian Metz’s horrible opinion of the Siegfried Hall Day of Man (“Practical men,” Feb. 8). As a former Rambler, a founding member of the event my freshman year and the commissioner of the event for my sophomore, junior and senior years, I would like to convey why in fact a fundraiser for the homeless should in fact be aptly named “The Siegfried Hall Day of Man.” Although you do make good points, I would like to offer my opinion for why you are wrong.

1. Unification: Stereotype of men as having to be tough, although you think it should be abolished, does exist and generally gets men excited about a worthy cause, such as helping the homeless. In reference to the Day of Man, the tough connotation associated with the event is why over 70 percent of the dorm actively participates versus the standard eight to ten people that comprise all other Notre

Dame fundraisers.

2. Marketing: The idea of the Day of Man is to raise money and awareness for the homeless. Standing outside in sandals, shorts, and a T-shirt raises a lot more money and awareness than someone wearing a coat. The idea of making this sacrifice convinces people into donating.

3. Success: Each year, Siegfried has raised over \$6,000 from standing outside alone. Regardless of what you say, the concept works and helps shelter, feed, and clothe the homeless so it is us, rather than they, who are standing outside in sandals, shorts and a T-shirt.

Michael Dean

alumnus

Class of 2010

Feb. 8

## Be a man

I was troubled by Brian Metz’s viewpoint yesterday (“Practical men,” Feb. 8) that disputed the notion that toughness is a prerequisite for manhood. Mr. Metz seems to be offended that Siegfried promotes physical hardiness as a way to raise money for the homeless.

First of all, Siegfried’s Day of Man is one of the greatest dorm traditions at Notre Dame. Not only is it unique, but it raises money for the local homeless shelter, and the criticism of that charitable cause wasn’t necessary.

While technically anyone with an X and Y chromosome who is at least 18 years old is a “man,” the true meaning is so much greater. I saw a survey once that said that the average man cries twice a month (twice a month!) This type of behavior is nauseating and embarrassing to our culture.

By the way, just watch how many women go for the feminine, sensitive guy who is afraid of his own shadow. Trust me, none of them do.

As a Notre Dame student I am constantly reminded of the great men who helped shape this university: Fr. Sorin braving the miserable South Bend winter to establish Our Lady’s school; the dynasties of Rockne and Leahy who coached a tough, smash-mouth brand of Irish football. Just look at the statue of Fr. Corby or the Stonehenge

Memorial fountain as a tribute to the brave men who gave the ultimate sacrifice defending freedom. These are just some examples of genuine toughness and manhood that almost doesn’t exist anymore.

Imagine if Father Sorin was too cold in 1842 and decided not to found Notre Dame. Imagine if Lombardi’s Packers quit on the one-yard line with 10 seconds left in the Ice Bowl because it was 15 below.

It isn’t “phallocentric” or “discriminatory” to hold men to a certain standard of masculinity. The absence of true manhood is a serious problem in our society. We need throwback men who are tough and know how to take charge. Men who are responsible, courageous and resilient. Men who still practice chivalry, but also know how to kick ass and take names. Men who know how to tie a Windsor knot and don’t know what conditioner is used for.

Thank you, Siegfried, for keeping manhood alive in 2011. Let them be an example for all men to rub some dirt on it. Be tough. Be man of tradition.

Sean Mullen

junior

Keough Hall

Feb. 8

## EDITORIAL CARTOON





# PEMCo. brings 'CHICAGO' to Washington Hall

By COURTNEY COX  
Scene Writer

The Pasquerilla East Music Company (PEMCo.) has taken on a daunting feat. Its choice of spring musical is none other than "Chicago." The Broadway edition won a Tony Award for Best Revival in 1996 and the Hollywood film version won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2002. Despite the high standard set by previous renditions of the musical, PEMCo. manages to make the musical feel new and asserts the relevance of the film nearly a century after the real life events inspiring the play actually transpired.

There's something indefinable that makes student productions. Producer Joe Augustinsky said this is "because it is held together by the blood, sweat and tears of college students who want nothing more than to put on a show." There's a passion for theater in this show that cannot quite be captured by the film version, though one can only hope no blood was actually spilt over this production.

The show is different in more tangible ways as well. For one, musical director John Kemnetz said that the cast and crew "weren't looking for a vaudeville-style show with corny dance numbers and overacting ... we looked instead to create more of a musical cabaret."

"A great concern for everyone involved in the production is the fact that people may come to see the show expecting it to be just like the movie,"

said Lesley Sullivan, who plays Velma Kelly. "It is not just like the movie; it is more. More songs, more dances, more comedy and only slightly less well-known celebrities."

The style of the show is certainly much less flashy than the film version.

"Traditionally Chicago is done with a minimalistic set and costume design," director and choreographer Kristen Steel said. "We stayed true to that idea with one large set piece and relatively simple costumes."

It may not be what one expects to hear from the director of a show all about glamorized murder trial, but it certainly allows the cast to shine in the world they have created. They aren't overburdened by their surroundings but instead create memorable characters through their own talent.

Creating a believable character could prove to be a difficult task



for an actor who has seen someone portray the very same person to the acclaim of acting's most prestigious institutions. Sullivan and Nora Collins, who plays Roxie Hart, both succeeded at the task.

"I've really tried to make Roxie my own," Collins said. "I put myself in the character's position

and have made some decisions that are similar to Renee Zellweger's character choices in the movie version but I think I have also done a good job making the role unique to me."

Sullivan also contrasted her approach to the role to the movie version.

"Though at first there was pressure to try to live up to Catherine Zeta-Jones, there is no one way to play the role and no one person who is made for it," Sullivan said. "Seems obvious. But once I realized that I was making this character for this audience, the pressure was off."

The setting of Chicago in the Prohibition era seems so foreign and

glamorous that it offered the actors plenty of room to discover something in the era that appealed to them. "It is so fun to experiment with all the old hair-styles, makeup trends and fashion," Collins said. "The old Chicago slang of the '20s even sneaks its way in a few scenes which is always fun."

Though the play is all about the 1920s, it has themes that persist today. It is all about fame and how certain people can capture the attention of an entire nation. Kemnetz said he believes it is particularly relevant to Notre Dame students.

"It's no great secret that the Notre Dame community will do crazy things when it comes to celebrities — everything from running after Taylor Swift's golf cart to genuinely believing that Jimmy Clausen is attractive," Kemnetz said. "In an age where we sexualize a 15-year-old Bieber and refresh celebrity blogs continuously to see Lindsay Lohan's latest drug bender, Chicago tells us much about our obsession with people who commit crimes."

## On campus

**What:** "Chicago"  
**Where:** Washington Hall  
**When:** 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, Friday, Feb. 11 and Saturday, Feb. 12  
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# Sex on TV

## Culture tantrum

Let's talk about sex.

