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Sierra Leone's President Koroma discusses efforts to improve life in his homeland

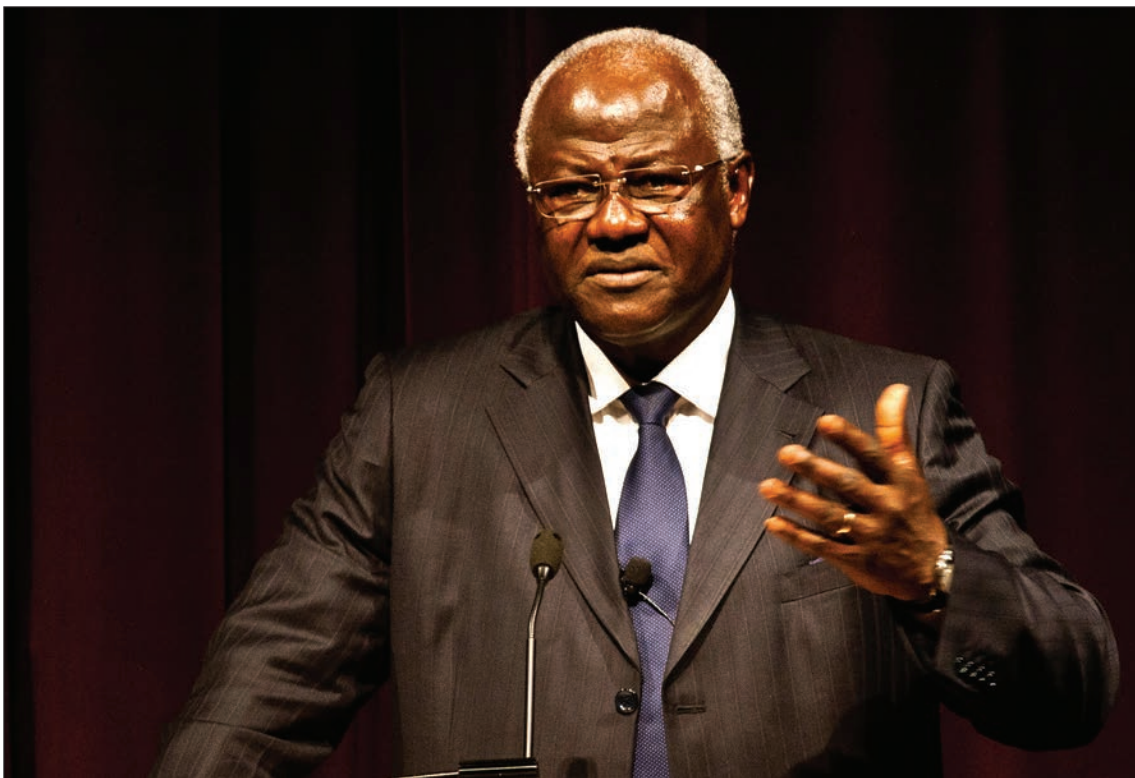
By DAN BROMBACH
News Writer

While delivering his lecture before a packed auditorium, President Ernest Bai Koroma of the Republic of Sierra Leone stated that his efforts to improve the average standard of living in his country will also serve to eliminate the most substantial threat to the freedom of its citizens.

Elected in 2007 on a platform promising drastic change, Koroma has undertaken numerous projects during his term to improve the nation's food security, energy, healthcare, infrastructure and education.

"It has always been my belief that the greatest threat to freedom is the absence of props to support it," Koroma said at his lecture "Faith, Tolerance and Progress" on Tuesday. "We will face challenges in our agenda for change, but we are determined to sustain our freedom with strong mate-

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President Ernest Bai Koroma of the Republic of Sierra Leone spoke about his goals on improving his country's standard of living in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Tuesday.

St. Liam's gives out flu shots

By TORI ROECK
News Writer

Receiving a flu shot can reduce the number of student trips to St. Liam's this flu season, said Ruthann Heberle, assistant director of Medical Outreach Services.

"The flu, even for healthy people, can be a really serious illness," Heberle said.

For this reason, the University gave out free flu shots to students, faculty and staff yesterday and will continue to do so today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Stepan Center, Heberle said. Individuals must bring a Notre Dame ID and be wearing short sleeves to receive the shot, she said.

Heberle said the University has 6,600 flu shots ready for students, faculty and staff, after

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Professor lectures on Carter's 1977 address

By NICOLE MICHELS
News Writer

When University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh invited former President Jimmy Carter to give the 1977 Commencement Address, few were expecting a pivotal moment in human rights history to take place in its stead.

Columbia University Professor Samuel Moyn placed the address in context to the broader history of the human rights movement in a lecture at Geddes Hall Tuesday.

Moyn first traced the development of the primary idea behind the speech — the concept of human rights.

"The basic values in human rights seem old, if not eternal," Moyn said, tracing the value placed on dignity back to the Bible and others back to similarly influential sources.

Though the values have been around for a while, he said that the increasingly popular concept of international human rights can be traced back to very recent years. Other "universalisms," or doctrines with broad applicability beyond

their original context, also served as precedents to the human rights concept. The most important were the concepts of natural law and of the rights of man.

"The [thoughts of the Catholic Church] in this era rejected the human rights movement as solipsistic ... and looked warily on the exclusivist secular state," Moyn said.

This was due, at least in part, to the origin of the natural rights concept and the subsequent nationalist movement.

With the human rights concept following from the natural rights concept, reception was initially frosty, he said. But as the Church began to see the secular state becoming all-powerful in its control of the person, it began to designate areas that the state cannot infringe upon — including the rights owed to that person because of the shared status of basic humanity.

"In the late 1930s the Church began to change its thought and to embrace individual over state rights," he said.

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Students read banned books



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Students read aloud from banned books in the atrium of the Hesburgh Library on Monday. National Banned Books Week takes place from Sept. 24 to Oct. 1.

By AMANDA GRAY and
TABITHA RICKETTS
News Writers

Students gathered across Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses to protest censorship and read aloud from Banned Books during national Banned Books Week.

The Week, which runs from Sept. 24 to Oct. 1, is necessary to spark conversations about

censorship and free speech, Notre Dame Librarian-In-Residence Naomi Bishop said.

"Banned Books Week is a big deal, and it needs to be celebrated," she said at the Banned Books Read-Out in the Hesburgh Library Concourse on Monday.

Surrounded by student-designed posters, nine readers read from the 10 most-challenged books of 2010. The

readers were library staff members and members of the Literacy Awareness Club of Notre Dame (LAND).

Saint Mary's College has been celebrating Banned Books Week by hosting a series of daily excerpt readings in the Cushwa-Leighton Library. The readings take place from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. everyday

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Hesburgh's invitation to former President Carter marked a continuation of the Church's change of opinion, to staunch support of human rights throughout the world.

"Fr. Hesburgh was thinking about human rights in a way that was going to make them equally important to civil rights," Moyn said.

Carter's speech gave Americans a new language of legitimacy with which they could address the pressing issues of the time, he said. At the time of this speech, the newly recognized frame of analysis with human rights at the center was used to assuage resid-

ual guilt about Vietnam, and to provide a moral baseline for American action abroad.

Moyn ended on a pensive note, addressing the continually developing nature of intellectual discourse in this global society allowing such a greater degree of idea exchange.

"But of course, history is never over," he said. "Human rights is not written in the genetic code, but is a recent development which will have a continually re-defined role in a future that is indeterminate."

A reception was held after the lecture, and Moyn will speak again in Professor Luc Reydamn's "International Human Rights Movement" course today.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Council discusses school spirit

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Coming off the second Irish win of the football season, student body president Pat McCormick invited Notre Dame Leprechaun Mike George to Tuesday's Council of Representatives meeting to discuss how student leaders can help raise school spirit on campus. "Mike's been committed this year to try and reform not only pep rallies but also the whole school spirit portfolio in a way that should be really exciting and could engage students in new and powerful ways," McCormick said.

Student government has focused on reforming campus pep rallies lately, but George highlighted the need to maximize fan excitement surrounding away games as well. He said the departure of the football team on Thursdays could be an opportunity for a new student tradition.

"The team leaves Thursday, and we actually have a small group from the band that plays them off onto the bus," George said. "I think we could reach out to a new quad each away game [to join in the sendoff] ... It's easy, it's quick, it shows a bit of support."

Undergraduate Experience in Leadership program chair Ricky Bevington said attendance would also raise morale for the band, citing his time spent as a member participating in the send-off.

"It's kind of awkward because the football players walk one-by-one to the bus ... it takes about 20 minutes,"

Bevington said. "If people went, they'd make band members very happy."

Junior Class Council president Kevin Doherty said students might need incentives to go to the sendoff.

"I think a school with a football tradition like ours would really benefit from this," he said. "But in terms of students I don't know what's going to get them there."

George said he thinks the love of Notre Dame football should be enough to draw at least a portion of the selected quad.

"If we ask a quad [to attend], we're talking 800 people," he said. "Can we get 20 of 800 people to show up just because they love football?"

George said the school spirit shouldn't just be there to send the team off — it should be at the away stadium. He asked the council for suggestions on drawing more students to away game rallies and tailgates.

"When we go to these away games, we do have rallies," he said. "They're smaller rallies but there's always an ND tailgate ... I'm not so sure students know when and where they're having the rallies."

Hall Presidents Council co-chair Billy Wardlaw said ensuring low prices for students at alumni club-sponsored away game tailgates would draw more students.

"One thing we can work on too is that I know Notre Dame tailgates are pricey and that's what deters a lot of my friends from going," he said. "If we could get more of a student discount I think more students would go."

Returning the focus to home game weekends, George opened up the conversation about the USC night game.

Student body vice president Brett Rocheleau asked whether rumors of a "green out" for the game were true.

"As of now, there's been no decision for USC as to whether or not we'll do a 'color-out,'" George said.

"The problem with that is people bought The Shirt. That's sort of the team color."

Whether or not a green-out will be planned for the game, George urged students to attend the pep rally prior to it.

"The USC pep rally is going to be really awesome," he said. "You're not going to want to miss it."

Mike George
Notre Dame Leprechaun

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Holly Dorson-King, a Saint Mary's nursing student, administers a flu shot to another student in Stepan Center on Tuesday.

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administering 6,500 last year. Those who received flu shots last year are still at risk of contracting influenza and should return for a new vaccine, Heberle said.

"There are different flu viruses that they give the vaccine for each year," she said. "The one that you got last year may not be effective for the virus that they tested and feel is the most predominant this year."

Experts expect fewer cases of influenza this year, Heberle said, but students must not rely on that prediction when choosing whether or not to get a flu shot.

"This year, they're anticipating that it will be a milder flu year," she said. "However, people still need to be conscientious about getting the flu vaccine if they're able."

Heberle said the peak of flu season is between December and April, but she recommends that students receive flu shots before fall break.

"It takes about two weeks for your immunities to build up from the vaccine," she said. "That's why we like to give it early."

But Heberle also said students should be mindful of the flu year round — it can occur at any time of the year.

The flu shot is an important preventative measure for most students, but Heberle said it is not for everyone.

Heberle said those who are immunosuppressed, allergic to eggs, pregnant or have a fever greater than 101 degrees should not receive a flu shot.

Flu shots can also come with minimal side effects, she said.

"Usually it's just soreness in your arm, if that," Heberle said. "Maybe some mild, mild symptoms like a little bit of a sore throat or a headache, but usually those subside in a day or two."

Receiving a flu shot cannot be students' only method of preventing the flu, she said. Students should wash their hands often, cough in their elbows and stay away from others if sick.

"Be considerate of those that you're around," Heberle said. "Just common courtesy kinds of things."

Sophomore Elizabeth Owers said she chose to receive a flu shot in addition to other preventative measures because the vaccine protected her last year.

"I got one last year, and my roommate got the flu, and I didn't," Owers said. "I just don't have the time to be sick for a week."

Owers also said that by administering free flu shots, the University is doing its part to reduce cases of influenza on campus.

"If they didn't offer free flu shots, I feel like a majority of the

student body, including myself, wouldn't go get them," she said.

If students recognize flu symptoms such as sore throat, cough and fever, Heberle said they should be proactive in their recovery.

"Drink plenty of fluids and get plenty of rest," she said. "Just do all the things your mother told you to do."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Group discusses new budget

By **JILL BARWICK**
News Writer

Members passed the new budget for the 2011-2012 academic year during the weekly Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) meeting.

Student body president Nicole Gans opened the floor for the new budget by presenting the newest components.

"We have had an overall budget decrease from last year of 30 percent and therefore adjustments have been made throughout the budget to accommodate these changes," she said.

Gans began the meeting by emphasizing its main goal was to pass the budget.

"We really did not have as much rollover this year because of the decrease," she said. "We did not have control over this. This cut just had to happen."

Since the College has had

a decrease in enrollment the past two years, the budget had to be minimized, she said. The money for the budget comes directly from the money grossed by students, which is why the decrease was inevitable.

Technology commissioner Maureen Parsons explained how each section of SGA would receive their own portions of the new budget.

"We took the rollover from last year and took in the purpose of each board as well as events being planned for this year to determine what each group receives for the budget," Parsons said.

