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Students aid youth in Honduras

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Two groups of Saint Mary's students traveled to Honduras over spring break to serve impoverished locals at a group home and orphanage surgery center.

Education Professor Karen Van Meter and social work Professor Leonard Sanchez took a group of eight students to El Hogar Diamante, a home for boys offering safe housing, education and training in a trade.

While most of the boys are not homeless or orphaned, the home helps divert them from getting into dangerous situations they may otherwise be exposed to, Sanchez said.

"The Hogar takes on boys from around 12, even as young as seven, that have parents and homes of their own, but it gets them off the streets," Sanchez said. "Many of them [would otherwise] find themselves living in the streets, bored, restless, panhandling."

The students spent their mornings in Honduras doing service projects including painting rooms and cleaning in the Hogar, before spending the afternoon doing recreational activities with the boys. Evenings offered students time to come together

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Students journey to Holy Land

20 Notre Dame students travel to Israel to explore their faith origins



A group of Notre Dame students making a pilgrimage to Israel stop and take an ice cream break while making a beach trip.

Photo courtesy of Jiyeon Ahn

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

A group of 23 Notre Dame community members made a pilgrimage to Israel to explore biblical locations and examine their own faiths over spring break.

The group of students, coming from diverse faith and academic backgrounds, were led by Lewis Hall rector Layla Karst, Campus Ministry program manager Brett Perkins and theology graduate student Hannah Hemphill.

Karst said the pilgrimage allowed students to explore the origins of their faith through the

connections the University has in Israel, especially Pantur, Notre Dame's campus in the Holy Land.

"It was an effort, given Notre Dame's resources in the area, to take advantage of them and give our students the opportunity to travel to the places where Christ lived and died to reflect on the mysteries of our faith together in a community and to particularly have that journey be during Lent," Karst said.

Students visited Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus was crucified and entombed, the site of the nativity in Bethlehem and the Mount of the Transfiguration. The

group also saw the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River and the Dead Sea along with the cities of Capernaum and Nazareth.

For sophomore theology and Arabic studies major Jackie Bacon, visiting the Sea of Galilee was a highlight of the trip.

"I've never been to a more beautiful place," Bacon said.

Sophomore economics and Program of Liberal Studies major Pablo Muldoon said he enjoyed seeing the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount.

"It was incredibly green and there were flowers

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Aerospace chair dies at age 50

Observer Staff Report

John E. Renaud, professor and chair of aerospace and mechanical engineering at Notre Dame, died March 18



Renaud

from cancer at his Michigan home. He was 50 years old.

A Mass of remembrance will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

Friday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A reception will be held at the Morris Inn following the service.

Renaud was a native of Rochester, N.Y. After he graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1982, Renaud worked for five years as a manufacturing systems design engineer in Rochester. He earned master's and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1989 and 1992, respectively, before he joined the aerospace and mechanical engineering faculty at Notre Dame in 1992. He began serving as the chair of the department in 2008.

As a professor, Renaud

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Students celebrate postponed St. Patrick's Day

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

St. Patrick's Day may have fallen during Notre Dame's spring break this year, but students still managed to show their Irish spirit in celebration of the holiday Wednesday.

On the "unofficial" St. Patrick's Day, students embraced the opportunity to celebrate the University's historic Irish identity by dressing in green, celebrating off campus and taking advantage of the giveaways provided by the Student Union Board (SUB) and Walsh Hall throughout the

day.

SUB and Walsh distributed shamrock-shaped sunglasses and other giveaways outside DeBartolo Hall and offered a free cookout on Fieldhouse Mall, SUB cultural arts programmer Jenna Donahue said. Students who found "golden nuggets" hidden around campus won prizes including a green iPod Shuffle and gift cards to Chipotle, Five Guys and Jamba Juice.

Donahue said the main goal of planning events for this week was to unite students in a celebration of the holiday while they were on campus.

"We came up with this idea

in the fall when we realized we wouldn't be able to celebrate St. Patrick's Day during school, so we wanted to do it right when we came back from break," Donahue said. "Wednesday seemed like a good day for it because it breaks up the week, and more people are out and about because classes are generally shorter."

Sophomore Erinn Riley said she enjoyed the campus festivities.

"The free giveaways were awesome, especially the sunglasses and the food," she

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Freshmen Allie Hartnett, Melissa Stahl, Chelsea Beboer and Jane Beriont (left to right) celebrate in festive Irish-themed garb Wednesday.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD SWAP LIVES WITH ANYONE FOR A DAY, WHO WOULD IT BE?



Thomas Graff

freshman
Dillon

“Charlie Sheen,
so I could be bi-
winning.”



Claudia Anewalt

grad
off campus

“My cat. When I
grow up I want
to be just like
her — lazy and
spoiled.”



Michael Turner

junior
Knott

“Brian Kelly,
because he’s got
the dream job.”



Anel Terron

sophomore
Welsh Family

“Kate
Middleton.”



Ian Heraty

senior
Alumni

“I like my life a
lot, but I would
be George
Harrison with
the Beatles in
India during
the late 60’s.”

Have an idea for Question of the Day? Email obsphoto@gmail.com



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Junior Paolo Garcia gives a speech during Board Member elections for the Asian American Association Wednesday night in the Coleman-Morse Center.

OFFBEAT

Dog found alive in remnants of burnt down apartment

BOSTON — A Boston woman who thought her beloved dachshund was gone forever after a fire destroyed her apartment a month ago found the pet Monday living in the wreckage of her burned-out home.

Terisa Acevedo moved in with relatives after the Feb. 23 fire. She returned to the apartment Monday when her landlord asked her to turn off the alarm on a vehicle in the driveway.

The 24-year-old Acevedo heard scratching, pulled away the plywood covering the doorway and found the year-old pup, Lola.

She said Lola jumped into her arms and set off a flood of tears. She says the dog was a little skinnier than she remembered.

Veterinarians at Boston's Angell Animal Medical Center said the dog somehow found food and water in the home. They say it is expected to fully recover.

Lola was diagnosed with "refeeding syndrome," a condition that requires a careful reintroduction of food to prevent life-threatening complications in malnourished patients. Veterinarians gave Lola her first meal Wednesday.

Condom machine stolen from closed sports bar

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — A

condom machine has been stolen from a shuttered Washington state sports bar, where fixtures are being auctioned off.

Police spokesman Mark Young also says an ATM machine was damaged in the break-in early Tuesday at the old Quarterback Pub. It's been closed for more than a year.

The Bellingham Herald reports an auction company employee discovered the burglary.

It's unknown if any condoms were left in the machine when it was stolen.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Today from 3 to 6 p. m. there is an opportunity to donate cash or Domer Dollars to the Women's Care Center. Donations can be made in La Fortune. All proceeds will go toward buying baby shower gifts for women who are clients of the Women's Care Center.

The institute for Latino Studies is hosting a lecture titled “A Chicanese in the Land of Dixie” given by Richard A. Lou, professor and chair of the Department of Art at the University of Memphis. The lecture will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. today at McKenna Hall in room 210-214.

Tonight from 6 to 7 p.m. in Washington Hall the Student Players' first production of the musical “Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog” will take place. Tickets will be sold for \$5 at the door.

A panel discussion titled “Revolution 101: A Discussion on Civil Resistance in the Middle East” will be held from 9 to 11 p.m. tonight at the Coleman-Morse Center. The discussion will be a concise review of the turmoil affecting Libya, Egypt, Tunisia and other countries in the Middle East.

The MSA Relay for Life bowling night will be held at Chippewa Bowl in South Bend, 224 W. Chippewa Avenue, from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. The \$10 price donates \$5 to Relay for Life and pays for 2 hours of bowling, shoes and one pizza per lane.

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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Faculty challenge Chamber report

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

After Indiana leaders proposed right-to-work legislation for the state in December, Notre Dame faculty added their voices to the debate that has raged since the beginning of the year.

While state legislators dismissed the bill, delaying a decision until the next legislative session, protest continues throughout the state. Many Indiana residents have headed to Indianapolis to join protests, such as a demonstration on March 10, against right-to-work legislation.

In January, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce issued a report touting the benefits of right-to-work laws. Notre Dame Professor Marty Wolfson and his colleagues challenged the Chamber's report with a response March 3.

A right-to-work policy legislates that employees are not required to join a union or pay fair share agreements for unions. With fewer members, a union operates with less power, and workers wages decrease, Wolfson said.

The Chamber argued right-to-work legislation could attract employers and companies to an area where unions are less influential. The Chamber claimed workers would benefit from greater demand for labor.

Wolfson said his largest critique of right-to-work legislation is its disservice to workers themselves. He called the bill "contradictory" to its promises.

Right-to-work policies claim to help workers but actually decrease wages, and the Chamber provided no clear evidence that the legislation will lead to increased wages, he said.

The Higgins Labor Studies Program at Notre Dame released a report on the issue.

"The idea that residents of Indiana would be better off if workers in Indiana received lower wages is seemingly so contradictory that it is surprising that it is even taken seriously," the Higgins report stated.

State leaders should instead aim to increase wages in a different way, the report stated.

Catholic Social Teaching on labor and workers' rights also draws Notre Dame into the debate about the right-to-work bill, Wolfson said.

"These proposals undermine living standards and public education, and our community needs to know about it," he said.

Wolfson said large tax cuts to the wealthy and promises of trickle-down benefits to the poor have not succeeded in the past, and right-to-work legislation is unlikely to see another result.

"Experiences of the past 30

years contradicts this [argument]," Wolfson said.

Wolfson wrote the Higgins Report in March with the help of Dan Graff, associate director of the Higgins Program, and English Professor Valerie Sayers. The report specifically criticizes the Chamber's data analysis.

The data in the Chamber's report only analyzed figures from 1977 and 2008, Wolfson said. The report also combined the information from all 22 states with right-to-work policies into one statistic, used an average national income and focused solely on differences in income growth rates between states with and without the legislation. Instead, Wolfson said, the report should have compared individual state's growth rates before and after the legislation was passed.

In response, Wolfson and his contributors compiled their own data from each successive year from the beginning of right-to-work legislation in 1947 through 2009.

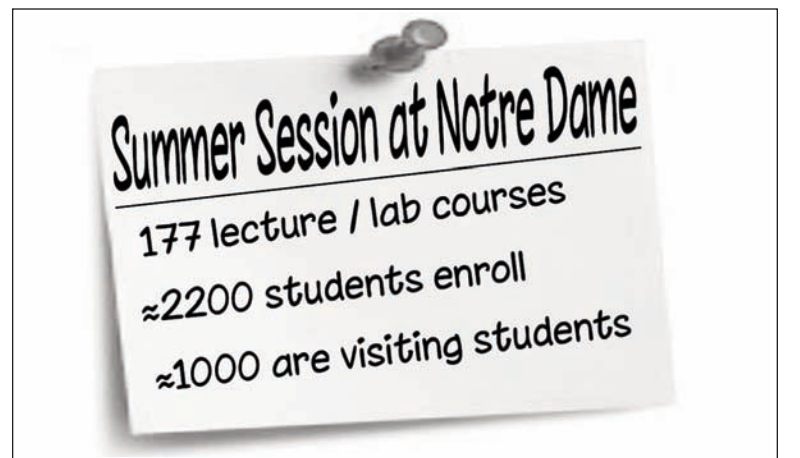
"If you take the Right to Work states as a whole, but look at the average rate of growth, you'll see that after the states became Right to Work states, growth was 3.9 percent compared to 4.2 percent before the state became a Right to Work state," Wolfson said. "Growth declined."

Wolfson said the Chamber's data is not incorrect, only slanted.

"The numbers aren't wrong, but [the Chamber] use[s] data selectively ... The result is slanted for the result they want," Wolfson said. "We want to balance it."

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Summer Session registration opens



SOFIA ITURBE | Observer Graphic

By JOHN CAMERON

News Writer

Students hoping to make up for a dropped class or pursue a subject of interest outside their major can register for Notre Dame's Summer Session beginning Wednesday.

The University will be offering 177 traditional lecture or lab courses, as well as various special study and directed reading programs, said Chuck Hurley, director of the Summer Session. Hurley said summer courses outside of general requirements vary somewhat year to year at the discretion of the different academic departments.

"We offer almost the same amount every year, it's a pretty standard allotment," he said. "We go through a process in September and October where the departments and deans come up with the classes. Most of the classes are the same every year — Calc I, Calc II, that sort of thing."

Hurley said some of the Arts and Letters departments tend to offer greater course variety between the years.

"In the areas of history and sociology they're pretty creative. For example, this year in history Scott Appleby is teaching a new class, 'Catholics in 20th Century America,'" he said. "James Smith has a class, 'Northern Ireland Troubles.' There's also a class in sociology that I know was offered two years ago, 'The Sociology of Sport.' That's a popular class."

Many of the students studying at Notre Dame over the summer take classes in theology, Hurley said.

"A lot of that has to do with us offering more theology courses than any other in summer, partly because they're so popular, partly because there's a graduate program over the summer," he said. "Because Notre Dame is the most prestigious Catholic university in America, a lot of visiting students want to come here to take theology courses."

Unlike classes during the regular school year, summer school courses are more flexible in accommodating a greater number of interested students, Hurley said.

"We have a few classes that fill up in the summer but it's usually only 10 to 15 that get blocked out. The competition [for seats]

isn't as great in the summer," he said. "We end up with well over 2,200 students in the summer — that's a lot but it's a far cry from the 11,500 we have during the year. We have more rooms we can move a class to if it fills up."

Of these 2,200 summer enrollees, many are students visiting from other universities, Hurley said.

"One thing that would surprise people is that close to 1000 of them are visiting students," he said. "Maybe they wanted to go to Notre Dame but chose somewhere else...others come for research, they might have a specific biology professor they want to come and do research with, so they come here."

Hurley said some students from other colleges attend summer courses at the University out of convenience.

"A number of students who live in South Bend or Mishawaka who go to a wide variety of schools, Purdue, Indiana, Michigan State, or others in the area take classes here," he said. "They know if they take classes at Notre Dame, they'll transfer back to their home institution."


Hurley said Notre Dame students often take courses in the summer to concentrate on a particularly demanding subject.

"We see some students who want to take a specific course in the summer — maybe it's a very challenging course in their major and they think if they take it with four other classes it will be challenging but if they concentrate on it in the summer they'll be able to do their best," he said. "Others want to make up a class after they were ill or were struggling with it and dropped."

Still other students, Hurley said, choose to attend summer school in order to stay close to the campus and their friends.