Specifically, let's talk about sex on television. I will tell you right now, I've reconciled my personal decisions and religious opinions with the fact that television is firmly committed to constantly exercising and exploring the implications of free love. I acknowledge that, in order to enjoy the sardonic and philosophical wit of "House," I have to deal with Chase asking Cameron (season two) and Thirteen (current season) if they, you know, want to have sex. I accept that in order to squeal like a fangirl over Damon in "The Vampire Diaries," I have to watch ever-so-casual teen sex between Elena and Stephan. I'm over it.



Stephanie DePrez

Scene Writer

Sort of. Yesterday I worked out in my dorm's exercise room, bemoaning the fact that since the elliptical was in use, I was relegated to the equipment of the lower class, i.e., the exercise bike. (Who on earth ever thought an exercise bike was a good idea? I'll kill my thighs for some fresh air, but come on, it's worse than a treadmill!)

As I ascended the Throne of Pain, (I was in my gym clothes; I was committed), I began to pay attention to what was on the screen.

Usually when I exercise, I hold my laptop on the consol and watch an episode of television. I can use headphones and avoid the otherwise-necessary closed captions, and I never have to negotiate with anyone over what we watch. Hey, I'm a television major. If you don't want to watch what I want to watch, you're going down.

Unfortunately, balancing a laptop doesn't really jell with riding a bike. So instead of "Parks and Recreation," I was going to watch my fellow exercisee's season three DVDs of "Gossip Girl."

I know the series vaguely enough to name the characters but have no idea who they are currently dating. My lack of opinion about one relationship or another made this episode a microcosm of objective studies in television sex. Serena and Nate were about to start dating — or were

they? They wanted to take it slow, so they slept together three times in 40 minutes. But not without questioning their relationship in between, and even going to a party with different dates (all to discover they're meant for each other, of course).

I know this is "Gossip Girl." I know this is what they do. I know the premise of tangled sexual relations is the basis of the show's success. But as I

watched, I realized — it wasn't fun. As soon as a couple began to kiss, the game was over. I already knew how it ended, because it would end the same way it always ends. They have sex. The end. Well, until someone cheats, or falls out of love, misses a birthday or what have you.

There was no anticipation, no tension. As soon as

Serena's shirt comes off, you might as well just go to the next scene, because no one is going to stop, no one is going to have second thoughts, no one is going to ask questions. It's a blind will to passion that has lost its passion simply in its monotony.

I'm not asking television to lose the sex. That's like asking the Subway in LaFortune to offer \$5 foot-longs. But what I do ask is that there be some sort of variation. Give me a pair of teenagers who break up without having slept together. Or who, I don't know, talk about the implications of sex for two seconds before it happens. Something to acknowledge that sex, however casual you want it to be, is a big deal, no matter how many times it happens or how many boyfriends you've had.

By bombarding the audience with it, you've numbed us. By the end of the third act of that "Gossip Girl" episode, I was bored. Bored by sex! Can you believe it? It wasn't interesting anymore. And, as any television major will tell you, the goal of every television show is to keep our interest.

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## 'The Rite' needs an exorcism from its predictable premise

By MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL  
Scene Writer

Anthony Hopkins has yet to play an unconvincing psychologically-twisted bad guy. But, unfortunately, even his Academy-Award-winning acting talent could not help save "The Rite." Sometimes bordering on the ridiculous, the movie progresses slowly towards a predictable end.

Inspired by true events, the movie follows Michael Kovak (Colin O'Donoghue), the son of a Russian immigrant who enters the seminary to escape his family's funeral home business. He is skeptical of religion and faith but desires a college education and a release from his dreary and depressing life. His Father Superior, however, sees potential in him and sends him to Rome to attend an exorcism class.

His skepticism follows him to Rome, where he meets Father Lucas Trevant (Hopkins). Lucas is an unorthodox priest who specializes in exorcisms. Kovak feels drawn to him, and through their interactions, Lucas introduces him to the darker side of religion. All these experi-

ences help Kovak find his true faith and vocation.

The movie could have been engaging and a nail-biter, but it followed a predictable story arc and gave away most of the plot in the trailers. Anthony Hopkins has played the creepy bad guy too much for his role to be surprising. And to pit him against an attractive, young male lead, scarred by his upbringing? Well, now you have to work extremely hard to not make this movie formulaic.

Despite his overdone role, Hopkins still turns in a masterful performance. At the appropriate times, he creeps us out or tugs at our heartstrings. He has not lost his touch. His character's transformation, though, from exorcising priest to possessed man seems a little forced at the beginning. It's unclear whether the transition was simply not written well, but the evolution seems jumpy.

O'Donoghue falls flat in his feature film debut. At times, his skepticism seems real, and his depressing childhood engenders sympathy. But he mostly tries to act with his face.

He dons an innocent, dopey look, which he uses to convey surprise, disbelief and epiphany. You name an emotion, and he used the same expression to convey it.

But O'Donoghue has potential. His bright blue eyes conjure up images of a younger Paul Newman or Robert Redford, just with a much darker head of hair. And his acting was not all lackluster; in his moment of revelation, his emotion was real and his talent visible. Hopefully he can develop his acting skills in the next few years and really make his mark in Hollywood.

"The Rite" does live up to its hype as a psychological thriller with its creepy and graphic scenes of demonic possessions, although they sometimes seem over the top. Black cats, frogs and red-eyed creatures abound. And although the plot is formulaic and predictable, the movie still manages to surprise and alarm the audience with its thrills and violence. The often-graphic scenes are not for the faint of heart, but they satisfy the average thriller enthusiast.

But overall, "The Rite" fails to

really excite. Even Hopkins could not save the unsurprising plot arches and uninspiring acting of his costars. However, if the storylines of scary movies do not interest you and you only attend for the thrills, then this may be the movie for you. For more thrills, you can visit Father Kovak's parish, where he still performs exorcisms, in a Chicago suburb.

### The Rite Warner Bros.

**Director:** Mikael Hafstrom  
**Starring:** Anthony Hopkins, Colin O'Donoghue, Ciarán Hinds



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NBA

Roy hopes to return from knee surgery this weekend

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Guard Brandon Roy is returning to practice and wants to rejoin the Trail Blazers as soon as this weekend, but he'll have to prove himself first.

Portland's three-time All-Star had arthroscopic surgery on both of his knees just three weeks ago and coach Nate McMillan says he wants to see Roy at work before making a decision.

Portland, coming off a 109-103 victory over the Chicago Bulls, had the day off on Tuesday. They'll practice at home on Wednesday before heading to Toronto for Friday night's game against the Raptors.

"I can't really predict the future, but right now they (the knees) feel good," Roy said. "The biggest thing is once I start playing I have to keep them at a level where I feel good about going out there and helping this team."

Roy was averaging 16.6 points in 23 games before he was sidelined indefinitely by the team. He says now he is nearly pain free, but still needs to practice at full speed.

His announcement has sparked debate over whether it is too soon to return. It also has implications for forward LaMarcus Aldridge, whose play

has vastly improved since Portland began running its offense through him.

Last season, Roy had arthroscopic surgery to repair the meniscus in his right knee two days before the Blazers opened their first-round playoff series against Phoenix. He made a remarkable comeback and played in the fourth game of the series, which the Suns eventually won.