Executive treasurer Liz Busam stressed the importance of passing the new budget be-

fore the end of the night when more than one question rose from the governing body.

"The longer we go without passing the budget, the more time goes by before we can give everyone her own budget for the year," Busam said.

After putting forth the motion to pass the new budget, 13 members of SGA agreed to pass it out of the 19 members who voted, reaching the required two-thirds majority.

In addition to the budget, SGA also approved the bylaws and amendments of the governing documents.

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Liz Busam
executive treasurer

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Psychology professor explores memory

By CHARITHA ISANAKA
News Writer

Professor James Brockmole can summarize his research in two questions: “When you open your eyes, how do you understand what is in front of you?” he said. “When you close your eyes, how do you remember what you saw?” Brockmole, along with post-doctoral fellow Christopher Davoli, recently completed a cognitive study that explores how people use their attention and memory to recognize visual objects. Their research shows that people’s means of interactions with the outside environment can alter the way they recognize those objects. The hypothesis of the experiment tested the idea of the evolution of the memory system based on necessity, Brockmole said. Undergraduate students were tested on how good they were at recognizing patterns they had and hadn’t seen before. The experiment, conducted through showing students images on a screen while allowing or not allowing them to hold the screen. Brockmole said the students did not notice specific details as much when they were not allowed to touch the screen. “When things are far away we don’t need to be detail-ori-

ented because we have more time to react,” Brockmole said. “You wouldn’t care if a poisonous snake was on the other side of the building. But if the snake was in front of you, you need to know if you will be able to handle the situation.” The memory system is influenced by the way someone controls his or her body, he said. When someone is experiencing something hands-on, he or she notices more details and differences between two objects. Davoli said these findings may be extended for use in education. “We don’t have enough data to say how exactly we can treat these results in an education system but there is enough information to say that it is important,” Davoli said. “Besides, learning is situational; it depends on what you are trying to learn.” One possibility may include the visual effects of learning, he said. So many interactions, whether they be with textbooks, televisions, projection screens or iPads, influence learning, but they don’t have the same impact. The results of this experiment could be used to analyze the influence of the effectiveness of different technological mediums.

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rial foundations.” Koroma began the lecture on a lighter note by congratulating the Notre Dame football team on its victory over Pittsburgh, but quickly moved into a discussion of the current state of religious tolerance in Sierra Leone. “Religious tolerance in Sierra Leone is an article of faith,” Koroma said. “People here of different faiths, whether Muslim, Catholic or Protestant, have striven over time to emphasize their commonalities and now have equal opportunities to succeed in life.” As important in Koroma’s mind as religious tolerance is the existence of true freedom, which he recognized has not always been a reality in Sierra Leone. He argued that, although unity and security are crucial to the wellbeing of a nation, they should not be used as excuses to suppress individual freedoms. “Unity and security are not exclusive to freedom,” Koroma said. “Freedom is an inalienable right of humans beings that must remain a centerpiece of Sierra Leone, and thus security should be pursued only without negating the advance of freedom.” Touching once again on the importance of religious tolerance, Koroma emphasized that it is crucial for maintaining

freedom. “The absence of tolerance in any individual makes that individual very frightening to freedom,” Koroma said. “Because Sierra Leone is one of the most religiously diverse nations in the world, we simply cannot afford to be intolerant.” Praising Notre Dame for its persistent encouragement of knowledge, tolerance and enterprise, Koroma also expressed his hope for creating a constructive and lasting bond between Sierra Leone and the University. “We are here to strengthen links and build a bridge for the exchange of knowledge and faith between Notre Dame and the universities of Sierra Leone,” he said. To conclude his lecture, Koroma encouraged the audience to act as ambassadors to help spread the word in America that Sierra Leone is now a free and democratic nation on the rise. “Help us tell the world that the civil war in Sierra Leone ended 13 years ago, that we are a democracy that saw a peaceful transition of power to the opposition party, that documentaries like ‘Blood Diamond’ are not accurate portraits of what is happening in our land, that we have a history of freedom and tolerance and, most importantly, that we have a bright future,” he said.

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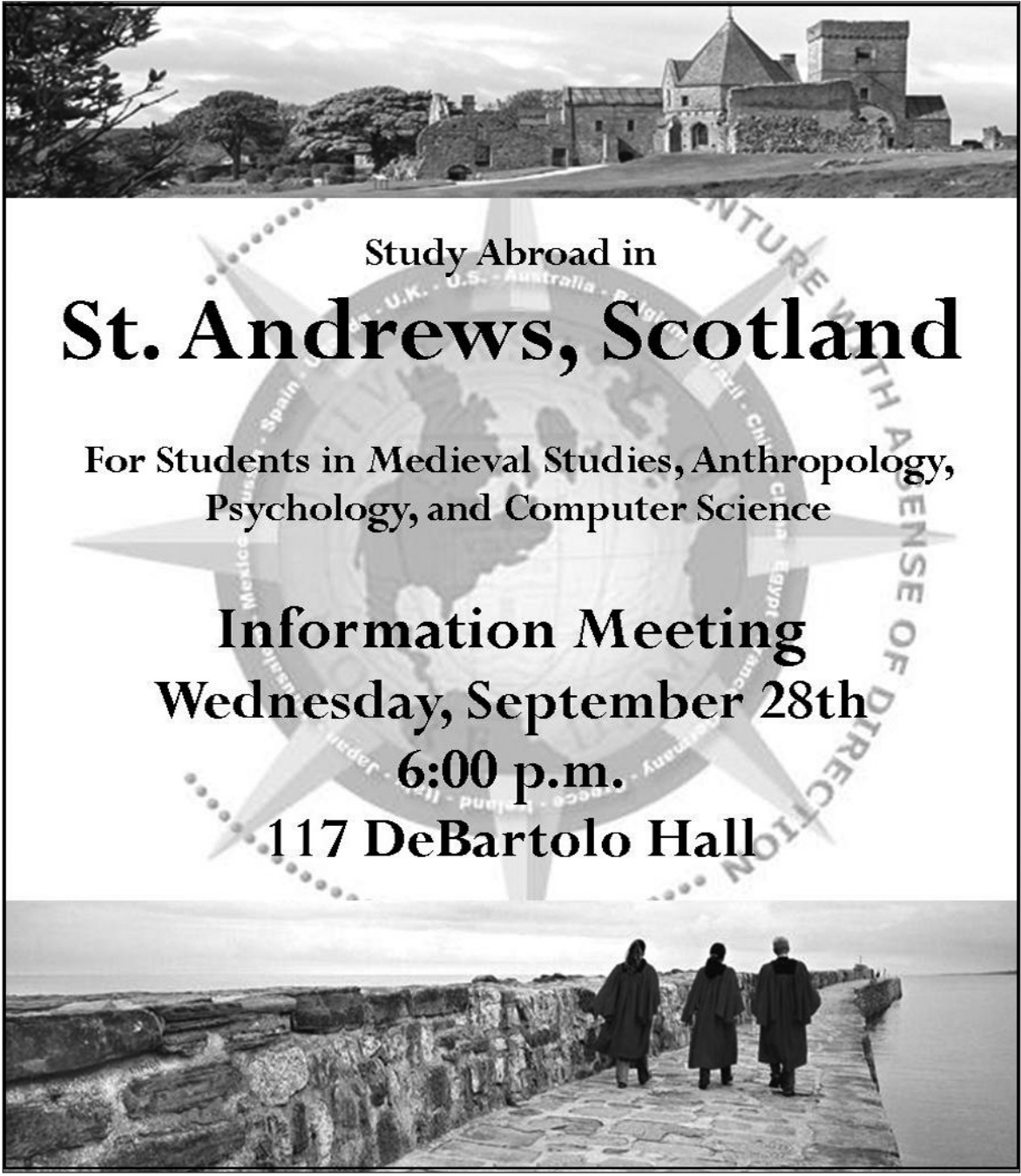
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through Friday. Robert Hohl, a librarian at Saint Mary’s Cushwa-Leighton Library, was in charge of organizing the occasion for the College. Hohl said this week is about confirming the community’s right to free speech. “What so often seems to happen is that people focus on [the issues] and don’t look at the larger picture,” he said. “This week gives us the chance to talk about that, and really understand the values of freedom of expression.” Among those readers at Notre Dame’s Read Out was David Archer, a reference and Peace Studies librarian at Heshburgh Library. Archer said he has battled censorship for nearly 30 years. “I hope [Banned Books Week] means we help raise awareness of the value of the freedom to read,” he said. Archer read from the children’s book “And Tango Makes Three,” a story about two homosexual penguins that raise an egg together. Challenged on the grounds of being “age inappropriate,” the book has been among the top challenged books for four out of the last five years. While this is the first Banned Books Read-Out sponsored by the Library and the second on campus, Archer said the week began in 1982. Saint Mary’s first year Megan Steron was one of the many students who signed up to participate in the readings at the Cushwa-Leighton Library. “I think it’s a wonderful way of bringing attention to the censorship that is imposed on [literature],” she said. “I am completely opposed to it.”

Steron, who read from John Steinbeck’s controversial book, “Of Mice and Men,” said she wishes banned books were celebrated more than just a week out of the year. “I think, especially in schools, it’s important to get people interested in reading and [show them] why they need to read these challenged books and not let them fade into oblivion,” she said. Hohl said he has worked since the summer to coordinate the events for Banned Book Week. “We’ve never done this before,” Hohl said. “We have put posters up and had displays of banned books in the past, but never a weeklong event.” Banned Books Week is significant to the literary world, Hohl said. “Challenges [against books] should be taken seriously by school boards, libraries ... [but the books themselves] also need to be addressed, and really seen,” he said. “[To censor] is really to undermine the free exchange of information within a community.” Notre Dame Professor Robert Sedlack, whose senior-level graphic design course designed the posters, said the project served as a good introduction to the semester, as well as a spark for in-class dialogue. “I want a project where not everyone will be on the same page, if you pardon the pun,” he said. “We might have some controversy, and I’ve seen that

the more emotional a connection to a project, the better the work.” The son of a library director and a college English professor, Sedlack said he grew up in an environment that encouraged reading. “There’s a lot of overlap between great books and challenged books,” Sedlack said. “Who gets to decide what’s right or wrong for me to read?” Saint Mary’s also had a display of student-designed posters from Sedlack’s class for the week. Hohl said that by raising awareness within the Saint Mary’s community, the participants support banned books around the world. “That’s what good literature is for,” he said. “It is to help us understand human conditions, and deal with them.” Notre Dame senior and LAND Service Chair Caitlin Wilson said the club volunteered to read from the books after being contacted by Wilson. “We like anything that means more people are reading,” she said. “Everyone should be able to read the books that got me excited. I love ‘Brave New World’ and ‘The Hunger Games’ (both in the most challenged books of 2010 list). Everyone should have a chance to read.”

Megan Steron
first year, reader
Banned Books Readout



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Doctor tried in Jackson death

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — First, prosecutors showed a photo of Michael Jackson's pale and lifeless body lying on a gurney. Then, they played a recording of his voice, just weeks before his death.

Slow and slurred, his words echoed Tuesday through a Los Angeles courtroom at the start of the trial of the doctor accused of killing him. As a worldwide audience watched on TV and Jackson's family looked on from inside the courtroom, a drugged Jackson said:

"We have to be phenomenal. When people leave this show, when people leave my show, I want them to say, 'I've never seen nothing like this in my life. Go. Go. I've never seen nothing like this. Go. It's amazing. He's the greatest entertainer in the world.'"

Prosecutors played the audio for the first time during opening statements as they portrayed Dr. Conrad Murray, 58, as an incompetent physician who used a dangerous anesthetic without adequate safeguards and whose neglect left the superstar abandoned as he lay dying.

Defense attorneys countered that Jackson caused his own death by taking a drug dose, including propofol, after Murray left the room.

Nothing the cardiologist could have done would have saved the King of Pop, defense attorney Ed Chernoff told jurors, because Jackson was desperate to regain his fame and needed rest to prepare for a series of crucial comeback concerts.

A number of Jackson's family members were in the court-



Michael Jackson fan Bristre Clayton of Las Vegas stands outside court during the trial of Dr. Conrad Murray in Los Angeles Tuesday.

house, including his father Joseph, mother Katherine, sisters LaToya and Janet, and brothers Jermaine, Randy and Tito. LaToya Jackson carried a sunflower, her brother's favorite flower.

The family's most emotional moment came when the prosecutor played a video excerpt from Jackson's "This Is It" rehearsal in which he sang "Earth Song," a plea for better treatment of the environment.

As Jackson sang the words, "I used to dream. I used to glance beyond the stars," his mother, Katherine, dabbed at her eyes with a tissue.

Prosecutor David Walgren noted it was Jackson's last performance.

Murray, who arrived at court holding hands with his mother, has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter. If convicted, he could face up to four years in prison and the loss of his medical license.

Speaking for more than an

hour, Walgren relied on photos and audio recordings to paint Murray as an inept and reckless caretaker.

Walgren showed a photo of a lifeless Jackson on a hospital gurney. He juxtaposed the image with those of Jackson performing. Walgren also played the recording of Jackson speaking to Murray while, the prosecutor said, the singer was under the influence of an unknown substance roughly six weeks before his death.