"Others just want to be here for the very nature of this place, the special and sacred nature of it," he said. "Summer is a very different time on campus. It's quiet and more serene, but at the same time it's a lot of fun. I lived here the summer of '92 with my buddies from Zahm Hall, and it was just a lot of fun to hang out with my friends for a summer."

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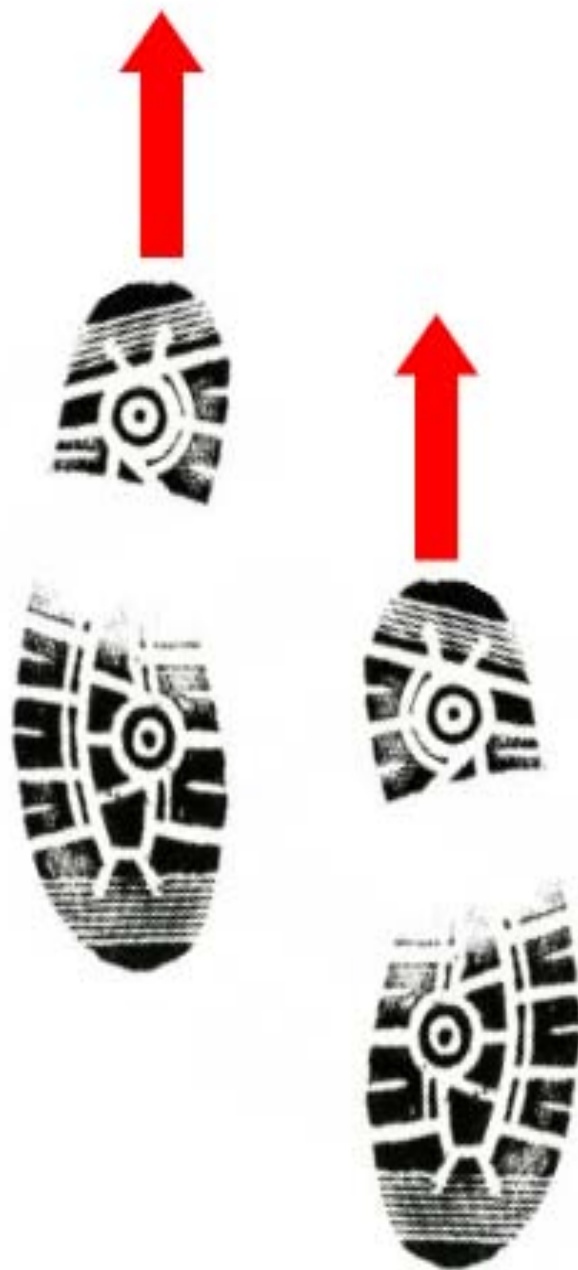


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SMC professor encourages preschool art exposure

By COURTNEY ECKERLE
News Writer

Exposing young children to art is about more than having something to hang on the fridge, Saint Mary's art professor Kelly Harrington said.

Harrington was recently interviewed in the March issue of "Arts Everywhere" magazine article "Early StARTS: Preschoolers reap benefits from early exposure to the Arts."

In the article, Harrington, an adjunct lecturer and licensed K-12 art specialist, discusses the role of early exposure to art in overall brain development, calling it "absolutely vital" to holistic education.

Harrington says preschool-aged children appreciate art despite their limited ability to clearly articulate their thoughts about it.

"[Young children] enjoy looking

at works of art, but discussion should be kept to simple questions like 'What do you see?' and 'Can you find something red?'" she said. "[These questions] can engage young children and stimulate higher order thinking skills which can, in turn, lead to creative problem-solving."

While Harrington has not done research specifically on the subject of early art education, she speaks from personal experience working with this age group while developing art classes for Saint Mary's.

"In general, preschoolers are at what is called the manipulative stage, the first of three stages of graphic representation that most children progress through," she said. "They are mostly interested in mark-making and experiencing various tactile qualities be it clay, paint, et cetera."

Harrington said young students should be encouraged to create

art because it allows them a unique opportunity for free expression,

"Children at this age are attracted to art-making because it is something they can control in their environment," she said. "Children at this age should have exposure to and exploration of various media without focus on a predetermined solution."

Harrington said many of her students at Saint Mary's intend on teaching art. She says this work is important because of the greater impact art education has on childhood development and long-term success.

"The more preschool students are allowed to explore and make marks, the greater their visual vocabulary becomes, an increasingly important skill in our 21st century visual culture."

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COURTNEY ECKERLE/The Observer

Art professor Kelly Harrington (left) draws with her students. Harrington considers art a vital addition to holistic education.

STUDENT SENATE

Group amends student government constitution

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Student Senate passed two amendments to the student government constitution at its meeting Wednesday. The first revised the method of fund allocation, and the second codified the First Undergraduate Experience in Leadership (FUEL) organization in the Constitution.

Student Union treasurer Eric Biro presented the fund allocation resolution to the senate and explained how it would affect the existing budgeting process.

Clubs and organizations receive a fixed 33 percent of total revenue given to the Club Coordination Council (CCC) from the Financial Management Board (FMB). Halfway through the year, the clubs have the opportunity to request more funds from the remainder of the CCC budget, Biro said.

The amendment would increase this hard line percentage from 33 to 36 while eliminating a club's ability to appeal for more funds later, he said.

Junior Paul Baranay, controller of the CCC, said the amendment is mostly aimed at simplifying the lengthy allocation process.

Currently, clubs submit their budget requests for the next year to the council. After making necessary cuts, the CCC decides on an overall request to the board, which then also makes its own cuts, requiring the council to once again decrease the amount of money allocated to each club, Baranay said.

"With this new amendment, instead of having uncertain-

ties about exactly how much we'll receive from FMB, we'll know at the beginning of spring semester how much we'll receive," Baranay said.

Biro said because the CCC is requesting greater total funding from the board, the increase in the hard line for clubs and organizations will not detract from other groups' shares of the budget.

Biro said due to the amount of money distributed in the additional allocation, the percentage change is essentially making official what has already been in practice.

"By going through with this change, we're eliminating one cut from the CCC and they have the set number right away," he said.


The second amendment approved by Senate officially adds FUEL, an organization for freshmen interested in policy-making in student government, to the constitution.

FUEL Director Ricky Bevington said the first half of the year focuses on educating the freshmen in how student government works. Some of the exercises include reviewing the constitution and learning what the various student leaders on campus are responsible for.

Following the training process, FUEL members can choose senate committees to begin working with.

"We're trying to make this opportunity real," Bevington said. "These FUEL-ers are a part of student government. They put a lot of time in it. They care about student government as much as most of you."

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Monday, March 28
7:00 pm

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said. Incidentally, the date of SUB and Walsh’s planned activities coincided with an unofficial celebration that attracted over 4,500 student attendees on Facebook. Senior George Pinchock created the popular online event advertising a campus-wide St. Patrick’s Day celebration after returning from winter break in January. “St. Patrick’s Day has always been a big deal in my family and in my hometown of Philadelphia,” Pinchock said. “I got the idea to have everyone celebrate on a class day when I thought about last year’s celebration and how I didn’t want to miss out on the fun because of spring break this year.” Pinchock said celebrating St. Patrick’s Day on a day of classes added an element of thrill to the general enthusiasm for the holiday due to Notre Dame’s traditional Irish pride. “Everyone here is naturally united around Irish things, so people get pumped up about this holiday,” Pinchock said. “You could feel the

“I got the idea to have everyone celebrate on a class day when I thought about last year’s celebration and how I didn’t want to miss out on the fun because of spring break this year.”

George Pinchock senior

electricity in the air last year, so I wanted everyone to be able to feel that again this year.” Pinchock began spreading the word in January to about 500 of his Notre Dame friends through the Facebook event. The event drew over 2,000 confirmed attendees within a day of its creation, he said. By the end of the week, 3,000 people planned to attend the event. Pinchock limited the event to current Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students after thousands of alumni and non-Notre Dame students responded to the event invitation. Although Pinchock did not plan specific events for the day of the celebration, he said creating the Facebook event exposed him to a variety of different conceptions of what St. Patrick’s Day means. “A lot of people haven’t been brought up celebrating St. Patrick’s Day like I have,” Pinchock said. “For some people, it’s just a drinking holiday, but for others, it’s some-

“I celebrated by wearing green, eating a free brat and drinking green beer.”

Erica Severson senior

thing really special.” Senior Erica Severson embraced the chance to celebrate the holiday while at school. “I celebrated by wearing green, eating a free brat and drinking green beer,” she said. “It was a lot of fun.” In anticipation of the “unofficial” holiday, a group of Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame students contacted the owners of Mulligan’s Bar and Grill in South Bend about the possibility of hosting a St. Patrick’s-themed event. “A few students approached us about a month ago and asked if we would host a St. Patrick’s Day party for them after spring break,” owner Sue Mulligan said. “We love Notre Dame and its students, so after they asked us, we said, ‘Sure, why not?’” Mulligan said the celebration was similar to the bar’s actual St. Patrick’s Day event and featured a large outdoor tent, decorations, green beer, green Jello shots and giveaways. The kitchen was also open for attendees until 2:30 a.m., Mulligan said. “It was a blast, just like last week’s celebration,” Mulligan said. “Everyone had a great time.”

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Group concludes term-end initiatives

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

The Student Government Association announced that progress was made in its dorm printer initiative and discussed the final stages of the LeMans Hall renovation Wednesday. “The printer has been purchased and will be arriving in the next week or so,” student body president Rachael Chesley said. The printer will be installed in Holy Cross Hall’s lobby near the existing computer station, and will be available for student use for the remainder of the semester. At a previous meeting, members voiced concerns regarding limits on individuals’ use of the printer. Chesley spoke with sales representatives from several printing companies to gather more information about limiting time and pages printed during a single session. Chesley said the sales representatives indicated such controls would have to be implemented by the campus Information Technology (IT) department. As the IT department is not supporting the initiative, the controls are not yet available.

“We’ve accomplished a lot in these past couple months, and now we’re waiting on seeing the results of our hard work.”

Rachael Chesley student body president

“We said it was going to be a trial run of sorts, and we will post a list of rules with it,” she said. “If printers are going to be installed in all of the dorms in the future, a relationship with and support from the IT department would be necessary. All we can do is work to keep the technology issue an ongoing priority.” In an effort to prevent abuse of the printer, there will be signs posted stating a proposed time limit for individual student use. The desk worker’s duties will now include supervising printer usage. The other major project wrapping up in the final weeks of the current administration, the LeMans Hall basement renovation, is well underway. Chesley said the walls have been painted and furniture and entertainment technology have been ordered. “We’ve accomplished a lot in these past couple months, and now we’re waiting on seeing the results of our hard work,” Chesley said. “I can’t believe how fast this year is winding up. These initiatives are going to be a great way to end the year.”

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taught undergraduate and graduate courses on design optimization and pursued research on fundamental design issues for aircraft, crash-absorbent structures and human bone tissue, as well as on the general mathematics associated with determining optimal designs. As an internationally recognized expert in his discipline, Renaud was an associate fellow of the American

Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. During his career, Renaud served on the editorial advisory boards of Engineering Optimization and the Journal of Aircraft. He was also the associate editor of the Journal of Mechanical Design. He wrote and co-authored more than 65 articles in leading journals in his field and held two U.S. patents. Renaud is survived by his wife, sister, his nieces and nephew, his brother and his mother. In lieu of flowers,

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for reflection and discussion. Both Van Meter and Sanchez stressed the importance of forming relationships with the boys. To better understand what the boys come from, the students visited four of the boys' homes and met their families, accompanied by the Hogar's social worker.

Van Meter said the girls handled the home visits well despite the heartbreaking nature of the families' living conditions.

"One of the boys' mothers told us she never imagined that she would give up her children," Van Meter said. "She just couldn't control her sons."

The students took pictures throughout the week, including during the home visits. Sanchez said they would be sending some of the pictures back to the boys and their families.

"The boys loved taking pictures with all the girls' cameras," Van Meter said. "They just loved taking the picture and then looking at it on the screen. They became very attached to the girls."

The other group, made up of six nursing students, spent

the week at the Nuestros Vaqueros Hermanos orphanage located about two hours north of the Hogar. The students spent their time assisting in surgeries and other medical procedures at the orphanage's surgery center, built by the family of Trish Daly, a 2010 Saint Mary's graduate.

Junior Molly Borg said the work provided invaluable practical experience.

"It was completely hands on," Borg said. "I had never started an IV before and now I've done it. This [junior year] is the first year we do clinicals and the experience was great."

The students spent much of their time working directly with patients before participating in surgical consultations and finally assisting in the actual surgeries.

"We did 60 surgeries in four days," Borg said. "We worked where we were needed, but we also got to scrub in on surgeries we were interested in."

Borg, who is interested in pediatrics, was able to scrub in on a young girl's trigger thumb operation. She said the experience gave her insight into how children deal with surgery and how nurses can help them get through it.

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education professor

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everywhere," Muldoon said. "Just being there, you could visualize Jesus teaching on peace and love. It was incredible."

In addition to visiting major biblical sites, the students were exposed to different sects of Christianity by attending services in the Syriac Orthodox, Charismatic Catholic and Armenian Apostolic traditions, Karst said.

Karst said the students gained a greater insight into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict of the Holy Land by meeting with several peace-builders working in the region, including a professor at the University of Bethlehem and a human rights lawyer.

Despite the ongoing conflict in the region and the recent uprisings in neighboring countries Egypt and Jordan, Muldoon said he did not fear for his safety, even while in the volatile West Bank.

"The conception that you hear from the media that the West Bank is full of extremists and terrorist

organizations ... is not at all what you encounter on the day-to-day," Muldoon said. "The people are very friendly and incredibly welcoming."

Karst, having been to Israel twice before, agreed the media exaggerates its reports on the state of the country.

"The events that are reported are the events that are the exception or the dramatic events," Karst said. "[However,] going in you always know that there is the possibility that you might have to change your plans for the day."

Bacon said she never felt in danger, but admitted she was unnerved at the sight of the young armed members of the Israeli guard who monitored the area.

"It was strange to see kids our age with big machine guns, but I did not feel unsafe ever," Bacon said.

Despite the constant threat of security issues, Muldoon said the trip had a profound effect on his and his fellow travelers'

faiths.

"Having so much of a steady reflection on who God is and what He did for us impacted all of us," Muldoon said.

Karst said the students developed a greater sense of Christ's humanity and a side of Christianity they could relate to.