Some suggested that perhaps he returned too soon from that surgery, and is being too hasty this time around, too.

Roy has said the problem is too little cartilage in both his knees.

Although Roy was hopeful to be on the court against Toronto, or perhaps in Detroit on Sunday, he vowed to listen to doctors after testing his knee at practice. And when he does return, he'll ease himself back, he said.

"I'm going to try to get through these practices and when we're in Toronto I'm sure we'll sit down and come up with an amount of minutes. I'm sure he (McMillan) is going to want to keep it low when I first come back," Roy said.

Roy hasn't played since Dec. 15. That's when Portland started to go to Aldridge, who has averaged 25.4 points and 10.2 rebounds since then. The Blazers are 16-10 without Roy.

In the victory over the Bulls, Aldridge had a career-high 42 points. He said afterward that the Blazers need Roy back.

"A lot of guys have been playing a lot of minutes, so getting Brandon back should be good for us," Aldridge said.

Roy weighed in: "I think we are always just going to try to help each other play well. The goal is always to try to win. I don't know how we're going to run plays or anything yet. I just want to come back and get out there and get my legs back."

Word of Roy's return was first reported by The Oregonian newspaper shortly before the Blazers took on the Bulls. After the game, McMillan suggested that Roy wasn't the only one coming back — center Marcus Camby would be practicing this week, too.

Camby had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee on Jan. 20. He was averaging 5.9 points and 11.3 rebounds in 39 games this season.

"Bandon and Camby have decided when they're coming back. We have these couple of days where we're going to practice. I'll see if these guys show up for practice and we'll go from there," McMillan said. "As far as playing this weekend, that hasn't been decided yet."

The Blazers have been



Trail Blazers center Greg Oden, left, and guard Brandon Roy look on from the bench in a game against the Sacramento Kings on Jan. 24

dogged by injuries for the second straight season.

In November, the team announced that center Greg Oden, the No. 1 draft pick in 2007, would miss the season because of microfracture surgery on his left knee. Oden missed his rookie year because of microfracture surgery on his right knee.

Second-year forward Jeff Pendergraph injured his knee in the preseason and required season-ending surgery. And rookie guard Elliot Williams has undergone surgery this season on both knees.

Last season Blazers players collectively missed more games than any team in the NBA except the Warriors.

NFL

Steelers look to move past Super Bowl loss

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — With his season over, Brett Keisel is ready to scrap his scruffy style.

Forget "Fear the Beard."

Much to the disappointment of the bushy growth's nearly 30,000 Facebook fans, it's time to "Shear the Beard."

"It's coming off soon," Keisel said outside the Steelers practice facility. "I'm not exactly sure when or how it's going to happen. But it's going to come off soon. It was a good thing. I think looking back, I wouldn't change it."

Win or lose the Super Bowl, Keisel's lumberjack look was in for a makeover.

He had promised not to cut or trim the reddish-brown beard as long as the Steelers kept winning. So, Keisel can bust out the clippers this week, though his full-bodied

facial hair surely would have kept him warm during a Super Bowl parade that would have been held on a frigid Tuesday had the Steelers beat the Packers in the Super Bowl.

Instead, his whiskers will soon swirl down the drain like the Steelers' championship dreams.

Keisel and the Steelers had one final team meeting Tuesday, determined to put their crushing Super Bowl loss to Green Bay behind them. Players stuffed belongings in black trash bags and zoomed off into an uncertain offseason.

Almost 48 hours after the loss, coach Mike Tomlin met with the Steelers and told them the franchise remains committed toward winning the Lombardi Trophy.

He also addressed some various rules and restrictions that would come if owners decide to move ahead with a lockout.

The Steelers, like most NFL players, are worried about what will happen with OTAs, minicamps, health insurance and other necessities when the collective bargaining agreement expires March 3.

"Hey man, you better save some money, just in case," defensive end Nick Eason said. "A lot of things have changed. I mean, we've been taken care of through our health insurance, and things like that, and we're going to have that no longer. So it's time to save, time to not buy cars and spend money."

Tomlin, of course, wasn't around to talk about the meeting. Same with Ben Roethlisberger and Troy Polamalu. The Steelers let two players talk to the media at the podium: Antwaan Randle El and Chris Hoke.

About an hour after the meeting ended, Tomlin walked

out of a side door of the practice facility wearing a scarf and his AFC champions ballcap, but no coat, on a brisk day where the wind chill was below zero.

Tomlin waved before he slipped into his SUV and backed it up to the doors of the practice facility to load some belongings. He then tipped his cap as he drove out of the parking lot.

Inside team headquarters, the Steelers' six Super Bowl trophies stand together along the wall leading to various offices. The 31-25 loss to the Packers assured there will be no more additions to that collection this offseason.

Hoke, a free agent after 10 years with the Steelers, was a key component in their last two championships. And, of course, he expected to extend the perfect record on Sunday.

"I'm glad we won the first

two, because I don't how you deal with it," Hoke said. "It makes you so much happier you won the first two. It's tough to lose Super Bowls. You get there, you dream of being on top of that podium holding that trophy, passing it around, celebrating with your teammates."

Hoke hopes to return and expects to find most of his teammates back with him for the new season — whenever that starts. Linebacker LaMarr Woodley and cornerback Ike Taylor are two top free agents. The Steelers want to re-sign both.

Under the Rooney family, the Steelers have long been fond of stability. And Art Rooney has already said not to expect many changes.

Who knows. Maybe Keisel's mangy mane might be the biggest offseason transformation.

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## PGA TOUR

# Tour golfers still wary of Tiger on course



**Tiger Woods appears at the Emirates Golf Club two days ahead of the Dubai Desert Classic golf tournament in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.**

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Lee Westwood and Martin Kaymer - the two highest-ranked golfers - insist Tiger Woods remains the biggest draw and his return to top form can only be good for the game.

"When I'm not playing a tournament and I'm watching, say, somewhere in the States, I'm watching how Tiger is playing," the top-ranked Westwood said. "I'm seeing if he's playing well. He's exciting to watch for everybody."

Westwood, Kaymer and the third-ranked Woods play this week at the Dubai Desert Classic. The three will be grouped for the first two rounds at Emirates Golf Course. This is the first time since 1994 the world's top three golfers are playing together in a European Tour event.

Woods' five-tournament winning streak at Torrey Pines ended last month after a final-round 75 left him tied for 44th. It was his worst start to a season since he turned pro and follows a year in which he failed to win at least one tournament for the first time and his marriage ended following extramarital affairs.

His struggles have raised doubts about whether at age 35 he will ever ascend to the level that brought him 14 majors, especially considering the rise of such players as the 26-year-old Kaymer.

Kaymer says such talk is premature.

"He's the best player in the game," Kaymer said. "At the moment, Lee and me, we are No. 1 and 2. But in every golfer's mind, he is the best player in the world. And it would be fantastic if he can get back to where he was and then we challenge him."