Jackson trusted Murray as his physician, and "that misplaced trust in Conrad Murray cost Michael Jackson his life," Walgren said.

The recurring theme was Jackson's never-ending quest for sleep and propofol, the potion he called his "milk" and that he believed was the answer. Jurors were told that it was a powerful anesthetic, not a sleep aid, and the prosecutor said Murray severely misused it.

Cell service arrives in NYC subway stations



Gabriel Rivera received and replied to a text message in a New York subway station Tuesday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It was the one place that New Yorkers could go to get away from singing cellphones, beeping BlackBerries and torrents of tweets. And now it's disappearing.

The New York City subway turned on its first cellphone antennas Tuesday, allowing AT&T and T-Mobile subscribers to make calls and surf the Internet from underground platforms and corridors at six stations in the Chelsea section of Manhattan. The service will expand to 271 other stations over the next five years.

City officials say the service was long overdue, since travelers in other cities have been making calls underground for years. But in a city that never sleeps, or uses its "sleep" mode, reaction among passengers was mixed.

"I'm not too happy about that," said Helen Wekony, 84. "Some people's voices are very strident."

Other passengers greeted the prospect of added chatter with a solid fuhgeddaboutit.

"Deal with it," said George Perez, 44. "That's New York."

The move comes as other commuter railroads in the region are cracking down on such Chatty Kathies. The Metro-North Railroad to suburban points is designating phone-free "quiet cars" on 31 rush-hour trains next month, and New Jersey Transit has two quiet cars per train.

But officials say the subway is different: The signal covers only station areas, not train tunnels, so it's unlikely that riders will be pinned against their 5.2 million fellow weekly passengers while they ramble on about their foot problems or love lives.

And with train brakes screeching, express trains roaring and the occasional steel-drum player making a ruckus, most callers on the platforms won't want to talk long anyway, they said.

"In this environment there will certainly be some phone calls, but on a platform it'll really be tweets and texts and emails," said William Bayne, chief executive of Transit Wireless LLC, the company building the network. "So really, the noise pollution will not increase."

Some riders worried how the arrival of the Internet would affect the subway experience. Part of the fun of New York is people-watching in the subway, and it's harder when everyone is bent over their BlackBerries, said

Edith Lawrence, a pediatrician.

"It disrupts a lot of that social contact that you can have with people, that eye contact or a smile," Lawrence said.

Officials with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which runs the subway, say such intangibles are outweighed by the security benefits.

For years posters in the subway have been urging passengers to call police if they see anything suspicious — but without cell service, they couldn't actually do it. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security launched a service this year to alert travelers of terror threats via text messages, but subway riders could not receive them.

Expanding cell service might enable terrorists to use cellphones to detonate bombs — as the terrorists did in the Madrid train attacks of 2004 — but planners felt it was a gamble worth taking, said Carmen Bianco, vice president of subways for the MTA.

Extending cellphone service to the subways was "very, very complex engineering feat," Bayne said.

Most of New York's subway stations were built 100 years ago out of heavy steel girders that block radio signals. Even the steps are covered in steel for durability.

Crews had to route fiber optic cables along city streets and install dozens of antennas. One of the trickiest tasks was ensuring the handoff between underground and aboveground antennas as a caller walks out of a station, Bayne said.

The business side was equally tricky, said Mark Bienstock, a planner in the transportation authority's systems office. Rather than let several cellphone companies all put antennas in the subway, MTA officials decided to contract with New York-based Transit Wireless to build the system and rent bandwidth to cell providers. The company is majority owned by Broadcast Australia of Chatswood, Australia.

Building the system will cost Transit Wireless and the cell carriers between \$100 million and \$200 million, officials said. The MTA will get a share of the profits, a minimum \$3.3 million annually, once the network is in all the stations.

Transit Wireless said it plans to expand service to 30 other stations within a year, including the busy hubs at Times Square, Herald Square and Columbus Circle.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The life of a true fan

As of this writing, the Boston Red Sox and the Tampa Bay Rays are tied atop the American League Wild Card standings and, with two games to play, the outlook is bleak for a Red Sox fan.

At the beginning of September, the Sox held a seemingly

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insurmountable eight-game lead. Calling to mind the collapse of the 2007 New York Mets, Boston has gone 6-19 in the final month of the season. At this point, only the most ardent Boston optimist would hope that the team can out-play Tampa in the season's final two games.

This is by no means a column bemoaning my fate as a Red Sox fan. I'll be the first to admit that as a Boston sports fan I have been utterly spoiled this decade. Two World Series rings, three Super Bowls, an NBA championship and a Stanley Cup are proof that sports in New England have been on a 10-year run of unprecedented success. I can no more claim the 86-year "Curse of the Bambino" as my own than I can claim Notre Dame football's success when players still wore leather helmets. One has to look back to the 2003 ALCS and Aaron Boone's extra-inning home run off of Tim Wakefield to lift the New York Yankees to the World Series to find a moment that truly encapsulated what it had meant to be a Sox fan for most of the last 95 or so years.

The Red Sox of yore were experts at snatching defeat from the jaws of victory, at building hopes to a fervent crescendo and then dashing them. From the 1967 "Impossible Dream" team to Bill Buckner in '86 the Sox were loveable losers much in the vein of the Mets or Chicago Cubs, whose fans, especially at Notre Dame, will be quick to point out that their misery has been worse than anything experienced in Boston. No matter how good things looked, everyone knew they were cursed.

The only parallel in my personal experience to this phenomenon is to listen to people talk about Notre Dame football, a tradition I entered into a few years ago and one that has already caused me undue heartbreak, loss of sleep and general confusion. Painful losses are referred to by two-word monikers — the Bush Push, Little Giants — and great teams of the past are revered with the hope that someday current incarnations can approximate their glory. Indeed, in just the beginning of my second year of watching Notre Dame football in person, the Irish have found more painful ways to lose than I thought possible, from the Tulsa game in 2010 to Michigan in 2011 when, surrounded by a sea of blue in the Big House, my elation turned to disbelief in a matter of thirty seconds, and the essence of my experience as a Notre Dame fan was laid bare for all to see.

So if the past decade has all been a sham and this is actually what being a Red Sox fan is really about — the heartbreak and inexplicable collapses — then maybe I already have a head start. Who really likes winning championships anyway?

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Alcohol and personal responsibility

This article is Part II of a multi-part look into the University of Notre Dame's Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault Policy and the relationship between sexual assault and alcohol. Part I discussed the changes made to Notre Dame's Sexual Assault Policy. The author would like to thank numerous students as well as staff from the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education whose conversation has helped shape this article.



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Shard of Glass

According to the Sept. 15 issue of The Scholastic, there were two reported sexual assaults on campus in 2009. That is two assaults too many. In a press release regarding changes to the University's sexual assault policy, Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Tom Doyle said, "Sexual misconduct can have no place at Notre Dame, and we are committed to continuing to protect the safety and human dignity of every student." To ensure that sexual assault really doesn't have a place at Notre Dame, the University and the student body need to make an enormous change in attitude regarding alcohol. The changes to Notre Dame's sexual assault policy, although excellent, address the symptoms and not the causes of sexual assault. According to Officer Keri Kei Shibata of NDSP, "nearly all reported sexual assaults on campus involve alcohol. The percentage is near 100 percent when the assault is committed by someone who is known to the victim (a friend, acquaintance, friend of a friend, classmate, person met at a party or bar, etc.). The vast

majority of sexual assaults reported on our campus (just like all other campuses) are perpetrated by acquaintances or people known to the victim."

Notre Dame acknowledges that, "the vast majority of all student arrests, campus disciplinary problems, academic difficulties and campus vandalism are alcohol-related. By controlling the amount of alcohol consumed at any one time, the number of such incidents can be greatly reduced. In addition, individuals in the immediate community are likely to experience difficulties as a result of the drinking behaviors of others." And yet, despite Notre Dame's policy prohibiting intoxication of anyone on campus and committing to enforce Indiana State Law regarding underage drinking and possession of alcohol, alcohol abuse and underage drinking run rampant. Associated with this alcohol abuse is sexual assault.

There are three avenues of authority that can begin to enforce the alcohol policy more strongly: NDSP, rectors, ARs and RAs, and the student body.

There is a concern, however, that any aggressive measures on the part of NDSP or hall staff (for instance, NDSP could begin entering dorm rooms to break up parties that are suspected of hosting underage drinking — which has been described in conversation as a "police state") would simply push more parties off-campus, adding the driving component to the situation and putting parties outside of Notre Dame jurisdiction. Basically, off-campus parties would not be under the Notre Dame umbrella (and yet, when students are arrested off campus for valid legal violations, the students want Notre Dame to help them and "to improve ... [the] strained relationship between students and local law enforcement" (Scholastic)). Therefore, it seems that the cur-

rent Notre Dame policy is containment, rather than prevention, when it comes to alcohol abuse — better to have students drink underage and abuse it on campus than have them wander home from off campus completely intoxicated.

There is some merit to this argument. Adding the driving component to off-campus parties puts more people at risk of serious injury or death because of one college student's actions. Similarly, intoxication on campus that requires medical attention removes community resources from families in South Bend who may need treatment for something completely unpreventable, unlike college kids choosing to drink.

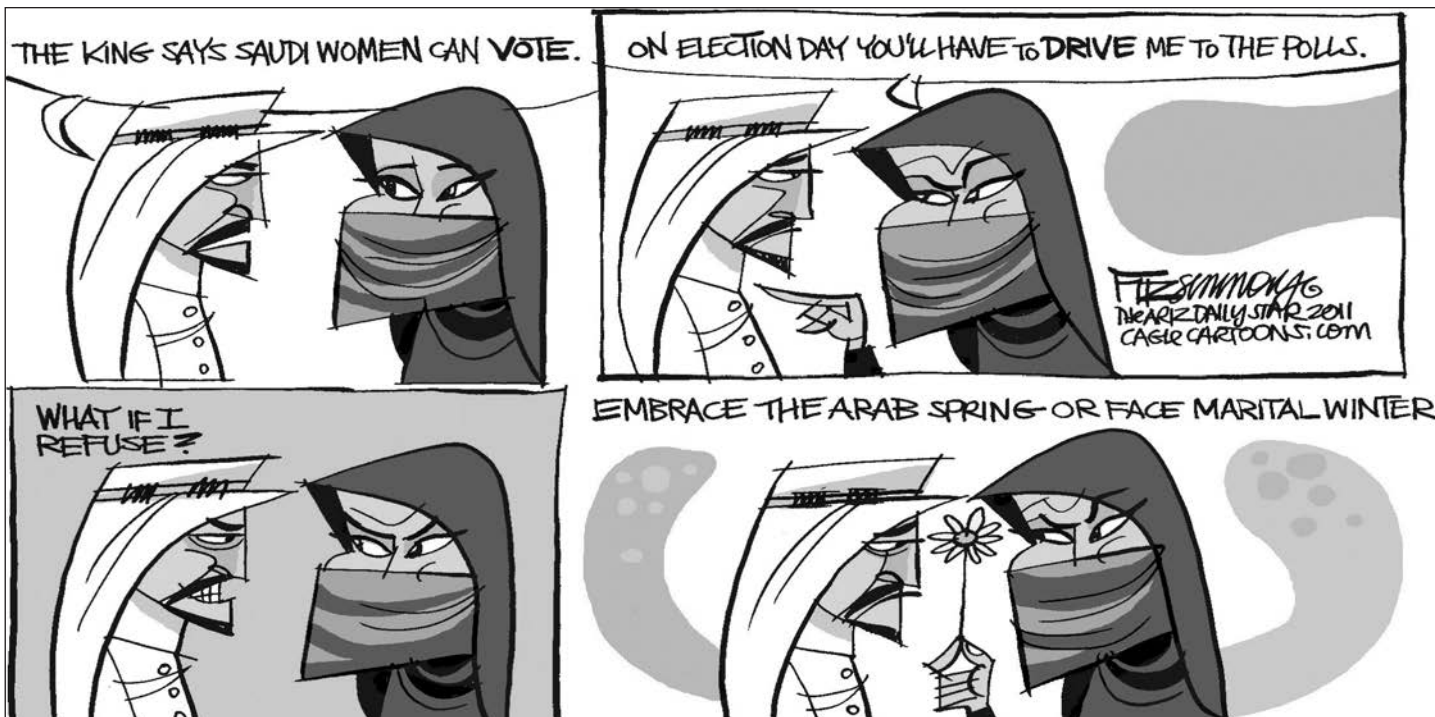
What is inconsistent with this containment argument is Notre Dame's own policy. How can the University claim to enforce Indiana State Law, prevent and punish underage drinking and alcohol abuse, when the University is more focused on making sure students keep the poor behavior on campus? The University has taken non-aggressive steps to promote a safe drinking culture by revamping the College HAS Issues seminar for freshmen. But alcohol education should not be limited to the first weekend of freshman year. Alcohol education has to continue through a student's four years at Notre Dame and multiple times each year. Whatever talks or educational initiatives are added should be mandatory.

(This article continues on The Observer's website.)

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He harms himself who does harm to another, and the evil plan is most harmful to the planner."

