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Eddy Street retailers begin recycling

Program implemented after tenants voice frustration over lack of sustainable options up to this point

By MADELINE BUCKLEY and
SAM STRYKER
News Writers

For nearly eight months, Jonathan Lutz, owner of The Mark restaurant in Eddy Street Commons, has lugged bags of recyclable waste from his restaurant to his home recycling unit in order to salvage as much reusable waste as possible.

The restaurateur, who also owns Uptown Kitchen in Granger, said there have been no affordable recycling options in the Commons — a joint project of the University and the city that opened in 2009. To make his business somewhat eco-friendly, Lutz has recycled from home since the restaurant's opening in August 2010.

"It's been one of my greatest frustrations," Lutz said of the work it takes to carry the waste between work and home.

Eddy Street Commons finally received two recycling receptacles on Feb. 22 to be collected once a week. Kite Realty, the developer of the facility, will increase frequency as demand dictates. The University has worked closely with Kite on developing the Commons as a student-friendly commercial area.

Lori Wick, director of marketing for Kite Realty, said while the apartments at Eddy Street



MALCOLM PHELAN/The Observer

Eddy Street Commons, which opened in August 2009, recently implemented a recycling program for its commercial tenants. Previously, recycling options were only offered to residential tenants.

Commons have offered recycling options since the facility opened in August 2009, the retail and office components were not able to recycle due to space issues.

"While it was always the intent to have a recycling program in place for the retail and office components at opening, the challenge of executing this initiative was not thoroughly addressed until recently," she said.

Gregory Hakanen, director of Asset Management and Real Estate Development, said the University recently became aware that the businesses in the Commons have not been recycling.

Hakanen said Kite Realty has full responsibility for managing the development. The University plays no role in decisions like recycling, he said.

"Having said that, the University is committed to

green principles on and off campus, and we are pleased that Kite has launched its recycling program for commercial tenants at Eddy Street Commons," he said.

Wick said the company has been working for several months to implement recycling with the help of service provider Waste Management. She said Kite expects tenants to

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University saves with green fund

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

The Sustainable Endowments Institute recognized Notre Dame on Feb. 9 as a one of 52 national universities saving money through sustainable funding.

"Greening the Bottom Line," is the first survey conducted on green revolving funds (GRFs) in higher education. The survey noted the Green Loan Fund at Notre Dame, which financed a transition to compact fluorescent lights (CFL) in all 29 residence halls. The switch, beginning October 2008 and completed September 2010, has saved \$529 per month. Ultimately, this resulted in a 75 percent return on investment.

Erin Hafner, programs manager of the Office of Sustainability said the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee, a group of faculty and students formed in the 1980s, initiated the Green Loan Fund in 2008. This \$2 million fund allows the Office of Sustainability to manage projects proposed

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Bayh speaks about government, common good

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

Former U.S. senator and governor of Indiana Evan Bayh, who was recently in New Zealand when an earthquake hit, said while the past few days have been traumatic, they have taught him how interrelated nations have become.

"I feel like my last 48 hours have been an example of globalization," he said.

Bayh spoke about the role of the government in promoting the common good in an increasingly interconnected world, and the future of the American economy at the Notre Dame Forum Thursday.

Bayh said though he hasn't had time to reflect on the events, he did realize how heroic the U.S. government

was in the face of disaster.

"They stayed up throughout the night looking for Americans, trying to find tourists that were there, trying to get them out of the country," he said.

Bayh stressed the randomness of life and the necessity of preparing ourselves for adversity, as well as the importance of realizing the physical things are not important.

"Your friends, your family, the relationships you forge," he said. "That really is the stuff that makes life worth living."

Bayh moved on to discuss the responsibility of public figures to promote the common good in today's complex world.

The United States was founded on the beliefs of individual liberty, Bayh said, but in order to make the most of these free-

doms, a sense of unification needed to emerge. He said he decided not to run for re-election in 2010 because partisanship has become too prominent in government.

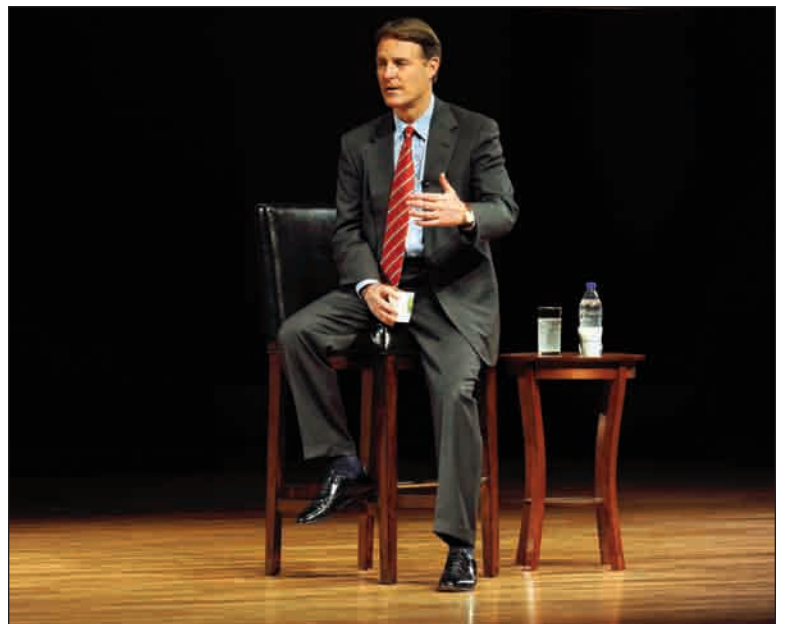
"I hope we focus on the fact that we're Americans first and not Republicans or Democrats first," he said.

Bayh believes there are two factors that make an economy competitive in today's world.

One important facet Bayh noted was investment in research and developing and creating new commodities, such as new cures for disease and new ways of communication.

Bayh said though the United States leads the world in the amount of money it invests in research and development,

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MALCOLM PHELAN/The Observer

Former U.S. Senator Evan Bayh gives a lecture in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Thursday as part of the Notre Dame Forum.

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A Feb. 21 article, "This is a chance to celebrate: ND joins community to commemorate Robinson Community Learning Center's 10th year," misidentified Nicole MacLaughlin's position at Notre Dame. She teaches for the University Writing Center. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE ARE YOU GOING FOR SPRING BREAK?



Bobby Manfredo

sophomore
Dillon

"Visiting friends
at Notre Dame."



Rachael Perron

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"Home."



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"I'm going to
Disney."

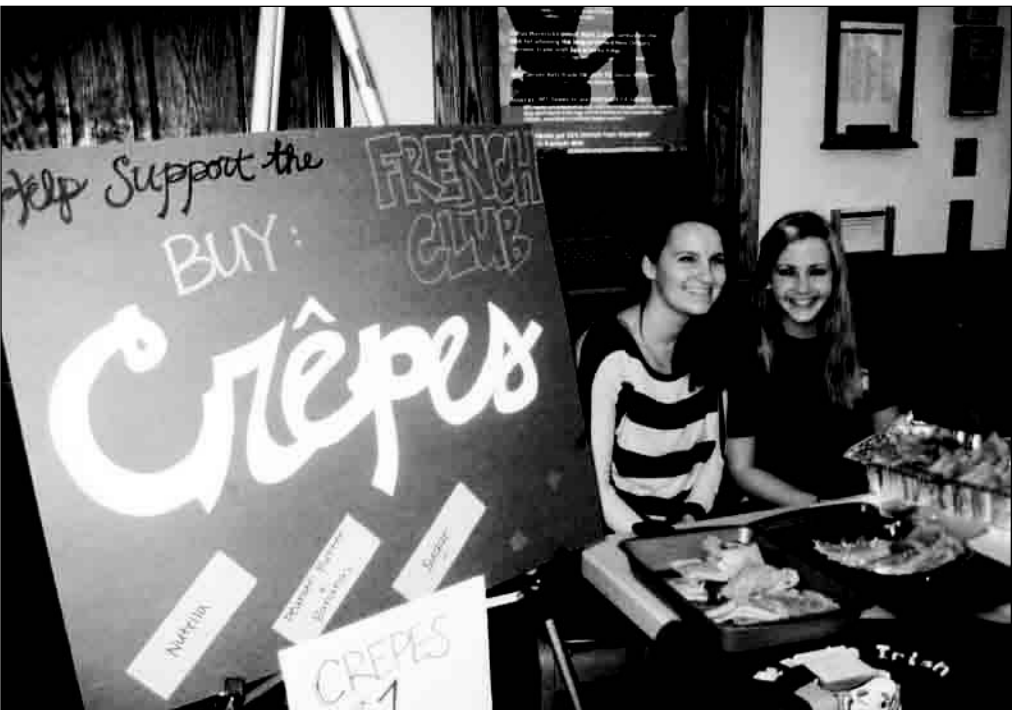


Kaitlyn Farrelo

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"New York."

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Rachel Curtin and AnneMarie Hittler of the French Club sold different flavored crepes in LaFortune Student Center Thursday. The crepe sales were a student run fundraiser for the club.

OFFBEAT

Men arrested after pulling prank on friends

EBENSBURG, Pa. — Police plan to cite two men who left a package containing a cow's head on the doorstep of some friends in Pennsylvania.

Ebensburg police Chief Terry Wyland tells the Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown that it was a "prank" that "went quite a bit over the top."

The chief says a couple returned home from a trip Saturday evening to find a large cardboard box with their name and address on it near their front door. Inside was the cow's head. The chief says it "caused the victims, especially the wife, stress."

Police say the pranksters came to police headquarters to confess Tuesday night. One of them has experience butchering cows.

The chief isn't naming the suspects. He plans to file harassment and disorderly conduct citations against them later this week.

School rule inspires student to write song

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The principal of Savannah High School was always telling his students to tuck in their shirts and take out their gold teeth. So a group of students decided to write a hip-hop song about the badgering.

When they presented it

to principal Toney Jordan, he asked a technology teacher to help the students produce a video.

Now, the song about removable gold teeth, known as grills in the hip-hop world, is a schoolwide project. Everyone from the band, the cheerleaders and teachers are getting involved.

Senior Raynell Murrell wrote the song with other students during their winter break. Murrell calls it "I Can't Hear You With That Gold in Your Mouth."

The students plan to enter the project in high school media contests and host a video release party.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Pangborn Hall will be hosting its signature event **Project PINK** for the S.O.S. Rape Crisis Center as a part of sexual assault awareness week. The event will start at **5 p.m. Friday at Legends** and will feature a fashion show, raffle and silent auction. All money raised will benefit the Family Justice Center, the St. Joseph Country rape crisis center.

As a part of National Engineering Week the Joint Engineering Council will be putting on the **ASME Dremel Derby**. The event starts at **9 a.m. Saturday** in the **Stimson-Remick atrium**. Register at www.nd.edu/~jec.

A **self defense introduction** will be held **Saturday at 2 p.m** in the **LaFortune Student Center**. This crime - victim prevention program is for women only and will be facilitated by Notre Dame Security Police crime prevention officer Keri Kei Shibata.

Fiestang 2011 a Filipino dinner and cultural show will start **Saturday at 5:30 p.m.** in the **Stepan Center**. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for **\$10** or at LaFortune Student Center for **\$8**.

The Muppet Movie will be shown at the **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Sunday at 3 p.m.** This 1978 film follows Kermit the frog from his home in a Southern swamp to the bright lights of Hollywood. The event is **free but ticketed**.

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

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CSC offers new seminar

By EMMA RUSS
News Writer

As part of a new Center for Social Concerns seminar, students will travel to Honduras this spring break to learn about health care options for Honduran people and interact with physicians and public health personnel, senior Michael Daly, a seminar student leader, said.

The course, titled Global Health Seminar, is a collaboration of the Center and Saint Mary's College.

The seminar is located near Tegucigalpa at the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) Holy Family Surgery Center, where volunteer surgeons provide free surgeries to poverty-stricken patients.

Daly, a senior, said students will gain valuable medical experience in preoperative and postoperative care as well as sterilization of surgical equipment.

"Students are able to 'scrub in' on surgeries, allowing the students to stand next to the operating table and receive a closer look into the surgical procedures," he said.

Sophomore Tiffany Fan said she excited for the hands-on nature of the seminar.

"I am extremely excited to interact with doctors and patients and be able to learn more about the intricacies of global health, all within the context of service," she said.

The surgery center is located on the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Orphanage Ranch, home to hundreds of Honduran orphans. Daly, whose family established the surgery center, said students stay at the ranch and have the opportunity to share meals with the children, tutor and play with them.

"There are so many compassionate medical professionals that go down to help the poor of Honduras."

Sam Russ
sophomore

Six Saint Mary's nursing students will go to work at the surgery center in partnership with the six Notre Dame students who will attend each year, Daly said.

"The nurses are integral in the operation of the surgery center," he said.

Members of the Notre Dame organization Friends of the Orphans (FOTO) have already participated in several trips to the surgery center. Their annual trip has been repurposed into the Global Health Seminar.

"I have always envisioned a curriculum to complement the service learning trips to the NPH orphanages in order to provide students with appropriate reflection about the experiences and opportunities to integrate their daily life through academics with service," Daly said.

Senior FOTO member Sam Russ said he is looking forward to his second trip to

Honduras.

"There are so many compassionate medical professionals that go down to help the poor of Honduras," he said. "[Their example] has framed the way I see my future career as a doctor."

Students will also participate in the religious tradition of the Honduran people.

"It is really cool to see their prayer in community and how excited they are to involve us," senior Caitlin Nichols said.

Prior to departure, students will attend seminar classes to discuss various health issues. Senior Brittany Johnson, a seminar student leader, said the classes emphasize problems transcending national borders. Students will examine the role of international health agencies as well as the role of the Church in global health care, she said.

Daly said the seminar is rewarding spiritually and academically.

"The seminar brings the course information to life; you are able to put a face on poverty and see the impact one person can have on another through the power of God," he said.

Johnson said she appreciates the unifying experience of the trip.

"My favorite part about working at the surgery center is witnessing medicine in its purest form," she said. "The entire health care team has one mission: to heal the patient. There are no financial or hierarchical goals. There are no egos. It's beautiful."

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Professor to research personality disorders

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Psychology Professor Lee Anna Clark was recently awarded a \$2 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. The funds will go toward a five-year study to change the way personality disorders are diagnosed.

Clark said the project is looking to bridge the gap between personality order identification and designation.

"The bottom line for the grant is to gather information that might allow us to build a better system," Clark said. "There is a mismatch between the way personality disorders are diagnosed and the way they are defined and we want to see if we can bring those into better alignment."