The German said he would relish the chance to play alongside Woods for the first time. Kaymer said the media shouldn't give Woods "such a hard time," adding that he has a lot of respect for him and "we are very thankful for what he did for golf."

"We are not enemies on the golf course. We don't like to see people suffering," Kaymer said. "Of course, you want to win on Sunday, but we don't like to win a golf tournament when somebody screws up."

"The way I won in Abu Dhabi,

winning by eight shots, that's a great win and that makes me happy. But it would not make me happy if Tiger finishes with a double bogey and an 89 and I win by one (stroke)."

Mark O'Meara, a friend of Woods and also playing in Dubai, predicts Woods will win several tournaments this year and possibly a major.

"I'd never underestimate what Tiger is capable of doing," he said. "He may not be swinging the best. He may not be the most confident player right now. But saying all that, Tiger being Tiger, he has fought back before and he will fight back from this."

On Tuesday, Woods and O'Meara won the nine-hole, par-3 Challenge Match by two shots, beating Westwood and Miguel Angel Jimenez. Noh Seung-yul and Jeev Milkha Singh were a further shot back.

Woods is not the only one having a rough start to the season. Westwood finished 64th in a European Tour event in Abu Dhabi last month then missed the cut in last week's Qatar Masters.

Westwood, who supplanted Woods at No. 1 in October, attributes his troubles to a lingering calf injury and time off over Christmas.

"When you don't work on your swing, you go back to your faults, and that's what's happened the last couple of weeks on tour in Abu Dhabi and Qatar," said Westwood, who on Thursday was given lifetime membership on the European Tour. "I needed to do a little bit of work on that, and I'm starting to get a bit of it in place."

Westwood could lose the top spot this week if Kaymer wins and he finishes lower than second, and if Kaymer finishes second and Westwood is out of the top 10. If Kaymer is tied for second, he could still become No. 1 if Westwood finishes out of the top 36. Woods could leapfrog Kaymer if he wins and Kaymer finishes outside the top five.

Kaymer and Westwood say they're priority is winning the tournament.

"Let's ignore the world ranking. The clear and present danger is not Martin Kaymer," Westwood said. "The issue for me is to play well, get my game in better order than it has been the last two weeks and try and win the Dubai Desert Classic. End of story."

## NBA

# Howard annoyed by rumors

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Magic center Dwight Howard said he is annoyed by the recent talk about his contract and the possibility he would leave Orlando when he becomes a free agent.

Howard expounded on some recent Twitter comments Tuesday morning at the Magic's practice before Tuesday night's game against the Los Angeles Clippers.

He said his situation should not be compared to what happened with Miami's LeBron James or what is going on with Denver's Carmelo Anthony because they "have nothing to do with Dwight Howard."

Howard said he's "really tired of" the contract talk and that he wants "to help this franchise win a championship."

Howard's current contract runs through the 2012-13 season, but he could utilize an early termination option and become a free agent after next season.

"Yeah, I am annoyed," Howard said. "I can't sign a contract this year. I can't sign anywhere this summer, so why keep bringing it up? Why are people talking about me going any other place right now? Right now is about this season. It's not about L.A., New York or whatever. I'm really tired of it. I don't wanna be talking about where I'm gonna be playing basketball next or people in Orlando asking me 'Are you going to leave us?'"

Magic fan Mike Philpot sent Howard this message via Twitter on Monday afternoon: "D12 be different. Stay in



**Magic center Dwight Howard dunks over Celtics center Semih Erdin during Boston's 91-80 win over Orlando on Sunday.**

Orlando. You can own this city. See Jordan and Tim Duncan for examples."

Howard responded with: "I never said I wanted to leave stop reading the rumors. It's really stupid. And annoying to be honest. They tryna make something outta nothing I have another yr under my contract before I can sign."

On Tuesday, when asked about the Twitter exchange, Howard expressed even more discontent about recent reports that have surfaced in the past few weeks about his future. There have been reports that Howard is flirting with the idea of going to larger markets like New York or Los Angeles should Orlando not win an NBA title.

"I never said anything about leaving," Howard said. "I never said anything about me not

being happy here or me 'pulling a LeBron' like people say on Twitter. But I'm just really tired of it. I want to help this franchise win a championship."

Howard also doesn't want to be compared to how James handled his departure from Cleveland or what is happening with Anthony in Denver.

"That's Carmelo and LeBron," Howard said. "That has nothing to do with Dwight Howard. I'm focused on this season. This is the moment right here. When we get down the road to 2012 or whenever when it's time to sign, then we can talk about that stuff. But as for now, I don't wanna be talking about it. There's no need to bring up what's gonna happen in the future."

"We can't go to the future right now anyway."



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## NFL

# Munchak fires three coaches

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Titans coach Mike Munchak has fired offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger along with two other assistants as he starts to remake his coaching staff a day after taking over the top job.

Heimerdinger, who is continuing cancer treatment after diagnosed in November, confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that he had been fired. The Titans released a statement a couple hours later that Munchak also told defensive assistant Rayna Stewart and offensive assistant Richie Wessman that they will not be retained.

"It's never easy to be fired," Heimerdinger said. "He has to do what's good for the Titans, and Munchak will do what's best for the Titans. I appreciate my time here,

but it's never easy to be fired."

The Titans gave Munchak the freedom to keep or hire anyone he wants and he promised changes when he was introduced on Monday. He let go the coordinator who was the second coach interviewed to replace Jeff Fisher. Munchak said it wasn't an easy move involving a man he respects as an innovative offensive mind and for how he has fought cancer.

"We have worked well through the years, but I believe we need to go in a different direction at offensive coordinator," Munchak said. "This wasn't about his health - he is feeling good - it is a change of direction for us. This is not something that I take lightly and I wish him and his family the best."

The Titans also defended themselves for firing a man with cancer.

Senior executive vice president Steve Underwood said in the team's statement that the Titans immediately offered to extend Heimerdinger's contract when he diagnosed. Heimerdinger was under contract for 2011.

"We will honor Mike's existing agreement with our club and continue to wish him a complete recovery," Underwood.

This now gives Munchak eight openings to fill on his coaching staff. Fisher had fired defensive coordinator Chuck Cecil last month, while the defensive line coach, running backs coach and wide receivers assistant all left for other jobs. Former teammate Bruce Matthews, now an assistant in Houston, is expected to be Munchak's top target to fill his old job with the offensive line.

The news brought almost instant reaction Tuesday.

## NFL

# Saints fans react to Sean Payton's move



**New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton celebrates Super Bowl XLIV 31-17 victory in Miami on Feb. 8, 2010.**

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Sean Payton is moving his family to Dallas and the Saints have no problem with it — however, many New Orleans fans do.

Payton confirmed Tuesday that he buying a house in Dallas and is moving his wife and two children to Texas while he remains the Saints' head coach.

"When my wife and I relocated our family from Dallas, we had always dreamed of someday settling there," Payton said in a statement released by the team. "We feel that now is the best time to do this. It's a decision that I'm sure many families have to confront, and I don't know if there is any one right or wrong decision — just the best one you can make for your own family."