**Hesiod
Greek poet**

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WEEKLY POLL

Which band is best?

**Nickelback
Creed
All-American Rejects
Train**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A walk in their shoes

One week ago today the U.S. government killed a man named Troy Davis. Now in the scheme of things, the U.S. was likely involved in the deaths of many other people that same day and thousands of other unnamed individuals died by hunger or disease within the same 24 hours. So amidst this sea of death, why worry about this man? We worry for the same reason that doctors worry about victims of disease. We worry because we could have saved his life.

But why save the life of a criminal? Sister Helen Prejaun, the author of “Dead Man Walking” argues that the answer lies in the dignity of human life. The church agrees with her and upholds all life, innocent or guilty, no exceptions.

But what if this argument doesn’t satisfy you? What if this solution doesn’t suit your understanding of crime and punishment? Well, then we can point out that the death penalty doesn’t deter crime — it just doesn’t. We could also argue that the process is expensive, that the whole system is racist, killing a hugely disproportionate amount of black men. We could even point out that the system is actually far more subjective than we ever care to admit and numerous innocent people are executed regularly, possibly as recently as last Wednesday. But the response to these could still be, “These people were criminals; they were bad people who deserved to be punished.”

But do they deserve to die? Can we ever say that? After all, what if we had been born into broken homes, drugs, gangs and death lurking around every corner? Would we have done any differently? Of course from where we stand today, we all like to believe so. But then we look at every horrific moment in history and we find the awful, uncomfortable truth that good people do horrible things under the right circumstances. To acknowledge the full humanity of these criminals would be to confront the evils in ourselves. Can we do that? Until we do, we pray for Troy Davis, a man who shouldn’t have died.

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Irony in the paper

In flipping through yesterday’s paper, I happened to discover that the question poll of the day was rather selective. The question, “What is your favorite Pokemon and why?” was asked mostly to people of a certain ethnicity: Asian. As a multiracial individual, I find it somewhat amusing, but I feel that some folks do not. So keep that in mind next time, Observer staff — especially if you’re going to run a viewpoint titled Asiatic Gaze in the same paper.

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Prank or vandalism?

It is undoubtedly good fun to hide a friend’s iPhone and enjoy the next few minutes watching him frantically overturn his couch cushions and empty his backpack looking for it. It would not be so amusing, however, if you took that same friend’s iPhone and threw it against the wall, smashing it and rendering it useless.

The fun of pranks is that they put the victim in an embarrassing and inconvenient position, but are ultimately harmless. This is not true for the common vandalism of bikes. Students who forget to lock their bikes, or who only lock the wheel, or who leave the bike free because they are just running into the library for two minutes to print a paper, often come out to find their bike in a tree or thrown across the quad. This might be amusing if not for the fact that this often bends the wheel beyond repair or otherwise damages the bike.

This past week, we have observed at least three cases of bike vandalism where not only was the bike moved from its original location (harmless in itself) but the wheels were bent in such a way as to render the bike unusable. One bike in a tree had the tire stripped off of the wheel, and another’s back wheel no longer resembled a circle.

Some of you reading this might think that the owners of these bikes are at fault for not taking the necessary measures to secure them. This may be true. We agree that it is better to be safe than sorry, but at the same time, it is rather unsettling that this happens so often at a school that prides itself on integrity.

So next time you are in a rush to make it to class on time, take the extra few seconds to secure your bike to a rack or pole, not just to the wheel. But if you have some free time after class and want a cheap laugh at the expense of a freshman, handle his bike with care as you hoist it into the nearest tree.

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America could use a wealth tax

Anyone who hasn’t been living under a rock since the Reagan administration knows that America is in a hefty amount of debt. For the Patrick Stars among us, you can view a live stream of the debt increase at usdebtclock.com, but prepare to be depressed as you watch the federal deficit approach \$15 trillion. The website also shows figures such as tax revenue and gross domestic product. One of the most interesting, however, is the debt per taxpayer, which happens to be around \$131,000 — considerably more than most people make in a year.

Many people are already aware of thoughts and attitudes surrounding the national debt. I hope everyone reading this can agree that something needs to be done to resolve the issue. Ideas presented include increasing revenue through tax hikes for the general population and decreasing expenditures through reducing social security and other social welfare programs.

It’s easy to see, however, that the pendulum has to swing both ways. Neither tax increases nor expenditure cuts will solve the problem on its own. To ensure that future generations (including our own) are not plagued by a dark cloud of debt looming over their heads, some things need to change. At the current rate, we won’t just have student loans to pay back, but the debts of our country as well. Is this hitting closer to home college students?

Now, before we get too critical of our country, it’s important to note that we are not alone in debt. Many countries around the world have been experiencing financial deficits in recent years. Greece has seen rioting and protest in response to its unpaid debts, and economically burdened Great Britain has seen civil unrest in recent months. America hasn’t seen rioting yet, but that doesn’t mean that people aren’t speaking out in response to the national deficit. Warren Buffett, one of America’s wealthiest citizens, announced that wealthy individuals have been “coddled long enough by a billionaire-friendly Congress.”

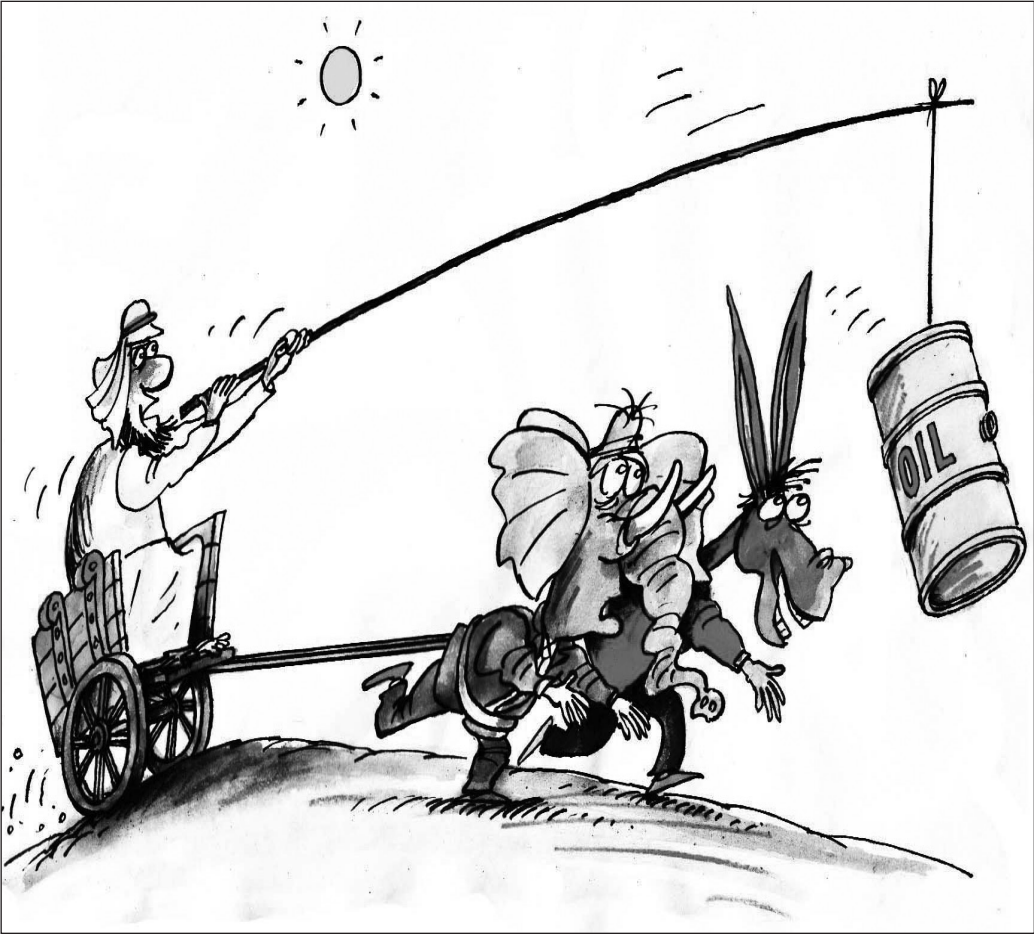
This statement seems to have been foreshadowing, as rich individuals from other countries have since been stepping forward to contribute to their governments to ease financial strain. In an article recently published in the Guardian, Helen Pidd reveals that French and Italian millionaires and billionaires have already made excessive contributions to their respective governments, and that a group of extremely wealthy Germans has volunteered for a five percent “wealth tax” to contribute more of their money to public debt.

Whether Warren Buffett intended to, he seems to have accelerated a movement of generous aristocrats around the world. The issue is that millionaires and billionaires in America seem to have a different sense of allegiance. They have more money than they need by a long shot, but still spend on lobbyists and tax lawyers to avoid higher taxes on their fortunes.

As one small step in the solution to America’s debt problem, a wealth tax could raise billions of dollars in revenue for the federal government. Blanket tax hikes can be devastating for those living paycheck to paycheck, but a wealth tax could help ease strain on the government and its citizens. It is true that the majority of wealthy people have earned their fortunes and deserve to enjoy their financial success. However, as Uncle Ben famously told a young and frightened Spiderman: “With great power comes great responsibility.”

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



NEW TO Your Queue

A “Dear John” Letter for



Dear Netflix Instant Watch,
I thought we had something special. I really did. Granted, it was a household account, so we weren't exclusive, but I was fine with just being on the side.

But then you went and broke my heart. You raised your price, and my household realized it was in a loveless relationship and broke it off. They'll survive; the rest of my family has “jobs” and “lives” and stuff like that to invest themselves in and get over this.

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What about me though? How am I supposed to move on? Hulu? Don't even.

Once upon a time, I tried to make it work with Hulu. It went okay for a while. But a handful of reruns of NBC shows could only get me so far.

And then I found you and I thought I was set, so I left Hulu out to dry. But since I left, they've gotten too cool for school just like you. And I'm not going to pay them the same and get less than I would from you.

So where do I turn? Amazon Instant? Not a real thing. Blockbuster? Good one.

And so I've been on withdrawal. It's rough. I'm getting sleep at night. I have time to do my homework. I haven't seen an episode of “Psych” in weeks. I'm going to start getting the shakes pretty soon.

But it's given me time to think. It's given me time to reflect on our relationship. I'll admit, I wasn't completely fair with you. I wasn't technically the one “paying” for your service, but all relationships are based on irrationalities aren't they?

Anyways though, I've been thinking back on our time together. And I've come to this conclusion — you kind of suck. Suck might not be the right word. But you definitely were not good enough to get all-cool on me and start upping your asking price.

Sure, we had some good times. There was “Psych,” the best show currently on television. And, of course, how could I forget “Arrested Development,” the greatest comedy show of all time? How about “Pineapple Express,” the movie for which James Franco should've won an Oscar? And then maybe my favorite of yours, “Memento.” Oh Chris Nolan and your mind games, you so silly. Plus who doesn't love Guy Pearce? Why is that guy not more famous?

But then I kept thinking. I wanted to watch “Pineapple Express” again recently. It was a wonderful film, but not a movie you can just watch once if you want to pick up on all of the subtle and highbrow humor.

So I went to look it up. But it wasn't there. I looked a little deeper.

It simply wasn't there anymore. No explanation, no excuse. Just pulled.

Maybe you have a perfectly good reason why you did it. Or maybe you just did it because it was getting popular and the people who made “Step Up 3” got jealous. I don't know. I just wish we could have talked about it.

And I kept reflecting. Your attributes really weren't that great. Yeah, you got lots of new stuff every few weeks. But the best part about your “Newly Added” section was that it gave my friends and I the chance to play everyone's favorite game, “Japanese Anime Sit-Com or Japanese Anime Porn?” You thought you were going to keep me interested by tossing me “First Sunday” and “Titanic 2?” You were incorrect.

And if you thought that a lackluster facelift is going to make me want to stick around, think again. Now you're going to call your DVD service Qwikster? Really? Who came up with that? My bet is on the same guys who came up with “Sudden Valley” for the name of the housing development in “Arrested Development.” I cannot believe somebody got paid for that.

Remember when you talked my ear off about that big Miramax deal, and how it was going to be so great? Yeah, it got me “Pulp Fiction,” but what about all the other ones I wanted to see? Where was “Rounders?” How can I act like an elitist snob around my friends if I haven't seen “No Country for Old Men” or “There Will Be Blood?” And, heaven forbid I give praise to a Ben Affleck film but gosh darn it all, the guy can direct movies, where was “Gone Baby Gone?”

Look, I get it. You're thinking, “What's eight dollars a month for this kid? That's half a 30 rack of bottled water.” That's a reasonable thought I guess. But like I said, relationships are all about irrational behavior. All's fair in love and war, but don't ask me to pay more for your service without giving me anything in return. That's not love, that's borderline prostitution.

Let's be honest with each other here for once, if you were really that important to me, if you were really that great, I could make it work. But you're not. And you're not. It's not me Netflix, it's you.

And why am I breaking up with you in a letter? Because I'm not in high school anymore, a text wouldn't cut it.

Don't let the front door hit you on the way out.