The current diagnostic system uses a certain set of criteria for each personality disorder, Clark said.

"It's proven to be a pretty good measure of personality traits in abnormal range," she said. "But it's not perfect and we need to figure out what other traits are necessary."

Clark said the core dysfunction of a personality disorder is an impairment in a person's sense of self and their ability to relate to other people.

"Our personalities are designed to help us function in the world," she said. "When that personality system doesn't develop or func-

tion properly, that's a personality disorder."

Clark said one of the main goals of the study is to determine a complete, comprehensive set of personality traits to be used in diagnosing personality disorders.

"We want to understand more about the notion of personality functioning, which is a relatively new concept," she said. "We want to see how we can better measure that coherent sense of self."

Clark said the first two phases of the study involve conducting interviews and gathering data from patients at the Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, a local nonprofit mental health agency.

The second phase of the study will take three years, Clark said.

"We'll interview a total of 600 participants and also talk to others who know them well," she said. "The belief about people with personality disorders is that they don't have good insight into their own personalities, so they need to get another perspective."

The third and final stage of the study will test the system developed based on the information gathered from the previous two phases, Clark said.

"We ultimately want to be able to assess and diagnosis personality disorders using the traits that define them," she said.

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Dance Marathon sets record charity goal

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

With 12 hours of dancing, crafts, activities and performers, Saint Mary's Dance Marathon has teamed up with Notre Dame in the hopes of raising more than last year's total of over \$77,000 for the Riley Hospital for Children.

Meaghan Curliss, senior and vice president of Dance Marathon, said organizers of the event set high expectations.

"Our goal is always to beat the year before," she said.

This year's Dance Marathon will begin March 5 at noon and end at midnight.

Senior Colleen Trausch, dancer relations and recruitment chair, said the group is on its way to matching last year's total with 100 dancers signed up from Saint Mary's alone. She said they do not know the number of Notre Dame participants yet.

Curliss said the committee hopes to increase the number of dancers.

"We want more participants — people who will stick with the cause," she said.

Children from the Riley Hospital for Children and their families will be attending the event.

"Participants will really

have a chance to see a tangible effect on the children whose lives they are helping," Curliss said.

The night will also include crafts, activities, inflatables and food for the dancers. Local bands will perform, and there will be a DJ for the entire event. Chipotle, Papa Vito's, Red Robin, Hot Box and Subway will be available.

Curliss said she appreciates the participants coming out for a good cause.

"I'm really excited," Curliss said. "I really hope everyone can come out. It's a great event to see how much this can impact and really change lives."

Those who are not registered are still invited to come.

"It's a really rewarding event," Trausch said.

To register for the event, students are asked for a \$15 donation, which can be done today and Feb. 28 to March 4 in the Student Center Atrium during lunch and dinner hours. Notre Dame students can register online by searching Riley Children Foundation at www.nd.edu. Donations can be made through Saint Mary's Dance Marathon's website, www.smcdance-marathon.org

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DeBartolo Hall lab to receive makeover

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

The Office of Information Technologies has removed the help desk from the DeBartolo Hall computer lab and is seeking student input about how best to utilize the space.

Brian Burchett, Manager of Technology Enhanced Learning Spaces at the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) said OIT removed the help desk because there was no longer a need for it.

"We weren't really staffing that area," Burchett said. "DeBartolo was built in 1992. We had three people who worked behind the help desk counter, and they were busy all the time with questions. Not many people had computers at home, and when they came to school, they had a lot of questions about really basic stuff. Students nowadays ask a lot fewer questions, so it looks to us like we could cut back."

Burchett said student employees did not lose their jobs as a result of the help desk's removal.

"Last year, when seniors graduated, we didn't let anybody go. We just didn't replace all the seniors who graduated," he said. "So the folks who worked in DeBartolo last year and were coming back were assigned to work in the [Hesburgh] Library or LaFortune [Student Center] this year."

Burchett said OIT plans to remodel the DeBartolo computer lab in a way similar to how LaFortune's was renovated.

"You can see the kinds of things that are in the LaFortune lab, and you can see the difference between the way it is and the way DeBartolo is," Burchett said.

"There's not really any place to work in groups [in DeBartolo]."

White boards now stand where the help desk used to be, offering students an opportunity to suggest ideas for the newly empty space.

"It's one way that we wanted to get some initial ideas from the students,"

Burchett said. "When we did the LaFortune lab design, students played a really big part in the design process. We want to make student input in the DeBartolo lab design significant as well."

Burchett said students have suggested both practical and funny ideas.

"Some people have said group study rooms like [in] LaFortune, some people have said more com-

puters and more printers, some people say Linux computers, [and] somebody said they wanted a burrito bar," Burchett said. "Somebody else said they wanted go-go dancers. The go-go dancers are probably not going to mix well with the Catholic character of the University."

OIT has not yet decided what to do with the space, Burchett said. Staff members plan to create a conceptual design as a starting point so OIT can give the University an estimate of the project's cost.

Burchett said OIT has given serious consideration to merging the computer lab with the adjacent lounge. OIT would add a variety of seating configurations so students could work in groups.

OIT has also considered adding more printers to the lab so lines would be shorter in between classes, Burchett said.

Burchett said OIT is very interested in students' suggestions.

"If students have a friend or a sibling that goes to a school that has a really cool computer lab and they want us to do something similar to one of those schools,

we'd love for somebody to give us a website or take pictures and send them to us," he said. "We really want it to be a space that students like and can feel like [is] their space."

OIT is considering various funding options, Burchett said.

"We know that it's going to be an

expensive project, so funding is an issue, especially when the economy is not what we all would like it to be and the University has to be careful with its resources," he said. "Because we know it's going to be an expensive project, it's probably not a project the OIT can fund on its own. We're probably going to have to seek funding from other sources on campus."

Burchett said OIT would not have an exact timeline for the project until funds are allocated.

"I would hope that we can have funds allocated in the fall so that we could start the project in the summer of 2012, but that is definitely a goal and not real yet," he said. "I think the

key is if we come up with something the students really like, then I think the University will support it.

"The primary reason student input is important to us is students spend so much time there and we want it to be a place students really like."

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by students and staff.

Principal author Dano Weisbord said in "Greening the Bottom Line" the most impressive feature of this fund is its ability to provide money from previous investments for future green upgrades.

Contributing author Mark Orłowski, executive director of the Sustainable Endowments Institute, said in the report that other schools also have paid more attention to sustainability.

"The trend is clear both in terms of money saved and reduced energy consumption," he said. "The number of green revolving funds has more than quadrupled since 2008."

Hafner said Notre Dame has made major strides in this area.

"Look back to the green report card of 2007 and 2008, we had a D-," she said. "Now we have a B+, which we've done with programming, outreach and training."

To achieve this grade, the Office of Sustainability has revamped many of its programs and transportation systems, as well as introducing new events on campus, Hafner said.

"This Friday we have our annual spring semester Green Summit. The University is also in the middle of an energy conservation program and upgrading lights in older buildings," she said.

Hafner said the University is incorporating eco-friendly vehicles into its transportation system. Most recently, the Zip Car appeared in the Notre Dame fleet and is available for students and faculty use.

Other transportation alterations include hybrid vehicles for students, faculty and staff

Greening the Bottom Line

All 29 residence halls switch to compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) resulting in:

- a net reduction of 42,336 kwh per month
- a saving of \$529 per month
- 75% return on initial investment from the Green Loan Fund

(switch to CFLs completed from Oct. 2008 to Sept. 2010)
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to rent for travel to meetings and conferences. To accompany this change, a low emission vehicle parking program for Low Emissions Vehicles (LEVs) has been established.

"We've been working with a couple of companies for the electric vehicle charging stations," Hafner said. "We had some trials in the fall semester and are hoping to pilot some others."

In the next few months, Hafner said these should be available in parking lots. Additionally, the University is researching how to replace service vehicles with electric substitutes.

"We're really excited because it opens a lot of doors. If this happens, we can add to our fleet," she said. "We'd retire work trucks and replace them with the electric ones."

The biggest component of what the University is working on with sustainability, Hafner said, is education. Along with introducing a sustainability aspect to freshman Contemporary Topics courses, the Office of Sustainability is promoting current and possible

minors.

"[The Office of Sustainability] in the process of creating courses for a sustainability minor for the broader campus," she said. "We're trying to work more with the academy on opportunities that just haven't been called out yet."

At Notre Dame, there are unique difficulties other schools are not forced to face, Hafner said. Energy on campus is extremely cheap, while on the East and West Coasts cost is higher.

"To justify energy programs on campus is difficult because it's so cheap," she said. "We're trying to formulate programming around that."

A grassroots approach must be taken, with each individual contributing to the cause, she said.

"Educate yourself. People don't necessarily take time to do so," she said. "Shut lights off, take shorter showers, recycle and purchase fewer items so less natural resources are used."

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participate in the service.

“Eddy Street Commons will require all tenants to recycle as part of its initiative to ‘Go Green,’” Wick said. “It’s clear that single-stream recycling is a priority and we will require all tenants to support this effort.”

Wick said Kite Realty would continue to work in cooperation with the University’s vision.

“Notre Dame sets a great example on a wide array of initiatives, including recycling and sustainability,” she said. “We look to these examples and standards as we continue to improve day-to-day operations at Eddy Street Commons.”

Some workers in the Commons say the lack of recycling up to this point has been frustrating. Despite recycling some waste from the Mark restaurant by bringing it home, Lutz said he can never recycle 100 percent of what could be recycled.

“It’s an incredible amount of work,” he said.

Nan Mullaney, an employee of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore satellite store in the Commons, worked at the cash register during football season in the fall. She has seen all the cardboard boxes and plastic bags that held the Notre Dame apparel thrown away.

“There’s a crusher in the back where the trash is put into every night,” she said.

When she first started at the Bookstore nine months ago, recycling was one of the first issues Mullaney, a 1981 Notre Dame graduate, brought up to management.

“They just said there’s no recycling because it’s expensive,” she said.

The city of South Bend does not offer recycling for free.

“It’s egregious, just so egregious,” Mullaney said of the recyclable waste she has seen thrown away at the Bookstore for the nine months she has worked there.

Heather Christophersen, director of Sustainability at Notre Dame, said off-campus projects like Eddy Street Commons do not count toward third-party evaluations of the University, like the Sustainability Endowments Institute’s annual report card that evaluates the environmental impact of national universities. Notre Dame most recently received a B+ overall grade for sustainability efforts.

“Technically [Eddy Street Commons] is not part of campus, but because Notre Dame employees are there I’d love to be able to count their recycling and waste numbers,” Christophersen said. “So that is something we need to work out.”

Lutz said any push for recycling would be a positive change.

“If it’s the case, it’s wonderful,” he said.

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progress is flat while that of other countries is ascending.

The second necessary feature is a high degree of education among the nation’s citizens.

“We need to make sure our citizens can take advantage of the fruits of innovation by being innovators themselves,” Bayh said.

The gap in standard of living between well-educated citizens and those without any education is growing, he said. This needs to be addressed before it has extreme an economic and political impact on society.

“All of us need to know more about what’s going on to make informed decisions about who’s going to lead us,” he said.

Bayh said the growing globalization of the economy raised questions for the role of the government.

For example, Bayh cited Sept. 11 as an example between the great debate over personal liberties versus the

need of government observation for safety reasons.

“There really are no limits there because [the terrorists] are suicidal,” he said. “This changed the whole notion of our self-defense.”

With enemies such as these, Bayh said the government needed to take extra precautions such as eavesdropping and surveillance, raising the question of how much is appropriate and how much is not.

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Evan Bayh
former U.S. Senator

the greatest destruction of civil liberties.”

With global threats to the people’s liberties, Bayh said the government must act in a way that keeps the nation safe

but at the same time maintains the common good.

“We have to be secure, but at the same time true to our values,” he said.

Bayh said in spite of these issues, he was optimistic about the future of America as a strong force in the global economy.

Europe is aging and in debt, he said, and while the Indian subcontinent is innovative, its large, poor population is a weakness.

China, the last major competitor, has a quickly growing economy and a surplus of financial resources. However, Bayh said the country does not have a political system to absorb its population. He believes America will be the strongest contender in the global economy.

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Air Force awards contract to Boeing



Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn, second from right, announces the Air Force's contract with Boeing at the Pentagon Thursday.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Capping a decade of delays and embarrassing missteps, the Air Force on Thursday awarded one of the biggest defense contracts ever — a \$35 billion deal to build nearly 200 giant airborne refueling tankers — to Chicago-based Boeing Co. over European Aeronautic Defence and Space Co.

The contract will mean tens of thousands of jobs for a recession-weary nation, with Washington state and Kansas getting the bulk of the work building a replacement for the Eisenhower-era tanker fleet. The decision was a blow to the Gulf Coast and Alabama, which had been counting on EADS to assemble the aircraft at a long-shuttered military base in Mobile.

Air Force Secretary Michael Donley said the contract “represents a long overdue start to a much-needed program” as somewhat relieved Pentagon officials announced the decision, a clear surprise since defense analysts, lawmakers and even company executives had expected EADS to prevail.

“What we can tell you was that Boeing was a clear winner,” Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn said.

Replacing the 1950s-era KC-135 planes — the equivalent of a flying gas station — is crucial for the military. Pilots who weren’t even born when the last aircraft was delivered in 1965 are operating air tankers that the Pentagon is struggling to keep in flying shape.

The refueling tankers allow jet fighters, supply planes and other aircraft to cover long distances, critical today with fewer overseas bases and with operations under way far from the United States in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

Pentagon leaders said both bidders met all 372 mandatory requirements for the contract. They said because the difference in price between the two bids was greater than 1 percent of the total, the cost essentially was the deciding factor, and other non-mandatory requirements were not used to make the decision.

The award gives Boeing the initial \$3.5 billion for engineering, manufacturing and development of the first four aircraft.

Under the contract, 18 tankers will be delivered to the Air Force by 2017.

Boeing will have to move fast to get the plane ready, at a time when its commercial aircraft division is still trying to deliver the new 787 and a new version of the 747.

“This will be a rapid-pace program, one that will be very focused on getting capability out to our warfighters as soon as possible,” said Dennis Muilenburg, president and CEO of Boeing’s defense business.

Both Boeing and EADS have said they were aggressive in their bids. Muilenburg declined to say how much Boeing cut into its anticipated profits with its final bid.

“Clearly we’ve been focused on affordability,” he said. He said Boeing was able to make the plane more cheaply because it will be made on the same production line as the civilian version.