The decision is not sitting well with numerous Saints fans who've expressed consternation and confusion over the matter on call-in shows and internet chat sites.

Saints owner Tom Benson and Mickey Loomis both issued statements of support and sounded confident that Payton was committed to sticking with the club that first made him a head coach in January of 2006.

"Sean is our head coach," Benson said. "Like we do with everyone in our organization, we support them when they need to make tough personal decisions. Sean is making a decision in the best interest of his family and he needs our support and he will get it. What I do know is that Sean is completely focused on bringing our team back to a championship."

Loomis pointed out that it is not uncommon for coaches to coach in one city while their permanent home is in another.

Former Colts coach Tony Dungy did so with the Colts while his family lived in Florida. In the NBA, current New Jersey Nets coach Avery Johnson maintains his permanent home in Texas.

"This is a personal family matter for Sean and his family and after discussing it with him, I support his decision," Loomis said. "We spoke of numerous other coaches that have done the same thing successfully. I am confident that Sean will continue to be an excellent head coach for the Saints for many years to come and he remains

steadfast to get our team back to the Super Bowl and bring the Lombardi Trophy back to New Orleans."

Even if that is the case, New Orleans is unlike any other NFL city because of the bond between fans and the team. The relationship has transcended the action on the gridiron since Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.

Payton has taken a public relations beating the last 24 hours as rumors about his family's move began to circulate and fester for more than a day before he finally issued a statement.

Readers of the Times-Picayune's web site, nola.com, posted hundreds of messages on the subject, many expressing disenchantment with a coach they had seen as a pillar of the community.

Because Payton had been an assistant coach in Dallas from 2003-05 and maintains a friendly relationship with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, numerous fans worried that Payton may have designs on returning to his former employer.

Others were simply insulted and accused the coach of hypocrisy. Not only had Payton played a leading role in helping the Saints promote their mission to rebuild the city since Hurricane Katrina, he had also published a book, after the 2010 Super Bowl triumph, entitled: "Home Team — Coaching the Saints and New Orleans Back To Life."

Now Payton is making a change that many interpret as the coach essentially saying their town is no longer good enough for the coach's wife, Beth, and their two children, Meghan and Connor.

The subject dominated call-in shows, where some wondered allowed whether Payton was having trouble with his marriage, while others urged angry fans to stay out of the coach's personal business and give him the benefit of the doubt.

In his book, Payton recalled that when he was hired by the Saints, he considered keeping his family in Dallas, but the Saints refused, fearful it would send the wrong message. Payton wrote that he realized then that, if one was going to join the Saints after Katrina, they had to be "All in."

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**Junior guard Natalie Novosel shakes off a defender during Notre Dame's 89-38 victory over Seton Hall on Tuesday in the Purcell Pavilion.**

## Diggins

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14 points, six rebounds, seven assists and five steals.

"She's doing everything," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "And she's just beginning to peak."

Led by Diggins and a 16-point performance by junior guard Natalie Novosel, six total Irish players scored in double-digits, as Notre Dame shot 64 percent from the floor.

Senior guard Brittany Mallory scored 13 points, freshman forward Natalie Achonwa scored 12 and senior forwards Devereaux Peters and Becca Bruszewski each added 12.

"We played a really good team game today," Novosel said.

The Pirates (7-16, 0-10) won the tip-off but could not score despite three offensive rebounds in the first minute of the game. Bruszewski grabbed the rebound off of the Pirates

fourth shot and fed the ball to Diggins, who scored the first layup of the game.

The Irish raced to a 26-7 lead and were up 44-23 at halftime.

"We finally got the ball, we got it going, ... people were just really finding each other today," Diggins said.

Seton Hall forward Kandice Green went down with a left ankle injury after 3:34 and did not return to the game. Pirates coach Anne Donovan said Green's loss was a big blow to the team.

"All confidence at that point was gone," she said. "... We had a lot of different defenses we wanted to try but Kandice is the catalyst in most of those."

Pirates guard Jasmine Crew led her team with 10 points.

The game marked a turn for Notre Dame's defense, which McGraw had been unhappy with after the South Florida game. Seton Hall shot just 24.6 percent from the floor and committed 24 turnovers, which Notre Dame took advantage of for 36 points.

"Me personally, I get more upset giving up a basket than making one, because you let your team down that way," Novosel said. "When everybody's working together, it really feeds into your offense."

Donovan said she expected Notre Dame to put pressure on her team, but still wasn't prepared by the Irish defense.

"We showed tape, we practiced it for two days, and it went completely out the window," she said.

Notre Dame faces Rutgers (13-9, 6-3) Saturday in its annual Pink Zone game, which raises funds for organizations that focus on breast cancer education, screening, support and research. According to the Pink Zone website, [www.und.com/pinkzone](http://www.und.com/pinkzone), the effort has already raised \$59,985 this season. Last season's total eclipsed \$100,000.

A silent auction for Pink Zone begins at 12:30 p.m., and tip-off is at 2 p.m.

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**Junior Samuel Keeton lunges for a ball during his three-set win at the No. 4 position against Duke Feb. 6 at Notre Dame.**

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give the Irish a 3-1 advantage with the other matches coming down to a third set.

Stahl came up with the next win for the Irish in a third set defeating Bertha at No. 3 singles 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

No. 71 Havens claimed the next and clinching victory for the 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 over Martin at No. 2 singles.

Junior Sam Keeton won by retirement at No. 5 singles over Ask, 2-6, 6-4, 5-2.

The Irish will take the courts again in East Lansing for a double header against Marquette and Michigan State Saturday.

"Michigan State will pose a difficult test for us," Bayliss said. "They beat No. 21 Wake Forest last week, and they have courts that are faster than ours. We have had a tough stretch here, that can only make us stronger."

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## NFL

# Court will not block Vikings' suspensions

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that it won't permanently block the NFL from suspending Vikings defensive tackles Kevin Williams and Pat Williams for violating the league's anti-doping policy.

Barring another appeal, the ruling appears to clear the way for the NFL to suspend the players, which it has been trying to do since both tested positive for a banned diuretic in 2008. The players have been fighting their suspensions and could appeal the latest decision to the state Supreme Court.

Peter Ginsberg, an attorney for both players, said early Tuesday he had not talked to his clients and wasn't sure whether they would seek another appeal.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the NFL is reviewing the decision and determining how to proceed.

The Williamses, who are not related, tested positive in 2008 for bumetanide, a banned diuretic that can mask the presence of steroids that was in the StarCaps weight-loss supplement they were taking. They were not accused of taking steroids and said they didn't know the diuretic was in the supplement.

The players sued the NFL in state court, saying it violated state labor law. Their suspensions have been on hold while the case has been playing out in state and federal courts.

Last May, Hennepin County

District Judge Gary Larson ruled the NFL broke state law when it failed to notify the players of their positive test results within the mandated three days. But the judge also declined to permanently block the NFL from suspending the players, saying they weren't harmed by the notification delays.