"The students said that many times on the trip they were struck by the humanness of Christ and the humanness of our faith," Karst said.

"They went on the trip expecting to encounter the Jesus of 2000 years ago but instead they encountered more often the Jesus of today."

Karst also said that the trip made the story of Jesus real for the students.

"The places look a lot different 2000 years later than they would have then, and the communities that have been built up around these places proclaim the faith of 2000 years ago but it's a very living place," Karst said. "You get the sense that Jesus wasn't just someone who lived 2000 years ago but that he's someone who continues to be alive and working in the world today."

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LIBYA

Gadhafi armed forces roll back as rebels try to organize

Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya — NATO ships began patrolling off Libya's coast Wednesday as airstrikes, missiles and energized rebels forced Moammar Gadhafi's tanks to roll back from two key western cities, including one that was the hometown of army officers who tried to overthrow him in 1993.

Libya's opposition took haphazard steps to form a government in the east, as they and the U.S.-led force protecting them girded for prolonged and costly fighting. Despite disorganization among the rebels — and confusion over who would ultimately run the international operation — coalition airstrikes and missiles seemed to thwart Gadhafi's efforts to rout his opponents, at least for now.

Anti-aircraft fire lit up the sky in Tripoli late Wednesday, and explosions could be heard.

Coalition aircraft hit a fuel depot in Tripoli, a senior government official told reporters in a late-night news conference. Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Kaim at first denied reports that Gadhafi's compound in Tripoli was hit earlier, then backtracked and said he had no information about that. Other targets Wednesday were near Benghazi and Misrata, he said.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates acknowledged there is no clear end to the international military enforcement of the no-fly zone over Libya, but President Barack Obama said it "absolutely" will not lead to a U.S. land invasion.

From Ajdabiya in the east to Misrata in the west, the coalition's targets included Libyan troops' mechanized forces, mobile surface-to-air missile sites and lines of communications that supply "their beans and their bullets," said Rear Adm. Gerard Hueber, a top U.S. officer in the campaign in Libya.

He asserted that Gadhafi's air force has essentially been defeated. He said no Libyan aircraft had attempted to fly over the previous 24 hours.

"Those aircraft have either been destroyed or rendered inoperable," Hueber told Pentagon reporters by phone from the U.S. command ship in the Mediterranean Sea.

A doctor in Misrata said Gadhafi's tanks fled after the airstrikes, giving a much-needed reprieve to the besieged coastal city, which is inaccessible to human rights monitors or journalists. The airstrikes struck the aviation academy and a vacant lot outside the central hospital, the doctor said.

"Today, for the first time in a week, the bakeries opened their doors," the doctor said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals if Gadhafi's forces take Libya's third-largest city, 125 miles (200 kilometers) southeast of Tripoli.

Neither the rebels nor Gadhafi has mustered the force for an outright victory, raising concerns of a prolonged conflict.

Gates said no one was ever under any illusion that the assault would last just two or three weeks. He had no answer when asked about a possible stalemate if Gadhafi hunkers down, and the coalition lacks U.N. authorization to target him.

Obama, when asked about an exit strategy during an interview with the Spanish-language net-

work Univision, didn't lay out a vision for ending the international action, but rather said: "The exit strategy will be executed this week in the sense that we will be pulling back from our much more active efforts to shape the environment."

The administration wants others to lead the way soon: Gates said the U.S. could relinquish control as soon as Saturday. Members of the coalition, however, were still divided over the details.

In a compromise proposal, NATO would be guided by a political committee of foreign ministers from the West and the Arab world. But NATO nations remained deadlocked over the alliance's possible role in enforcing the U.N.-authorized no-fly zone.

NATO warships, meanwhile, started patrolling Wednesday to enforce the U.N. arms embargo against Libya. Alliance spokeswoman Oana Lungescu said the action was to "cut off the flow of arms and mercenaries," activity that intelligence reports say is continuing.

Six vessels were involved the first day, and Canada's Brig. General Pierre St. Amand said 16 ships have been offered by NATO members. Five are from Turkey, the organization's sole Muslim member.

Missiles fired from submarines in the Mediterranean, bombs dropped by B-2 stealth bombers and an array of airstrikes easily totaled hundreds of millions of dollars by the fifth day of the coalition campaign.

Hueber said international forces were attacking government troops that have been storming population centers. On Wednesday evening,

Libyan state television reported a "Crusader colonialist bombing targeting certain civil and military locations" in Tripoli's Tajoura district — scene of some of the heaviest past protests against Gadhafi.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Gadhafi can end the crisis quickly — by leaving power. She said the U.S. wants the Libyan government to "make the right decision" by instituting a cease-fire, with-

drawing forces from cities and preparing for a transition that doesn't include the longtime dictator.

Some attacks by pro-Gadhafi forces continued in Misrata, where the doctor and rebel leaders said pro-Gadhafi snipers were firing on civilians from rooftops. Abdel-Hafidh Ghoga, a spokesman for the opposition forces, said 16 people were killed today, including five children.

Ghoga said people are being

treated "in the hallways of buildings" because they did not dare go outside.

In Zintan, a city of 100,000 about 75 miles (120 kilometers) south of Tripoli, a resident said Gadhafi's forces were shelling from the foot of a nearby mountain, but rebels forced their retreat from all but one side of the city. After five days of fighting, Ali al-Azhari said, rebel fighters captured or destroyed several tanks and seized trucks

loaded with 1,200 Grad missiles and fuel tanks. They captured five Gadhafi troops.

Al-Azhari, who spoke to The Associated Press by phone from the city, said one officer told rebels he was ordered "to turn Zintan into a desert to be smashed and flattened." Resentment against Gadhafi runs high in Zintan because it was the hometown of many of the detained army officers who took part in a failed coup in 1993.

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Anti-abortion laws advance



Protestors gather outside the New Jersey Statehouse Monday during an anti-abortion rally. Bills to restrict abortions face legislations around the country.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dozens of bills are advancing through statehouses nationwide that would put an array of new obstacles — legal, financial and psychological — in the paths of women seeking abortions.

The tactics vary: mandatory sonograms and anti-abortion counseling, sweeping limits on insurance coverage, bans on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. To abortion-rights activists, they add up to the biggest political threat since the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 that legalized abortion nationwide.

“It’s just this total onslaught,” said Elizabeth Nash, who tracks state legislation for the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive-health research organization that supports abortion rights.

What’s different this year is not the raw number of anti-

abortion bills, but the fact that many of the toughest, most substantive measures have a good chance of passage due to gains by conservative Republicans in last year’s legislative and gubernatorial elections. On Tuesday, South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed into law a bill that would impose a longest-in-the-nation waiting period of three days before women could have an abortion — and also require them to undergo counseling at pregnancy help centers that discourage abortions.

“We’re seeing an unprecedented level of bills that would have a serious impact on women’s access to abortion services that very possibly could become law,” said Rachel Sussman, senior policy analyst for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

On the other side, anti-abortion strategists such as Mary

Spaulding Balch of the National Right to Life Committee have been scrambling to keep up with legislative developments: “Until the bills get on the governors’ desks, it’s premature to claim victory. But it’s moving faster than it has in previous years. ... We’re very pleased with the progress thus far.”

In a number of states, lawmakers are considering bills that would ban elective abortions after 20 or 21 weeks of pregnancy. These measures are modeled after a law approved last year in Nebraska that was based on the disputed premise that a fetus can feel pain after 20 weeks.

The Idaho Senate approved one such bill Wednesday, sending it to the House, while a similar bill won final legislative approval in the Kansas Senate. The same type of measure is pending in Oklahoma and Alabama.

U.S. soldier sentenced for 3 Afghan murders

Associated Press

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. (AP) — A U.S. soldier who pleaded guilty Wednesday to the murders of three Afghan civilians was sentenced to 24 years in prison after saying “the plan was to kill people” in a conspiracy with four fellow soldiers.

Military judge Lt. Col. Kwasi Hawks said he initially intended to sentence Spc. Jeremy Morlock, of Wasilla, Alaska, to life in prison with possibility of parole but was bound by the plea deal.

The 22-year-old Morlock is a key figure in a war crimes probe that has raised some of the most serious criminal allegations to come from the war in Afghanistan. Army investigators accused him of taking a lead role in the killings of three unarmed Afghan men in Kandahar province in January, February and May 2010.

His sentencing Wednesday came hours after he pleaded guilty to three counts of murder, and one count each of conspiracy, obstructing justice and illegal drug use at his court martial at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, south of Seattle.

Morlock, the first of five soldiers from the 5th Stryker Brigade to be court-martialed in the case, will receive 352 days off of his sentence for time served and could be eligible for parole in about seven years, said his lead attorney, Frank Spinner. He will be dishonorably discharged as part of his sentence.

Under his plea deal, he has agreed to testify against his co-defendants.

Asked by the judge whether the plan was to shoot at people to scare them, or to shoot to kill, Morlock replied, “The plan was to kill people.”

Speaking to reporters after the sentencing, Spinner read a statement prepared by Morlock in which the soldier apologized for the pain he had caused his victims’ families and the people of Afghanistan and asked for forgiveness from his fellow soldiers.

Spinner speculated that “morale problems and discipline problems” in Morlock’s brigade created an environment that contributed to the killings — an argument the defense presented in court through the testimony of sociologist and war crimes expert Stjepan Mestrovic.

Morlock had told investigators the murder plot was led by Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs of Billings, Mont., who is also charged in the case; Gibbs maintains the killings were legitimate.

Other witnesses, including Morlock’s mother and his former hockey coach, talked about the devastating effect of his father’s death in a boating accident in 2007. Morlock said he joined the Army hoping to follow in the footsteps of his father, a retired paratrooper.

But, ultimately, Morlock accepted that his actions were his and his alone, Spinner said.

Responding to criticism that 24 years was too light for three murders, Spinner pointed to Morlock’s willingness to take responsibility for his actions and testify against his co-defendants.

“He realized coming into court today the ‘why’s’ were not that important. He’s taking responsibility,” Spinner said.

The plea deal had been in place for nearly two months, so the sentence “wasn’t really a surprise” to Morlock, Spinner told reporters.

Morlock told the judge that he and the other soldiers first began plotting to murder unarmed Afghans in late 2009, several weeks before the first killing took place. To make the killings appear justified, the soldiers planned to plant weapons near the bodies of the victims, he said.

Army prosecutor Capt. Andre Leblanc characterized the crimes as acts of “unspeakable cruelty” by “a few extraordinarily misguided men.”

“We don’t do this. This is not how we’re trained. This is not the Army,” Leblanc said during his closing statement Wednesday.



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INSIDE COLUMN

Best conference around

After the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament this weekend, a lot of media types have been writing a lot of columns and features and blog posts about a certain basketball conference that didn't exactly live up to expectations.

But I'm not going to write about that. I'm going to tell you about a conference better than any other, one that sent an NCAA record nine teams to the tournament, and then sent nine teams to the Round of 32. It has five advancing to the Sweet Sixteen. Two pulled off upsets to get there, including a No. 7-seeded team defeating a No. 2. The four members of this conference that lost in the second round fell to No. 1- or No. 2-seeds, and all but one put up a real fight on their way down.

The five teams are distributed between three brackets, which means four could advance to the Elite Eight. And while it's not likely, three could reach the Final Four. Two have a legitimate chance. No other conference even has that possibility. What is this crazy powerful conference I'm talking about? Why, it's none other than the Big East. That's right, the women's Big East conference is easily the best in all of college basketball.

For the past couple of years, the Big East (and, let's be honest, women's college basketball) has been looked at as Connecticut and a bunch of other teams. But other Big East teams have historically taken the reins — Rutgers used to be a powerhouse, and of course there's the small matter of Notre Dame's 2001 national championship.

Now, the Big East, from Connecticut on down, simply dominates on the national stage.

Take the past four days.

There was No. 9-seed Marquette, tied with No. 1 Tennessee late in the second half before ultimately losing 70-61. There was No. 3 DePaul, facing No. 6 Penn State in University Park, fighting back from a double-digit deficit in a hostile environment to win 75-73. And there was No. 7 Louisville, beating No. 2 Xavier in Cincinnati. Of course, there were No. 1 Connecticut and No. 2 Notre Dame, doing what they should have done by disposing of Purdue and Temple.

Take Wednesday's announcement of All-America finalists. The list includes 40 players from across the country. Ten are from the Big East, representing six different schools. The Big 12 is next, with six nominated athletes. There's a possibility that some seemingly great conferences in college basketball haven't matched their hype, expectations or even talent levels during the NCAA tournament. The Big East is clearly not among that group.

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Where idealism and realism don't intersect

Is there still room for unions in 21st century America?

Despite what the left-wingers, life-time union members and subscribers to Catholic social teaching will tell you, unionization is a crucial development of an industrializing civilization, a stage that America has passed for at least five decades now. Our great country of laws and lawsuits does a better job of protecting the working class than union bosses. Don't get me wrong, the developing world still needs unions. Unionization is stifled in China, and so are workers' rights that people in Europe and the U.S. have enjoyed for years. As a multinational religion, Catholicism is right to spread the message of unions to where they are needed, however to say that these outdated vehicles of progress are still relevant in the developed world is naive.

If justice is what you are after, you have much greater rights as an individual these days than as a collective. Unions are supposed to protect "the voice of the worker in the work place" however my voice rings just as loud with a trial lawyer and without the accompanying union fees. I don't advocate everyone suing everyone to solve every little thing, but unfortunately many people get away with this these days and for better or for worse, that is the world we live in.

Have you heard of "mob mentality?" Everyone thinks the same thing and

you can't really alter your opinion even if you might not necessarily agree. Well, a union is a mob. A union seeks higher wages and benefits from an employer. What do you think happens when an employer agrees? Mob mentality kicks in and you ask for even higher wages and benefits. It worked once right? You feel empowered and part of something bigger than yourself.

The employer, who watches the numbers and the profits, eventually resists because they can't afford the increases. Suddenly the mob is on the defensive and decides to strike or otherwise hold the company hostage until their requests (demands) are met. In any group you have greed, corporations or unions, and mob mentality will drive greed further. The employer can either cave to the demands, possibly endangering the competitiveness and life of the company, or seek cheaper labor elsewhere. The choice is usually pretty obvious. Boom! We just explained the entire outsourcing issue our country has faced the last few decades.

Summary: Unions are largely to blame.