Although the plane is based on its passenger-carrying 767, and has some similarities to a tanker it is building for Italy and Japan, many pieces are different from the U.S. Air Force version. As a result, production and the plane’s first flight are not expected until 2015, said Jean Chamberlin, vice president and general manager of the tanker program.

Lawmakers who have lobbied for Boeing to win the contract were gleeful over the news.

“I’m in the middle of a blizzard but it’s all blue skies,” said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

Said Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash.: “This is the happiest day of my professional life.” He called the win decisive.

Lawmakers from Alabama were bitter in defeat and suggested politics played a role.

“I’m disappointed but not surprised,” Republican Sen. Richard Shelby said. “Only Chicago politics could tip the scales in favor of Boeing’s inferior plane. EADS clearly offers the more capable aircraft.”

Not only does President Barack Obama call Chicago home, but his new chief of staff, William M. Daley, resigned in January from the Boeing board of directors where he had served since 2006. The White House had said Daley would have no role in the Air Force decision.

GOP to target gay marriage in 2012

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Angered conservatives are vowing to make same-sex marriage a front-burner election issue, nationally and in the states, following the Obama administration’s announcement that it will no longer defend the federal law denying recognition to gay married couples.

“The ripple effect nationwide will be to galvanize supporters of marriage,” said staff counsel Jim Campbell of Alliance Defense Fund, a conservative legal group.

On the federal level, opponents of same-sex marriage urged Republican leaders in the House of Representatives to intervene on their own to defend the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, against pending court challenges.

“The president has thrown down the gauntlet, challenging Congress,” said Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council. “It is incumbent upon the Republican leadership to respond by intervening to defend DOMA, or they will become complicit in the president’s neglect of duty.”

Conservatives also said they would now expect the eventual 2012 GOP presidential nominee to highlight the marriage debate as part of a challenge to Obama, putting the issue on equal footing with the economy.

Gay rights activists welcomed Wednesday’s announcement from the Justice Department, sensing that it would bolster the prospects for same-sex marriage in the courts. Among Democrats in Congress, there was praise for Obama’s deci-

sion and talk of proposing legislation to repeal the law altogether.

“I opposed the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996. It was the wrong law then; it is the wrong law now,” said Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif. “My own belief is that when two people love each other and enter the contract of marriage, the federal government should honor that.”

On the state level, there were swift repercussions.

In Rhode Island, the Roman Catholic bishop of Providence, Thomas Tobin, said Thursday that his diocese would “redouble its efforts” to defeat a pending same-sex marriage bill in response to the announcement. In Iowa, conservative activist Bob Vander Plaats said the DOMA decision would invigorate a campaign to repeal the state’s court-ordered same-sex marriage law.

“This gives us more credibility than ever with this issue,” said Vander Plaats, who wants to topple the Democratic leadership in the state Senate that is blocking efforts to put a same-sex marriage repeal proposal on the ballot.

In Maryland, meanwhile, the state Senate was debating a bill that would make that state the sixth to legalize same-sex marriage — joining Iowa, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire.

Linsey Pecikonis of the gay-rights group Equality Maryland predicted the DOMA announcement would improve the bill’s prospects.

“It’s a recognition that government is no longer able to defend discrimination,” she said.

In Congress, GOP House lead-

ers gave no immediate indication whether they would intervene to defend DOMA in the ongoing lawsuits, but they harshly criticized Obama’s decision.

“This is the real politicization of the Justice Department — when the personal views of the president override the government’s duty to defend the law of the land,” said House Judiciary Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas. “It’s disappointing that the Obama administration continues to place politics above the will of the American people.”

In fact, many polls show the public almost evenly divided on legalizing same-sex marriage, one reason the issue is so volatile politically.

Perkins, the Family Research Council leader, suggested that House Republicans would risk alienating their conservative base if they did not tackle the marriage issue head-on.

“The president was kind of tossing this cultural grenade into the Republican camp,” he said.

“If they ignore this, it becomes an issue that will lead to some very troubling outcomes for Republicans.”

Jon Davidson, legal director of the gay-rights group Lambda Legal, predicted the DOMA announcement would energize opponents of gay marriage, but he questioned whether that would have much impact on the 2012 presidential race.

“I think they will try to turn this into a major election issue,” he said. “But the people who feel strongly that same-sex couples should not be allowed to marry were not going to vote for President Obama anyway.”

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Toyota recalls U.S. vehicles

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Toyota Motor Corp. recalled 2.17 million vehicles in the United States on Thursday to address accelerator pedals that could become entrapped in floor mats or jammed in driver's side carpeting, prompting federal regulators to close its investigation into the embattled automaker.

The Transportation Department said it had reviewed more than 400,000 pages of Toyota documents to determine whether the scope of the company's recalls for pedal entrapment was sufficient.

"As a result of the agency's review, (the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) asked Toyota to recall these additional vehicles, and now that the company has done so, our investigation is closed," said NHTSA administrator David Strickland.

Toyota has now recalled more than 14 million vehicles globally to fix gas pedals and other safety problems since 2009. The company has received intense scrutiny from the government since August 2009, when four people were killed in a high-speed crash involving a Lexus near San Diego.

U.S. regulators largely cleared the company earlier this month, saying that electronic flaws were not to blame for reports of sudden, unintended acceleration that led to hundreds of complaints. Transportation officials tied the problems to mechanical defects dealt with in recalls and "pedal misap-

plication," in which the driver stepped on the accelerator instead of the brakes. The company has, however, paid the U.S. government a record \$48.8 million in fines for its handling of three recalls.

The world's No. 1 automaker has tried to move beyond the recalls, vowing to heed customer complaints and upgrade its safety technology. The company has installed on new vehicles brake override systems, which automatically cut the throttle when the brake and gas pedals are applied simultaneously, and created engineering teams to examine vehicles that are the subject of consumer complaints.

In its latest safety action, Toyota said more than half of the vehicles under recall were being added to a massive 2009 recall that fixed gas pedals getting trapped in the floor mat.

The Japanese automaker said it would add three models to the 2009 pedal entrapment recall: about 600,000 4Runner SUVs from the 2003-2009 model years; 761,000 RAV4 compact SUVs from the 2006-2010 model years; and 17,000 Lexus LX 570s from the 2008-2011 model years.

Toyota spokesman Brian Lyons said the additional pedal entrapment recalls were "based on our continued constructive dialogue with NHTSA. While our actions up to now have led to a substantial reduction in reports of acceleration concerns, we mutually agreed that Toyota would take these additional steps to help ensure that acceleration concerns are further reduced."

The recall also includes 372,000 RX 330, RX 350 and RX 400H vehicles from the 2004 through early 2007 model years and 397,000 2004-2006 Toyota Highlander SUVs and hybrid versions to replace floor carpet covering and retention clips on the driver's side that could interfere with the accelerator pedal arm.

Toyota also recalled 20,000 2006 through early 2007 GS 300 and GS 350 all-wheel drive vehicles to change the shape of a plastic pad embedded in the driver's side floor carpet that could cause pedal interference.

Lyons said the company was unaware of any accidents or injuries related to the new recalls. NHTSA said it had not confirmed any deaths or injuries associated with the latest recalls.

Toyota still faces dozens of lawsuits from owners. NHTSA has received about 3,000 reports of sudden acceleration incidents involving Toyota vehicles during the past decade, including allegations of 93 deaths. NHTSA, however, has confirmed five of them.

The company said owners of the recalled GS 300 and GS 350 vehicles will be notified of the recall in early March. Owners of the RX and Highlander vehicles will be notified in the "near future" and receive a second notification once replacement covers are available.

Owners of the recalled 4Runner, LX 570 and RAV4s will also receive an initial notification in the near future, followed by a second notification once the recall preparations are complete.

Troopers sent to find Wisconsin Democrats

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin state troopers were dispatched Thursday to the doorsteps of some of the AWOL Democratic senators in hopes of finding at least one who would come back to allow a vote on a measure to curb the power of public-employee unions.

The stepped-up tactic ordered by the Republican head of the Senate came amid reports that at least a few of the missing senators were returning home at night to pick up clothes, food and other necessities, before rejoining their colleagues in Illinois.

Meanwhile, the state Assembly appeared close to voting on the bill after more than two days of filibustering.

Democrats agreed before dawn Thursday to limit the remaining number of amendments they offer and the time they devote to each one. More than 12 hours after the agreement was announced, Republicans voted to cut off discussion on all amendments. Democrats then spent hours delaying a vote on the measure that Gov. Scott Walker insists is necessary to ease the state's budget woes and avoid mass layoffs.

Democrats urged Republicans to accept a compromise that would keep collective bargaining intact.

"We all know there is an impasse. There is one person who can end this impasse and that is Gov. Walker," said Democratic Assembly Leader Peter Barca as debate reached its 53rd hour. "This state has never been more divided in the last 25 years. ... It's the governor's job to unify the state."

But Republicans summarily rejected every Democratic amendment in the marathon session, which unfolded as grand political theater. Exhausted lawmakers limped around the chamber, rubbing their eyes and yawning as Wednesday dragged into Thursday.

Around midnight, Rep. Dean Kaufert, a Republican from Neenah, accused Democrats of putting on a show for the protesters. Democrats leaped up and started shouting.

"I'm sorry if democracy is a little inconvenient, and you had to stay up two nights in a row," Pocan said. "Is this inconvenient? Hell, yeah, it's inconvenient! But we're going to be heard!"

Democrats, who are in the minority, don't have the votes to stop the bill once the vote occurs.

But even after the bill passes the Assembly, it cannot become law until it also passes the Senate, where action has been stymied by the Democrats' absence. At least one of them needs to be there in order for Republicans to take up the bill since the GOP is one seat short of having a quorum.

The Senate convened at 7 a.m. Thursday just long enough to take a roll call, which allows for the sergeant at arms staff to go to missing lawmakers' homes with police.

Troopers went to multiple homes but left after finding no one home, said Sergeant at Arms Ted Blazel.

Wisconsin law does not

allow police to arrest the lawmakers, but Republican Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said he hoped the show of authority would pressure them to return. He would not say how many Democrats were being targeted, but said it was more than one.

"Every night we hear about some that are coming back home," Fitzgerald said. Whether to send police out again is a day-by-day decision, he said.

Democratic Sen. Jon Erpenbach, who was in the Chicago area, said all 14 senators remained outside of Wisconsin and would not return until Walker was willing to compromise.

"It's not so much the Democrats holding things up," Erpenbach said. "It's really a matter of Gov. Walker holding things up."

Walker, in a Capitol news conference, praised the Assembly for moving toward a vote and renewed his call for Senate Democrats to come back.

"It's still my belief in the end they'll come home," he said.

Walker repeated his warning that if the budget bill does not pass by Friday, the state will miss a deadline to refinance \$165 million of debt and will be forced to start issuing layoff notices next week.

While Walker is trying to increase the pressure to act, the deadlines may not be quite as strict as he says.

The nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau said in a memo sent to lawmakers earlier this week that the debt refinancing could be pushed as late as Tuesday in order to achieve the savings Walker is seeking.

The governor is trying to balance a projected \$137 million budget shortfall by July.

Based on a similar refinancing in 2004, about two weeks are needed after the bill becomes law to complete the refinancing, which means if the bill is adopted by the middle of next week, the state can still meet a March 16 deadline, the Fiscal Bureau said.

Walker has suggested the deadline is actually Friday in order to pressure lawmakers to act on the bill, which has drawn tens of thousands of protesters to the Capitol. The rallies reached a high of 68,000 people on Feb. 19 and hundreds have stayed overnight.

Fitzgerald said the real deadline is "up in the air."

"Everything's in place, it's ready to go," he said. "It just needs to be finalized."

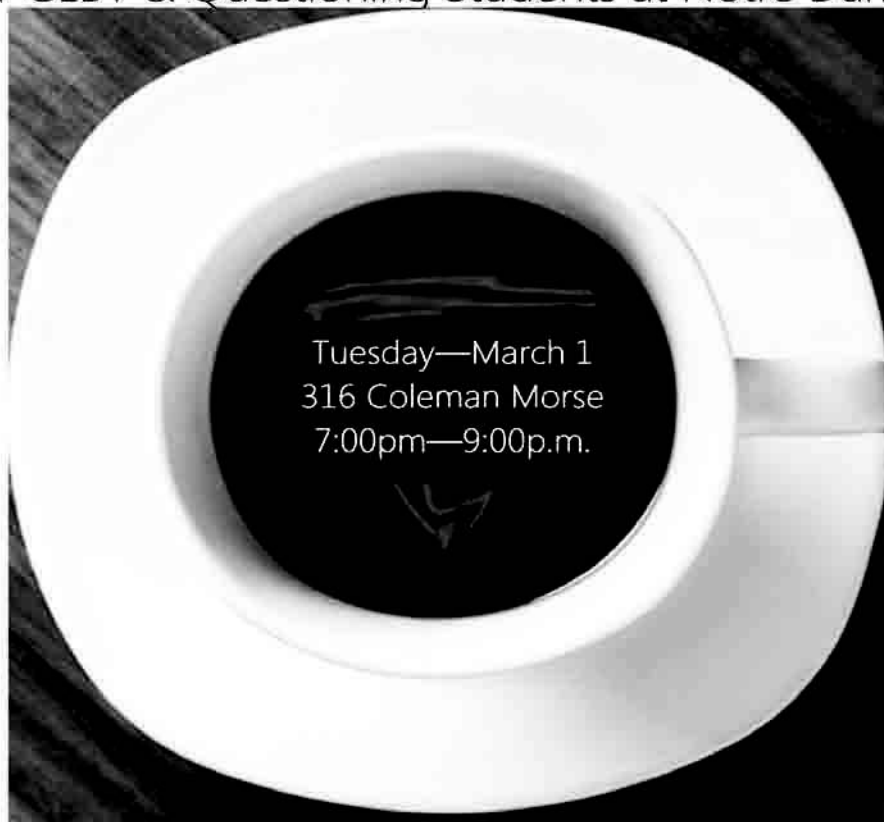
Walker also threatened to start sending layoff notices to up to 1,500 state workers next week if the bill isn't passed, arguing he has no other choice to deal with the shortfall. He has not said who would be targeted.

School districts already have started sending out preliminary layoff notices in case they are needed later.

The battle over labor rights has been heating up across the country, as new Republican majorities tackle budget deficits in several states. The GOP efforts have sparked huge protests from unions and their supporters and led Democrats in Wisconsin and Indiana to flee their states to block major legislation.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Ode to Kirby

Those who are familiar with the popular Nintendo video game “Super Smash Bros” know the character Kirby. For those who are not, Kirby is a pink, round creature from Dream Land who battles the corrupt King DeDeDe and his henchmen.