The players appealed, asking that the suspensions be permanently blocked.

A three-judge panel of the appeals court affirmed the lower court's decision to deny permanent relief from the suspensions — but had different reasons for its decision.

The appeals court ruled that bumetanide isn't defined as a drug under state law, so the NFL wasn't required to tell the players of its presence in the drug tests.

According to the 11-page decision, the Williamses provided urine samples for drug testing during their annual physical exams in 2008. The samples for each player were divided into separate bottles for testing purposes. Once an initial test read positive for bumetanide, the other samples were tested to confirm the presence of the diuretic.

The appeals court ruled that since the purpose of those confirmatory tests was solely to detect the presence of bumetanide — which state law doesn't define as a drug — there is no legal basis for the court to find that the NFL violated the state's notification requirements.

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JULIE HERDER/The Observer  
Senior guards Scott Martin and Ben Hansbrough head up the court during Notre Dame's 76-69 win over Rutgers Sunday in the Purcell Pavilion.

## Knights

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thrilling 91-89 double-over-time win at Freedom Hall last year, something that Irish coach Mike Brey vowed to remind his team of prior to the game.

"It's interesting since the [previous] Louisville game what this nucleus has done and I'll make sure they know that before the game," Brey said in a press conference Monday.

All this veteran Irish team has done since then is win, going 25-6 overall and 16-0 at the Purcell Pavilion, where they host the Cardinals tonight.

"Mentally we put ourselves in the right position to win and we just go out and put up a fight each and every time," senior forward Carleton Scott said of the change in pace since the loss to the Cardinals a season ago.

Scott was a key contributor in the victory over the Scarlet

Knights (12-11, 3-8), recording his fifth double-double of the year with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Meanwhile, senior guard Ben Hansbrough has stayed hot after adding 25 points against Rutgers. In his last four games, the Irish's leading scorer has averaged 24.0 points and 5.3 assists per game, leading Notre Dame to sole possession of second place in the Big East behind No. 4 Pittsburgh.

"With this veteran group, we are able to ride different guys for a while," Brey said. "We are not the quickest group out there but we are pretty smart as to getting a feel as to what [other teams] are trying to do to us."

The Cardinals are coming off of a 61-57 win over DePaul on Saturday, where they squeaked by despite the absence of their top scorer, senior guard Preston Knowles, and top rebounder, sophomore forward Rakeem Buckles.

Cardinals' coach Rick Pitino's squad, however, found solace in sharpshooting junior guard

Kyle Kuric, who went for 19 points and was 3-5 from 3-point range. The junior has averaged 14.3 points per game in his last three contests while shooting 44-percent from beyond the arc on the year. Knowles, averaging nearly 15 points per game, is expected to be healthy after sitting out Saturday's game with a hamstring injury along with sophomore speedster Peyton Silva, who struggled through back spasms in his last two games. The Cardinals are shooting just under 37 percent from 3-point range this season.

"[The Cardinals] are really using the 3-point line as their mode of getting going," Brey said. "For us, we need to control the tempo and watch out for guys on the arc."

Louisville hopes to end Notre Dame's five-game win streak while the Irish will try to continue their dominance at home tonight at 7 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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## Rutgers

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of the season are going to matter.

After a home game against Rutgers Saturday, Notre Dame will have a week off. The last four games come in a stretch of just 10 days, and look something like this:

- u At No. 2 Connecticut, which leads Notre Dame in the Big East standings by one game.

- u On national television at No. 17 West Virginia, which tonight held Connecticut to just 57 points in a close, 57-51 loss.

- u Against Cincinnati at home, which should be a break for the Irish providing it doesn't get overlooked.

- u On national television at No. 14 DePaul, which is right behind Notre Dame in the Big East standings.

Four days later, the Irish will be in Hartford, Conn. for the Big East tournament. When they actually start playing is what's up for grabs.

Notre Dame has yet to beat a ranked team on the road this year, but will need to get over that hurdle soon. While a top four seed and byes in the first two rounds in the Big East tournament looks likely at this point, it's not locked up.

The Irish stand second in the Big East with a 10-1 record, and DePaul is right behind at 9-1. Beyond those two, three teams — Marquette, Georgetown and Rutgers — each have conference records of 7-3.

One loss in the next five games, then, wouldn't hurt. Two should keep Notre Dame in the top four. Three, and there's a possibility someone else slips in.

Notre Dame lost four Big East games last season, just enough to fall to a No. 5-seed in the conference tournament. It faced No. 1-seed Connecticut in the semifinals, and lost.

Now, none of these road games, even the one in Storrs, should be looked at as automatic losses. The Irish played Connecticut closer than any other Big East team has this year.

But none of the games should be looked at as automatic wins, either.

The Irish have won eight straight, including an easy 80-58 defeat of No. 16 Georgetown on Jan. 18 and tonight's complete destruction of Seton Hall. But the games leading up to Tuesday's tilt with the Pirates showed some weaknesses on both sides of the ball.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she had addressed her concerns during practice, and her players strongly agreed.

"When Coach is happy, everybody's happy," junior guard Natalie Novosel said, humorously alluding to what goes on at practice when McGraw isn't so cheerful.

Tuesday night, at least, McGraw was in a good mood.

"Offensively it's probably the best game we've played together in maybe the last two games," she said. "I was happy with both ends of the floor."

The team came together, capitalizing on each other's successes and making up for each other's mistakes. It was by no means a perfect effort; the team overthrew several passes, committed 19 turnovers and missed 10 free throws.

But when you're talking about perfection from a basketball standpoint, 70 percent shooting from the field after 32 minutes might qualify. McGraw's explanation for not having enough offensive rebounds on the stat sheet was simply that they didn't miss enough shots.

Sophomore point guard Skylar Diggins, who played her most complete game of the season Tuesday, said the Irish are getting better every day.

Notre Dame already has a good chance in each of its next five games. If it can continue to improve every game, to minimize errors and play complete team basketball, it should be able to come out on the other side of the regular season having finally proved it can do more than simply hang around with the toughest competition.

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come back from a long run and you're exhausted, but I've learned to challenge myself, and the best part is the friendships I've built with my teammates."

Since then, Hirt has been a consistent contributor on both the cross country and track teams. Last fall, Hirt qualified for the regional cross country meet in Syracuse, where she completed the circuit in 23:12. That finish was good enough for 63rd overall, and Hirt said it was her proudest moment as a member of the team.

Hirt has also had success on the track this season with several strong showings, including a 3,000-meter victory two weeks ago at the Indiana Relays in Bloomington. Her winning time of 9:57 was a personal best, and it also marked the second straight year she had won that race in her return to her hometown.

"I've been running on that track since middle school, so it is definitely in my comfort zone, and I have my old friends, my old coach, and my family there to support me," she said. "It brings back a lot of happy memories, and I get

really excited."


Hirt said her family has been a major reason for much of her running success, and they still attend several events each year to cheer her on. She said their constant support without pressure has made all the difference for her.