Unions (and some have help from government policy) have made our industries uncompetitive. That's why jobs get shipped overseas. Look at General Motors, also widely known as "Government Motors," the classic example of unions destroying great American business. For years, autoworker unions have sapped the company dry, making it so inefficient that when the financial crisis hit, it declared bankruptcy. The bailout by the taxpayers was the only thing that could save the company, but frankly we should have let it go for being such a poorly run and union driven (as opposed to customer and shareholder driven) company. Any company with

union labor will always be less competitive than a non-union competitor. Unions encourage short-term gains but long-term job losses for workers. They are a major factor in destroying businesses over the long term in today's global economy.

If private sector unions bleed companies dry, then public sector unions bleed the taxpayers dry. The same inefficiencies and the same mob mentality apply except the taxpayers can't choose to seek cheaper labor elsewhere. Negotiations are one-sided and benefits are given out like party favors by politicians. And when you try to enact reasonable cost cutting measures when the budget runs a deficit, the unions will protest and hold a state or country hostage in the process like we have seen in Wisconsin recently. That's not a democracy, that's a thugocracy.

The power is with the individual. Educate yourself on what will make you successful and worry-free. Go into a high growth industry or learn in-demand skills. Get health insurance from your employer or make enough to afford your own. Don't get a pension, get a personal IRA and 401(K). Support right-to-work legislation or move to a right-to-work state and don't join a union if you don't need to. It's a new world, and the ones that educate themselves will thrive.

Collective bargaining may be considered a right by some, but so is being stupid. Some rights don't have to be exercised. And that is how Sue sees it.

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Mark Easley

Elephant in the Room

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Risk awareness, really?

GreenMan,

I'm perplexed by some of your statements in "Nuclear catastrophe, risk awareness" (Mar. 23).

First, yes, nuclear power and fossil fuels all provide risks to human health. But to say that "nothing about the wind or sunshine is by its nature damaging to the human person" is clearly false. I hail from Tornado Alley, so I am quite aware of the wind's power to do damage. The U.S. has an average of 1200 tornadoes each year. We have an average of 80 deaths and 1500 injuries each year due to tornadoes. That's not many, but they are proof of the wind's ability to damage people.

To say that sunshine does not harm people is even more mistaken. My environmental chemistry textbook tells me that UV-B "causes human skin to sunburn and suntan; overexposure can lead to skin cancer, the most prevalent form of cancer." It goes on to say that higher amounts "adversely affect the human immune system." Malignant melanoma affects 1 in 100 Americans. Other, slower types of skin cancer affect 1 in 4 Americans. The eyes are also damaged by exposure to UV light.

Furthermore, you acknowledge that the construction of

windmills sometimes involves workplace accidents. Solar panels have their own risks as well. Production of photovoltaic cells involves the use of cadmium, one of the worst heavy metals for health purposes. Lead and mercury are also used in the production of the panels. Please, Notre Dame, don't lash out at me, I know that solar panels are still far greener than fossil fuels, I'm just trying to ensure that GreenMan is not "risk-oblivious" himself.

I considered launching a large-scale defense of nuclear power here, or maybe a slightly less large-scale defense of not always preparing for the worst-case scenario, when the odds are so long, but instead I'll say this: as an environmental science major, I theoretically like the idea of your commentary. However, environmentalists must be careful not to make ignorant or rash statements which then discount the weight of their ideas.

Kim Ford

senior

Farley Hall

Mar. 22

OBSERVER POLL

"Much speech is one thing, well-timed speech is another."

Sophocles
Greek tragedian

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A person reveals his character by nothing so clearly as the joke he resents."

Georg Christoph Lichtenberg
German scientist and satirist

Let’s hear it for the ladies

In the next couple of days we’ll hear two very significant stories from our gospels. In both, which appear nearly back-to-back tomorrow and Sunday, women have prominent — and indeed, similar — roles.

Tomorrow, March 25, is the feast of the Annunciation, celebrating the day the angel Gabriel came to Mary to tell her she would bear a son, Jesus (which means, you guessed it, exactly nine more shopping months till Christmas).

The gospel for this Sunday, March 27, tells the story from John’s gospel of Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well and eventually opening her heart, and the hearts of all the Samaritan townspeople, to come to believe in him.

The gospels contain plenty of stories of people who encountered Jesus without ever understanding that they had just met the Messiah. They stood right there in the presence of Jesus Christ and just didn’t get it. But Mary did, and the woman at the well did too. What can we learn from these two so that we are open enough to recognize our own encounters with God?

Women don’t really get a lot of good

Kate Barrett
Faithpoint

coverage in the gospels. With the exception of Luke’s gospel, and probably due in large part simply to the culture of the time, we just don’t hear too much about the ladies of first-century Palestine. So consider this: why were these two stories of women responding to the Lord’s call thought to be important enough to make the cut? How did they end up in John’s and Luke’s final drafts?

The story of Mary’s annunciation is an obvious choice: it lays the scriptural foundation for our understanding of Jesus as fully divine and fully human. But if we look a little deeper, and especially if we consider both of these women together, the woman at the well and the mother of God have something to teach us about our own responses to God in our lives.

Now of course, especially with the benefit of hindsight, we’d expect Mary to have the reaction she did. Even though God, through his messenger Gabriel, had just dropped a bomb she couldn’t have seen coming, she could immediately respond with obedient openness to his plan.

The situation of the woman at the well might more closely resemble our own. Jesus doesn’t have any earth-shattering

news for her. In fact, he just needs a favor, as he’s hot and thirsty from his travels. However, he is a man, speaking to a woman; he is a Jew, speaking to a Samaritan. Both these distinctions set off red flags for her.

Additionally, the woman almost certainly only drew water from that well in the heat of the day because she hoped no one else would be there. Married five times, she seems to have acquired a reputation and lost the respect of her community. If you wanted to be alone in Samaria, you would definitely choose high noon for your most labor-intensive outdoor chores.

When Jesus inexplicably walks right up and begins to speak to her, she views him with the skepticism of a person who’s been burned before. Only as she comes to realize that Jesus already knows her deepest humiliations and still wants to share his saving love with her does she open her heart to worship him and even find the courage to urge others to do the same.

We might respond to an encounter with Christ much like the woman at the well did because our lives, like hers, are burdened by the sins, fears, self-consciousness, selfishness and guilt that keep us

from welcoming freely the love Jesus offers us. Our good news is that, like the woman at the well, we too can argue with God. We can put up defenses. We can speak to him out of our fear or embarrassment or guilt and he will continue to engage us until we too can say, “we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

While we might recognize ourselves in the reluctance of the woman at the well, we might also pray for the open heart of Mary, the mother of God. In one of these women we come to understand the burdens that our own guilt, fear and shame place on our ability to respond to Jesus. In the other we recognize the beauty of a courageous willingness to follow the will of the Lord. Rarely do we encounter these two readings in such close proximity, but in the next few days we can pray with the living stories of two women who each knew — as John’s gospel states — that Jesus knows everything about us and longs for us to follow him.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciation for OIS

As an Arabic and Peace Studies double major, it goes without saying that I have an invested interest in the political climate throughout the Middle East. These are remarkable times, indeed, what the world is currently witnessing are revolutionary developments that will lead to a drastically changed region, and with it, a new era of legitimate rule by largely oppressed populations.

Remarkable times, yes, but also extremely precarious. I was one of the 26 students accepted to study abroad at the American University in Cairo during the 2011-12 academic year. The prospect of immersing myself within Arab culture was exciting to me not only because I would have the opportunity to enhance my own knowledge of the Arabic language, but also to create meaningful inter-cultural dialogues.

So when violence erupted throughout the Middle East, first in Tunisia, then Egypt, followed by Yemen, Bahrain, Libya and the like, I was academically enthused due to the nature of my research in conflict resolution. However, being the staunch realist that I am, I was also aware of the dangers and liabilities Notre Dame’s OIS faced in sending 26 of its students to Egypt next year.

Those who know me understand that I would jump at the opportunity to enter a war-zone in an effort to better understand the mechanisms of peace building. However, I do not hold OIS accountable for me not being able to further this goal given the circumstances.

Moreover, I take issue with Joe Massad’s statements in Wednesday’s Observer, “[With] options like other Arab countries abound, I was disappointed to find out that OIS would not pursue any of these opportunities.”

Even without the unpredictability of revolutionary activity spreading to other Middle Eastern countries, it is naïve to believe that a new program, even borrowed from other similar universities, could be constructed in less than a year’s time given the existing responsible methodology for validating OIS programs.

OIS granted us 26 students the opportunity to apply to other locations as a reasonable alternative to studying in Cairo. This was a generous offer considering that studying abroad is a privilege and not a right — just ask any of the ND students who were waitlisted to an abroad program. I will be traveling to Athens during the Spring 2012 semester and I look forward to the experience itself, and also to the location’s proximity to the Middle East for travel purposes. I applaud OIS for their dedicated work in making this happen.

If the Middle East can adapt to its current situation, so too, can we find ways to further our academic ambitions via the most logical alternatives possible.

Sam Mitchell
sophomore
Knott Hall
Mar. 23

Liberating East Lounge

In response to Mr. Stein’s short commentary titled “Tradition of the East Lounge,” (Mar. 23) we have a few comments to make. We would like to open with the statement that we are students in the College of Engineering. Students in our course of study, along with business students, apparently never pick up any respect for tradition according to your words.

LaFortune was built to provide a convenient and useful location for the students of campus to socialize and enjoy each other’s company, as well as provide a few services on campus so we do not have to travel off campus. If you treat LaFortune as your sole study space and ignore the multitude of study lounges sprinkled about campus (and your dorms), you are being naïve. Especially if you are one of those ridiculous souls that acts like they are productive sitting in the booths surrounding the Huddle.

Every time our fellow engineers and we frequent the Lafun basement, we head straight to the East Lounge, specifically because it is quiet and we can talk and discuss our work without being bothered. In fact, other students studying in this space leave within a few minutes, most likely because they realize that our arguments and discussions are so important that we need the most focused environment possible, with the least distractions.

The reason your rules are “largely unwritten” is because they simply do not exist. But who are we to interject with our “imperialist, impolite noise.” We simply believe in the First amendment and our right to free speech.

And Mr. Stein and your fellow PLSers — there is this giant silent space, approximately 429,780 square feet worth, called the Hesburgh Library, and it is about 200 yards east of “LaMent.” You should check it out sometime. Great for reading. They have some books available as well, most showing respect for Aristotle, Plato and Fr. Hesburgh.

Sincerely,

Garrett Campbell
junior
Knott Hall
Mar. 23

Facts about tradition

Mr. Stein,

Thank you for your enlightening letter (Mar. 23) on the traditions of Notre Dame, most notably of LaFortune. I must have forgotten about these hal-lowed hallmarks while having fun on spring break, but luckily you were there to refresh my memory on the love of tradition at our university. Now, let me enlighten you on a few fascinating yet overlooked facts about tradition.

First, the East Lounge of LaFun was a laundry room until 2005 — not exactly the quietest place to study on campus. I’m not sure if rattling off a few philosophers and our beloved president emeritus qualifies as founding a tradition that was started within the last decade.

Second, the East Lounge was intended for group study. It says so on the board as you walk in. Perhaps our study group imperialistically — although I’m not sure you’re using the word correctly — occupying the lounge with noise and brash

abandon for these unwritten rules was, in fact, living up to the true tradition of the East Lounge.

Third, as a fellow PLS major, I have also encountered the strands of tradition throughout history, philosophical or otherwise. I’ve also seen them broken down, rejected and tossed out. Traditions are constantly changed, and only last as long as no one objects to them. Perhaps next time, Mr. Stein, you can invoke the Stoic tradition and accept the fact that we were talking in the East Lounge. No sense worrying about what is beyond your control. I respect the quiet of others, but not unsolicited and baseless advice. Thanks for the lecture, but I already pay enough for those just to be able to come to LaFun every day.

Eric Secviar
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Mar. 23

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anime to 'INCEPTION': 2011 Asian film festival and conference

By **CLAIRE STEPHENS**
Scene Writer

The Asian Film Festival and Conference will showcase the creativity of contemporary Asian filmmaking this weekend at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Browning Cinema. Recently-animated films from Japan will run, including a tribute to internationally acclaimed director Satoshi Kon, who passed away last year. The festival will also feature an academic panel of Notre Dame and visiting professors to complement the five films and provide cultural and aesthetic context of recent Japanese animation.



International Studies and the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center are presenting this unique cultural event. It has also been made possible with the generous support of The Japan Foundation in New York and Notre Dame's Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. It is co-sponsored by the Center for Asian Studies, the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, the Office of International Student Services and Activities, the Kaneb Center and the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre.

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On campus

What: Asian Film Festival and Conference
Where: Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
When: Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26
How much: films- \$3 students, \$5 regular; conference- free and open to the public
Learn more: performingarts.nd.edu, ftt.nd.edu, kellogg.nd.edu

FRIDAY MARCH 25

6:30 p.m. "Kamui Gaiden"
Yoichi Sai, 2009
120 mins.

Starring Ken'ichi Matsuyama ("Death Note"), this Japanese jidai-geki period piece tells the story of a fugitive ninja known as Kamui. Fed up with the life of an assassin, Kamui attempts to escape his former masters, who now wish him dead. As he tries to forget his past and forge a peaceful new life in a seaside fishing village, Kamui's past begins to catch up with him. Finally, he is forced to choose between his own escape and his responsibility to those who have become his adoptive family. Kamui Gaiden is based on the classic 1960s manga by Sanpei Shirato, which was also the inspiration for a late 60s anime series.



9:30 p.m. "Summer Wars"
Mamoru Hosoda, 2009
114 mins.

Directed by Mamoru Hosoda, who previously received accolades for his 2006 film, "The Girl Who Leapt Through Time," this film follows Kenji Koiso. Koiso's upperclassman crush, Natsuki, has hired him to pose as her fiancé to please her very traditional family at her great-grandmother's 90th birthday. While at the family's country estate, Koiso, a math whiz, is caught up in a hacker's plot to take control of OZ, a pervasive social network site, used for everything from everyday purchases to government affairs. As tensions rise within the family and in the outside world, it is up to Kenji and Natsuki to reunite the family and prevent the virtual world from wreaking havoc in the real world. "Summer Wars" was a blockbuster hit in Japan and has accumulated awards at film festivals around the world.