Kirby has many unique abilities, such as turning himself into a brick and stealing the attributes of his opponents. Kirby is undoubtedly the best character in the Super Smash Bros game.

In the ancient world great warriors and their exploits were remembered with an ode; a lyric poem of praise.

The following is an ode to Kirby, my character of choice in the circus of our modern Rome. It consists of five stanzas of ten lines each; paragraphs correspond to stanzas and lines are separated by a forward slash.

O rosy sprite that doth dance ‘cross the stage! / Your stature and hue belie your great might / Your wide smile hides your warrior’s rage / No opponent can best you in a fight / You float up above the battlefield / Until you strike at the perfect moment / Suddenly, you fall as a heavy brick / You are undaunted should a foe shield / For fighting fury it serves to foment / You counter with a well-placed punch or kick

You fly up high with glowing scimitar / And come back down with a blue cutter wave / To escape an enemy must run far / Or with shield the cutter attack brave / In the end it matters not; victory / Shall come to the small, stubby-limbed ball / You guard the edge with well-timed attacks / Down and A putting enemies away / You wave and say “Hiiii” as opponents fall / You resume fighting with more foes to slay

Should your stratagems fail or moves fall short / You adopt the power of another / You inhale a foe like a tasty torte / Then don a cap to look like each other / Now you expertly wield this power / Assaulting your foes with their own techniques / Leaving wanton destruction in your wake / Perhaps you snatch up a fire flower / And burn each enemy, those foolish freaks / Counter attacks come but you never break

Fight on, oh pink orb, smash all your foes / Transform yourself into a brick and fall / In this dense form you deal quite heavy blows / Those below flee in fear, but you crush all / For you anticipated their escape / you fell where they would be, not where they were / Having outsmarted all your enemies / You regain your belov’d spherical shape / You punch and punch and your arms are a blur / Challengers you kick and triumph you seize

You know well the tactics of Master Hand / When you face him you dodge and strike and dodge / You control the fight; Kirby in command / Between you and the floor that hand will lodge / Unable to escape your bold assault / Now all that’s left are his final death throes / A quite familiar situation / In ultimate triumph you thus exalt / You emerge the greatest of all heroes / Yet the next day you must fight once again

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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What do we owe Indiana?

In college and at Notre Dame especially, students focus on promoting themselves. Pick me for that leadership role, pick up my résumé, see how well rounded and accomplished I am. But in what context?

The appearance of Evan Bayh, a former U.S. senator and Indiana governor who spoke here Thursday for the Notre Dame Forum, indicates the University’s ties to the state, at least from a top-level leadership standpoint.

But what about students? What do Indiana politics have to do with us?

Bayh’s lecture Thursday night focuses on the broader themes of national politics and globalization. But his visit to campus coincided with a shake-up in Indiana state politics, making his message and his experience in Indiana politics especially relevant.

With a dozen labor and education bills up in the air now that Indiana Democrats have fled the state (the General Assembly’s rules require at least two-thirds of a chamber’s members to be present for a quorum), who knows what will happen next.

Seriously, who knows? Most of us certainly don’t.

One of the bills under fire from Democrats has to do with the agreements entered by unions and employers that would require all employee’s to pay collective-bargaining fees. Most likely no current Notre Dame student is part of a union.

The other bills, if passed, would bring “historic changes to education, such as increasing the number of charter schools and creating tax-funded vouchers for private school tuition” and change the formula for funding public schools, according to a Feb. 23 story in the South Bend Tribune. What does it matter to us, since we’re at a private university? Why should we care?

The University and student government frequently stress the importance of community relations. As a college community, we examine this on a local level — engaging law enforcement in discussions about student arrests, serving the community through the Robinson Center and collaborating on larger projects like Eddy Street Commons

and Innovation Park.

But we are part of a larger community as well. Shake-ups in Indiana’s government will affect Notre Dame, whether it’s state funding cuts for research or tax hikes or industry in cities like South Bend getting pulled into labor disputes. If it’s too difficult to get research off the ground and too expensive to live in a small city in Indiana, our university becomes less attractive to potential faculty.

We’ve heard it before: Be a good citizen of South Bend, shovel your sidewalks — that kind of thing. They’re good sentiments, but they are ultimately hollow, since most of us know we’ll move on from Indiana after our four years here.

So what do we owe Indiana? Our attention? A cursory glance at headlines? Even that’s difficult, of course, when the only Tribune we can easily read on campus comes from Chicago, not South Bend.

Bayh said Thursday night that he did not run for reelection in 2010 because partisanship had become too prominent in government. The current turmoil in the state of Indiana only proves this observation to be true.

“I hope we focus on the fact that we’re Americans first and not Republicans or Democrats first,” Bayh said.

Again, what does this mean for Notre Dame students? Maybe politicians could learn from Bayh’s ideas, but do students hold strong partisan beliefs?

Bayh’s talk expressed concern not only about a growing divide between Republicans and Democrats, but also about a growing gap between informed and uninformed citizens.

“All of us need to know more about what’s going on to make informed decisions about who’s going to lead us,” he said.

Notre Dame is a part of a bigger city, state and nation. It even plays a role in the globalization Bayh addressed.

However much we just want to drop in, pick up the tools and skills and memories we want and then ditch the Bend for the rest of the world, Notre Dame is not simply some oasis, floating free of the real world and its problems.

THE OBSERVER Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

For the free market system in the NBA

On Wednesday, Rick Reilly wrote an article for ESPN about the recent trade of Carmelo Anthony from Denver to New York, criticizing Melo essentially for leaving Denver for New York to play with his buddies — the same criticism that LeBron, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh received last summer. Reilly whined that superstar players shouldn’t be allowed to leave cities like Denver for cities like New York, calling it unfair. The assessment of “unfair” relies on the underlying assumption that there should be parity among the teams because franchises like Denver will fold if there’s not.

Why is that underlying assumption a good one?

It’s not. I’m no economics major, but the ideas of revenue sharing and protecting the weak for the sake of equality effectively make the league socialist. A parity-based league is not necessarily a bad thing, as can be seen with the NFL. The EPL and NCAA, however, prove that a league can be successful without parity. Neither system is necessarily better. What I take issue with is fans’ sense of entitlement to superstars that are only there in the first place because of league rules designed to promote parity. I believe the draft

should be the only parity-encouraging system in place. After that, franchises should exist on their own. In free agency, if an athlete is content with his compensation, he should play where he wants. And if Denver fans aren’t content with their basketball team, they should follow someone else. And if the Denver franchise needs revenue sharing and equity-promoting rules to survive, they shouldn’t exist in the first place. This is how capitalism and the free market system work (does Rick Reilly hate America? I don’t know). At least with social programs like welfare and social security, there is an aspect of humanity and morality that can somewhat justify their existence. But if basketball teams in Denver, Cleveland and elsewhere contribute only to the malcontent of their athletes, what’s the point? Rick Reilly isn’t entitled to have a local team to root for, much less a top five player on that team. Nobody is. Stop complaining.

Peter Schanzer

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Feb. 23

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“If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things.”

René Descartes
French philosopher

Normativity

Imagine that you want to go to Chicago.

You cannot, of course, simply will yourself into the Windy City: there are steps that you must first take. Since you are at the University of Notre Dame, you know that if you want to go to Chicago, you ought to drive west.

Your life — indeed, everyone's life — is ruled by such rules: if you want to end your hunger, you ought to eat, and if you want to end your exhaustion, you ought to sleep. If you want to arrive at class on time, you ought to wake an hour beforehand, and if you want to impress your teaching assistant, you ought to read the material before you arrive. If you want to achieve this, more generally, you ought to do that.

Kant called such rules hypothetical imperatives: they command you — but only so long as you happen to have the relevant wants. Like all imperatives, they are normative: they indicate not what you will do but, rather, what you ought to do. But, in this case, what you ought to do — that is, your means — is determined by what you want to achieve — that is, your end: you will not achieve a given end, the world being as it is, unless you take a certain means. And your motivation for taking said means just is your desire to achieve said end. Should your end change, the relevant hypothetical imperative no longer applies to you.



Daniel Sportiello

Bound Variables

You might expect that all imperatives are thus hypothetical — but Kant would remind you of what most take to be a crucial exception: morality. You ought not lie. You ought not steal. You ought not kill. None of these imperatives references a condition. While hypothetical imperatives satisfy your wants, moral rules command you regardless of your wants.

Kant called such rules categorical imperatives — and they should, he thought, strike you as deeply mysterious. What rule could command you, could determine your behavior and yet not itself be determined by your wants? Set aside, for a moment, the problem of motivation. Even assuming your willingness to obey moral commands, what could determine their content, if not your wants? Why, for example, ought you refrain from deceit, from theft, from murder rather than from, say, driving?

A categorical imperative, Kant answered, is like any imperative a rule. But unlike a hypothetical imperative, what a categorical imperative commands you to do cannot be determined by anything outside itself — that is, by your wants. Yet what a categorical imperative commands you to do also cannot be determined by nothing at all, for then it would just be an arbitrary demand, not a rule. What a categorical imperative commands you to do must, therefore, be determined by the categorical imperative itself — that is, by the very fact that it is an imperative.

A categorical imperative, in other words, commands only itself. It is the imperative that you always act according to imperatives, the rule that you ought always to act according to rules — or, in Kant's words,

the law that you “act only in accordance with that maxim through which you can at the same time will that it become a universal law.” The moral rules of your acquaintance are derived from this categorical imperative as special cases.

Consider, for example, the moral rule against lying. Imagine, Kant suggests, that you are tempted to borrow money with the promise to repay even though you know that you will not be able to do so. That you ought not do so is immediately clear. If all made such lying promises when it suited them, no one would trust the word of another and the very institution of promising would collapse, thus making impossible the lie that you are tempted to make. If you lie, in other words, you will be presupposing a rule against lying, even as you violate it. And this — making yourself the single exception to a rule to be truthful — is clearly a violation of the categorical imperative, the rule that you always act according to rules.

What a categorical imperative commands you to do is clear. But what motive could you ever have to obey it? Well, Kant answers, all action is for the sake of some end, and usually the end is the satisfaction of some want. But while hypothetical imperatives command according to the satisfaction of wants, categorical imperatives do not. If moral action is even possible, if it is possible to obey a categorical imperative, there must be an end that is, mysteriously, not outside you at all. That is not the satisfaction of some want.

The motive for following the categorical imperative, then, is just you yourself — that is, the rational actor, the human being. While all other ends have value

only relative to some want, human beings are the very condition for that relative value — and thus the only ends with absolute value. In Kant's words, you ought “so act that you use humanity, whether in your own person or in the person of any other, always at the same time as an end, never merely as a means.” And this is, Kant insists, just another perspective on the categorical imperative — as is clear from the example of lying. When you make a false promise, you treat other human beings, the very conditions for relative value, as though they themselves had only relative value, as mere means to your ends.

The full extent of the categorical imperative, Kant argues, only becomes clear from considering these two perspectives together. Assuming that morality is even possible, you ought always act lawfully — and do so out of respect for human beings, including yourself. And thus you must act so always to respect human beings as law-givers onto themselves — as both rulers and subjects in a “kingdom of ends.”

You must, in other words, act always as a citizen — as someone with rights commanding respect, respecting the rights of others in turn.

By this point, you have probably over-shot Chicago.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remembering Duerson

In light of Dave Duerson's passing, former Notre Dame football superstar and member of the Board of Trustees, it's clear that Notre Dame should lead the way in finding ways to make football more safe for our players. There is no question that the sport has made a tremendous impact on Notre Dame and the greater community, but at what risk to the players? With Duerson's death, he was clearing making a plea for someone to investigate how repeated head trauma through football led to his mental decline. I think most of us realize there is a price these players are paying, but at what overall cost? A question many are asking is if Duerson had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a degenerative brain disease found posthumously in about 20 retired players and a disease linked to depression, cognitive impairment and occasionally suicide. Before committing suicide by shooting himself in the chest, Duerson left a handwritten note as well as a text message, asking that his brain be donated to the NFL's brain bank.

As a Feb. 23rd New York Times article mentioned, “Dave Duerson was a leader, a doer and a giver.” Notre Dame owes it to Dave and other players who have sacrificed much to give Notre Dame glory, to investigate the effects of repeated head trauma and ways we can make the often-brutal sport less costly to our players. What makes Notre Dame special is that we are a community that cares about each other. It's time to address this pertinent issue before this tragic situation repeats itself.

Karen Schneider Kirner
employee
Campus Ministry
Feb. 24

Something for everyone

Allow me to entertain a hypothetical notion here. You. Saturday. 6 p.m., Stepan Center. You've just indulged in a dinner of fine Filipino cuisine and are settling back satisfied, wondering what this Fiestang thing is all about. The lights go down, a clanging gong sounds and chanting men clad in loincloths and ceremonial blankets take to the stage and begin to dance. One thing is abundantly clear: this ain't America's Got Talent, son.

As someone of far-too-European heritage, Fiestang has served as my entry point into the novel world of Filipino culture. After seeing the show last year, I decided it was something I needed to be a part of. Now, just before showtime a year later, it's a decision I'm glad I made. Amid all the kind and welcoming members of FASO, I'm gaining a great picture of a colorful culture that can swing from wild and fun-loving to refined and elegant at the drop of a hat, and do it all without taking anything too seriously. Just among the dances I'm in, I get to perform a Polynesian-flavored number in which the members pound themselves and each other with coconut halves to form the rhythm, a wild chanting dance meant to invoke the movements of a rooster and an elegant waltz? At least, a waltz as elegant as can be while the performers bat at each other with slippers! It's crazy fun, and this is just a tiny part of the incredibly varied program. (And did I mention the food? The food is SO GOOD.)

So, if you have the time on Saturday, come to Stepan at 5:30 p.m. and get a taste of Filipino culture, no experience necessary! You'll be glad you did.

Michael Nokes
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Feb. 24

Fiestang promises coconut bikinis

I guess we can say goodbye to any vestige of moral decency around here.

Just last Tuesday, I was heading back to my dorm after waiting 20 minutes in line to get my six-inch Subway meatball marina for dinner, when I saw a group of young, good-looking Filipino men walking out of Washington Hall in nothing but — what else? — coconut bikinis. Immediately at the sight, I knew that I had been rendered incapable of enjoying any of my meatball marinara that night. If only they knew how scandalized I was.