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Sigourney Weaver

delivers wisdom & laughter
at Saint Mary's

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The theme from "Ghostbusters" began playing Monday night in Moreau Theater as the crowd filtered in. The rhythmic clapping began immediately, not led by the students in attendance, but mostly by the more "mature" crowd — even a few of the Sisters of the Holy Cross were in the audience. It was more than obvious the sold-out theater was psyched for Sigourney Weaver.

Weaver revealed herself to be an inspirational woman who attacked roles both on and off the stage by letting loose the "thunderbolt of [her] education" when working on scripts and stories. However, her stories described first forays into the world of acting that were not always so prolific. The self-proclaimed "super dork" from early childhood, she summed up her missteps and

criticism in the beginning of her acting career with hilarity and some wisdom.

"When someone asks you how you got someplace, it's never a nice path," she said.

Weaver was once fired from a production of "You Can't Take it With You" after a week for being "too tall." She was told by not one, but two heads of departments at The Yale School of Drama that she had no talent and would never amount to anything — they were fired a few years later. It's a story of the virtue of stubborn behavior and elbow grease if there ever was one. The saying goes that well-behaved women never make history, and Weaver is certainly not among those women.

Anecdotes from her career kept the audience laughing and in awe. Once, she was walloped by a charging silverback gorilla on the set of "Gorillas in the Mist,"

and Bill Murray threw her over his shoulder on their first meeting before "Ghostbusters." She certainly had a lot of old Hollywood tales to share, growing up the daughter of NBC television pioneer Pat Weaver and an English actress, who once working with Vivian Lee described her as, "ravishingly beautiful, but swore like a sailor." She threw the audience into laughter when describing one of her father's events, which featured Milton Berle, describing him as "the Will Ferrell of his day".

The Margaret Hill Series is a fantastic event by Saint Mary's that really should be getting as much attention and credit as possible. Stunningly arranged and put together, it is an invaluable intimate encounter with consistently esteemed and inspiring personas at the top of their craft. Not only drama



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master's classes get a personal and mutually fulfilling day with the Margaret Hill visitor each year, but the entire community gets a informal glimpse into the life and work of people who are inspiring, whether acting is a pursuit or not.

Weaver passed on two sage pieces of advice during the evening performance.

"I'll tell you, there are no rules," and "The greatest creative tool you have is failure."

These brilliant tidbits portray Sigourney Weaver as a woman who is constantly evolving and educating herself and trusting her own instincts and knowledge. This made her an especially poignant choice for the college as a model of the independent, educated and graceful women Saint Mary's has made it its mission to graduate.

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Twitter is one of the most popular websites on the planet, a social network and micro-blogging platform that has 200 million users. Many people who claim Twitter is stupid cite the fact that they do not care what you are doing at any given time, and there is some merit in that argument. But famous people also use Twitter, and Americans enjoy few things more than knowing what famous people are doing.

It is hard to know exactly how many celebrities are on Twitter, what with fake accounts and how one defines "celebrity." By one count, there are 258 celebrities on Twitter. Many of those accounts are not very active, however, and many more are British television personalities that no one is really interested in.

Twitter offers unprecedented opportunities for famous people to communicate with the general public, but how do they take advantage of those opportunities?

Of course, it varies depending on who you follow. Some celebrities like to go on long political rants flouting the 140-character limit. They tweet many times in quick succession, clogging the timeline of anyone unfortunate enough to be following them. Archetypical example of this type of tweeting: Alec Baldwin. I followed him because "30 Rock" and "The Departed" are awesome, not because I care what he thinks about Troy Davis or protests in New York.

If a celebrity is passionate about a cause, it is fine to express that and direct followers to where they can donate or something. Ashton Kutcher — a must-follow for anyone who wants to consider themselves hip — embodies that kind of Internet altruism, but the political rants of Mr. Baldwin are not appreciated. Baldwin is notable, though, for responding frequently when followers tweet at him with questions, which is probably why I still follow him.

Other celebrities tweet only when they have something to promote, like Louis C.K. He is an extremely funny stand-up comedian, but you wouldn't know it from anything he tweets. It's only worth following him if you really want to be informed about when he is on TV or where he is doing stand up. Another example is Karl Rove. Rove is notable for following me back after I followed him, but all he ever seems to tweet is when he is appear-

ing as a talking head on some cable news show, which happens frequently. It's fine to inform fans when you are doing stuff, they want to know, but these celebrities must realize that Twitter is more than a bulletin board. It is, more than anything, a source of perpetual entertainment.

Then there are the celebrities who are a lot of fun to follow because they tweet about really cool things. Following Aziz Ansari, you get a sense of his love for food, his crazy friends and whatever movie he happens to be watching. Neal Brennan, the co-creator of "Chappelle's Show," tweets hilarious one-liners multiple times a day. Conan O'Brien, Steve Martin and Stephen Colbert all frequently have silly things to say, which is refreshing and why we like those people.

The most Twitter-savvy celebrity of all though has to be Jimmy Fallon. His tweets are representative of the unrestrained joy and awesomeness that make him a much better late night host than SNL cast member. He often mentions how cool it is hanging out with the bands that come on his show. Sometimes he gives a taste of the night's monologue, but mainly you can tell he is just keeping it real.

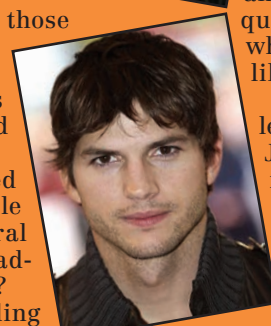
The reason Mr. Fallon takes first prize though is his integration of Twitter into his show. He asks his followers to tweet something funny around a certain hashtag he thinks up, and then he reads the best on his show. It's like "The New Yorker" cartoon caption contest for the 21st century (it is also worth it to follow "The New Yorker" for links to hilarious and insightful articles).

Honorable mention in the celebrity Twitter popularity contest goes to Taylor Swift, whose tweets often seem like she is pandering to the crowds at her concert that night. She endears herself to her followers with tweets like,

"Was watching SharkWeek and almost called @abiander to talk about how scary sharks are then got this overwhelming fear that they can hear me."

Those are a few of the broad classifications of celebrity Twitter users, but a more extensive taxonomy still needs to be done and the denizens of the internet would be well served by a comprehensive list of the best celebrities to follow.

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SPORTS AUTHORITY

A title for Atlanta

Welcome to Atlanta, where the players play.

It's a greeting that is as widely recognized as any, although it is most normally recited to a beat that some might call a little ludicrous. As an Atlanta native, I find the line to be a source of excitement and pride, a celebration of the place that I will always call home. But I do have one request: can we please change the lyrics?

Maybe it could be "Welcome to Atlanta, where the champions play," or "Welcome to Atlanta, where the players win." Basically, any phrasing that could place some importance on winning. A championship. Now.

In the music video to "Welcome to Atlanta," Ludacris and Jermaine Dupri dance in front of Philips Arena, home to the Hawks of the NBA and, until recently, the Thrashers of the NHL. Luda dons an Atlanta Flames jersey, the first hockey team to have failed in Georgia's capital, while Jermaine wears a throw-back Falcons jersey. It is great to see such civic pride from two rap icons, but for fans of Atlanta sports teams, cheering for the home team isn't always so easy.

Don't get me wrong, there is plenty to celebrate in Atlanta sports. The Hawks, the Falcons and the Braves all have been playoff teams in recent years, and compared to some other cities, Atlanta may look like a successful, flourishing sports metropolis. While this is probably true, it's just not enough.

I hear adults speak of Atlanta in the 1990's when "Atlanta had a love affair with the Braves," etc. etc., and it makes me supremely jealous. After earning the worst record in all of baseball in 1990, the Braves captured the National League Division Title in 1991, beginning what would be a string of 14 straight NL East titles, highlighted by the 1995 World Series. But I was born in 1991, and by the time I was old enough to really appreciate sports, the Braves' reign of dominance was over.

But where has it gone? Some might think that the former success of sports in the A-town has returned, or even risen to its highest level ever. With three winning sports teams, how could an Atlanta native complain?

Well, I'll tell you.

To start with, for the second consecutive year I have been fed predictions about how the Falcons are going to win the Super Bowl. With Matt Ryan at the helm of an offense boasting multiple weapons, the Dirty Birds look to be one of the best offenses in the league. And the

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defense, although young, will benefit from the addition of defensive end Ray Edwards. I wish that I could believe in this team, I really do. But I can't, mainly because I haven't been able to count on the Falcons my whole life. Certainly, the team's future looks bright and I am excited by the possibilities, but to be the champions of Super Bowl XLVI? I wouldn't bet on it.

As for the Hawks, sigh ... Assuming the NBA resumes play sometime in the next five years, we will have a not quite superstar in Joe Johnson, a fantastic young player in Al Horford, and will probably finish 5th or 6th in the East before being bounced from the playoffs no later than the second round. Exciting, huh?

Now for the saddest part: the Braves. Much more so than the Falcons or Hawks, the Braves are my team. Just a month ago, I was beginning to get excited about playoff baseball. The Braves were comfortably situated in the NL Wild Card standings, only kept out of the NL East race by the (grrr...) Phillies. But as of Tuesday, the Braves clung to a one-game lead over the Cardinals for the final NL playoff spot. And that one-game lead looks extra feeble.

I've often spoken with my friends, most often as we sit in the stands of Turner Field watching a mid-July baseball game, about how exciting it would be to feel a part of a magical team, a championship team. The only Atlanta championship during my lifetime came when I was barely four years old, hardly old enough to say "baseball," much less to appreciate it.

Now, it seems as though we've been relegated to the outskirts of greatness. Atlanta has no problem supporting a very good team, even multiple good teams simultaneously, but has consistently fallen short of the ultimate goal.

Hopefully, I will get the chance to celebrate a championship in my city soon. Maybe the Braves will tomahawk chop their way to the 2011 World Series. Perhaps the Falcons will rise up and become the Super Bowl Champions. And the Hawks, well, maybe they will finish fourth in the East next season.

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MLB

Rays stay tied for first in Wild Card

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Strong pitching, solid defense and just enough offense. Call it the Rays way.

Tampa Bay continued its improbable bid for the AL wild card with a 5-3 victory over the New York Yankees on Tuesday night, taking the chase down to the last night of the regular season after getting home runs from Matt Joyce and Ben Zobrist and turning a triple play that helped them stay in the game.

Seeking their third playoff berth in four seasons, the Rays are tied with Boston after making up nine games in the standings since Sept. 4.

The Red Sox beat Baltimore 8-7, and if the teams remain tied after Wednesday's season finales, they will meet in a one-game playoff Thursday at Tropicana Field.

"We don't feel like we have anything to lose. We've had a great run," Zobrist said. "We're hoping to cap it with a playoff berth."

Joyce's three-run homer off former teammate Rafael Soriano (2-3) was the All-Star's first in more than three weeks and it wiped out a 3-2 deficit in the seventh. Zobrist hit a two-run drive off Bartolo Colon in the second, and the Rays kept the score close by turning the third triple play in franchise history after falling behind in the sixth.

"Everybody's thirsty for offense, and we'd like to score more," Rays manager Joe Maddon said. "But we're built around pitching and defense."

Jake McGee (4-2) pitched one scoreless inning to get the win. With a crowd of 22,820 standing and cheering, Kyle Farnsworth got the final three outs for his 25th save in 31 chances. The victory was the fourth straight for Tampa Bay, which trailed the Red Sox by nine games before battling back into the wild-card race.

"Catching Boston was a big thing, but we still haven't accomplished what we set out to do from the beginning of spring training," Rays designated hitter Johnny Damon said.

Russell Martin hit a solo homer for the Yankees in the third, but also grounded into



Tampa Bay pitcher Jeremy Hellickson breathes a sigh of relief after his teammates turn a triple play in the sixth inning Tuesday.

the triple play that helped Jeremy Hellickson escape further damage after Nick Swisher's RBI double gave New York a 3-2 lead in the sixth.

The Yankees, who clinched the division title and homefield advantage throughout the AL playoffs last week, rested Derek Jeter and plan to play most — if not all — of their regular lineup again on Wednesday.

Manager Joe Girardi remained undecided on a starting pitcher for the finale, but it figures to be a reliever.

New York general manager Brian Cashman reiterated how nice it is to be in a position to not have to go down to the wire.

"I'm not pulling for anybody. I know I'm glad that we were able to do what we did," Cashman said. "I know that both parties involved, Boston and Tampa Bay, are having sleepless nights. They're hungry. Rather than have to live to through it, I think both want to fast forward it to see what happens. I've been there."

Zobrist has homered five times in his last 10 games after going 39 games without hitting one. Martin's solo homer trimmed the early lead to 2-1, and the Yankees tied it in the

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Yankees General Manager

fourth when Brett Gardner, who had singled, scored from third as Curtis Granderson grounded into a double play.

New York wasted a couple of opportunities to take charge against Hellickson, who allowed three runs and six hits in six innings. Mark Teixeira flied to right field with the bases loaded to end the third, and the Yankees also failed to score with the bases filled in the sixth, when Martin grounded into the 5-4-3 triple play.

After Swisher's RBI double, Jorge Posada drew an intentional walk to load the bases against Hellickson with no outs. The rookie escaped the jam when Martin hit a sharp grounder to third baseman Evan Longoria, who stepped on the bag and threw to second baseman Zobrist for the second out. Zobrist's relay to first arrived ahead of Martin, who dived head first into the base.