SATURDAY MARCH 26

12 - 3 p.m. ACADEMIC PANEL

"The Curious Cabinet of Kon Satoshi: Phantasm, Feminism, and Fear"

Lecture by Melek Ortabasi, Assistant Professor, Program in World Literature, Simon Fraser University

"Connected Disconnect: Superflat, Parallax, and the Virtual Limits of a Post-Cartesian New Media"

Lecture by Jonathan Abel, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and Japanese, Pennsylvania State University

"Shojo Desire"

Lecture by Margherita Long, Associate Professor of Japanese and Comparative Literature, University of California, Riverside

4 p.m. "Millennium Actress"
Satoshi Kon, 2001
87 mins.

The second feature-length animated film directed by the recently deceased Satoshi Kon follows the elderly actress Chiyoko Fujiwara. In the piece, Fujiwara recounts her life story during an interview with director Gen'ya Tachibana. Her memories and the stories of her career blend together to tell a timeless story of lost love and yearning.



6:30 p.m. "Paprika"
Satoshi Kon, 2006
90 mins.

Satoshi Kon's last complete feature film released before his death, "Paprika," was a major influence for the 2010 blockbuster hit "Inception." It centers on the developers of the DC Mini, a device that enables the user to view and explore the dreams of others. When a prototype machine goes missing, doctors Atsuko Chiba and Kousaku Tokita must work together with Detective Toshimi Konakawa to recover it. The protagonists realize that the thief is using the DC Mini to cause the dream and real worlds to bleed into each other and must embrace their own true personae and face their darkest dreams to triumph.

9 p.m. "The Sky Crawlers"
Mamoru Oshii, 2009
122 mins.

Mamoru Oshii directs this film adaptation of Hiroshi Mori's series of novels of the same name. Occurring in an alternate Earth timeline, the film tells the story of a group of "kildren." These "kildren" are perpetual teenagers who pilot fighter jets in WWII-style aerial dogfights for mysterious powers to entertain and placate the masses. Forced to face death on an everyday basis, the film explores how the "kildren" live their lives to the fullest while coming to grips with their own mysterious identities. Oshii, a prolific and decorated anime director, is best known for his work on the "Ghost in the Shell" franchise.

Weekend Events Calendar

thursday

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Thursday 3/24
ND Dance Off
Legends
10 p.m.
Free with ND/SMC/HCC ID

They've got rhythm, how 'bout you? The Irish Dancers, First Class Steppers, Project Fresh, Transpose and Troop ND are invading Legends to tear up the dance floor and compete for the title. Come support the teams as they display their unique talent and moves.

friday

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Friday 3/25
Glee Club Spring Concert
Leighton Concert Hall, DeBartolo
Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
Tickets: \$3 students, \$5 regular

The Glee Club has performed all over the world, so be sure to catch this acclaimed group as they fill DPAC with their beautiful melodies. While the songs will range from sacred to secular, barbershop to Notre Dame, the talent from the boys will be consistent and harmonic. Begin your weekend on a good note at DPAC.

saturday

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Saturday 3/26
"Harry Potter and the Deathly
Hallows, Part 1"
101 DeBartolo Hall
8 and 10:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$3

It's never too early to get excited about the final installment of the Harry Potter movie series, arriving in theaters in July. Relive the agony, joy and friendship experienced by Harry, Ron and Hermione in their search for Horcruxes. No matter how many times you've already seen it, the movie will still move you from start to finish.

sunday

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Sunday 3/27
Met Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor
DeBartolo Performing Arts
Center
1 p.m.
Tickets: \$16 students, \$23 regular

Head down to DPAC for some culture to wrap up your weekend. Natalie Dessay stars as the heroine of Donizetti's masterpiece, playing the innocent young woman driven to madness in this tragic opera based off a novel by Sir Walter Scott.

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STROKES OF GENIUS

'Angles' goes 80s

By TROY MATHEW
Scene Writer

The last time the Strokes released an album, you were most likely celebrating the recent accomplishment of earning your driver's license and listening to songs like "My Humps" and "Gold Digger" on the radio. Needless to say, it's been a while.

However, the kings of effortlessly cool, New York's finest rock export, did not take a five-plus year vacation following the release of 2006's "First Impressions of Earth." Band members, most notably guitarist Albert Hammond Jr. and lead singer Julian Casablancas, pursued successful solo projects, while break-up rumors ran rampant.

Their fragmented recording sessions for "Angles" were also cause for delay. After a set of sessions with producer Joe Chiccarelli, the band decided to scrap their progress entirely. Keeping only one song from their initial recording stint, the Strokes rewrote and remade the album, top to bottom, in Hammond Jr.'s private recording studio in upstate New York.

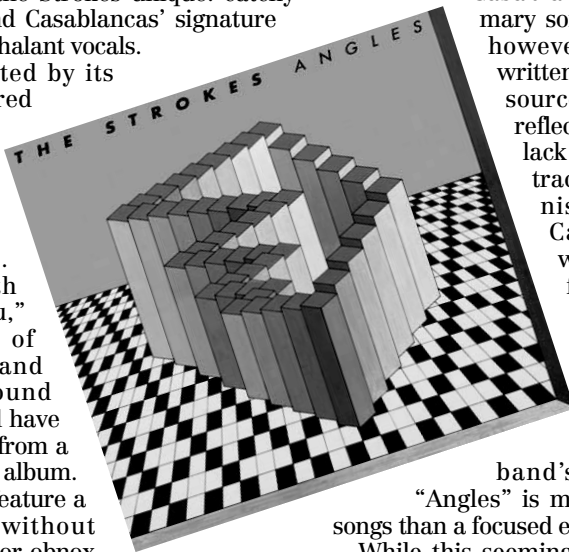
And so, after five years of anxious waiting, "Angles" has finally been made available. This lengthy wait on the latest work of the garage-band-revivalists finally culminated in shock: '80s-reggae-synth-pop.

Opening track "Machu Piccu" makes

this new style obvious. Although stylistically surprising, the first track is among the strongest on the album. It features what makes the Strokes unique: catchy guitar riffs and Casablancas' signature perfectly nonchalant vocals.

As suggested by its garishly-colored geometric cover art, "Angles" has an overwhelmingly '80s vibe. Along with "Machu Piccu," "Two Kinds of Happiness" and "Games" sound like they could have been plucked from a Duran Duran album. These tracks feature a synthesizer without sound cheesy or obnoxious.

The Strokes maintained their essence. Remnants of garage rock can still be heard, they're just buried under a heap of totally rad '80s production. Much like their first album, the critically-acclaimed "Is This It?," "Angles" has short, punchy tracks with only one reaching past the four-minute mark.



The creation of "Angles" was considerably more democratic. For the past three

albums, lead singer Casablancas was the primary songwriter. "Angles," however, features songs written from a variety of sources. This quality is reflected in the album's lack of cohesion. Some tracks are very reminiscent of Casablancas' solo work on "Phrazes for the Young," while other tracks, such as "Gratification" and "Taken for a Fool," fit in easily with the band's prior work.

"Angles" is more a grab bag of songs than a focused effort on coherence. While this seemingly random assortment features some spectacular highlights, other tracks are underwhelming. "You're So Right" is an example of experimentation gone wrong. The electro-processed vocals and screeching guitar make for what sounds like bad Radiohead. "Call Me Back," the simplest track on the album, is, frankly, boring and doesn't hold interest like its more upbeat

companion tracks.

The flaws of the album are admittedly minor. However, as an ardent Strokes fan, I hold this album to an impossible standard. Considering the supreme talent of the five members and the five-year time period for the completion of "Angles," anything less than mind-blowing perfection from the Strokes would be a disappointment.

All things considered, "Angles" makes for a hugely enjoyable musical experience. While going in a completely unexpected, '80s hair-band direction, it doesn't sacrifice any of the qualities that make the Strokes my favorite band.

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'Angles'
The Strokes
Label: RCA, Rough Trade
Best Tracks: "Machu Piccu,"
"Taken for a Fool"

MLB

Bonds trial heats up as witness takes stand

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A key government witness in the Barry Bonds perjury trial testified Wednesday that he saw the home run king's personal trainer leave Bonds' bedroom at spring training with a syringe in 2000.

Steve Hoskins said that when he saw Bonds and his personal trainer,

Greg Anderson, coming out of the master bedroom he assumed Anderson had injected the star player with steroids. He testified that he saw the two disappear into that room "once or twice" at each spring training over three consecutive years beginning in 2000.

He also told the jury of eight women and four men that, a year earlier, Bonds had ordered him to research the benefits and side effects of a steroid after the slugger had undergone elbow surgery.

Hoskins was a childhood friend of Bonds' and traveled with him as an assistant until 2003. Hoskins testified that Bonds' significant weight gain concerned him so much that he secretly recorded a

conversation with Anderson about steroids so he could convince Bonds' father, Bobby Bonds, that his son was using the drugs.

Bobby Bonds, a former baseball star himself, was suffering from cancer in 2003. Hoskins said he made the recording in front of Barry Bonds' locker in March of that year "to show Bobby

actually what really was going on."

"That was the only way to prove it to him," Hoskins said.

Portions of that recording were played for the jury in federal court Wednesday afternoon.

At one point on the recording, Anderson is heard discussing what prosecutors allege are designer steroids he supplied to Bonds. Says Anderson: "But the whole thing is ... everything that I've been doing at this point, it's all undetectable."

Soon after the material was played for the jury, Bonds' attorney Allen Ruby went to work trying to erode Hoskins' credibility. Ruby accused Hoskins of planning to extort Bonds after the player severed business ties with Hoskins during a March 27, 2003, meeting.

During cross examination, Ruby suggested the recording was not made in March — as Hoskins said — but was done after the business split, perhaps in April, because Hoskins and Anderson discuss Bonds' slow start to the season.

Hoskins also said he secretly recorded conversations with Bonds' doctor and business lawyer. Hoskins said his recording of Dr. Arthur Ting was made in late 2003 or 2004, in hopes of dissuading Bonds from using steroids.

"I was trying to tell Barry how bad the steroids and drugs actually were," Hoskins said. "I was trying to convey to him from Dr. Ting and others how bad they were."

Hoskins denied he was planning to extort Bonds with the Ting recording — after Ruby pointed out that Bonds and Hoskins had parted ways as business partners by the time of that recording, too, and weren't getting along.

"I would want to help Barry then and would want to help Barry now," Hoskins said, noting he has since lost the recording of Ting.

Hoskins also said he recorded a spring 2003 conversation he had with Laura Enos, Bonds' business lawyer, to protect himself. Enos was at the meeting where Hoskins signed a document severing his business ties with Bonds.

Under questioning from federal prosecutor Matt Parrella, a jittery Hoskins



Barry Bonds goes through security for his criminal perjury trial at a San Francisco courthouse Wednesday.

testified that in 1999 Bonds ordered him to look at the pros and cons of the steroid Winstrol.

"He said 'find out what this steroid does and what the side effects are and is it good or bad,'" Hoskins said. Bonds told him to consult Ting, Bonds' personal surgeon who is also scheduled to testify for the government.

The order came after Bonds had elbow surgery early that season, which caused him to miss seven weeks.

Bonds, the all-time major league leader in home runs with 762, is accused of four counts of lying to a federal grand jury and one of obstructing justice for testifying in 2003 that never knowingly took performance-enhancing drugs.

In opening statements

Tuesday, Bonds' lead attorney acknowledged that Bonds did indeed take steroids but claimed that Anderson misled him about what the substances were.

Hoskins also testified that he occasionally gave cash payments in the thousands of dollars to two women Bonds was dating during his playing days with the Giants.

Hoskins said he also paid Anderson on behalf of the player. Prosecutors allege that the trainer supplied Bonds with performance-enhancing drugs.

Hoskins was called after the government's lead sports doping investigator, Jeff Novitzky, finished testifying on the third day of trial. Hoskins was still on the stand at the end of Wednesday's court session.

LPGA

Wie, world's 14 best set for Kia invitational

Associated Press

INDUSTRY, Calif. — Michelle Wie has been too busy with finals at Stanford to have a problem with the LPGA Tour's light early schedule.

"For me, it didn't seem so slow because I had finals last week and I've been going to school," Wie said Wednesday, a day before the start of play in the Kia Classic. "So, it's been really busy for me."

Wie won the Canadian Women's Open last season for her second LPGA Tour title. She has played two of the first three events this year, finishing second last month in the season-

opening event in Thailand and 40th the following week in Singapore.

"I worked really hard this off-season to get healthy and to get better," Wie said. "I think right now I've been working on everything. If I work on one thing, then another thing fails."

The Kia endorser is playing the Industry Hills Golf Club at Pacific Palms for the first time.

"It's pretty tough," Wie said. "It's a good golf course. It's tricky."

The tournament is the tour's first in the Los Angeles area in six years. Last year at La Costa in Carlsbad, Hee Kyung Seo won her first LPGA Tour title,

beating Inbee Park by six strokes.

The top 14 players in the world ranking are in the field, led by No. 1 Yani Tseng. She won in Thailand and has three other worldwide victories this year.

"It's really tough," Tseng said about the course. "I know it's going to be a really tough course to shoot a low score. I'm just going to be patient."

Karrie Webb has won the last two tour events. On Sunday in Phoenix, she rallied to win the LPGA Founders Cup for her 38th LPGA Tour victory.

"It's just really a fine line," the Hall of Famer said. "I don't

have a specific answer. I could have played exactly the way I have for two weeks and finished second both times. It's just that sort of fine line.

"I think I'm just on the right side of that, doing the right things at the right time. Getting up and down when I need to, and making a birdie putt to keep some positive momentum going. I think I've lacked that a little bit in the last year or two."

The Kraft Nabisco Championship, the first major of the season, is next week at Mission Hills in Rancho Mirage, Calif. The tour will then be off five of the next six weeks.

"It's a big tournament for everybody," U.S. Women's Open champion Paula Creamer said. "It's right before our first major of the year. It's a great golf course; it's a tough golf course. Depending on the weather, it's not going to be a real low winning score."

Creamer was paired with NASCAR driver Juan Pablo Montoya in the pro-am round Wednesday. Montoya is in the area for the Sprint Cup race Sunday in Fontana.

"He's a really nice guy," said Creamer, coming off a second-place finish in Phoenix. "He's a good player as well. It's cool to intermix with other athletes."

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"All hockey players are bilingual. They know English and profanity."
-Gordie Howe

"Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer."
-Ted Williams

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."
-Wayne Gretzky

"If you're not making mistakes, then you're not doing anything. I'm positive that a doer makes mistakes."
-John Wooden

"We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time."
-Vince Lombardi

But please, if I could only tell her goodbye
All I want is just one more day
That morning in May...