"My family has been great throughout this whole process," Hirt said. "They don't know a whole lot about running, so they haven't put any pressure on me like some other families might. They're really supportive though, and they just tell me to go out and have fun."

Hirt has thrived in that atmosphere, and her future looks bright. With over a year left in her college career, she said she hoped to continue to run well and to qualify and score at the bigger regional meets. After college, Hirt said she wants to attend medical school, but she doesn't see an end to her competitive career anytime soon.

"I plan on going to medical school at either Indiana or Duke," she said. "I'll continue running though, either on an elite team or just doing some road races for fun."

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WILL SHORTZ

- Across**

1 Renowned family of Italian history

7 Thom \_\_\_ shoes

11 \_\_\_-a-Mania, candy collectors' convention since 1991

14 Coral islands

15 Island of exile

16 Hew

17 Opening line from a TV show that debuted on 1/5/61

20 Ideal ending?

21 Buttinsky

22 "Smart" guys

23 Subject of a hotel policy

24 Pumpkinhead

25 With 43-Across, line spoken by the show's star

33 High-tech surveillance acronym

34 "Rama \_\_\_ Ding Dong" (1961 hit)
- 35 Org. in the health care debate

36 Pens sold in 10-packs

37 Canine complaints

39 \_\_\_-a-brac

40 \_\_\_Kosh B'Gosh

41 Phileas \_\_\_, fictional circumnavigator

42 Part of a "Macbeth" trio

43 See 25-Across

47 It was "lost" in 1981's top-grossing movie

48 "The Lord of the Rings" tree creatures

49 Wing it

52 Of the lower small intestine

54 "Fee, fi, fo, \_\_\_"

57 Familiar title for the star of the show

60 Hit the jackpot
- Down**

1 When repeated, a food fish

2 Summers in la cit 

3 Definitely no genius

4 Indisposed

5 Suitable sites for suits

6 Really digs

7 Office reminder

8 "Good" rate

9 Sit-up muscles

10 "Rocky and Bullwinkle" villainess

11 Skin

12 Big cheese

13 Jazz duo in London?

18 \_\_\_ pit (rock concert area)

19 Ultimate word in an ultimatum

23 Neighbors of 9-Down

24 Bill dispensers

25 Like cannibalism, e.g.

26 "Wouldn't that be nice"

27 Chuck Yeager's breakthrough

28 "Send me"

29 Dance like the Hines Brothers

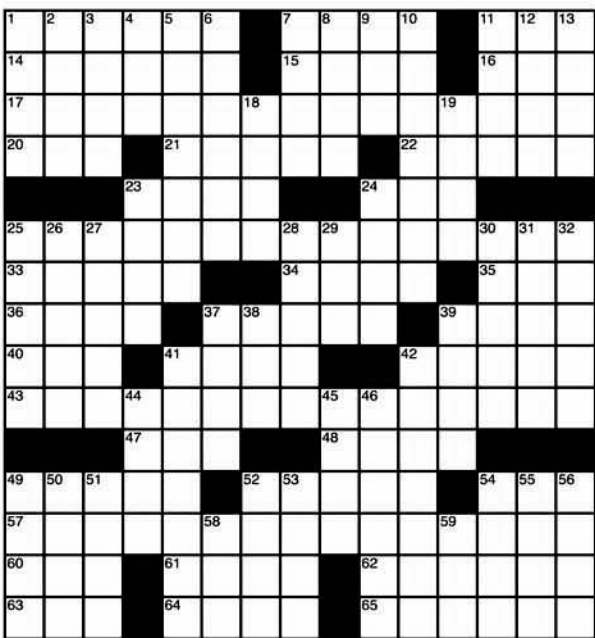
30 Poker Flat creator Bret
- 61 Furrow-producing

62 Former space shuttle commander Collins

63 Pained cries

64 Pilots' announcements, for short

65 Pilots



Puzzle by Mr. Ed Sessa

- 31 Friends, in Florence

32 Luxury craft

37 Fergie's duchy

38 Object of a spring hunt

39 Bridle parts

41 Prohibited

42 "Be careful!"

44 \_\_\_ accompli
- 45 Holden Caulfield, for one

46 Since way back when

49 "A one and \_\_\_"

50 Indian Ocean vessel

51 Monocle part

52 Chain founded in Sweden
- 53 Logo image for "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"

54 Unattached

55 Lead-in for friendly

56 Department store department

58 Tennis judge's call

59 "Bravo!"

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EUGENIA LAST

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Seth Green, 37; Mary Steenburgen, 58; Robert Klein, 69; Nick Nolte, 70

**Happy Birthday:** Believe in yourself and your own ability to find solutions. Concentrate on the result you want to achieve. Detach your feelings and emotions if it will help you reach your goals. This is a year of accomplishment, if you can bypass what and who are holding you back. Your numbers are 4, 7, 16, 20, 26, 32, 45

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Ride out any controversy or negativity. Size up your situation without making a commitment. This is a great time to prove how valuable you are but it's not the time to negotiate or to make demands. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You can't appease everyone. Offer what you know you can do well and successfully. You will be inclined to underestimate your current situation, so it's very important not to make promises or to think in too broad a spectrum. ★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You've got more going for you than you realize. Don't look back or second-guess yourself. Put your plans into motion and strive for perfection and completion. You have room to grow and advance and that's precisely what your aim should be. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Avoid anyone who wants too much or is putting pressure on you. You will learn a valuable lesson about lifestyle that will help you change your ways, correct poor habits and implement a positive set of rules. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** If you aren't happy with where you are, consider what you can learn or what skills you can pick up to help you get to where you want to be. Discuss your plans with someone you respect. You can create a much more stable environment for yourself. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You need to play a little harder and strive for a bit more enjoyment in your life. Get involved in activities that stimulate you mentally or physically and you will feel much better about attacking any professional goals. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Separate yourself from the bullies and people trying to push you aside or make you feel or look bad. Get involved in groups that will see your potential and allow you to take things in a new direction. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Some of the people you have always been able to count on in the past will disappoint you. This time around, voice your opinion loud and clear. You will feel better and will stand a better chance of winning a battle that you have no choice but to fight. ★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Someone close to you will not agree with your decisions. A change in the way you live and do things is expected and, although you won't like all the results, you will be in a better place and position. ★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You'll have trouble making up your mind and, when you do, you are likely to discover you made a poor choice. Don't be afraid to slow down and hold off on any decision-making for the time being. Spend less, offer less and do less. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't let anyone discourage you. There are lots of doors opening and you have the energy, desire and ability to pursue the opportunities. Your discipline will enable you to reach goals you normally would never consider. ★★