Come to think of it, I've seen pictures of these coconut-bikini boys on posters around campus, (can SAO even approve posters that flaunt such near-nudity?), advertising a Filipino cultural dinner show this Saturday night called Fiestang.

I mean, yeah, there will be lots of cool traditional and modern Filipino dances. Yeah, the profits go to a charity in the Philippines that serves the terminally ill. Yeah, it's the one time in the year you can try delicious Filipino food at Notre Dame.

But seriously, coconut bikinis?

How can we even begin to talk about loving our neighbor, when we can't even learn

to love ourselves enough as to put on a shirt?

I once thought we had morals, but I guess I was wrong.

What degenerate will be at Stepan Center this Saturday night at 5:30 p.m.?

What supporter of profligacy will buy a ticket from LaFortune Box Office for eight dollars pre-sale?

Who, devoid not just of moral decency but of any simulation of moral decency, wants to learn about other cultures and, overall, have a good time at Fiestang?

I will. Sounds like my kind of show.

Satire aside, Fiestang promises to be a fun event. Get your tickets at the LaFortune Box Office soon because they're going fast!

Michael Mercurio
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Feb. 24



Oscar Predictions

Best Picture: It's no coincidence that this year's best-reviewed film has gone home with almost all of this year's Best Picture hardware. That trend should continue as "The Social Network" is likely to win this year's Best Picture award (despite the fact that "The King's Speech" has curiously become the favorite amongst experts).



Shane Steinberg
Scene Writer

Both impeccably made and engrossing from start to finish, "The Social Network" is a movie that years from now may be remembered as the best window into Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook's origins that we might ever get. What the film does here is, for lack of a better comparison (although you can read into this as much as you want), tear down a man high up on a pedestal, strip him of all his fame and glory and tell a story about the real him; beyond everything that we know and everything that he cares to admit, quite like "Citizen Kane" told the story of William Randolph Hearst.

What Picture Should Win: It's a battle between historical relevance and flash in deciding between "The Social Network" and "Black Swan." While "Black Swan" is tied for my best film of the year, "The Social Network" is near flawless from top to bottom and add to that the relevance of it all with Facebook rising to new heights in 2010, Zuckerberg stepping into the spotlight for all to see and win-

ning Time Magazine's Person of the Year award and the possibility of Facebook's IPO. The equation just adds up perfectly, and no stuttering king or swan queen is going to stop that.

Best Picture You've Never Heard of: "Exit Through the Gift Shop" tells the story of Thierry Guetta, an eccentric French shopkeeper who sets out to meet and film the greatest and most anonymous graffiti artist in the world — Banksy. Banksy's work has earned him a global reputation, as his work can be seen on walls from post-hurricane New Orleans to the separation barrier on the Palestinian West Bank.

By sheer fate Guetta meets and befriends Banksy and is even granted permission to film the artists, however, Banksy soon turns the camera back on Guetta. What ensues is a thrilling hall-of-mirrors documentary about the nature of art, what is art and who the hell are we, or anyone for that matter, to say what can pass as art. As Banksy best put it, "It's basically the story of how one man set out to film the un-filmable. And failed."

This little Sundance favorite was released too early in the year too catch the attention that it deserves. However, it is likely to win, or at least should win, Best Documentary, and on top of that, it might just be the best film of the year.

Best Director: This award usually goes hand-in-hand with the Best Picture award and although it is time that the Academy pay recognition to the sheer brilliance of Darren Aronofsky, who will have his moment in the spotlight when his lead actress, Natalie Portman, accepts her Best Actress award for "Black Swan."

Instead, David Fincher will be the one giving the speech before he has to come back out again and join in accepting the Best Picture award for "The Social Network."

Best Actor and Actress: Both of these awards are no-brainers since both Natalie Portman ("Black Swan") and Colin Firth ("The King's Speech") have won basically every award you can win. If you're looking for a dark horse (and I mean really looking for one) then you might want to look out for Annette Bening, who gave a great performance in "The Kids Are Alright," which was this year's best reviewed comedy.

Best Supporting Actor and Actress: Melissa Leo and Christian Bale appear poised to give "The Fighter" a clean sweep of the supporting actor categories. Both outshined Mark Walberg and Amy Adams, and not to mention they've both had great careers thus far. Of the two, Bale's performance is bar-none the best supporting performance this year, but Leo has the IOU factor going her way in that she's very respected throughout the industry but doesn't yet have an Oscar to show for it.

In the end though, Jacki Weaver, whose performance in the Australian gem of a crime thriller, "Animal Kingdom" was nothing short of spectacular. IOU's often mean more than merit however, and Leo will probably get the golden statuette.

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Here's a not-very-odd prediction for a kind-of-odd reason: James Franco is going to win Best Actor, and not because he singlehandedly carried a very solid movie about self-amputation (which he did), but because he once played a stoner.

This formula for success is simple. Just play a person who actively smokes marijuana or is heavily affiliated with marijuana culture in a feature film, and then continue to make movies. You will eventually win an Academy Award. You may have to wait up to 20 years for this to occur.



Coleman Collins

Scene Writer

The trend has been around since at least the early 70s with Jack Nicholson's win for "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" after sparking up a few years earlier in "Easy Rider." This pattern has seen a major uptick in recent years. In fact, you can go all the way back to 2004 before one of the big four winners hadn't at one point played a fan of the sticky icky.

Starting with the 2010 awards, it goes: Jeff Bridges (stoned in "The Big Lebowski," won for Crazy Heart), Sean

Penn ("Fast Times at Ridgemont High"/"Milk"), Tilda Swinton ("The Beach"/"Michael Clayton"), Forest Whitaker ("Fast Times at Ridgemont High"/"The Last King of Scotland"), Reese Witherspoon ("Freeway"/"Walk The Line"), Jamie Foxx ("Ray"/"Ray"), Sean Penn ("Fast Times at Ridgemont High"/"Mystic River").

Past that, examples are intermittent, but still exist: Benicio Del Toro ("Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas"/"Traffic"), Nicolas Cage ("Fast Times at Ridgemont High"/"Leaving Las Vegas") Jack Nicholson ("Easy Rider"/"As Good As It Gets"), Diane Keaton ("Annie Hall"/"Annie Hall"), Dustin Hoffman ("Rain Man"/"Midnight Cowboy") and Jon Voight ("Coming Home"/"Midnight Cowboy").

This seems like more than just a weird coincidence.

By my estimation, this is happening because: Actors no longer see taking a stoner role as career-limiting, weed is now seen as comic or even normal rather than subversive and "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" is a movie.

The last reason is pretty straightforward — by sheer force of coincidence, excellent casting or Cameron Crowe's probable pact with the devil, "Fast Times" ensemble cast has spawned something like a dozen successful actors, including three who

won Academy Awards. Cage, Whitaker and Penn all got their starts in this movie and its popularity launched superstar careers that allowed them to eventually pick up Oscar-bait roles such as Harvey Milk ("Milk") and Ben Sanderson ("Leaving Las Vegas"), as well as second-home-bait roles such as "The Guy In Wicker Man."

The first two reasons are a bit more interesting — consider the movie "Midnight Cowboy," made in 1969, which was made amidst worries that it would sully the careers of Voight and Hoffman, specifically because of their roles as gigolos and drug users. Why these same worries did not apply to the production of "Little Fockers," I will never know.

Anyway, this ended up not being the case, primarily because "Midnight Cowboy" was a good movie. But, the same thing happened with a number of the older examples on the list, such as Nicholson in "Easy Rider." Until the new class of stoner-stars that came in with "Fast Times," actors worried that playing someone who used the marijuana in a film but was not a bad guy would force them into an entire career of playing nothing but bleary eyed losers, or 'counter-culture icons,' if you prefer.

The success of the "Fast Times" actors and "Fast Times" itself seemed to open

the floodgates for all kinds of stoner comedies, and a crop of just-starting-out actors who felt that with this example, they were safe. They wouldn't get pigeonholed as druggies by filling these zonked out roles.

It has even come to the point where former Oscar winners will pick up druggie roles, statuette in hand. Adrian Brody, who won for "The Pianist" in 2003, just recently played a psychotic drug dealer in the comedy "HIGH School." It's just no longer a big deal in Hollywood to jump from serious role to drug comedy to action movie. It might even be the reason some of the bigger actors take these kinds of roles, simply to prove that they don't just go from serious dramatic role to serious dramatic role. This, of course, still does not explain "Little Fockers," but I digress.

Many big name actors who started out in the late 80s or early 90s now have a stoner film in their early credits, including A-listers like Brad Pitt, Jeremy Piven, Jared Leto and Jake Gyllenhaal. It seems like it's simply a matter of time before some (or all) of these people win something, Franco included.

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Fiestang brings Filipino culture and dance to ND for 17th year

By JORDAN GAMBLE
Scene Editor

Under the tinfoil-armadillo ceiling of Stepan Center, half a dozen students laid down several giant bamboo sticks in neat rows, cranked up music and started practicing their routine, a combination of hip-hop dance integrated with traditional Filipino choreography on Tuesday night.

This hip-hop-infused version of Tinikling, the Philippines' national dance, is just one act of many in Saturday's Fiestang Filipino, the Filipino American Student Organization's (FASO) annual celebration of Filipino culture.

FASO is the oldest ethnic club on campus.

"A lot of tradition goes into what we do," Alexa Arastoo, a junior and one of Fiestang's co-commissioners, said. She and Randall Ang, also a junior, handle directing and producing duties.

The core group of organizers starts planning the show's thematic elements as early as the summer. This year's theme is "Kwento," or story.

"We're telling the Filipino creation story ... presenting it to people who have never heard of it," Ang said.

After a traditional Filipino dinner at 6 p.m., the performers take the stage for 24 different acts, a mix of songs, traditional

dances and modern interpretations.

About 30 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are dues-paying members of FASO, but the organization's reach is much wider than the two campuses. Arastoo and Ang said they keep in contact with the Filipino-American Association of Michiana (FAAM) all year in order to reach out the greater South Bend community, which has been an invaluable resource.

"People from South Bend are very knowledgeable about Filipino culture and in touch with their heritage," Arastoo said.

FASO used to advertise Fiestang at Sari Sari, a Filipino grocery store in Mishawaka, but that building was destroyed in a fire in April 2010. Randall and Arastoo said that though they've lost their outlet, they still feel they've kept up their tradition of bringing in the larger Filipino community. About half of acts in this year's show come from non-student performers.

The other half of the acts — 11 dances

and one song in Tagalog, the language of the Philippines — are performed by a mix of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students that come from all ethnic backgrounds.

The Asian American Association (AAA) joins in, as do performance groups Project Fresh and Step ND.

Only one student had ever performed the traditional dances, so for the rest of the student performers, Filipino and non-Filipino alike,

it was a learning experience.

"All of our club learned more about Filipino culture here than they did before, especially the dancing," Arastoo said. Eating Filipino food at home is one thing, she explained, but learning the traditional dances is more difficult for those students who don't live in larger cities like Chicago, which have larger Filipino populations.

"Lots of kids don't have access to that kind of cultural depth," Arastoo said.

The Fiestang participants pass down the choreography year by year to a new generation of performers.



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"We learn the choreography but also what it means," Ang said.

Now in its 17th year, Fiestang long ago outgrew South Dining Hall, then LaFortune Student Center, and now with more than 300 guests and a dinner-theater style set up, it fills up Stepan Center.

Ang said they expect about 400 people to turn out for the show, including students, their families, people from the larger South Bend-Mishawaka community and high school seniors visiting as part of the Spring Visitation program through Undergraduate Admissions.

Proceeds from the event go to Madre de Amor, the first hospice program started in the Philippines.

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On campus

What: Fiestang Filipino
Where: Stepan Center
When: Saturday, Feb. 26, dinner at 6 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m.
How much: \$8 in advance at LaFortune Box Office, \$10 at the door
Learn more: nd.edu/~faso

NBA

Cavs acquire Davis, Harangody before trade deadline

Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Byron Scott never dreamed he'd be coaching Baron Davis a second time. For a while, he wasn't sure they'd ever speak again.

Once together in New Orleans, the hard-headed, old-school coach and volatile player clashed — about everything. Scott and Davis rarely saw things eye to eye, leading to a messy separation that seemed irreparable. They've supposedly mended their relationship.

The Cavaliers better hope so.

One of the NBA's top point guards when motivated, Davis was acquired by the rebuilding Cavaliers along with an unprotected 2011 first-round draft pick on Thursday from the Los Angeles Clippers for guard Mo Williams and forward Jamario Moon.

With the league's worst record, the Cavs, who are trying to regain their footing without superstar LeBron James, now own two first-round and two second-round picks in June's draft. They plan to use those selections to replenish their roster and regain relevancy.

"Our organization is excited," Scott said. "We're ready to get started."

Scott and Davis are starting

over.

When the two were with the Hornets, Scott and Davis butted heads. Byron didn't like Baron and vice versa. At one point, Scott banned Davis' personal trainer from the Hornets' training facility. While the rest of the team stretched indoors before practice, Davis and his trainer worked outside in the parking lot.

Eventually, Scott pushed for Davis to get traded to Golden State, a move that led to the Hornets drafting All-Star Chris Paul in 2005.

Scott thought he and Davis would remain distant, but two years ago they patched up their differences in a parking lot before a preseason game. Davis told Scott he had written him a letter to apologize, but decided to say he was sorry in person.

"He wanted to apologize for some of the things that happened in New Orleans," Scott said. "He felt that he understood now that I was just trying to make him a better basketball player. I can be tough on guys at times. I don't think he accepted it at that particular time, but he said he's matured."

Scott was moved by Davis' heartfelt gesture.

"I was very touched. I was speechless," he said. "My wife was sitting next to me and I was

like, 'Wow, I can't believe that he came to me and apologized for everything and said some of the things he said.' He gave me a big hug and said, 'I love you and thank you for everything.' I was shocked. From that point on, the relationship has been very good."

The Cavs, who with owner Dan Gilbert's blessing are taking on Davis' \$29 million contract over the next two years, need that bond to remain strong.

They're counting on Davis to come in, play well and be a good citizen. They'd also like the 31-year-old, who was ejected in the closing seconds of the Clippers' recent game in Cleveland, to help develop young guard Ramon Sessions.

Davis comes with a reputation for being difficult. He showed up for training camp this season out of shape. He can't be happy about being uprooted from his hometown to join the NBA's worst team. Just last weekend in L.A., he was tossing a pass through the sunroof of a car to Clippers teammate Blake Griffin in the All-Star slam dunk contest.

Now, Davis is headed to Cleveland — not exactly known for its beaches or nightlife.