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Butler, Wisconsin prepare for Sweet 16 showdown

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Butler's Matt Howard took a stroll down Bourbon Street on Tuesday night, experiencing a strip of restaurants, bars and hangouts known for lavish parties and excess.

The senior forward knew within minutes that it wasn't his type of place.

Too much flash. Too crazy.

"It's not my personality, it's not what I like to do," Howard said. "For me, it's almost unnecessary. I'd rather stay away from that."

Howard, much like the Bulldogs, is more of a stoic, hard-working Midwestern guy. And when eighth-seeded Butler faces fourth-seeded Wisconsin in the NCAA tournament regional semifinals on Thursday night, there will be a lot of that on the floor at New Orleans Arena.

It's worked for both programs. Wisconsin has become one of the most consistent teams in the country, making its fifth run to the round of 16 in the past 11 seasons. Butler is in the midst of a second straight deep run in March that included a trip to the national championship game last

season, where the Bulldogs lost to Duke.

"They don't beat themselves so we're going to have to beat them," Wisconsin freshman Josh Gasser said. "That's a lot like how we play."

Wisconsin (25-8) is the typical Big Ten team, with a suffocating defense and methodical offense that slowly wears opponents down. That's how the Badgers were able to slip past Kansas State in the second round with a 70-65 win, despite Jacob Pullen's 38 points.

Jon Leuer led Wisconsin with 19 points in the game, but it was sophomore Mike Bruesewitz who became the poster child of the Badgers' success. The 6-foot-6 forward scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds off the bench, with his bright red, curly hair flying all over the court.

After the game, Kansas State coach Frank Martin pulled Bruesewitz aside and asked if he had a brother he could recruit.

"He said 'I almost called a time out a couple times just to kiss you,'" Bruesewitz said.

Bruesewitz said compliments like that are the best he can

receive.

"It means you must be doing something right," Bruesewitz said.

Wisconsin's methodical style has occasionally been the target of jokes, especially after the Badgers were bounced by Penn State in the Big Ten tournament by an unsightly 36-33 score.

But count Butler coach Brad Stevens as a fan.

"I could sit up here and flatter them all day," Stevens said. "I'll telling you what — why wouldn't you want to play a way where everybody is completely unselfish?"

Later he added: "There's a reason they don't lose very often."

The Badgers might have met their blue-collar match in Butler (25-9), a team that has been opportunistic and unflappable in narrow victories over Old Dominion and top-seeded Pittsburgh in the first two rounds of the tournament.

Howard, a 6-foot-8 senior, has been at the center of both victories, hitting a layup on a put-back to beat Old Dominion at the buzzer and then sinking the winning free throw against Pitt after a foul with less than a second



Butler forward Matt Howard rises for a jumper during a practice session in New Orleans on Wednesday.

remaining.

It would be easy to say Butler's been lucky. But after a two-year run of unprecedented success, it's obvious the Bulldogs are making their own luck. They're on an 11-game winning streak after losing four of five conference games in

late January and early February.

"It's definitely the character of the team — the combination of a lot of things," Butler senior Zach Hahn said. "Guys are willing and able to step up when it's their time. It's about putting the team above self."

PGA GOLF

Woods releases phone app to teach golfers

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods is now giving lessons on mobile phones.

Woods launched a mobile application Wednesday called, "Tiger Woods: My Swing," for the iPhone and iPod touch geared toward helping golfers of all skill levels improve through video analysis and instruction.

The cost is \$9.99, which is significantly higher than other such applications — Paul Azinger has an instruction app for 99 cents — but Woods said his share of the proceeds go toward the Tiger Woods Foundation.

Woods said he would not have done the app except that it benefits his foundation, specifically with college scholarships.

So which swing is it?

Woods and his foundation came up with the idea six months ago, right after Woods embarked on his fourth swing change as a pro and began working with Sean Foley. The video was taped over two sessions at his home course of Isleworth and at the Tiger Woods Learning Center in southern California.

"It allows a player to use the same technology I use on a daily basis," Woods said. "People ask me all the time — because Sean is not there every day — 'What are you working on?' And I say, 'The same stuff.' We use this every day."

Woods said a friend at Isleworth will tape his swing and it downloads to his phone.

The mobile app was produced by Shotzoom, which has a "Golfshot" community of more than 500,000 active

members. One aspect of the app is that golfers can videotape their swing and compare it with Woods.

The three components allow users to capture their own swing on video; study Woods' swing with every club in the bag, and watch video of Woods. The 14-time major champion serves as the virtual coach, showing golfers how to use angle lines to make sure their swing is in the right place. It also includes personalized videos of Woods answering fan questions.

Woods said he has been using videotape since he began working with Butch Harmon, although it was mainly from a hitting station. Asked if he had become too technical by relying so much on tape, Woods said it was all about what's "feel" and what's "real."

"What you feel and what you're actually doing usually are the same thing," Woods said. "It's a great feeling when you marry up the two. What Sean is getting me to do and what I'm feeling that I'm doing ... when they're in line, then we've got something."

Woods said the app is based on how he practices.

"I've rebuilt my swing a number of times over the years and use this development to gauge my development and help with my swing transitions," he said. "I'm excited that through this app, I can take this technology on the road with me, and that golfers around the world can now do the same to improve their game."

The app is available in 12 languages.

Woods said plans are under way to make it available on the iPad and Android.

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Road back for Woods proves to be challenging

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A toddler sitting on his father's shoulder behind the third green at Bay Hill broke the silence of Wednesday morning with a comment that made the gallery laugh and caused Tiger Woods to break into a big smile.

"I hope you win, Tiger," the boy said.

"Me, too," Woods replied.

That's usually not asking much of Woods, especially at the Arnold Palmer Invitational. Woods is not as dominant at Bay Hill as other PGA Tour courses, although there is no ignoring his six victories, including the last two times he played with birdie putts on the last hole.

Those are distant memories. Woods returns to Bay Hill with his game progressing at a rate that not even he knows. He has gone 16 months without winning, and while his last competitive round was a 66 on the last day at Doral, he has yet to perform with something at stake.

Is this the week he starts turning around his fortunes? Woods won't count himself out, and neither will the tournament host.

"I've obviously been watching his game, just like everyone else has," Palmer said. "I feel like Tiger has a golf game that he can come to the surface any time. I think that's certainly a possibility here. I would just not count him out at all.

"I think he's capable of winning any time."

But it's not just Woods who seems to be fading as the next batch of emerging stars are thriving. Phil Mickelson has not won anywhere in the world since the Masters last year, and decided to enter the Arnold Palmer Invitational at the last minute.

They are the best two players of their generations. The sheer numbers support that. Woods and Mickelson have combined to win 122 times around the world and 18 majors, with Woods doing most of that damage.

Lately, however, their road to the Masters is rather bumpy.

For nearly two decades — dating to 1992 — Woods or Mickelson have won at least one tournament before Augusta National. Both are winless this year, and unless something changes the next two weeks, this will be the second straight year that neither has a PGA Tour victory before the Masters.

What's alarming about Woods is that not only has he failed to win, he's not even coming close. He has not finished closer than five shots from the lead since the U.S. Open last summer.

He attributed that to what he calls the most dramatic swing change of his career — greater than the change under Butch Harmon after the '97 Masters, and greater than when he went to Hank Haney in 2004.

"They are bigger changes, and it's taken a little bit of time," Woods said. "Then again, I've showed some good signs of late. The Sunday round at Doral was back to

what I know I can do. And then I played well at Tavistock (a two-day TV exhibition), and I've had good practice sessions. So I'm really looking forward to tomorrow."

He can look forward to hitting first from the fairway for most of the day.

As the tour and television continue to tweak the tee times to get feature groups, they came up with a dandy at Bay Hill. Woods will spend the first two days with Dustin Johnson and Gary Woodland, both of whom are on the A-list of big hitters in golf.

Woods has never seen Woodland, who won last week

at Innisbrook. He needs no introduction to Johnson, and not just because they played together at the Memorial last summer.

Last December, toward the end of the round at the Chevron World Challenge, Woods was waiting to tee off on the par-3 17th when he turned behind him to watch Johnson tee off on the par-5 11th.

Johnson pounded a drive right down the middle, and Woods looked down and shook his head with a smile. Someone in the group asked Woods, "Can you hit it out there with him?"

"Are you kidding? No,"

Woods replied.

That led to a conversation about athleticism, and Johnson is a model of the pure athlete starting to be seen more on tour.

"The thing is," Woods said that day, "there are plenty others just like him. They're not coming. They're here."

Woods got on Twitter later Wednesday and said about the first round Thursday, "I'll definitely be hitting first from the fairway all day tomorrow with Dustin and Woodland in the group."

"I'll be the Corey Pavin of my group," Woods said at his press conference. "Seriously. I'll just kind of put it out there

in play and put it up on the green and try and make putts. Those guys will be bombing it way out there past me. It's a new game now. When I first came out on tour, I was second longest. There was only one guy at the time, John Daly, that was over 300 (yards)."

In a way, it's only fitting.

When he was the reigning U.S. Amateur champion in 1996, Woods was paired with the defending champion in the U.S. Open at Oakland Hills. That was Pavin, and a USGA official with a sick sense of humor filled out that group with none other than Daly.

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MLB

Overbay, Diaz provide leadership for young Pirates

Associated Press

BRADENTON, Fla. — Sitting together at their lockers in the Pittsburgh clubhouse, Lyle Overbay and Matt Diaz stand out. They know it, too.

"Because we're the best-looking guys on the team, right?" Diaz joshes.

Well, let that be their little secret.

They do have the right look here, though. Because on a Pirates club full of youngsters, Overbay and Diaz are proving there's still room for old Bucs.

"That's really behind some of the moves we made in the offseason," general manager Neal Huntington said. "First off, these players have to perform. And if they perform, there are other things they can bring to our team. They have experienced — either secondhand or firsthand — some of the things we're going through."

Overbay and Diaz, the only players on Pittsburgh's 40-man spring roster who were born in 1979 when the Pirates last won the World Series, both signed as free agents in the winter. Starter Kevin Correia and relievers Jose Veras and Joe Beimel, all in their 30s, also came over.

They're now part of a team that lost a major league-high 105 games last year and has endured 18 straight losing seasons. There's talent on the way, however, with the likes of Andrew McCutchen, Pedro Alvarez, Neil Walker

and Jose Tabata forming an emerging nucleus of talent, all of them 25 and under.

Overbay is heading into his 11th season in the bigs, having played with the likes of Vernon Wells, Roy Halladay, Troy Glaus, Frank Thomas and other All-Stars in Toronto. He realizes the Pirates want his veteran presence.

"Young guys can get caught up in the life," the 34-year-old Overbay said, adding that he wasn't singling out any of his new teammates. "You can lose sight of what's most important. It's not just being in the big leagues, it's staying here."

"I was young, too. There were times when I didn't eat the best," he said. "The life catches up to you. You have to be ready to answer the bell because it's going to be rung."

Diaz reached the playoffs last October, under the steady hand of Braves manager Bobby Cox. At 33, Diaz played alongside Chipper Jones, John Smoltz, Tim Hudson and others in Atlanta and learned what makes a major leaguer a true major leaguer.

Diaz is trying to share his knowledge with the Pirates. He's been friends with McCutchen since the center fielder was a freshman in Florida, and is getting to know Walker, the promising second baseman.

In particular, Diaz wants to teach Walker one big word: "No."



Pirates first baseman Lyle Overbay attempts to apply the tag on Phillies second baseman Jimmy Rollins during the Pirates' first spring training game March 4.

"Neil is a real nice person and wants to please everyone," Diaz said. "Autographs and appearances and everything. But you can't always say yes to everyone. You have to draw the line, so that you don't let things interfere with your preparation and your game."

Overbay has taken a special interest in Alvarez, who made his major league in mid-June and hit 16 home runs.

"We've talked some about hitting," Overbay said. "I'm not the kind of guy who's going to walk up to someone and just give them my opinion. I think it's more in how you go about your business, that's what people notice."

The 24-year-old McCutchen is one of the bright stars in the game. He hit 16 homers and stole 33 bases last season and big things are projected for his future. He appreciates what players such as Overbay and Diaz bring, on and off the field.

"It's always good to have veterans like that," McCutchen said. "A bunch of young guys like us, you need that."

"It's the small things they can teach us," he said. "They have been where we want to go, they've done what we want to do."

Veras and Beimel might bring that kind of stature to the bullpen. The Pirates had a majors-worst 5.00 ERA last

season and could benefit from a pair of relievers who have pitched in the playoffs. Both signed minor league deals with Pittsburgh in the offseason.

Veras spent parts of four seasons with the New York Yankees, where winning was expected.

"He's got presence out there," new manager Clint Hurdle said.

Diaz begins this season as a platoon right fielder, sharing the spot with Garrett Jones. Whether he's on the field a lot or not, Diaz is certain his pal Overbay and the other vets will help steer these Pirates.

"We'll always have a voice," he said.

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Freshman jumper Logan Renwick attempts the long jump at the Alex Wilson Invitational March 5 at Notre Dame.

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Medley

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men's distance medley of junior Johnathan Shawel, freshman Patrick Feeney, graduate student Jack Howard and Rae additionally earned All-American honors at the NCAA indoor national championships with a fourth-place finish in the event.

For the men, second place was not quite good enough, Rae said.

"As a team we'd like to bounce back from a disappointing second place finish at Big East this past February," Rae said. "I'd like to take the experience I gained from running at the indoor NCAA championships and be an All-American at the outdoor NCAA meet."

Transitioning from indoor to outdoor is not as straightforward a task as it may seem.

"The main transition is the track size. Indoor tracks are usually 200-320 meters compared to outdoor tracks, which are 400 meters," sprinter Feeney

said. "The outdoor tracks are easier to run on because in events like the 400-meter you stay in your lane all the way, which is a lot easier."

Additionally, wind, fluctuating temperatures and rain add unknown but often influential elements to competition. The outdoor season also includes more traveling, forcing each athlete to stay on top of his or her class workload.

This weekend marks the beginning of a season that is sure to be full of improvement for both men and women.

"Everyone has been working really hard at practice, and we have the opportunity this weekend to run some personal bests at a very competitive meet," junior distance runner Rachel Velarde said. "We hope to get some Big East as well as regional qualifying times."

Both the Arizona State and Stanford Invitational kick off Friday with races throughout the day both Friday and Saturday.

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With a 5-2 victory over No. 4 Illinois on March 8, the Irish entered spring break with momentum and confidence. After winning an exhibition match against the U.S. National Junior Team, the squad dropped its first match in nearly two weeks when it visited No. 14 Kentucky.