"What I was hoping for was maybe a double play and giving up one run," Maddon said. "But my God, how do you even envision a triple play. We were very fortunate with that. The ball was hit in a perfect spot."

Girardi agreed.

"You can't hit it in a more perfect spot," he said. "That was a big break for them."

Colon allowed two runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. Girardi used four relievers — Soriano, Cory Wade, David Robertson and Mariano Rivera — in their final tuneup for the playoffs.

"We're professionals. We try to win every game," Martin said. "We want to play these guys tough. They just had our number today."

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MLB

Guillen looks forward to fresh start with Marlins

Associated Press

MIAMI — Ozzie Guillen tweeted Tuesday that he was in town “ready to go” with the Florida Marlins, and the clubhouse buzz was all about the new manager.

One minor holdup: The Marlins had yet to confirm a deal, saving some suspense for the final day of the regular season Wednesday. But Guillen’s website eliminated much of the drama by leaking the news he has agreed to become the Marlins’ manager.

A post Monday night quoted Guillen announcing he was Florida bound. The blog was taken down a short time later and replaced by a post that discussed Guillen’s departure from the Chicago White Sox, while making no mention of the Marlins.

On Tuesday afternoon Guillen tweeted: “Weird to be in miami in this time but very happy ready to go”.

That sounded fine to Marlins players.

“This should be a good thing,” catcher John Buck said. “It’s a step forward. It’s a commitment by the team showing we want to win. Part of that is getting a manager who has proven that.”

Guillen’s briefly posted blog item said he had hoped to spend his entire managerial career with the White Sox, where he won a World Series title in 2005.

“But there comes a point when you need to move on, and that point has come,” he was quoted as saying. “The Florida Marlins believe I am

the right man for the job to bring another World Series to South Florida. ...

“I can’t tell you how thrilled I am to be a part of the Marlins organization. I have an unbelievable amount of respect for the Marlins, owner Jeffrey Loria, president Larry Beinfest, and general manager Michael Hill. I can’t thank them enough for this opportunity and look forward to the future. I can’t wait to get started!”

Florida manager Jack McKeon said Monday he planned to retire at the end of the season. Guillen announced his departure with the White Sox hours later, but said nothing about taking another job. Florida officials declined to comment.

The Marlins, who move into a new ballpark next spring, plan a big ceremony in conjunction with the final game at their current stadium Wednesday. There’s speculation they want to cap the occasion by introducing Guillen as manager, or they may do it at the new ballpark Thursday.

“All the pieces are coming together,” slugger Mike Stanton said. “We got the stadium, and we got the manager.”

The buzz began more than a year ago that Guillen might be reunited with Loria in Miami, where he was McKeon’s third base coach with the 2003 World Series champions.

Guillen became the White Sox manager that November, and in eight seasons he had a record of 678-617. It was

a sometimes stormy tenure, and when his recent quest for a contract extension was denied, he received permission to be released from his current deal.

The Marlins are staggering to a last-place finish in the NL East. With the team moving to a new home and making a push to become a contender, Loria has said he wants an experienced manager.

The outspoken, sometimes outrageous Guillen would be the Marlins’ fourth manager since early 2010, and his relationship with management could create some off-the-field excitement. Strong-willed Joe Girardi lasted only one season with Florida in 2006, clashed with Loria and others in the organization, and was fired shortly before being chosen NL manager of the year.

Several Marlins players said the tell-it-like-it-is skipper would be a good fit for the team.


“That’s probably something we need around here,” Stanton said. “Let us know, and don’t beat around the bush. It’s better than doing it behind your back. He’s going to come right to you.”

Left fielder and Twitter sensation Logan Morrison was impressed to hear Guillen blogs along with tweeting, and does so in two languages.

“Now I need a blog, probably two,” Morrison said. “And I’ve got to learn a foreign language in the offseason. I’ll have to follow him. If I don’t, I might get fined.”



Ozzie Guillen responds to a reporter’s question after a game between the White Sox and Blue Jays on Monday.



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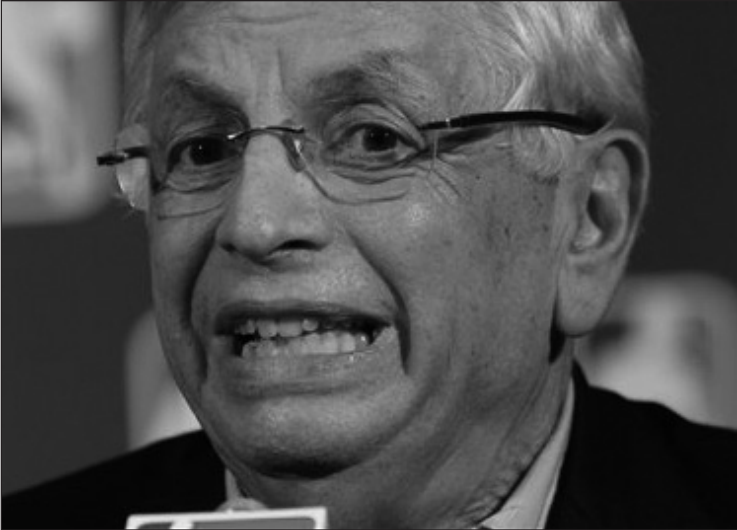
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NBA

Stern puts positive spin on situation



NBA commissioner David Stern speaks at a news conference in Dallas on Sept. 15 after attending an owners meeting.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Smiling widely but even resorting to a memorable NBA cliché to avoid specifics, David Stern provided little insight into the direction of the league’s labor situation.

That, he hinted, could come Wednesday.

Negotiators for the NBA and its players met for only about two hours Tuesday and plan to resume the talks early Wednesday. Stern said that meeting will determine how soon it’s worth sitting down again.

And if it’s not later this week, more cancellations are likely next week.

It’s been expected there would be no talks Thursday because members of both bargaining teams will be observing the Jewish holiday, but they could resume before the weekend if progress is being made.

“They and we have both agreed that so long as there is reason to keep discussing, we will keep discussing, undeterred by the calendar or weekends or things like that,” Stern said. “We will know more after tomorrow’s session.”

Both sides said neither concern nor optimism should be read into the brevity of the meeting. They simply needed time to think about what had been discussed.

“We’ve talked extensively in ideas and concepts, these are things that if we can get into the range of, get into the zone of, then maybe we can put a deal together,” players’ association president Derek Fisher of the Lakers said.

Unlike last week, Stern grinned often while speaking to reporters, but he said that was “only because when I didn’t smile the last time I was described as something between dour and surly, so this is my smiling face. And we’re looking forward to reconvening tomorrow.”

He repeatedly said the sides discussed “concepts,” but wouldn’t get into any of them. And when asked if more exhibition games would be scrapped without a breakthrough this week, he borrowed a line from Raheem Wallace in answering. “Both teams played hard,”

he said. “And the calendar is not our friend.”

Training camps were postponed and all 43 preseason games scheduled for Oct. 9-15 were canceled Friday. With the lockout nearly three months complete, players and owners are trying to agree on a labor deal in time to avoid any further damage to the NBA calendar. The regular season begins Nov. 1.

The format was again with small groups, and that will remain the case Wednesday. However, Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said the owners’ labor relations committee would be prepared to return to the table this week if necessary.

“They stand ready to come to New York, or wherever else, if there’s a reason to continue on Friday,” he said. “So the groups may expand.”

Stern and Silver were joined by Spurs owner Peter Holt, who leads the labor relations committee, and NBA senior vice president and deputy general counsel Dan Rube.

Fisher and union executive director Billy Hunter had attorneys Jeffrey Kessler and Ron Klempner with them, and economist Kevin Murphy will return Wednesday.

Neither side would say if there were any new proposals, with Fisher also using the word concepts.

“We’re not holding anybody accountable to ideas being thrown out in the room,” he said. “It’s really just a process that we’re trying to go through to see if we can get a deal done.”

Stern and Fisher said there was discussion of both major obstacles to a deal, the salary cap system and the split of revenues. Players were guaranteed 57 percent under the previous collective bargaining agreement, but have said the owners’ proposals would have them in the 40s.

Stern was asked if the sides would continue to meet often if this wasn’t headed somewhere. Though he assumed they would, a clearer idea could emerge Wednesday.

“We won’t really be able to answer that question fully until after tomorrow’s session,” he said.

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MLB

Boston holds on to narrow victory over Orioles

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles are playing significant games in September only because that's how the schedule turned out.

The hope is that one of these years, these late-season games will be meaningful to the Orioles because they will be the ones hunting down a playoff spot.

Stuck in the middle of Boston's late-season swoon, Baltimore lost 8-7 on Tuesday night. The victory enabled the Red Sox to stay tied with Tampa Bay for the AL wild-card spot with one game left.

Important for the Red Sox? Absolutely. Not so much for the Orioles, even though they have come to enjoy the spoiler's role.

"They're meaningful for them, not for us," Baltimore's Adam Jones said. "It would be different if we were playing meaningful games. This place would be rocking; it would be a totally different atmosphere. But they need the games more than we do, so I think all the pressure's on them."

The hope for the last-place Orioles is that they gain from the experience.

"The potential's there," manager Buck Showalter said. "I hope it makes them continue to be hungry to get some other things shored up so we can be a part of this in a different situation."

After blowing a nine-game lead in the span of 23 days, the Red

Sox will send Jon Lester (15-9) to the mound against Baltimore on Wednesday night in an effort to get into the postseason for the fourth time in five years. Lester, Boston's winningest pitcher, will be throwing on three days' rest.

A month ago, the Red Sox would shudder at the prospect of a must-win situation on the final day. But here they are, and they intend to make the best of it.

"I think it's really good for baseball, not so good for my stomach," manager Terry Francona said. "It's exciting. If you don't want to show up [Wednesday] and play, you've got no pulse. My goodness, I can't remember being that nervous in a long time. Go back to the hotel and not sleep, and then show up and see what we can do."

Boston will be looking to put together its first winning streak since sweeping a doubleheader from Oakland on Aug. 27. If the Rays and Red Sox remain tied after Wednesday, Tampa Bay will host a one-game playoff Thursday.

"Everybody's been watching the scoreboard and knowing that we need to win tonight so we can come back [Wednesday] and fight through it again," Boston slugger David Ortiz said. "I hope if I'm still here next year we can make it easier. We're playing like this is a playoff already."

Rookie Ryan Lavarney became the unlikely of heroes for Boston, hitting his first two major league homers after being

thrust into the lineup because of injuries to catchers Jarrod Saltalamacchia (sore collarbone) and Jason Varitek (knee).

Lavarney, a Yale philosophy major who never played a big league game before August, hit a three-run drive in the fourth inning and added a solo shot for an 8-4 lead in the eighth.

"We've seen a lot of interesting things here over the years, but that was right near the top," Francona said.

Lavarney said, "It feels good, but the job's not done. We still got to go out [Wednesday] and win another ballgame."

Jacoby Ellsbury and Marco Scutaro also connected for Boston, which scored all its runs on home runs.

Alfredo Aceves (10-2) pitched 3 2-3 innings of three-hit relief for the Red Sox, who survived homers from Baltimore's Matt Wieters and Jones.

After the Orioles scored twice in the eighth off Daniel Bard to make it 8-6, Jonathan Papelbon survived a hectic ninth for his 31st save. Wieters drove in a run with a grounder and Baltimore had the potential tying run at second with two outs before Jones grounded out on a 3-2 pitch.

"We battled down to the final pitch," Jones said. "That's the way I live. You know we ain't going to quit."

Pitching at Camden Yards for the first time since being traded by Baltimore to Seattle in Feb-



Orioles third baseman Mark Reynolds whiffs on a pitch during Baltimore's 8-7 loss to the Red Sox on Tuesday night.

ruary 2008, Boston starter Erik Bedard gave up three runs and five hits in 3 1-3 innings. The left-hander struck out six but needed 84 pitches to get 10 outs.

Bedard retired the first two batters without difficulty, then walked Nick Markakis and yielded an RBI double to Vladimir Guerrero to fall behind 1-0.

Boston took the lead in the third against rookie Zach Britton (11-11) when Scutaro hit a two-out double and Ellsbury followed with his 32nd homer. Ellsbury has hit in 35 straight games against the Orioles, a streak that began on April 17, 2009.

Lavarney connected on a 3-2 pitch in the fourth following singles by David Ortiz and Adrian Gonzalez. Wieters answered in the bottom half with his 22nd home run, the second in two nights, to make it 5-3.

A triple by Carl Crawford and Scutaro's homer off Jason Berken made it 7-3 in the sixth. Jones led off the bottom half with a homer off Aceves.



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MLB

Brewers slug way to win over Pirates



Brewers first baseman Prince Fielder watches his third homerun sail out of the park during Milwaukee's 6-4 win Tuesday.

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Prince Fielder remembers the last time he hit three home runs in a game. It was in high school, during an intrasquad scrimmage.

For all his baseball-bashing exploits, Fielder had never homered three times in a game in the majors — until Tuesday.