Scott trusts Davis will embrace his new situation.

"I hope he looks at this as an

opportunity again to put all the doubters and change everybody's mind over the type of guy he is and type of player he is," Scott said. "This is a fresh start for him."

The Cavaliers expect Davis to arrive Friday and take his physical.

Scott said he had no reservations about adding Davis to the roster. The first-year coach and Cavs general manager Chris Grant had several conversations in the past few days about bringing on Davis and came to the consensus that it would help the team.

"The second chance of getting to coach him now that we know each other and we've put all that other stuff under the bridge, I'm excited about it," Scott said.

Grant was aggressive trying to improve the Cavs, who haven't had much to celebrate since James bolted last summer as a free agent for Miami. They've been ravaged by injuries and recently set a record by losing 26 straight games, tying the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the longest skid in pro sports history.

Now armed with two high draft picks — odds are both will be in the Top 10 — and a \$14 million trade exception, the Cavs and their fans have some hope.

Scott credits Gilbert for putting a premium on winning.

"I've never been around an owner that's sole existence right now on earth is to win," Scott said. "He doesn't care what it costs him. It's unbelievable to be around a guy who has that type of conviction."

Grant spoke with multiple teams about a variety of deals but made only one other move, sending a second-round pick in 2013 to Boston for rookie forward Luke Harangody and first-year center Semih Erden.

The Clippers are taking on Williams' \$9.3 million contract this season. Moon's \$3 million contract expires after this season, and the Cavs were probably going to buy him out.

Williams is getting another fresh start. Acquired by the Cavs before the 2008 season from Milwaukee, Williams was deeply troubled by James' decision to leave. He's battled injuries all season, but the Clippers are confident he can make them better.

"Mo has experience where he can control the game for us and get guys in the right spots," said coach Vinny Del Negro. "He's been in big games, he's a very good free throw shooter and he makes big shots. And that's what we needed. He was the right fit for us."

NFL

Outspoken Ryan guarantees Super Bowl ring

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Rex Ryan is at it again.

Brimming with confidence after his team reached the AFC championship game the past two seasons, the outspoken New York Jets coach has promised a Super Bowl win next season.

"I believe this is the year we're going to do it," he said. "I believe this is the year we're going to win the Super Bowl. The fact is, I thought we'd win it the first two years."

"I guarantee we'll win it this year."

The Jets are the only team to play in a conference championship game each of the past two years, something Ryan mentioned more than once while speaking to reporters Thursday at the NFL scouting

combine. Ryan said his team made major strides last season, and he believes it is natural to expect the Jets to take the next step.

"I care what our organization believes and what our fans believe," he said. "If we can improve a little more, then why not us?"

Ryan made headlines when he made the Jets' divisional playoff game against the Indianapolis Colts a "personal" matchup between himself and Colts quarterback Peyton Manning. The Jets prevailed 17-16. The next week, he pulled out the personal card again, this time calling out New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick, and the Jets won 28-21.

Ryan wasn't as brash heading into New York's AFC Championship matchup with Pittsburgh, and the Steelers

defeated New York 24-19.

Thursday's 17-minute session was vintage Ryan. He talked for more than five minutes before taking a question, often drawing laughs from the media.

Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum doesn't mind his coach speaking up.

"Anyone that's down or feeling bad about themselves, spend a couple hours with him and I promise you'll laugh a few times," Tannenbaum said. "He's a great football coach. There's a lot been said about his personality, his guarantees, but at the end of the day, we got to judge him by his record. We're lucky to have him."

This isn't the first time Ryan has promised a title. During last season's training camp, Ryan was asked to sign his team's logo sticker on the back of ESPN's tour bus.



AP

Jets head coach Rex Ryan addresses reporters at the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis Thursday.

Instead of just signing his name, the brash Ryan wrote: "Soon to be Champs."

Ryan added that the team's 5-3

home record last season was disappointing, and he quipped that their No. 3 defensive ranking wasn't up to their standards.

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-Darius Rucker

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Marquette upsets UConn in overtime

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Darius Johnson-Odom scored nine of his 17 points in overtime Thursday night to lead Marquette to a 74-67 victory over No. 14 Connecticut, which played without coach Jim Calhoun on the bench.

Jimmy Butler added 16 points for the Golden Eagles (17-11, 8-7 Big East), who tied the game at 59 with 5.3 seconds left on a drive by Johnson-Odom.

Kemba Walker led the Huskies (20-7, 8-7) with 27 points but the junior guard missed four shots and committed one turnover in the extra period.

It was the Huskies' first game since the NCAA revealed its sanctions against the program over recruiting violations. Among the penalties was a suspension of Calhoun for next season's first three Big East games. Calhoun was cited for failing to monitor and promote an atmosphere of compliance within his program.

Calhoun left the team Wednesday to be with his family in New Hampshire following the death of his sister-in-law on Monday.

This was the 15th game that associate head coach George Blaney replaced Calhoun on the bench and Connecticut's record in those games dropped to 7-8.

The loss was the third in five games for the Huskies,

who beat Marquette 76-68 in their earlier meeting this season.

Nine of Marquette's 11 losses have been to ranked teams, and this looked to be No. 10 when the Huskies opened the second half with a 26-7 run to wipe out an 11-point halftime deficit.

The Golden Eagles responded with an 8-2 run that brought them to 51-49 with 6:55 to play.

There were two lead changes and three ties from there, including Johnson-Odom's drive that tied it with 5.3 seconds left.

Walker missed a spin move as the regulation buzzer sounded.

Johnson-Odom made one of two free throws and a jumper in the opening 40 seconds of the overtime to give Marquette the lead for good.

His move down low followed by a jumper made it 70-65 with 1:12 left. Donnell Beverly missed two free throws for the Huskies and Dwight Buycks hit two for Marquette to make it 72-65 with 25 seconds left.

Buycks had 13 points for Marquette, which desperately needed this win to enhance its chances for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. The Golden Eagles lost their 11 games by an average of 5.6 points with only one in double figures. This was their third win over a ranked opponent after wins over Notre Dame and Syracuse.

MLB

Wainwright out for 2011



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright throws during spring training baseball Feb. 26, 2010 in Jupiter, Fla. Wainwright will miss the 2011 season due to surgery.

Associated Press

Adam Wainwright's season is over before it started.

The St. Louis Cardinals ace learned Thursday that he will need surgery to replace a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his pitching elbow, an injury that usually takes at least a year to recover from.

"That's a big guy to miss," teammate Kyle Lohse said in Jupiter, Fla. "We still got to go out there and play. Nobody is going to feel sorry for us. We still have to go out there and do our jobs."

The 29-year-old right-hander experienced soreness toward the end of last season and didn't pitch in September. He threw to the Cardinals' top hitter in batting practice Monday and was set to start his team's spring training opener, then felt soreness the following day and was sent back to St. Louis on Wednesday for an examination.

Lewis Yocum then gave a second opinion to Wainwright, who won 19 games in 2009 and 20 last year to earn a second-place finish in NL Cy Young Award voting.

St. Louis will search for a fifth starter to go along with Chris Carpenter, Lohse, Jaime Garcia and Jake Westbrook.

"You're losing an ace," Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said. "It's not something you can replace overnight. I would also say we have four quality pitchers. It's not exactly like we have no bullets left."

In Glendale, Ariz., pitcher Vicente Padilla is expected to return to the Dodgers' spring training facility after having surgery on his right arm in Los Angeles.

Doctors freed up a nerve that was trapped by a muscle. Dodgers manager Don

Mattingly says Padilla faces three to four weeks of rehabilitation.

Neither Mattingly nor Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti had a timetable for when Padilla, a projected reliever, would be ready to go to work.

Padilla made 16 starts last season and finished 6-5 with a 4.07 ERA. He also spent 68 games on the disabled list with elbow soreness and a neck injury.

In Lakeland, Fla., Miguel Cabrera arrived at spring training for the first time since he was arrested last week on suspicion of drunken driving. He promptly apologized as Major League Baseball said he will undergo treatment set up by doctors administered by management and its players' union.

The 27-year-old was arrested Feb. 16 on suspicion of driving under the influence and resisting an officer without violence, both misdemeanors. He is set to be arraigned on March 16.

"I am very sorry for what I have done," Cabrera said through a translator. "I have worked hard for a period of time and I hope everyone forgives me. All I ask for is forgiveness."

Cabrera didn't deny that he had an alcohol problem, but said he was willing to undergo treatment and the Tigers have been working with doctors to find a solution. He refused to say he is an alcoholic.

"I have it under control," Cabrera said. "It was just a bad decision. I plan to continue with treatment. I made a mistake this time, and all I can do is continue treatment."

In Surprise, Ariz., Texas Rangers pitcher Brandon Webb threw 60-65 pitches off flat ground during a 17-minute session. Texas manager Ron

Washington said the "ball was coming out of his hand real good."

The Rangers decided they wanted the right-hander to build up arm strength before getting back on a mound after his short bullpen session during the first workout a week ago. The former NL Cy Young Award winner hasn't pitched in a major league game since the 2009 opener for Arizona because of shoulder surgery.

Washington says Webb's arm strength "is certainly picking up" and that he could throw off a mound Sunday or Monday "if everything keeps progressing." Webb is set to throw again Friday.

In Scottsdale, Ariz., the Colorado Rockies decided to be careful with right-hander Aaron Cook, who has missed three days of pitching and will miss his first scheduled start of spring training due to continued setbacks from tightness in his shoulder and a bout with a stomach ailment.

Cook entered spring training as Colorado's No. 3 starter behind Ubaldo Jimenez and Jorge De La Rosa.

"He is getting stretched out to long distance and will eventually work his way back to the mound," manager Jim Tracy said. "He had a couple of things he was battling early on and now he's progressing."

In Sarasota, Fla., Baltimore Orioles second baseman Brian Roberts missed a second straight day of spring training workouts because of a stiff neck.

Roberts woke up Wednesday morning with neck stiffness, but x-rays came back negative. The injury forced him to forgo practice on Wednesday, and he also skipped Thursday's session.

He said he's feeling better, though he will continue treatment. Roberts said he hopes to be ready to return Friday or Saturday. He said he's "just trying to get it calmed down."

A two-time All-Star, he was limited to 59 games last season because of injuries that included a herniated disk in his back and a concussion. He says his neck problem has nothing to do with the back injury.

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NBA

Final day of trading still full of movement

Associated Press

Big bodies replaced big names on the final day of the NBA's trading season.

Boston traded starting center Kendrick Perkins, while Hasheem Thabeet, Nenad Krstic, Joel Przybilla and Nazr Mohammed were some other men in the middle who were dealt Thursday before the 3 p.m. EST deadline.

Baron Davis and Gerald Wallace were among the former

All-Stars who moved on a busy day that featured plenty of action but no blockbusters like the ones that landed Carmelo Anthony in New York and Deron Williams in New Jersey earlier in the week.

The Celtics traded Perkins, their starting center who had recently returned from a knee injury sustained in Game 6 of the NBA finals, along with Nate Robinson to Oklahoma City for Jeff Green, Krstic, a future first-round draft pick and cash.

"He's a team-first guy, plays great low-post defense," Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau, a former Boston assistant, said of Perkins. "There may not be a better low-post defender in the league."

Boston also dealt backup big man Semih Erden and reserve swingman Marquis Daniels, an active day for the team that began the night percentage points ahead of the Miami Heat for the best record in the Eastern Conference.

They get back Green, the power forward they drafted at No. 5 in 2007 but traded to Seattle in the deal for Ray Allen. But with Perkins gone, and Shaquille O'Neal and Jermaine O'Neal battling injuries most of the season, interior defense is now a question mark for a team that appeared to have loaded up on it this season for a potential advantage against Miami.

"I'm just as surprised as everyone else was," the Heat's LeBron James said.

Wallace was an All-Star last season, but is owed about \$21 million over the next two years, so the cost-cutting Bobcats have been shopping him. He'll try to help the Trail Blazers reach the postseason.

"He is just the sort of talent we were looking for," Blazers owner Paul Allen said in a statement announcing the trade. "I'm sure our fans will embrace him and hopefully he can help us make some noise in the playoffs."

NFL

Labor negotiations between NFL, players continue



Denver Broncos safety Brian Dawkins approaches meetings with the NFL for football labor negotiations Thursday in Washington. The discussions involved a federal mediator.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just as many expected would happen all along, labor negotiations between the NFL and the players' union are heading right down to the wire — and possibly beyond.

In the first real indication of what's been going on behind closed doors, the federal mediator overseeing talks said Thursday the two sides made "some progress" during more than 40 hours spread over seven consecutive days of face-to-face meetings, but "very strong differences remain."

The league and union will resume mediation Tuesday, less than 72 hours before the old collective bargaining agreement is set to expire. If there's no new deal in place by the end of next Thursday, the union thinks owners will move to lock out players, threatening the 2011 season. The NFL has said, however, that the deadline could be extended.

George Cohen, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, released a statement shortly before noon Thursday, his first public comments since he began working with Commissioner Roger Goodell, NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith and their negotiating teams last week.

"At bottom, some progress was made," Cohen said, "but very strong differences remain

on the all-important core issues that separate the parties."

While Cohen did not name those issues, the biggest sticking point all along has been how to divide about \$9 billion in annual revenues. Among the other significant topics in negotiations: a rookie wage scale; the owners' push to expand the regular season from 16 games to 18 while reducing the pre-season by two games; and benefits for retired players.

NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith and the rest of the union's negotiating team left the building at about 12:30 p.m., three hours after arriving. The NFL departed afterward.

"Just continue talking, man — that's what we're doing," Indianapolis Colts center Jeff Saturday said as he got into a car. "I think ownership — everybody — needs to know that we're all committed to it and committed to getting something done."

Members of both groups now head to Indianapolis for the NFL's annual scouting combine for draft prospects; the league briefed general managers, coaches and other team officials for 45 minutes Thursday about what would happen if the CBA does expire, while the union speaks to agents on Friday.

"Basically, it was about where we are, where we hope to get and, in case (a new CBA) doesn't get there, scenarios that will play out," Jacksonville Jaguars

coach Jack del Rio said after the NFL meeting in Indianapolis. "So we got a little bit of information."

In other words: He and everyone else must wait to see what happens next week. In addition to the return to mediation in Washington, team owners are scheduled to meet in nearby Chantilly, Va., Wednesday and Thursday.

"During the intervening weekend, the parties have been asked by us to assess their current positions," Cohen said.