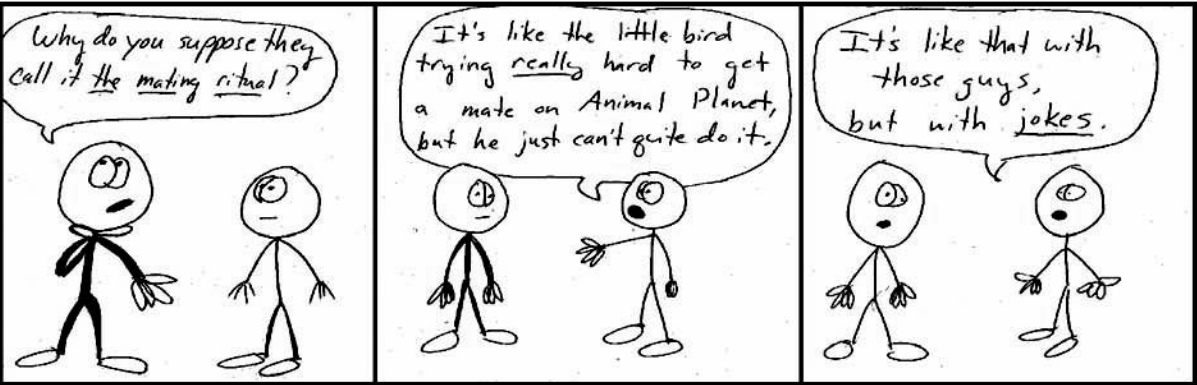
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You will have difficulty making decisions. Don't let anyone put pressure on you. It may cost you a deal or a partnership initially but, in hindsight, you will realize it is the wrong time to make a move that is binding. ★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are sophisticated and a little ahead of your time. You are aggressive, industrious, entertaining and engaging.

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TUESDAY VARIETY SHOW

LAURA MCGINN

**Troll** [trohl] (n):

1. A large creature of Norse mythology who was believed to dwell in mountains and caves, usually described as being ugly, unpleasant, and unhelpful. Similar creatures have appeared in popular fantasy works such as The Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter.
2. A lure used when fishing by trolling, or working the line up and down in the water.
3. One who posts a deliberately provocative message in a public forum in order to provoke others into a desired emotional response, or otherwise disrupting normal conversation. Some examples of this include 4Chan's Anonymous and PleasaNDville (see included illustration).

JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK  
MIKE ARGIRION

**JUMBLE**

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

WHYSO

TELIE

LADPIL

LUSHIM

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

A: " " A " " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GUIDE CARGO BEETLE PRIMER  
Answer: You might say that a veterinarian has this — A "PET" DEGREE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Looks like a parking lot down there. Nothing's moving.

WHAT THE TRAFFIC REPORTER SAID WHEN THE POLICE CHASE TIED UP THE ROADS.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Pirates plundered

*Diggins leads as Irish trump Seton Hall*

By LAURA MYERS  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fans aren't used to getting Big Macs against the Big East, but the Irish managed the promotion's required 88 points — plus one more — in an 89-38 defeat of Seton Hall Tuesday night.

It was the ninth time this season No. 8 Notre Dame (21-4, 10-1 Big East) has defeated an opponent by more than 35 points, adding one more to its school record number of routs.

The win came just two days after the Irish struggled to beat South Florida on the road Sunday, ultimately defeating the Bulls 76-68.

"I think this game was somewhat of a statement," sophomore guard Skylar Diggins said.

Diggins paced her team with



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

**Irish sophomore guard Skylar Diggins drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 89-38 victory over Seton Hall Tuesday in the Purcell Pavilion.**

*Big win hides fact that the road only gets tougher*

Notre Dame has been no stranger to tough competition this season. The Irish have played thrillers against No. 15 UCLA and No. 2 Connecticut at home, and battled No. 9 Kentucky and No. 2 Baylor on the road.

That they lost in each of those games barely mattered in the context of the season. In fact, they gained a spot in the AP poll after falling 79-76 to Connecticut Jan. 8.

But now, while basking in the success of the second-widest Big East regular-season victory in school history, the Irish need to prepare themselves. It's about to get a lot tougher, and the last five games



Laura Myers

Sports Writer

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MEN'S TENNIS

## No. 25 Notre Dame captures win over No. 39 Wisconsin

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writers

The No. 25 Irish (4-2) won a big bounce back match on the road against No. 39 Wisconsin after splitting a decision Sunday.

The Irish started the match off on the right foot by earning the doubles point with wins at No. 2 and 3 doubles.

Coming into the spring season Irish coach Bobby

Bayliss said the Irish needed to be more consistent in capturing the doubles point.

"We have won the doubles point in six out of our seven matches this season," Bayliss said. "The only match we didn't earn the doubles point was against No. 1 Virginia."

Junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge earned the first doubles victory over Fredrik

Ask, and Petr Satral 8-3 at No. 2 doubles.

The senior duo of Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis fell at No. 1 doubles to Marek Michalika and Billy Bertha 8-5.

Junior Casey Watt and freshman Greg Andrews clinched the point for the Irish at No. 3 with a win over Ricardo Martin and Rodney Carey 8-6.

"We played well at two and

three doubles tonight," Bayliss said. "I am still looking for a stronger presence from our No. 1 team. At No. 2 doubles we were able to break a few times early and held the rest of the way through. At No. 3 we broke early and also held a close match."

The Irish faced tough matches in singles with three going the full distance.

No. 104 Watt fell to

Michalika at No. 1 6-1, 7-5.

"Watt lost but fought very well throughout his match," Bayliss said. "He didn't have his A game tonight, and Michalika played a little too big off the ground for him."

Davis earned the first Irish win in singles at No. 6 defeating Carey 6-3, 7-5.

Andrews took down Satral 6-2, 7-6 at four singles to

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Irish look for redemption

By ANDREW GASTELUM  
Sports Writer

Revenge.

No word better describes the theme of the week for Irish coach Mike Brey and the No. 8 Irish as Big East rival No. 16 Louisville comes to town and will battle for second place in what is arguably America's toughest conference.

After avenging last year's loss to a previously winless Rutgers squad with a 76-69 win over the Scarlet Knights on Sunday, Notre Dame (19-4, 8-3) looks to add to the injury-plagued Cardinals' (18-5, 7-3) woes by getting even with the team that tore the hearts out of the Irish faithful in a



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

**Irish senior forward Tyrone Nash goes up under pressure during Notre Dame's 80-75 win over Marquette Jan. 26.**

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

## Hirt excels on the track and in the classroom

By JACK HEFFERON  
Sports Writers

The "Notre Dame Family" may be a familiar idea to students on campus and a favorite catchphrase of the Admissions Office, but for junior Molly Hirt, it might as well be a personal motto.

As a three-time all-state runner at Bloomington North High School in Bloomington, Ind., Hirt knew she wanted to continue her career as a collegiate athlete. As an Indiana native with several relatives as alumni, the decision on where to run was not too difficult.

"Being from Bloomington, I've grown up right down the road from here," Hirt said.

"One of my grandfathers and two of my uncles graduated from here as well, so Notre Dame has always been where I wanted to go."

Once Hirt arrived on campus, she faced the daunting task of adjusting to college, both on the track and in the classroom as a biological sciences major. She was able to excel in both areas though by forming another tight-knit family with her friends and teammates.

"It was definitely difficult to manage schoolwork and a higher level of training," Hirt said. "It's hard to study every night, especially when you

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