After massive home runs in the third and fifth inning, Fielder hit a two-run shot in the seventh that lifted the Milwaukee Brewers to a 6-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

“You guys know me,” Fielder said. “If I see it, I’m swinging hard.”

Milwaukee star Ryan Braun went 1 for 2 with a pair of walks, and remains locked in a tight race with the New York Mets’ Jose Reyes for the NL batting title going into the final game of the season.

Reyes went 3 for 6 in a loss to Cincinnati and is batting .336 for the year. Braun is at .335.

Rickie Weeks also homered for Milwaukee, his first since returning from an ankle injury — and as much as Fielder celebrated his own home runs Tuesday, he actually seemed more excited after Weeks’ drive.

“There’s going to be more of those, I’m sure, from him,” Fielder said.

John Axford pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his 46th save.

Fielder’s decisive final homer actually was the least impressive of the three, barely sailing over the wall in right field after he hit monster shots earlier in the game. But it was the last one that made the biggest difference, breaking a 4-4 tie.

With the win, the Brewers crept closer to securing home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs. Milwaukee came into Tuesday’s game with a one-game advantage over Arizona for the No. 2 seed in the NL.

After the game, the television in the Brewers clubhouse were tuned to the Diamondbacks’ game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

“They’re fired up for it,” Brewers manager Ron Roenicke said. “They’re fired up to finish this season off right to

get into the playoffs and whether it’s just home-field advantage, I don’t know. But there’s a very good attitude in how we’re going about these games.”

Fielder is happy the Brewers have something left to play for to keep them sharp, even after they clinched the NL Central.

“That’s very important,” Fielder said. “Not that we can’t do it on the road by any means, but everybody knows we play a lot better at home. It’s good to have the fans behind you, get your confidence, a little swag before you have to go on the road.”

But even if Wednesday’s finale doesn’t have a bearing on playoff seeding, Fielder didn’t plan on sitting out. He wants to play all 162 games.

“I just like playing,” Fielder said. “I don’t like sitting on the bench at all.”

LaTroy Hawkins (3-1) took the win, and Jared Hughes (0-1) was charged with the loss.

Fielder’s big night was the third three-homer performance for the Brewers this season and left him with 38 on the year. Corey Hart and Casey McGehee had three-homer games earlier in the season.

Fielder and Weeks hit back-to-back homers in the third. Weeks, who sprained his left ankle July 27 and returned Sept. 8, now has 20 homers this season.

Pittsburgh’s Ross Ohlendorf scattered five hits in five innings — but three of those hits went a very long way, thanks to Fielder and Weeks.

Brewers starter Randy Wolf struggled, throwing 111 pitches in 5 2-3 innings. He gave up nine hits and four runs, including a bases-loaded walk that turned out to be his final batter.

“I was a little bit off today,” Wolf said. “And every time they scored, we seemed to find a way — or Prince really found a way — to step up and have big hits.”

After beating the Brewers on Monday, Pittsburgh got off to a fast start. Neil Walker led off the second with a ground-rule double, then scored when a looping line drive by Matt Paganzzi fell in front of right fielder Hart.

MLB

Betemit assuages Leyland’s concerns

Associated Press

DETROIT — With one swing, Wilson Betemit helped ease at least one of his manager’s postseason concerns.

Betemit hit a 423-foot home run in his first game back from left knee soreness, and the Detroit Tigers beat the Cleveland Indians 9-6 on Tuesday night.

Betemit hadn’t played since Sept. 16, and manager Jim Leyland said Monday he was concerned about the third baseman. But Betemit was in the lineup Tuesday, and he gave AL Central champion Detroit a 4-0 lead in the second inning with the towering homer to right field.

Betemit also drew a walk, and he scored twice before being pulled after five innings.

“It worked out pretty good,” Leyland said. “Wilson came back and played a few innings, went up and got treated right afterward. He’ll play tomorrow again.”

The Tigers remained one game behind AL West champion Texas, which cruised to a 10-3 victory at the Los Angeles Angels. Detroit needs to finish at least even with the Rangers to have home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs. If not, the Tigers will start on the road against the New York Yankees.

“You just embrace it,” Detroit right-hander Max Scherzer said. “Who knows

what happens? But that’s the beauty of postseason baseball. We’re just excited to be in it.”

Scherzer (15-9) allowed four runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings, striking out seven in his final tuneup for the postseason. Jose Valverde pitched the ninth, earning his 48th save in as many chances.

Jeanmar Gomez (5-3) allowed eight runs and 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings. He had won his previous five starts.

Delmon Young had three hits for Detroit, including a two-run homer.

Miguel Cabrera homered and doubled, and his AL-leading batting average remained at .343.

“He’s locked in pretty good, obviously. That’s good news,” Leyland said. “He’s swinging really good. His concentration level is tremendous right now, so hopefully that’ll keep up.”

Detroit has left no doubt about which team is the class of the division. The Tigers have won their last 15 games against second-place Cleveland and third-place Chicago. They have won nine in a row against the Indians, who trail Detroit by 14 games.

“That’s a team that is going into the playoffs in better shape than almost any other team,” Cleveland manager Manny Acta said. “They’ve been playing great for more than a month — and they are playing hard for home-field advantage. You can’t get

away with many mistakes against them right now.”

The Tigers took the first game of this regular season-ending series against Cleveland 14-0, and they kept pouring it on against Gomez. Young opened the scoring with an RBI single, and Magglio Ordonez drove in two runs later in the first with a single.

After Betemit’s homer, which landed around the back of the lower level of seating in right field, Cleveland scored a run in the fourth on an RBI double by Shelley Duncan. Young’s two-run shot in the bottom of the inning made it 6-1.

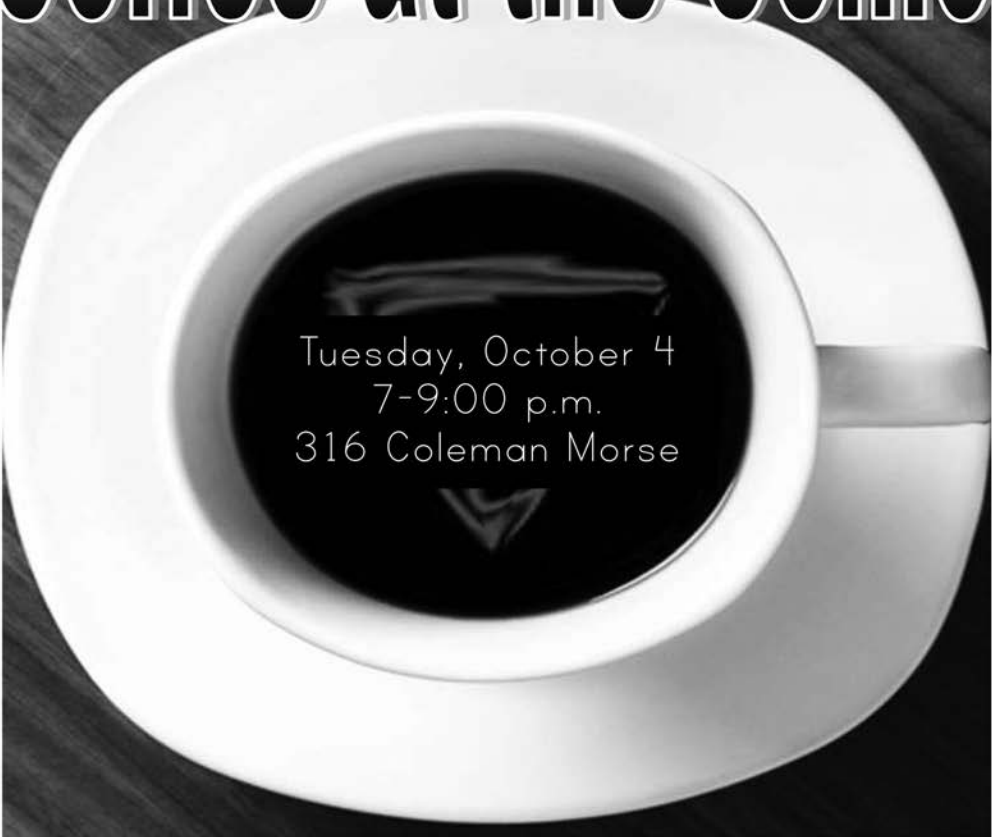
Ordonez drove in another run with a double in the fifth, and Ryan Raburn’s double the same inning made it 8-2. Scherzer, who will start Game 3 of Detroit’s first-round playoff series, didn’t make it out of the sixth, allowing a two-out, two-run single by Jason Donald. Reliever Daniel Schlereth struck out Kosuke Fukudome with two outs and the bases loaded.

Cabrera homered in the bottom half, his 30th of the year. Cabrera reached 30 home runs for the fifth straight season and seventh time in his career.

Jim Thome hit an RBI double in the seventh, and after Raburn dropped a routine flyball in right for an error, Lonnie Chisenhall added a run-scoring single to make it 9-6.

The game was delayed 31 minutes at the start by rain.

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the game. After the Pyros' first possession, the Lyons defense clamped down and made some big defensive plays, including three second-half interceptions — one of which was returned for a touchdown.

Senior quarterback Kat Rodriguez paced the offense with a balanced, dual-threat presence by passing for a touchdown, completing a two-point conversion and keeping the Pasquerilla East defense honest as a rushing threat.

Lyons junior captain Erica Miller praised the defense's effort after its initial struggles.

"There was a lot of communication on defense," Miller said.

I loved our mentality after giving up the initial touchdown, how we didn't give up."

Lyons looks to continue its winning ways against Walsh,

while Pasquerilla East will compete for its first win against Lewis on Sunday.

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McGlinn 14, Walsh 7

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

McGlinn left it to late dramatics Monday night, registering two touchdowns in the final two minutes of play to shock the Walsh defense.

Down 7-0 in a penalty-ridden, defensive struggle, the Shamrocks (3-1) looked to be all but finished amid their offensive struggles. With the ball on their own 18-yard line and less than two minutes to play,

junior quarterback Lauren Miller threw deep across the middle to senior receiver Kate Tucker, who sprinted past the Walsh defense for a 62-yard score.

"Kate ran a great route and had an amazing run after the catch," Miller said. "We were able to time the play perfectly".

After missing the two-point conversion, McGlinn's defense came up with a huge stop to hand the ball back to the Shamrock offense with less than 30 seconds remaining.

A f t e r a 4-yard scramble and an 11-yard completion, Miller scored on a run to the corner of the

end zone with only three seconds left on the clock to give the Shamrocks a dramatic win.

"This was the tale of two halves for our offense," Miller said. "We struggled for most of the game, but we were able to execute much better on our two scoring drives. Our defense kept us in it and gave us a chance to win in the end."

A 29-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Kat Leach late in the first half put Walsh on the board first.

"We played a really solid game, we just have to work on finishing both offensively and defensively," Leach said. "This was a tough one to lose."

Walsh (0-2-1) will take on Lyons next, while McGlinn will try to build off its momentum against Pasquerilla East on Sunday.

The Badin-Pangborn and Pasquerilla West-Howard games were postponed due to the rain and flooding at the Riehle Fields. A makeup date has not yet been announced.

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"This was the tale of two halves for our offense. We struggled for most of the game, but we were able to execute much better on our two scoring drives."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles await matchup with MIAA champs

Observer Staff Report

A victory against 2010 MIAA Champion Calvin on Wednesday would mark the first time since 2006 that the Belles won two conference matchups in a row.

The 2010 conference champions, No. 3 Calvin will fight to bring back the glory of last year Wednesday on their home field against the No. 6 Belles. The Knights have yet to beat a non-MIAA opponent this season.

The Belles (6-2, 2-2 MIAA) snapped a two-game losing streak Saturday after junior midfielder Ashley Morfin scored two goals in the second half to lift Saint Mary's to a 2-1 victory over Albion (0-8, 0-4).

Although the Knights (3-5, 3-1)

have yet to earn a victory outside of the conference this season, they have nine points in conference play, putting them just three points and one win behind league leaders Alma and Kalamazoo. The Knights also have the second largest goal differential in the league. Their 12-5 margin sits only behind Alma's mark of 17-5.

Calvin shut out Olivet (0-9, 0-5) 3-0 on Saturday. The home win was the third game in five days for the Knights, but fatigue was not an issue for junior midfielder Francesca Smith, who scored two of the team's three goals.

The Belles and Knights will face off on Calvin's home field in Grand Rapids, Mich., at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

MLB

Fox sues Dodgers over sale of television rights



AP

Dodgers owner Frank McCourt leaves the Los Angeles Superior Court after a hearing Sept. 14.

Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Fox Sports sued the Los Angeles Dodgers

late Tuesday over the proposed television rights sale that owner Frank McCourt has been counting on to keep the troubled franchise afloat.

In the filing, Fox Sports Net West asked a Delaware bankruptcy judge to reject any proposed sale of the Dodgers' television rights that does not abide by the terms of the current contract.

The filing was first reported by the Los Angeles Times and comes as Major League Baseball aims to force a sale of the team with a request for an October hearing on its motion. The Dodgers earlier Tuesday asked a judge to postpone that hearing.

Fox retains exclusive negotiating rights through November 2012, as well as the right to match any other offer under that contract.