Saturday was one of four active players on the NFLPA's executive committee present Thursday, joined by Denver Broncos safety Brian Dawkins, and Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Mike Vrabel and guard Brian Waters. Nine of that committee's 11 members participated at some point during these seven days of talks; union president Kevin Mawae and New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees did not.

No NFL team owners attended the talks in Washington. Cohen asked both parties to keep quiet about the mediation, and union lawyer Richard Berthelsen said Thursday that gag order is still in effect.

All Smith would say as he walked toward the union's headquarters was: "We'll see you all next week."

Seeking to keep a lid on what's happening in the talks, the NFL sent an e-mail on behalf of Goodell to team own-

ers, presidents, general managers and PR employees Thursday, attaching a copy of Cohen's statement and saying: "We will have no further comment beyond this release and no club or member of your organization should comment beyond this release."

After months of infrequent and sometimes contentious talks, the NFL and union have been communicating regularly with Cohen present. The sides went more than two months without any formal bargaining until Feb. 5, the day before the Super Bowl. The sides met again once the next week, then called off a second meeting that had been scheduled for the following day.

The most recent CBA was signed in 2006, but owners exercised an opt-out clause in 2008.

During the mediation — which was voluntary and intended to spur progress — the sides have been talking both in full groups and in smaller subcommittee meet-

ings.

"Our time together has been devoted to establishing an atmosphere conducive to meaningful negotiations and, of course, matters of process and substance," Cohen said in Thursday's statement. "I can report that throughout this extensive period the parties engaged in highly focused, constructive dialogue concerning a host of issues covering both economics and player-related conditions."

Also Thursday, there was a hearing before a U.S. District Court judge in Minneapolis to discuss the NFLPA's complaint that the league improperly negotiated TV deals. The union has accused the NFL of structuring contracts so owners would be guaranteed money from networks even if there were a lockout in 2011 — while not getting the most revenue possible in other seasons, when income would need to be shared with players.

It's not clear when there will be a decision in the case.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish optimistic despite losses



EILEEN VEIHMEYER/The Observer

Sophomore attack Betsy Mastropieri carries the ball against Northwestern at home Feb. 19. The Irish lost 14-11.

By MATTHEW DeFRANKS
Sports Writer

After an opening stretch that saw a two-game west coast trip and a home opener against No. 2 Northwestern, No. 11 Notre Dame will hit the road this weekend to take on Duquesne Saturday.

The Irish (1-2) dropped back-to-back decisions to nationally ranked opponents by a combined four goals. Most recently, Notre Dame lost 14-11 to the Wildcats in a game that saw seven different players score a goal. Despite the rough start, Irish coach Tracy Coyne said she is encouraged.

"I would be more worried if we were not in the games, but we had chances to win those

games," Coyne said. "I feel really good about the team. The girls are very competitive."

The rocky road to open the season has also been somewhat of a learning curve for the Irish.

"We've been able to focus on things we can improve on these last few games," Coyne said. "I would rather play a tough schedule than open 10-0 against cupcake teams."

The Dukes (1-1) also come into the game following a loss, falling 11-7 to No. 16 Boston College on Thursday. The Irish have never lost to Duquesne in six meetings with the Pittsburgh school,

including a 15-10 win in last year's home opener for Notre Dame.

"We're going out there to win. We can be better than our record," Coyne said.

In last year's game, senior midfielder Kailene Abt tallied four goals while junior attack Maggie Tamasitis contributed four assists. Duquesne has since lost goalie Sara Beckstead, who made 19 saves a year ago, to graduation and will be playing with 12 newcomers on the squad.

"[Head coach] Mike Scerbo does a great job recruiting and maximizing potential from his players," Coyne said. "They are defensively much better and we know they will be organized and well prepared."

Irish sophomore midfielder Jenny Granger leads the team with eight goals and has put nearly 83 percent of her shots on goal. Freshman midfielder

Kaitlyn Brosco has tallied six goals in the first three games, all in a reserve role.

"I've been really happy with Jenny and she's only a sophomore," Coyne said. "I've been more pleased than surprised with her and Kaitlyn."

Notre Dame will face off against the Dukes at noon Saturday at Duquesne's Rooney Field.

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"We're going out there to win. We can do better than our record."

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

SMC TENNIS

Belles still adjusting to underclassmen roster

By MATT UNGER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's travels to Cleveland to face Case Western Reserve and John Carroll this weekend, hoping to rebound from a disappointing opening performance.

"In our first match, we weren't quite up to the challenge, but I think ... we got over our nerves and gained valuable experience," Belles coach Dave Campbell said about his team's 7-2 loss to NAIA foe Olivet Nazarene Friday.

With five seniors and four freshmen on the 10-player roster, the Belles (0-1) feature a blend of experience and youth. Senior captain Jillian Hurley, who plays No. 1 singles, is leading the way for the Belles. Hurley also teams with freshman Mary Catherine Fallor to form the Belles' top doubles duo.

After losing both singles and doubles matches last weekend, Hurley, the No. 24 ranked player in the central region last

year, will work to capture her first match win of the season this weekend. The Belles' doubles teams will also seek to post a win after losing all three matches to Olivet Nazarene.

The Belles will first seek to avenge a home loss from last season to Case Western Reserve (3-2). Despite losing their past two matches, including one to No. 4 Chicago, the

"In our first match, we weren't quite up to the challenge, but I think ... we got over our nerves and gained valuable experience."

Dave Campbell
Belles coach

Spartans pose a formidable challenge. They are led by sophomore number one singles player Erika Lim.

Meanwhile, John Carroll will play its first match since September, when the Blue Streaks went 1-2 and were shutout 9-0 by Case Western Reserve.

Following this weekend's back-to-back matches, the Belles will return for their home opener at the Eck Tennis Pavilion March 7 against Saint Mary's (Minn.).

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Junior infielder Dani Miller hits a pitch against Villanova last season on April 25, 2010. The Irish next face Charleston College Saturday.

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the Week after a fabulous showing at the UCF Invitational, where she had six hits and drove in six runs. Additionally, freshman pitcher Laura Winter was

recognized on the conference's weekly honor roll. She started her collegiate career with a win and a save last weekend.

The Irish will also look for sophomore pitcher Brittany O'Donnell and senior pitcher Shannon Kelly to dominate in the bullpen this weekend after their strong showings in the UCF Invitational.

With this amount of strength in the starting lineup, it's easy to see why both Clay and Johnson believe this is the best team they've been a part of in their collegiate careers.

The Irish hope to extend their winning streak Saturday at 2 p.m. against the College of Charleston.

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KIRBY MCKENNA/The Observer
Junior forward Devereaux Peters protects the ball during a 71-49 victory over Rutgers on Feb. 12.

Offense

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we're feeling good right now."
Notre Dame (23-5, 12-2 Big

East) will feel even better when it steps back on its home court Saturday for the first home game since Feb. 12. The Irish will also be honoring their lone graduating senior, forward Becca Bruszewski, as she plays the final

home game of her four-year career.
"[It's] a huge sigh of relief for being home," McGraw said. "We've had three of the last four on the road to finish the season and in some tough places to play. We'll be even more excited than usual to play in front of our home crowd, especially for the last time. It's going to be a very emotional day for Becca, and kind of a commending of sorts for her, the last home game in her career."
Bruszewski, one of the team's co-captains, has been essential to the Irish offense this season. She has averaged 9.2 points per game to go along with 5.3 rebounds.

"Since it's our last home game, I think there's going to be a lot of excitement for us to be in front of our crowd again."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

Alongside Bruszewski, Notre Dame's other starters scored all but five of the team's 72 points. Junior guard Natalie Novosel had a game-high 22 points and seven rebounds to lead the team, followed by senior forward Devereaux Peters' 16 points and

five rebounds. Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins scored 10 and senior guard Brittany Mallory had nine.

Coming off the bench were freshman forward Natalie Achonwa and sophomore guard Kaila Turner, who played a combined 39 minutes and added six rebounds.

McGraw said her team demonstrated its ability to focus on the game ahead of it, not the one before.

"This team has done a really good job, and I think Becca's a lot of the reason why we have been able to really focus on the next game," she said.

"No matter who we're playing, if we're playing a team at the bottom of the standings or at the top of the standings, it hasn't really affected us. We've played well in every game and I think that's because we have such good focus in every game."

Saturday's focus will be not only on defeating Cincinnati (8-18, 1-13 Big East), but doing it in

an appropriate way to commemorate Bruszewski and what she brings to the team.

"[Becca] sets the tone in the locker room," McGraw said. "She's got a mental toughness and a fearless attitude. She's never intimidated, she's very, very competitive, she wants to win, and I think her attitude is it. She's definitely the most physical player on our team, and I think people respond to that and the team really responds to her and her leadership."

But playing tough has never been hard for this Irish team, and McGraw said Saturday won't be any different, especially with the extra incentive to win at home.

"Since it's our last home game, I think there's going to be a lot of excitement for us to be in front of our crowd again. I know we're going to play hard—we do every game, and to send Becca out. We all want to play well for her, so I think there'll be a little extra incentive to play well for her on Saturday," McGraw said.

The Irish and the Bearcats will tip off at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Purcell Pavilion.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish ready to bounce back from difficult matches

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The No. 19 Irish face off this weekend against an array of excellent teams at the Blue-Gray Tournament in Montgomery, Ala.

Coming off tough losses to Michigan and Vanderbilt and a win last weekend over Wisconsin, the team is ready to rise in the national rankings.

The Irish enter the tournament as the No. 2 seed in the eight-team field behind top-seeded Virginia. They will begin the tournament with a match against Utah Friday. The Utes enter the tournament with just two losses after a four-match winning streak.

"There are a lot of good teams here this weekend," freshman Julie Sabacinski said. "I think we are going to just take one match at a time."

Junior Kristy Frilling, who was recently named the No. 3 singles player nationally, will lead the team this weekend, along with doubles partner Shannon Mathews, who is ranked 43rd. Together, they make up the No. 57 doubles team in the country. Additionally, freshman Jennifer Kellner is ranked just outside the top 100 singles players.

"The hardest part will be the heat and playing outdoors," Sabacinski said. "None of us have played outside since we got back from break, so it will be an adjustment."

"There are a lot of good teams here this weekend. I think we are going to just take one match at a time."

Julie Sabacinski
Irish freshman

The last time the Irish faced Utah in tournament play was two years ago, when they won 7-0. In that match, Frilling, then a freshman, dominated in both singles and doubles. Utah leads the all-time series with Notre Dame 2-1.

Utah has only one player ranked in the top 60, but look to hold its own against the Irish. Other teams making appearances this weekend include Oklahoma, Ohio State, DePaul and Auburn.

The Irish kick off the tournament Friday at noon against Utah.

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer
Freshman Julie Sabacinski prepares to return the ball against Wisconsin on Feb. 13. The Irish won 6-1.



JULIE HERDER/The Observer
Sophomore midfielder Quinn Cully scans the field during a 10-8 loss to Rutgers on March 27, 2010.

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"We have a very good defensive group, and we are going to get stops with our goalie play and our defensive group that we have," he said. "We have to clear the ball and turn those into offensive possessions."

If the Irish can duplicate last weekend's performance against Duke, they should be very successful against Penn State, as Corrigan said he sees many similarities between the two teams.

"They both have kind of an aggressive, physical, challenging defensive style, and they both have a variety of different guys offensively that can hurt you if you don't play good defense against them," he said. "[The keys are] going to be largely the things that helped us get through last week."

The teams will face off at 1 p.m. Sunday in University Park, Penn.

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Senior Ryan Guentzel takes on a Falcon during a 5-1 win over Bowling Green on Feb. 12. The Irish swept the weekend series.

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second round to be played the weekend of March 11-13. The CCHA regular-season championship still hangs in the balance however, as Notre Dame and Michigan will settle their back-and-forth battle at the top of the standings on the season's final weekend. The Wolverines face Northern

Michigan on the road for their season finale. Irish coach Jeff Jackson said the goal of winning the CCHA crown means that the team needs to be playing its best going into the post-season.

"The fact that we've clinched home ice in the second round was one of our season objectives, and to have the opportunity on the weekend to play for a conference championship is important," Jackson said. "But it's more important, in my

opinion, that we're playing at our very best as we go into the playoffs."

After winning at home and tying on the road in Kalamazoo, Mich. in an earlier home-and-home series with the Broncos, the Irish will hit the road on Friday night to contend with a team that has vastly improved in the 2010-11 season and will be fighting for a first-round bye in the CCHA Championship as they currently sit fourth in the standings.

"I expect it to be a tremendously competitive series," Jackson said. "They've had a great year; [head coach] Jeff Blashill's done a nice job there."

After facing off in Kalamazoo Friday night, the teams will return to South Bend for a Saturday night clash that will double as a retrospective on the history of Notre Dame hockey at the Joyce Center and Senior Night event for the Irish seniors. The team will honor the accomplishments of senior manager Matthew McManus along with goalie Brian Brooke, wing Calle Ridderwall, wing Ryan Guentzel, center Ben Ryan and defenseman Joe Lavin. The class has been a distinguished one for the Irish program, with Ryan, Guentzel and Ridderwall contributing on 2007-08's national runner-up squad. The players turned in three 20-win seasons in their four years, and Ridderwall said he looks back fondly on his years in a Notre Dame uniform.

"Obviously, it's special going into your last weekend in the regular season as a Notre Dame player, going into senior night, it's pretty emotional and bittersweet. It's been a great ride so far and you just hope to keep it going through the playoffs," he said. "As a senior, you only have a couple of classes, you have a lot of time on your hands to think back on

your college career. I have a lot of highlights, a lot of memories from this place which I know I'm going to have for the rest of my life."

Ryan emphasized the importance of finishing off his college career with championships, a process that can begin with a strong performance this weekend and a CCHA title.

"The goal is to win the playoffs and win the championship, but that is a championship, the regular season title," he said. "With all the [freshmen] coming in, for these guys to get to hang a banner in the new rink, that'd be something special."

As the team heads into the final weekend of the regular season in position to hang a banner with a squad that was largely unproven coming into the year, Jackson said that the leadership of his seniors cannot be questioned.

"People probably questioned how our leadership was going to be going into this season, but I think our leadership's been as good as it's been since I've been here," he said.

The Irish will take the ice with playoff implications on the line in Kalamazoo Friday night at 7:35 p.m. and again at the Joyce Center Saturday night at 7:05 p.m.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish to face tough foes at Blue-Gray Classic

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

Hoping to continue its recent success, No. 26 Notre Dame will

travel to Montgomery, Ala. this weekend to participate in the annual Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic.

The eight-team tournament features four squads currently

ranked in the top 25.