Picking up wins at home is naturally crucial, and after these matches Notre Dame will only host one more weekend of matches before the Big East championships.

In the first match, Notre Dame will face a very familiar opponent — South Florida (10-5).

Although the Bulls have had trouble with consis-

cy during the course of the season, the Irish know they will have a difficult match on their hands.

"South Florida is very, very good," Sachire said. "Their ranking level is not as high as it should be. Their talent level is much better than that. We're taking this match as if it's against Duke, Illinois or any other highly-ranked team because we respect them so much."

Later in the day, Notre Dame will face Dayton (1-10).

The Irish will begin play Sunday at noon against South Florida before concluding the doubleheader with Dayton at 6 p.m. Both matches will be held at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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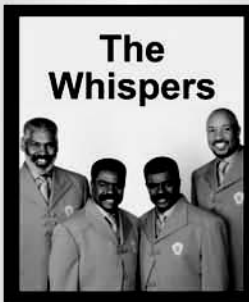
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Oswalt hit by line drive as Phillies fall to Rays

Venable's inside the park home run helps the Padres down the Reds; Silva pitches the Cubs to victory

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla.—Knocked to the ground by a line drive to the neck, Roy Oswalt stayed down for nearly a minute. Then, he rose to his feet and walked off the mound on his own.

That was a good sign for the Philadelphia Phillies. The team felt even better after X-rays revealed Manny Ramirez's liner that hit Oswalt behind the right ear left nothing beyond a bruise the team says may not prevent him from making his next scheduled start.

"He's all right. X-rays said he's all right," manager Charlie Manuel said Wednesday. "When he got up he was OK."

The defending NL East champions said the 33-year-old right-hander did not lose consciousness and was not dizzy before leaving in the fourth inning of a 4-1 loss to the Tampa Bay Rays.

Oswalt fell to the ground and remained there until Manuel and a trainer reached the mound to check on him. He eventually got up and walked to the visiting clubhouse in the right-field corner, receiving a standing ovation from some of the Rays, as well as an announced crowd of 6,613.

"Fortunately it was not driven in a manner that could have really caused some damage," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "Our guys were very concerned up on the dugout. I liked the fact that our guys were applauding for him as he walked off the field, you never want to see that happen."

Oswalt was taken for X-rays and left the ballpark without meeting with reporters. Manuel agreed with Maddon that the pitcher was lucky the ball was not hit as hard as it could have been.

"I knew it hit him on the side of the head, but Manny

didn't really hit the ball hard," Manuel said. "He hit the ball OK, but he didn't really crush it. It hit him (flush), I guess. It didn't cut him or nothing, though."

Evan Longoria homered leading off the fourth against Oswalt. Ramirez, who had a RBI double in the first, was the next batter.

Oswalt, making his fourth spring training appearance, struck out four while allowing three runs and four hits.

"He just kind of grinned and said he was all right," Manuel said, adding that he wasn't surprised Oswalt was able to get off the ground so quickly.

"It's what you're supposed to do if you're not hurting real bad," Manuel said. "He felt it, and it hurt him, too. But he was OK. At the same time, you've still got to make sure he's all right. He's gotta come out of the game, and he's got to go get it checked out."

Luis Castillo was playing second base for Philadelphia at the time.

"He could get up and walk by his self," Castillo said. "That's good news."

James Shields pitched seven scoreless innings for Tampa Bay, allowing four hits, walking one and striking out four.

B.J. Upton and Anthony Scelfo joined Ramirez and Longoria in driving in runs for the Rays. The Phillies scored on Erik Kratz's ninth-inning single off Cesar Cabral.

Oswalt struck out the side in the second, fanning Upton, Felipe Lopez and Kelly Shoppach.

Manuel said the Phillies will monitor Oswalt over the next few days.

"We'll probably be real cautious with him for a couple of days to make sure he doesn't have a concussion or something like that or no aftereffects or setbacks or whatever. And we'll just go



Phillies pitcher Roy Oswalt lies on the ground after being hit by a line drive off the bat of Manny Ramirez in Port Charlotte, Fla. Wednesday. Oswalt did not lose consciousness but left the game.

from there," the manager said. "I'd say there's a good chance he makes his next start."

Padres 10, Reds 7

Will Venable hit an inside-the-park home run and a triple as the San Diego Padres beat the Cincinnati Reds Wednesday.

Dontrelle Willis, who is fighting for the final spot in the Reds' bullpen, allowed five runs on three hits and three walks while recording only one out.

After missing his last start with a hip flexor, Stauffer earned the victory by limiting Cincinnati to two runs on six hits and a walk in six innings pitched. Stauffer struck out four.

Venable had a two-run triple in a six-run sixth inning.

Cincinnati's Homer Bailey allowed four runs on nine hits and a walk in five innings.

Padres reliever Luke Gregerson also struggled, allowing five runs on four hits and a hit batter.

Angels 6, White Sox 2

Matt Kemp hit his fifth home run of the spring

Wednesday and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Chicago White Sox.

Kemp hit a three-run shot off of White Sox starter John Danks in the fourth inning to give his team a two-run lead. He also hit a two-run homer against Chicago on Sunday.

Ted Lilly allowed two runs on six hits over six innings pitched. He struck out five and walked none.

Danks gave up four runs, three of which were earned, over 5 1-3 innings. He gave up six hits and walked three, striking out four.

Carlos Quentin hit a solo homer for the White Sox. He has 10 hits in his last 13 at-bats.

Cubs 3, Athletics 1

Carlos Silva had his best performance of a difficult spring, leading the Chicago Cubs over the Oakland Athletics Wednesday.

The right-hander came in with a 15.88 ERA, but allowed one run and three hits in six innings. He also had three strikeouts in what should be his last appearance before manager Mike Quade finalizes his pitching staff.

Silva, competing for the fifth spot in the rotation, had allowed 20 earned runs in his previous 11 1-3 innings.

Oakland starter Gio Gonzalez went 5 2-3 innings, allowing two earned runs on four hits and three walks. He struck out six. Geovany Soto and Alfonso Soriano had RBI singles in the first inning.

Braves 4, Marlins 4

Atlanta's Brandon Hicks hit a tying solo home run with two outs in the ninth and the Braves and Florida Marlins played 11 innings before calling it a tie.

Tim Hudson pitched six solid innings for Atlanta and rookie first baseman Freddie Freeman homered and singled.

Hudson, National League comeback player of the year last season, allowed one run, gave up four hits, struck out four and walked two.

Florida took the lead in the seventh on a two-run double by Dewayne Wise off reliever George Sherrill. Wise also doubled leading off the game and scored the only run against Hudson.

Marlins starter Ricky Nolasco worked five innings. He allowed seven hits and three runs in the third. He struck out three and walked none.

Astros 10, Pirates 6

Hunter Pence homered for the first time this spring and had three hits before leaving in the fifth inning with a cut that required stitches, and the Houston Astros beat the Pittsburgh Pirates Wednesday.

Pence got four stitches to close a cut on his left shin. He expects to play Thursday.

Pence is hitting .385 and is third on the team with eight RBIs. Against left-hander Brian Burres, he hit a run-scoring double in the first inning and a solo homer in the third.

Astros shortstop Angel Sanchez went 1 for 2 with a walk and scored two runs in his first game since March 15. He was out with lower back pain.

Burres worked five innings and gave up six runs on 10 hits.

Andrew McCutchen hit a two-run homer for the Pirates.



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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish travel to Atlanta to take on Ga. Tech



Junior Kristy Frilling prepares to hit a backhand during Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to Baylor March 6.

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

The No. 17 Irish will face No. 20 Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Ga., today in a match-up where the two strong teams will battle to improve their records.

Both Notre Dame (9-7) and Georgia Tech (7-5) have squads that are loaded with talent. On the other hand, both have suffered several losses this season, setting them back from their goals of making a strong push for the NCAA championships.

"Georgia Tech is a good team," junior Kristy Frilling said. "It's a very important match for us and coming out with a win will really help the team, especially leading in towards the end of the season."

The Irish bounced back from losses to the University of South Florida and No. 4 Duke with a win over No. 19 Tennessee. All three matches were played in Tampa, Fla., over spring break. Frilling led the Irish with a 6-1, 6-0 victory at No. 1 singles.

This season, the Yellow Jackets have dropped decisions to such powerhouses as No. 5 Michigan, No. 6 Miami, No. 7 Georgia and No. 12 California. While their record might not reflect a strong season, they have faced some of the stiffest competition in the country.

"Georgia Tech has a very talented team," sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan said. "We are really excited to play Georgia Tech especially after coming off our win against Tennessee."

Notre Dame has faced a similar slew of top-notch opponents, and their record reflects it as well. The Irish have only six regular season matchups remaining before they hit the Big East championships and the NCAA championships. Of those remaining matchups, only Georgia Tech and Northwestern are in the top 25.

The Irish believe they are hitting midseason form to make a late run.

"Everyone has definitely improved over the season and that's really going to help us in these last few matches and then especially when it comes to tournament time," Frilling said.

Today represents another opportunity for the Irish to play a match outdoors, something they have yet to be able to do at home.

"Our team is very comfortable playing outside," McGaffigan said. "We had three matches in Florida and we even got to practice one day outside at home."

The Irish will square off with the Yellow Jackets at 3 p.m. today in Atlanta, Ga.

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EVENTS CANCELLED

Weather postpones games

ND baseball and softball, SMC softball and tennis all cancelled

Observer Staff Report

Baseball

For the second consecutive day, Notre Dame's baseball home opener was postponed due to inclement weather caused by a series of storms that hit South Bend during this past week.

The announcement to postpone Notre Dame's (7-10-1) 5:35 p.m. opener against the University of Illinois-Chicago (6-10) came early Wednesday afternoon after field conditions were deemed unsuitable to play on. The game will be rescheduled to a date yet to be determined.

The postponement comes just 24 hours after Notre Dame's original home opener against Oakland was postponed due to rain.

The Irish last played Sunday against Gonzaga — a 3-3 tie — at the Irish Classic in San Antonio. Notre Dame still plans on hosting Big East foe Georgetown in a three-game series this weekend starting Friday at 5:35 p.m.

Softball

Notre Dame's home opener was cancelled thanks to days of rain which left Melissa Cook Stadium field in unplayable conditions. The Irish (16-6) were set to take on Eastern Michigan (7-4) in a double-header that the programs

hope to reschedule in April. After returning from a promising but ultimately disappointing trip to California in which the Irish went 4-4, the team is ready to begin conference play in preparation for a run in the post-season. Barring further disagreeable weather conditions, the Irish will play their first home game this season against Northern Illinois University Friday at 5 p.m.

SMC Softball

The first pitch of the home portion of the Belles' schedule was postponed from its Wednesday afternoon time due to inclement weather and poor field conditions.

The decision to reschedule the doubleheader was made Wednesday morning, when it became apparent that the field had taken on too much water to be made suitable for the 3:30 p.m. contest. Belles' (8-2) coach Erin Sullivan said that she had an easy decision to make regarding the postponement of the game.

"I made the decision with our groundskeeper," Sullivan said. "Our field is basically underwater, and the tarp had blown off. Half [of the tarp] blew off last night so that whole area is soaked."

Coming off a spring break tournament in which they showed early prowess

from both the batter's box and the pitcher's mound, the Belles will now have to wait until Saturday, when they host North Park, to begin their home campaign. The slated opponent for the rained-out games was Goshen, a team that would have provided Saint Mary's with an early season test and an opportunity to improve against a non-conference foe.

SMC Tennis

Snowy conditions in the Grand Rapids area last night prevented Aquinas College from making the trek to the Eck Tennis Pavilion for their match against Saint Mary's, resulting in the postponement of the match.

According to Belles coach Dale Campbell, both teams will try to reschedule the contest, but no specific date or time of a make-up match are available.

The Belles (5-4) were hoping to build on momentum gained from three wins in an Orlando spring break tournament.

The Belles' upcoming weekend does not feature any matches, and the team will use that time to prepare for the start of its conference slate of matches in the MIAA. Saint Mary's tennis competes next Tuesday, March 29 at 4 p.m. against MIAA opponent Albion College.

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[Freshman linebacker] Danny Spond really looked, to me, athletically fit."

Offensive coordinator Charley Molnar also heaped some praise on the young tight end, who caught 27 passes for 352 yards and two touchdowns last season and emerged as a critical part of the offense once junior Kyle Rudolph went down with a hamstring injury.

"It's really exciting watching Eifert right now because he looks like an All-American

in the making. He really does," Molnar said. "He plays with great confidence. He plays with great speed. He's got great ball skills. Coach [Mike] Denbrock's job is to bring him up another level as a blocker. He's had a great offseason in the weight room, so his strength is going to be improved."

The coaches also liked what they saw from the four quar-

terbacks competing for the starting position. Junior Dayne Crist, freshmen Tommy Rees and Andrew Hendrix and early enrollee Everett Golson will all receive extended looks from the coaching staff.

"We have to do a great job evaluating all the quarterbacks," Kelly said. "We've got depth. We've got guys we

"It's really exciting watching Eifert right now because he looks like an All-American in the making."

Charley Molnar
offensive coordinator

believe have the ability to run this offense. We want to be able to evaluate all the things that they do."

The coaching staff will have a new tool at their disposal to evaluate the signal callers — the Helmet Cam.

The new technology, which places a camera on a player's helmet to track his eyes, debuted at Wednesday's practice.

"To make this a real competition, we've got to look at every area of their decision-making, and what the Helmet Cam allows us to do is track the eyes of the quarterback through his progressions," Kelly said. "If he's staring

down a particular receiver, you're going to see that. If he's moving his eyes through his progression, you're going to see that."

Crist, who is wearing a knee brace as he recovers from a ruptured patella tendon suffered in October, was the first to sport the Helmet Cam.

"He didn't know it was on there," Kelly said. "He didn't feel it."

The Irish will hit the practice field for the second time this spring Friday morning at 8 a.m.

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Rogers

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attack Edison Parzanese and junior midfielder Eric Keppeler.

The Irish then hit an offensive drought, scoring only one goal in the next 25 minutes. Ohio State, led by sophomore midfielder Dominique Alexander, took advantage of this momentum swing, and the Buckeyes outscored the Irish 5-3 in the second half. Ohio State tied the game at seven with just over a minute to play in the fourth quarter.

The Irish were not done yet, though.

One of Rogers' three goals — all of which came from turnovers — came with 33 seconds remaining in the game and served as the winning goal. Rogers said the play was unscripted and a little lucky.