The complaint also seeks unspecified damages. The lawsuit claims that the Dodgers already have violated the current Fox contract in part by sharing confidential broadcast rights information — "even after direct and explicit warnings" according to the filing.

A phone message seeking comment from Dodgers attorney Brian Bennett was not immediately returned after business hours Tuesday. An email also was sent to Dodgers spokesman Robert Siegfried.



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer
Senior wide receiver Michael Floyd, left, celebrates junior tight end Tyler Eifert's catch for a two-point conversion Saturday at Pittsburgh.

Rees

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a spread offense, Kelly identified specific features that could be incorporated into the offense moving forward. The coach said stretching the field vertically with the long ball and more touches for senior wide receiver Michael Floyd, who tallied 27 yards on just four catches in Saturday's contest, would be looked at moving forward.

"I think there's going to be some games as it unfolds that [Floyd's] not going to get 10 passes — it's just the nature of the game," he said. "I think there's a number of ways that we can continue to make sure that he gets the appropriate amount of touches, but we just don't want that to be a consistent kind of scenario more than anything

else."

After completing the first leg of the season, Kelly stressed the importance of keeping his players healthy heading into the heart of the season. After playing three consecutive teams currently ranked in the USA Today top-25 to start the season, Notre Dame does not face a currently top-ranked opponent until the season finale against No. 4 Stanford.

"Going into week five, the most important thing is that our guys are taking care of themselves and making sure that we're able to get all of our players at 100 percent on Saturday," Kelly said, "because when you play the kind of schedule that we have in the first five weeks, you've got to make sure that your guys are ready to play every week physically."

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Usher

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ton tied for the tournament championship after the Gaels came from behind to clip Houston for a share of the title at 30-over-par. Meanwhile, Texas-Arlington junior Paul McConnell finished first in the individual competition for the third-place Mavericks.

"It's interesting because Houston was such an up-and-down team, but they really played well last year and showed it today," Kubinski said. "A lot of the same applies for St. Mary's, and they each had four really good scores consistently that helped them to pull away."

After finishing the first round tied for third, things looked promising for Notre Dame. But the Irish struggled in the later rounds with high scores that put them out of title contention, something that Kubinski partially attributes to the harsh conditions as rain poured down throughout the tournament.

"We played in the worst of [the rain], for sure," he said. "But even with the rain it didn't really change where we finished. If we can eliminate some



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer
Irish senior Ryan Coughlin looks on during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Monday at The Warren Golf Course.

of the big numbers we are going to start winning tournaments."

Notre Dame has a three-week break before heading to South Carolina for The Invitational at Kiawah Island on Oct. 17.

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Albion

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lied on the leadership of Bodien to direct the Belles, a commodity that she has increased

exponentially through the beginning of the season.

"Bodien's vocal leadership has really emerged over the last few weeks," Kuschel said. "People are buying into what we want to do here. We're motivated to play at a high level of volleyball. We're getting contributions through our whole lineup, through all classes. We didn't necessarily have that last year."

Saint Mary's will host Albion at 7 p.m. tonight.

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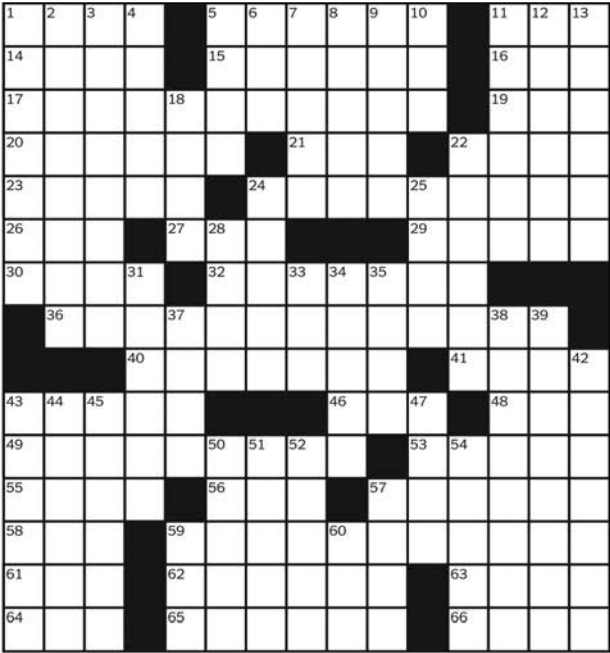
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Say less, do more and stay out of the line of fire. Greater involvement in challenging activities will help to eliminate stress. Aim to please, no matter what you do or whom you are involved with, and you will bypass negativity and setbacks. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stand up for yourself. If you allow interference, you will have regrets. Your proposal must be foolproof before you offer it to anyone of importance. Iron out any weak links and you will gain confidence. If you are tired, take time to relax. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let the choices before you add to your confusion. Prioritize your time. If you take on too much, you will fall short. Focus on what's really important and let everything else sit. Someone younger will have a positive influence on you. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't worry if things aren't running smoothly. Watch for an opportunity to take charge. Take your mind off personal matters with a hobby or something creative. Accept change and you will find a way to turn a negative into a positive. ★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Prepare to get as much done as possible. You can make a lifestyle change depending on the people you associate with and what you learn in the interim. Share the spotlight with a worthy contributor and you will be rewarded for your insight. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Think about your options and combine old plans with new ones to come up with solutions for your current situation. New friendships bring greater knowledge and motivate you toward your goals. Don't let an emotional incident hold you back. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Uncertainty regarding your position or your health will cause anxiety if you don't keep busy working toward your objectives. Don't worry about what others do or say. The bottom line is your performance and what you contribute to getting results. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't feel pressured to make a hasty decision. A better opportunity will come from or through someone you have worked with in the past. Time is on your side, even if you are being told otherwise. Use the information you receive wisely. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Push for what you want, right now. Don't let emotions stand in your way. If you want change, implement it. It's up to you to go after what you want. Love is in the stars, and speaking up about your intentions will be well received. ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expect rejection if you are forceful. Focus on home and self-improvement. If you are fun to be with, rather than demanding, you will have greater success. Don't make impulsive decisions without regard for friends or family. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get you what you want by being open, receptive and to the point. Don't go overboard trying to impress others. There are dollars to be made, contracts to be signed and settlements to be reached. Finish what you start. ★★

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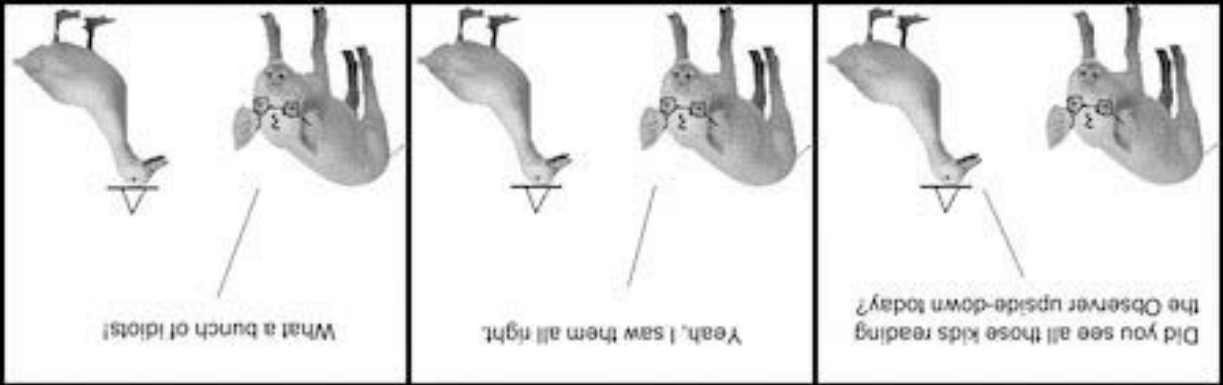
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Lions blow by Pyros defense

By JAMES SOUTHARD
Sports Writer

Lyons won its first game of the year over Pasque-rilla East on Monday night thanks to some timely forced turnovers and a fluid offensive tempo.

The Pyros (0-2-1) came out of the gate hot after freshman receiver Alex Good hauled in a 30-yard touchdown on the team's first possession of the game. However, they made several key mistakes that changed the tide of the game, including penalties and three second-half turnovers.

"Our defense was solid," senior captain Nneka Ekechukwu said. "We just needed to carry that intensity throughout the rest of the game."

Ekechukwu said that the team has promise to build upon.

"I loved how we came out strong from the beginning, scoring in the first ten seconds of our first possession," she said.

The Lions (1-2) rallied after a slow start in which they surrendered a touchdown on the first play of

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FOOTBALL

By CHRIS MASOUD
Assistant Managing Editor

A gritty 15-12 victory over Pittsburgh on Saturday restored confidence in Notre Dame's ability to close out games. After eight penalties for 85 yards, two untimely turnovers and a missed field goal, Irish coach Brian Kelly reaffirmed the strides his team still needs to make in his weekly press conference Tuesday.

Nevertheless, a win is a win, no matter how ugly.

"I look at the first two weeks where we averaged over 500 yards in offense, and we lost both games," Kelly said. "For me it's really about winning games and making certain that we do that. I'd rather do that and be out-coached and win ugly ... Beauty points, style points — I'm not really interested in those things."

Luckily for Kelly, sophomore quarterback Tommy Rees administers the Irish offense with little of either. But the young quarterback once again delivered a late fourth-quarter touchdown when the Irish needed it most, finding junior tight end Tyler Eifert with a six-yard touchdown pass that proved to be the game-winner against Pittsburgh.

"You can put together an incredible highlight reel with Tommy Rees this year," Kelly said. "And you could also put together a blooper film. So it's really being able to gain that consistency of play after play after play. A lot of that is learning and experience, and that's where

Getting it done



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Pittsburgh defenders tackle sophomore quarterback Tommy Rees during Notre Dame's 15-12 victory Saturday. Irish coach Brian Kelly said Rees needs to show more consistency.

we're at."

Rees committed another two turnovers in the contest, bringing his season total to nine. Nevertheless, Kelly reaffirmed his confidence in Rees' ability to improve as the season progresses, downplaying the possibility of a potential switch back to senior

quarterback Dayne Crist as the starter.

"We better not be talking about this stuff next year or there will be another quarterback playing," Kelly said. "But [Rees] is learning. Some of the body of his work is really good and some of it needs great improvement, and

he knows that. I know that, and we believe that he's capable of being more consistent for a longer period of time."

Although Rees' inability to scramble and his limited "escapability" pose potential threats to

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish endure tough day at Warren

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

The Irish jumped up one spot to fifth place during Tuesday's third and final round of Notre Dame's sixth annual Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic at the Warren Golf Course.

"It was a tough day," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "In every tournament we have had two or three guys who didn't really play as well as they could, and it hurt us again."

Senior Max Scodro led the Irish with a fourth-place individual standing after shooting a 69 (-1) in Tuesday's final round. The Chicago native opened the third round with back-to-back birdies and never looked back during his commanding performance.

"Max was solid throughout the tournament, but he was just outstanding [Tuesday]," Kubinski said. "I think he had just one bad swing [Tuesday]. On Monday, he had a few mental mistakes and some issues with course management that cost him, but he definitely came back strong."

Senior Tom Usher sat in ninth place after a solid open-



ASHLEY DACY/The Observer

Irish junior Paul McNamara takes a cut during the first day of the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Monday.

ing two rounds Monday with a plus-3. The British international's score brought him down in the individual rankings after he shot an 81 (+11) on the final day of play.

"It was just a few rounds that unraveled on him," Kubinski said. "It looked like he was back

to where he was at the end of last year. But I think we have to take a lot of the good things Tom showed in this tournament and get him back to the position he was in."

St. Mary's (Calif.) and Hous-

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles enter conference matchup riding streak

By CONOR KELLY
Sports Writer

Buoyed by their back-to-back wins, the Belles will take on Albion at home Wednesday in an MIAA conference matchup.

Saint Mary's (5-7, 3-4 MIAA) will need to rely heavily on its offensive strategy to bring its win streak to three games, Belles coach Toni Kuschel said.

"Our middle hitters have blocked and hit very well over the last few weeks," Kuschel said. "And that's a direct result of our passing and defense. We have to defend and pass well in order to run our offense."

Belles junior setter Danie Brink leads the team in defending and passing with 344 assists this season and an average of 8.19 assists per set. Brink earned the MIAA Specialty Player of the Week award after reaching her 2,000th career assist against Manchester on Saturday.

The Belles will depend on Brink to set the offense for the teams' hitters like junior

Stephanie Bodien and freshman Kati Schneider.

"Our hitters are going to have to step up and hit around their blocks," Kuschel said. "Albion is a very good defensive team."

The Britons (3-7, 0-5 MIAA) turned in a number of gritty performances against tough MIAA opponents in recent weeks, and the Belles will have to turn in a strong performance of their own to take this match as they cling to the fourth spot in the conference.

Only the top four advance to the conference tournament, with a first-round matchup against defending national champion Calvin likely awaiting the fourth seed.

"We have to continue to get better, and that starts with Albion, and it starts in practice," Kuschel said. "Albion is a very tough team. They have a couple impact freshmen up front, and they play a very sound defensive style of volleyball."

Increasingly, Kuschel has re-

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