"This is one of the oldest tournaments in the country," Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire said. "This year it features a really good field — all but

one of the teams are in the top 50."

All eight teams will play a match on all three days of the tournament, regardless of the outcomes.

"We play Penn State first and our next opponent will be determined by the outcomes of the first day," Sachire said.

Despite the fact that the teams will be some of the best in the country, Sachire said he is optimistic that the Irish will play well.

"There's no team that we can't beat in this tournament," he said.

Despite a 4-3 loss to Michigan last weekend, the Irish have won five of their last six matches. The team capped off the weekend with an important victory over No. 24 North Carolina.

"We need to keep the momentum from that match going this weekend," Sachire said.

Since the beginning of the spring season, the coaching staff has put an emphasis on getting back to the basics, and the team has responded.

"Our practices have been



sharp and crisp, and it showed against Virginia and Illinois," Sachire said. "We had a high energy level and were competing hard."

Once the calendar turns to March, Notre Dame will begin to host more matches, a sharp contrast from the first half of the spring season, when they only hosted four contests. The Irish have seven home matches remaining this season, excluding the Big East Championships, which will be held on campus at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

"It's certainly a lot easier not traveling," Sachire said. "When we're at home we don't need to adjust to the court surface or waste time traveling. But at the same time, we have less distractions on the road and can just focus on tennis."

The Irish will need to bring plenty of focus to the tournament this weekend, starting with their match against Penn State, which is today at 4:30 p.m.

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Senior Stephen Havens returns a serve during a match on Feb. 20. The Irish won 5-2 over North Carolina.

BASEBALL

Irish gear up for possible weather



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Sophomore Frank Desico swings at a pitch in a game against Rutgers April 11, 2010.

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Looking to build on a strong opening weekend, the Irish might find that the biggest obstacle to earning more wins this weekend is not something they can control — the weather. With three games scheduled in the Pacific Northwest against Seattle University, recent adverse weather conditions in the area have cast doubt over the teams' ability to play games.

"At this point right now, the whole weekend is up in the air," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "They're getting some bad weather up there, getting a little bit of snow that Seattle is not really accustomed to. Mother Nature is having her way with us right now."

Weather aside, Notre Dame (2-1) is looking to continue its momentum from an opening weekend that began with a loss but finished with two big victories, including a record-setting 19-2 victory over Purdue. The Redhawks are a relatively new program, however, which leaves the Irish without much information about what to expect from their hosts.

"I'm not 100 percent sure what to expect from Seattle," Aoki said. "They're sort of transitioning their way back into Division I — they had gone pretty close to 20 years without a varsity baseball program there."

The Notre Dame rotation will remain the same, with a trio of seniors starting on the mound. Brian Dupra (0-1) will open the series, followed by Cole Johnson (1-0) and Todd Miller (1-0).

"If our pitchers pitch to their strengths and pitch to their abilities, I would very definitely expect them to have very good outings and to carry us relatively deep into the game," Aoki said.

Even though a 19-run explosion carried Aoki to his first victory as Irish head coach, he does not see his squad regularly blowing out its opponents, but rather using smart play to earn wins.

"Nineteen runs in any baseball situation is an aberration, and I think that I would be really pleased with our club if we were able to average 7 or 8 runs a game. I think that probably means we had a really successful season," Aoki said. "We're going to have to work for whatever it is that we get. We have to make sure that we're doing a really good job of playing situationally and understanding that we're not a team that's going to be hitting bombs over the fence. We're not going to be a team that's putting up 10, 12 runs a game."

Freshman right fielder Eric Jagielo will attempt to replicate a strong offensive performance in his first series with the Irish, when he scored four runs in two games. "Eric Jagielo is going to be a fixture in the middle of the lineup," Aoki said. "I think he's a really talented player. With young players, they'll have their times of struggle and they'll have either times where they do really well for a period of time."

The most important goal for the weekend will not be to limit the Redhawks' runs or to have hot bats — it'll be to just take the field.

"We're hoping, number one, that we can still make the trip up there and play," Aoki said.

The Irish travel to face Seattle this weekend for three games. The teams will either play Friday, Saturday and Sunday or, play a double-header Saturday and one game Sunday.

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Brey

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situations] in practice so it is good to have them down the stretch."

The all-around team effort and 56 percent shooting night was led by Irish leading scorer senior guard Ben Hansbrough, who netted a career-high 32 points as Brooks' went on his scoring tear. The Irish had four players score in double figures, including a season-high 28 points by fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis.

"I thought for [Abromaitis], he was in a rhythm and we did a good job of finding him," Brey said.

However, the Irish will have another dazzling Big East senior to defend in Pirates (11-16, 5-10) guard Jeremy Hazell, who has averaged 21.8 points per game in the past four contests while only being held under double-digits twice this season. In Seton Hall's 73-64 loss to Marquette last Saturday, the senior sharpshooter went for 23 points, passing Notre Dame's Colin Falls for the most 3-pointers made in Big East history with 192.

Notre Dame will also have to find a way around a stalwart Seton Hall defense, which held then-No. 10 Syracuse to 68 points in a 90-68 win at the Carrier Dome in January. This season, the Pirates have held

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Mike Brey
Irish coach



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Fourth-year Tim Abromaitis prepares to rebound a shot in the game against Louisville Feb. 9. The Irish won 89-79.

teams to only 65.2 points per game while forcing 14.5 turnovers per game.

"They are going to press us and come after us," Brey said. "They have shot freely on the road, putting up 90 points against Syracuse and they are going to come in here loose."

Meanwhile, the Irish will honor their all-time leading scorer at halftime, 1970-1971 All-American guard Austin Carr. Carr scored 2,560 points in three years of varsity basketball at Notre Dame (1968-1971) and averaged 34.6 points per

game while breaking the 40-point mark 23 times in his collegiate career. The Naismith winner eventually went on to a 10-year career in the NBA with the Cavaliers, Mavericks and Washington Bullets and was inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007.

"What a special night [it will be] as we put Austin Carr in our ring of honor," Brey said. "The production he had before [the institution of] the 3-point line in college basketball is kind of unheard of."

The Irish will welcome Seton Hall to the Purcell Pavilion Saturday night at 7 p.m. in a late-season Big East matchup.

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20 Pamplona pronoun

21 Bygone N.Y.C. punk club

22 Handles

24 Literary inits.

26 Chocolate

27 Ace pitcher's reward?

30 Epoch when bats first appeared

32 Starbucks offering
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46 Jockey wear

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4 Bush and Jackson

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7 Suck in

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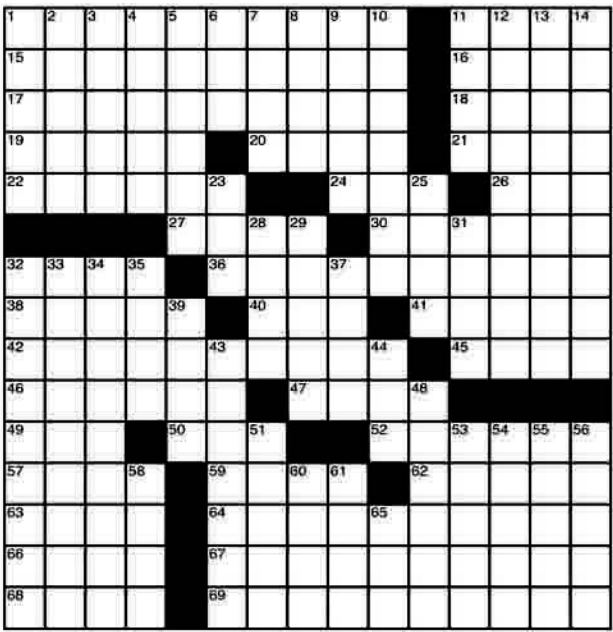
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68 Totally not happening

69 Make a spectacle of oneself, say



- Puzzle by Pete Mitchell
- 33 Sit on the bench

34 Assembly places

35 "___ Should Ever Leave You" (Tom Jones song)

37 High-tech transmission

39 Trustworthy

43 Motion approval

44 "That's what I'm talkin' about!"

48 Bag in a trunk

51 Make last, maybe

53 Crayfish claw

54 Wankel engine part

55 Jagged

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58 Item used by a 2-Down

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You aren't being told everything you need to know. Find out exactly what's expected of you or you will waste time doing things that aren't necessary. A romantic relationship can go either way. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make contact with people you have something in common with. You will accomplish a lot more if you work within a group. Travel if it will help you take care of something that's important to you. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Set your sights on progress and accomplishment and you will reach your goals. Emotional issues can be dealt with if you are honest about the way you feel. Children and seniors are likely to play an important decision-making role. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep it simple, especially when dealing with friends and family. The less said, the better. Don't count on getting along with everybody you encounter. It will be best to keep an open mind but a practical outlook. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let money matters or contracts confuse you. Nothing is too difficult to figure out if you apply your experience and knowledge. Stop running from someone only interested in making your life better. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look for any help you can get that will allow you to be more creative and productive in a job that needs your attention. Paying more attention to detail will pay off and allow you more time to spend at home or with someone you love. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't limit what you can do because someone is trying to put restrictions on you. Rise above the criticism or demands and follow your intuition. Love should be high on your to-do list. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Find out all you need to know about someone you must deal with to get ahead. Changes at home will turn out well if you are honest about what you want and what you are willing to give. Expect to hear news about an old friend. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Problems will surface at home if you aren't careful what you say to friends, relatives or neighbors. Expect to face some backlash regarding a story you share about a friend or past associate. It's best to say little and do a lot for best results. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Rely on your past experience to help you make the right choices now. If you act impulsively, you will make a costly personal mistake that will deplete your bank account as well. Stick to what and who you know. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You've got lots to think about, especially with regard to where you live and how you cover your expenses. Help will be offered from a reliable source but, before you accept, find out what's expected in return. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional matters will escalate if you don't take care of them immediately. Partnerships will be plentiful but choosing the right one will not be easy. Complete whatever needs to be done. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are a dreamer, an inventor and an emotionally sensitive individual. You look at the future with optimism and welcome anything that is unique.

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ND MEN'S BASKETBALL

Set for Seton

ND looks to hold onto undefeated home record

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

Heading into its final home stand of the season, home court advantage seems to take on a new meaning for No. 9 Notre Dame.

After surviving a scare from a struggling Providence team — mostly due to a 52-point eruption by senior guard Marshon Brooks — the Irish (22-5, 11-4) look to go undefeated at home this season with their final two home games this week, starting with Big East foe Seton Hall on Saturday night.

"That [was] just a great team win," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a post-game radio interview after his team's 94-93 win at Providence (14-14, 3-12) Wednesday night. "We can't simulate these [close-game

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Senior Ben Hansbrough carries the ball on a fast break during Notre Dame's 89-79 win against Louisville. The Irish will face Seton Hall at home Saturday at 7 p.m.

JULIE HERDER/The Observer

HOCKEY

JACC hosts last regular season finale

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The 42-year regular season history of the Joyce Center will close the book on an era of Notre Dame hockey Saturday night as the No. 8 Irish will have a chance to honor the arena's history with one last regular season CCHA crown. Notre Dame faces off against Western Michigan in a home-and-home series this weekend, with the Irish clinging to a one-point lead in the CCHA standings. The game will mark the end of Notre Dame's final full regular season slate at the arena.

Fresh off a road sweep of Ferris State, Notre Dame has clinched a first-round bye in the upcoming CCHA Championship tournament along with home-ice for the

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish hope new Penn State coaching staff will not pose threat

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to follow up on its dominant performance against defending champion Duke as it travels to Penn State to face a team that posted an abysmal 2-11 record last year.

With a new coach and a large amount of young talent, however, Penn State (1-0) promises to challenge the No. 3 Irish (1-0) as they vie for a big upset.

Coming off one of the worst

seasons in program history, the Nittany Lions are led by first year coach Jeff Tambroni, who earned his first win with his new team against Binghamton in their opener. Under the direction of Tambroni, Penn State looks to leave last year's disappointment behind.

"[A 2-11 record] was an anomaly for them," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They are a talented team and they've got a new coaching staff and I know there is a lot of excitement in their program about where they

are and where they are going."

An impressive performance against the Irish would be a huge step for Penn State, one which they will undoubtedly try especially hard to achieve.

"This is a great chance for them," Corrigan said. "They have a highly ranked team coming onto their campus, and we are going to see their best, there's no question about that, and I think their best is very, very good."

Following their coach's example, the Irish players are careful

to ensure that they don't overlook the Nittany Lions.

"We need to make sure that we don't come in too overconfident," sophomore goalie John Kemp said. "Certainly you want to go in with confidence, but not too much, because they are a good team and they are capable of beating us."

Kemp anchored the Irish defense with a 10-save performance in the first game of the season but played an equally important role in clearing the ball, leading to several quick

offensive pushes.

"I'm kind of more of a goalie that is willing to take chances to try to start transitions and fast breaks," Kemp said. "Hopefully I'll be able to provide some nice outlets."

Kemp's ability to get the ball out of his stick quickly will continue to be important this weekend, as Corrigan says one of his team's keys to winning the game is a strong transition game.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Senior Day set to restart streak

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 8 Irish came back from a devastating loss to No. 2 Connecticut to take down No. 19 West Virginia Tuesday — and hope to start a winning streak Saturday when they host Cincinnati on Notre Dame's Senior Day.

"There's a lot of momentum going in," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "With DePaul losing last night, we're now tied for second [in the Big East], so we have a lot of momentum going in with that big win on the road, just such a quality win for us against a top-25 team. We executed our offense really well, we played great defense, so I think

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Freshman forward Natalie Anchonwa prepares to shoot against Rutgers Feb. 12. The Irish walked away with a 71-49 win.

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ND SOFTBALL

Undefeated team aims to further consistency

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

After starting their season with a 5-0 record in the UCF Invitational, the Irish are eager to see what else they can accomplish at the College of Charleston Invitational.

"I would say consistency is the biggest thing we're trying to improve," senior infielder and team captain Heather Johnson said.

So far it would appear that this seasoned Irish team is accomplishing just that. This weekend they will face Iowa State, Marist and Liberty, as well as host

College of Charleston. The team is fairly unfamiliar with its opponents this weekend, who haven't been on the schedule in the time that this team has been together.

Senior catcher Alexia Clay said she isn't concerned with unfamiliar situations.

"I really feel like this year we have a lot of potential and a lot of seasoned players so we're pretty deep in our lineup," Clay said.

One of those players, junior outfielder Alexa Maldonado, was recently named Big East player of

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