"It's not exactly how we drew it out [during the timeout], to be honest with you. We wanted to run a differ-

ent play, but the defense gave us something. [Senior midfielder Zach Brenneman], the player that he is, wanted to create a play," Rogers said. "Zach passed the ball about 100 miles an hour, and the goalie got a piece of it and was up in the air. I stuck my stick out, caught it and finished it. It's better to be lucky than good."

Brenneman, who was playing in his first game since being injured, agreed that the goal involved some luck on Notre Dame's side.

"I kind of forced a pass to the crease, and the goalie made like a half-save and flicked it up," he said. "Sean was lucky enough to be right there and put the ball in the net and save me."

Brenneman's return was bitter-sweet. The co-captain scored one goal but was ultimately disappointed with his team's performance.

"I guess I would like for us to have played a little better," Brenneman said. "We looked a little sluggish at the start. We squeaked a win out against Ohio State, a very good team."

Rogers said that Brenneman was clearly not himself on the field today, but even his presence on the field is a step in the right direction.

"It was good to have him back. A player of his stature, he definitely wanted to get back on the field and help us," Rogers said. "We're going to be a better team with him. He was a little rusty today, and it showed at times, but he'll be back."

Notre Dame showcased their ability to close out tight games in their last two matchups, an encouraging sign for their upcoming games.

"This helps us, as in the Denver game, to show that we can win the close games and that we have what it takes to bear down in the game," Rogers said. "I don't know if it was momentum per se, but it definitely helps us come tournament time."

The Irish will travel to Rutgers for their next matchup Sunday at 1 p.m.

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- Across**

1 "Huh ...?!"

4 Fleet

10 Muscle car feature

14 What this would be to Caesar?

15 Jaded response to a movie suggestion

16 Comb container

17 Wanted poster abbr.

18 "Photogenic athlete from Cincinnati?"

20 Ceremonial presentation

22 "Cozy rooms for playing?"

23 Tax collector, e.g.

26 Drifts (off)

27 "You must be joking ..."

29 Food made from fermented beans

31 "___ hope?"

32 Drafted, with "up"
- 34 Company concerned with automobile history

38 Spring

40 Opposite of 33-Down

42 Bob, e.g.

43 Indian city now known as Chennai

45 Mount

47 NPR's Shapiro

48 Days before

50 Yaps

52 Actress Blanchett

54 What dirt may come out in

56 "Social gathering for auction participants?"

58 Drags

61 "Diatribes from captured criminals?"

64 Stadium cheer

65 Bank holding

66 Get into a habit?

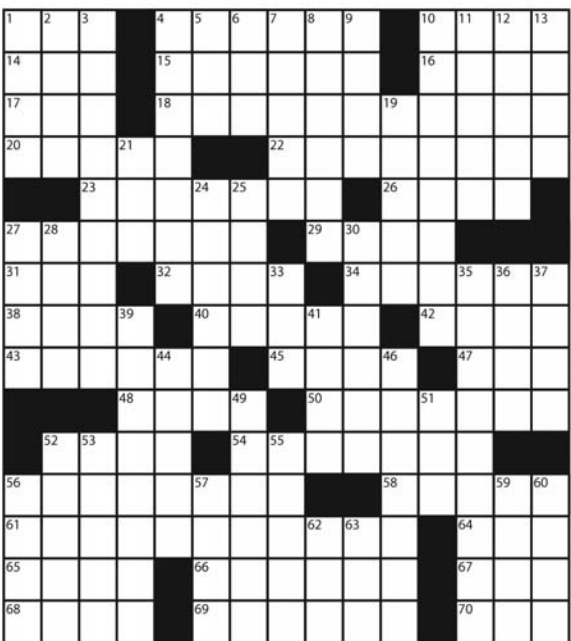
67 Andy's dinosaur in "Toy Story"

68 Shade of green
- 69 "I'm impressed"

70 See 28-Down

Down

- 1 Pow!
- 2 Shout before a snap
- 3 "Commercial for a private school?"
- 4 Henry Clay's historic Kentucky estate
- 5 "The End of the Affair" actor, 1999
- 6 Playing pieces
- 7 "Start ... now!"
- 8 Neutralize, as a bomb
- 9 Mr. ____, radioactive enemy of Captain Marvel
- 10 "Hello, I Love You" band, 1968
- 11 Shopworn
- 12 Kitchen window sites?
- 13 Walkers, in brief
- 19 Organization that sponsors an annual Mind Games competition
- 21 Let go
- 24 Halloween costume, maybe
- 25 Cutesy, in London
- 27 Like Type B personalities
- 28 With 70-Across, vitamin bottle phrase
- 30 Winter fishing tool
- 33 What's broken out of the answers to the starred clues?



Puzzle by Mike Nothnagel

- 35 "Expose oneself to a former U.S. president?"

36 Prefix with -naut

37 Marked, as a questionnaire box

39 Much of Nickelodeon's target audience

41 Reference

44 States
- 46 Passed

49 Caterer's supply

51 The Wildcats of the N.C.A.A.

52 ___ cabinet

53 1948 Best Actor nominee for "Johnny Belinda"

55 Gift from the Wizard of Oz that's really a clock
- 56 Lip ___

57 Classic Army bomber plane

59 Pet peeve?

60 Hot

62 San Francisco's ___ Hill

63 Not yet determined: Abbr.

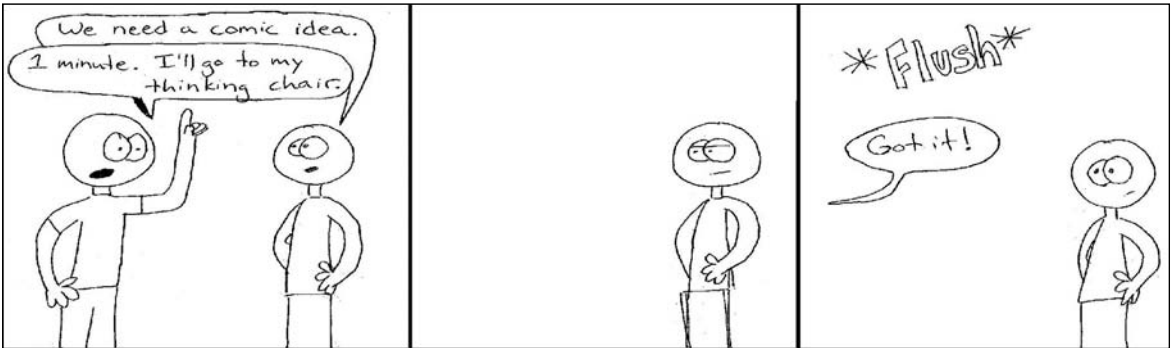
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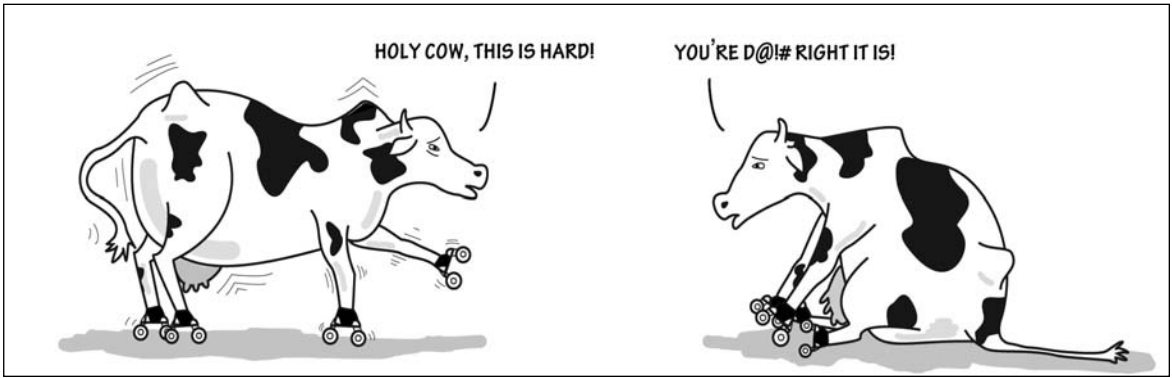
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a close look at what you have to offer and how you can display your best assets. Refrain from letting your emotions take over. Withholding information will quickly jeopardize your position and could ruin a good deal. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Problems are inevitable and must be handled immediately. Give your undivided attention and time to turning a negative into a positive. Hesitating because you are uncertain will only make matters worse. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let an emotional or money problem dampen your day. Focus on what you can offer others without going over budget and how you can make the most of your talents, skills and knowledge. Communication is highlighted. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be honest with others and yourself. Problems at home will develop if you overspend on things you cannot afford. Doing the work and saving money will impress someone who can change your life. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Surround yourself with people who motivate you and you will accomplish more. Equality will make any partnership work more efficiently. Delegate responsibilities. Love is in the stars. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make plans to socialize and put a little romance into your life. The people you connect with now will be inspirational -- mentally, emotionally and financially. Someone from your past will be able to help you out now. Make contact. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Bring on any change you can that will help you feel more comfortable in your surroundings and with the people who mean the most to you. Don't believe everything you hear from a third party. An opportunity for a move should be acted upon. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't reveal too much about what you are up to personally. If you are reconnecting with someone from your past, make sure this development isn't going to cause additional stress on your current personal situation. Resolve one set of circumstances before you decide to take on another. ★★★★★

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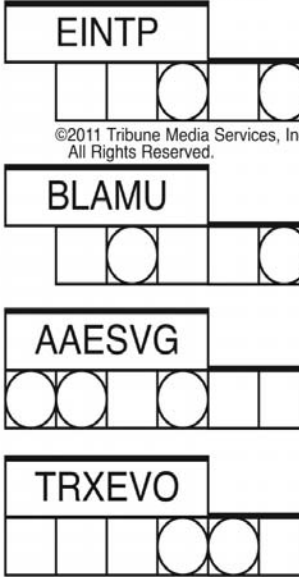
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FOOTBALL

So it begins

Team optimistic as spring practices commence season

By ANDREW OWENS
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish returned to the practice field Wednesday for the first time in nearly three months and, even amidst the absence of junior receiver Michael Floyd, still felt the momentum gained during the four-game winning streak that closed out the 2010 season.

Irish coach Brian Kelly said he was pleased with what he saw in the morning practice, especially with the progression of a few specific players.

"[Sophomore tight end Tyler] Eifert moves so well down the field," Kelly said. "[Freshman linebacker Prince] Shembo on the perimeter playing at the drop can reroute receivers so much better in space."

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Sophomore tight end Tyler Eifert catches a pass during a 2010 practice. The Irish began spring practices for the 2011 season Wednesday.

MEN'S TENNIS

No. 21 Irish to host USF, Dayton

By ANDREW OWENS
Associate Sports Editor

With only a little over a month until the Big East championships, the No. 21 Irish find themselves at a crossroads in their chase for another berth in the NCAA tournament. The team will continue action this weekend as it hosts Dayton and conference foe South Florida.

Notre Dame (10-8) has competed at a high level for much of the season, but at times has had trouble finishing strongly against some of the tougher opponents.

"We need to work hard and compete hard this weekend," Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire said.

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MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Freshman Dyer to swim at NCAA championships

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

Today, freshman Frank Dyer will do something that has only been done once in the history of the program: represent the Irish in the NCAA championships. Dyer will face the best in the country in Minneapolis over the next three days as the final collegiate swimming event of the year gets underway.

Irish coach Tim Welsh is proud of Dyer's achievement, and he

believes it is a sign of things to come for Notre Dame.

"It's an important step for us," Welsh said. "We want to define ourselves as a national program."

Despite two top-15 finishes in the 1-meter event at the NCAA Zone diving championships by seniors Eric Lex, the Big East diver of the year, and Wesley Villaflor and a ninth-place finish by Lex in the 3-meter event, no Irish divers earned bids to the NCAA championships.

Dyer had an outstanding fresh-

man campaign for Notre Dame and will compete in the 100-meter, 200-meter and 500-meter freestyle events. Dyer qualified to swim the 500 with an NCAA qualifying time and earned a spot in the 100 and 200-meter events with NCAA B-cut times during the regular season.

"Frank has all the tools," Welsh said. "He works hard. He's a good competitor, and he's learned a lot. He's just done a great job here."

At the Shamrock Invitational in Rolfs Aquatic Center, Dyer had

one of his finest performances of the season. He finished the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 1:37.62 to earn a spot in that event at the championships. He then went on to win the 100-meter freestyle and led the 800-meter freestyle relay team to a victory. The 400-meter freestyle relay team, of which Dyer was a part, earned silver that day as well.

Dyer also had impressive showings in those events at the Hawkeye Invitational Dec. 3-5 in Iowa City, at Michigan State Jan.

21 and at Cleveland State Jan. 14.

Welsh hopes that Dyer's showing means promising things for next year's championships.

"Our hope is that [Dyer] has some teammates with him next year so that we can have a full presence at the championships," Welsh said.

The NCAA championships get underway today and go through Saturday in Minneapolis, Minn.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish use late rally to top OSU

By MEGAN GOLDEN
Sports Writer

In their first game in over ten days, the No. 3 Irish brought just enough energy to their home turf Wednesday to withstand No. 20 Ohio State's furious rally in the fourth quarter and escape with an 8-7 victory.

The Buckeyes [5-4] scored first, but they quickly exchanged a pair of goals with the Irish [5-0], and the score was tied at two just ten minutes into the game. The Irish went on a run to close out the first half and take a 5-2 lead into half-time, with goals from junior attack Sean Rodgers, senior

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Junior attackman Sean Rodgers runs past a defender during Notre Dame's 8-7 victory over Ohio State Wednesday.

ND TRACK & FIELD

Squad begins outdoor season on the road

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish will leave the confines of the indoor Loftus Sports Center and embrace the outdoor track season this weekend, traveling to Alabama, Arizona and Stanford for various events.

Distance runners with a chance to qualify for the NCAA regionals in May will compete in the Stanford Invitational Friday and Saturday.

"In order to qualify we need to run a time that places us in the top-48 in the region, and getting

that out of the way this weekend would be helpful," sophomore middle-distance runner Jeremy Rae said.

Sprinters and field event athletes with the same qualifying hopes will meanwhile head to Arizona for the Arizona State Invitational Friday and Saturday.

The indoor season concluded with a second-place finish for the men and an eighth-place finish for the women. With this first outdoor meet, both teams hope to jumpstart an improved season. The

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