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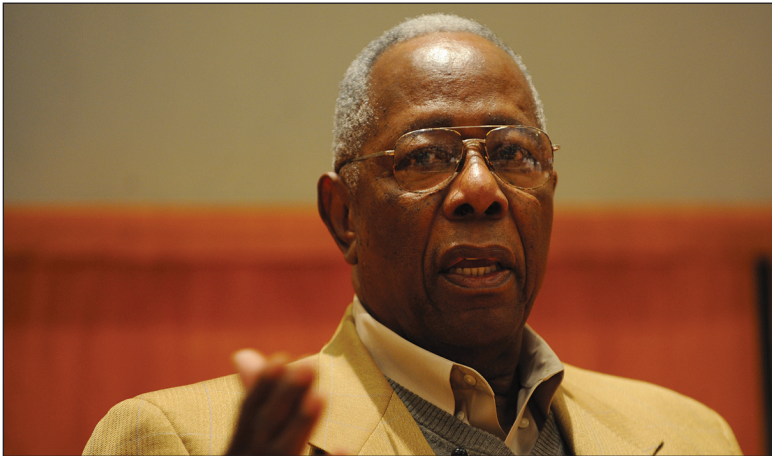
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Former baseball player focuses on charity



By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

On the baseball field, Hank Aaron opened new doors for African-American players. After retiring in 1967, he continued to expand opportunities for others through entrepreneurship and humanitarianism.

Aaron, a baseball Hall of Famer, and his former business partner Frank Belatti, an adjunct professor at Notre Dame, presented "Athletes, Entrepreneurship and Franchising" at the Mendoza College of Business in the Jordan Auditorium Tuesday evening.

The two spoke about helping others through both direct char-

ity and properly run business in the final installment of Entrepreneurial Insights, a fall lecture series that held 11 lectures this semester.

Aaron said he hoped to be remembered most for helping others achieve their dreams.

"Coming from an isolated city in Alabama, I wanted to play baseball badly and I chased that dream," he said. "I decided after I retired I'd do everything I could to help some child or someone chase their dreams."

Aaron and his wife, Billye Williams, established the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation to support ambitious youth in 1994.

The foundation struggled in its early years, he said.

"The foundation was just fuddling around and we weren't making much money. But my wife ... said she would have a birthday party for me and would handle it," Aaron said. "She went to Coca Cola and other companies ... and the night of the dinner we made over a million dollars."

"The money and having the President of the United States, Bill Clinton, at my dinner was a blessing. We needed this money badly."

Aaron said the foundation awarded 755 grants to deserving

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Baseball Hall of Famer Hank Aaron discusses entrepreneurship during his lecture Tuesday at the Mendoza College of Business.

Students deal with stress, prepare for finals week

Bodies react to finals with stress, director suggests ways to cope

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

The week of non-stop exams, papers and presentations known as finals is enough to make even the most level-headed student feel a bit on edge. According to Catherine DeCleene, director of Women's Health at Saint Mary's College, stress is the body's natural response to these psychological demands.

"When our bodies and minds deal with stress on a constant basis, it starts tak

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Juniors Brenna Blakey (left) and Adrienne Runge study in LaFortune Student Center Tuesday evening. With finals week coming up, many students are experiencing heightened amounts of stress.

Students get ready for finals week, search for open study space

By SARA FELSENSTEIN and
SUSAN HEAD

Associate News Editor and News Writer

For some students, end of the semester responsibilities make Christmastime feel anything but the most wonderful time of the year.

Students across Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses cope with these demands using different strategies and methods.

St. Mary's sophomore Bryanna Hillary strives to tackle assignments in advance of due

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Dean to leave Mendoza for Catholic Relief Services

By MEL FLANAGAN
News Writer

Dean Carolyn Woo will continue to live Notre Dame's mission after she leaves the Mendoza College of Business to become president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) at the end of the month.

"I think that is the Notre Dame message: to go out and be of service to those who need you," Woo said. "I see it as a privilege to be able to do that work with a group of people who are extremely dedicated and extremely good at what they do."

Woo has been dean of Mendoza for 14 years. She had

served as audit committee chair at CRS for six years before being offered the position of President and CEO.

"When the invitation came to be a candidate, at first I did not think I was an appropriate candidate because I do not have an international relief background," she said. "But I prayed and went through the process of screening and then was offered the job."

Having spent her entire career in academics except for a two-year period, Woo said she went through a period of intense reflection prior to making her decision to leave.

"It's not easy to leave your own comfort zone," Woo said.

"I will be leaving my comfort zone in a big way, from something I know very well and have done for most of my life to a very new sector of work in international relief."

Woo said she was concerned about whether she will become skilled at her new position quickly enough. The atmosphere surrounding CRS differs greatly from the relatively isolated atmosphere of Notre Dame, she said.

"[Notre Dame] is not an open environment in the sense of having a lot of disturbances or being subjected to a lot of environmental uncertainty," she

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: *How would you punish the photographer who was too busy to do the question of the day today?*



Casey Craft

*senior
off campus*

"Force them to go to Christmas dinner at 6 p.m."



Michael Ferguson

*senior
Morrissey*

"Leave them on Duck Island overnight."



J.J. Sass

*senior
Stanford*

"Make them listen to Justin Bieber's 'Mistletoe' over and over again."



Jason Lovell

*senior
off campus*

"Publish an embarrassing picture of them in the question of the day."



Elizabeth Davis

*senior
off campus*

"Make them eat olives. I hate olives"



Eric Fahrenbach

*senior
off campus*

"Make them eat at North Dining Hall."

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

SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Christmas decorations light up Notre Dame's campus Tuesday night, shining bright underneath the Dome. Snow is in the forecast for the next three days, which will hopefully add to the glistening atmosphere on campus and the holiday spirit.

OFFBEAT

Disarmed grenades found in woman's luggage at airport
NEW YORK — Authorities at Newark Liberty Airport in New Jersey discovered five disarmed grenades in the luggage of a woman seeking to board a flight to Belgium, the Transportation Security Administration said on Monday.

The TSA said baggage screeners had found the grenades while X-raying the woman's checked luggage on Saturday.

TSA spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said the woman, who has not been named, surrendered the items to authorities without incident and was then allowed to board the flight. Farbstein did not say why the woman was carrying

the grenades.

Port Authority Police has law enforcement authority over the airport and said on Monday they were not called in for the incident.

Welfare recipient resides in million-dollar home
SEATTLE, W.A. — A Seattle woman who is receiving welfare assistance from Washington state also happens to live in a waterfront house on Lake Washington worth more than a million dollars.

Federal agents raided the home this weekend but have not released the woman or her husband's name because they have not officially been charged with a crime.

However, federal docu-

ments obtained by KING 5 News show the couple currently receives more than \$1,200 a month in public housing vouchers, plus state and government disability checks and food stamps. They have been receiving the benefits since 2003.

The 2,500 square-foot home, which includes gardens and a boat dock, is valued at \$1.2 million. And even though the couple has been receiving the benefits for nearly 10 years, records show that they accurately listed the address of their current home when applying for the state and federal benefits.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The **Holiday Pottery Sale** is continuing today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Riley Hall of Art. Contact the Department of Art, Art History & Design if you have any further questions about the event.

The College of Science is hosting a **dodgeball tournament** for all members of the Notre Dame community today from 3 to 7 p.m. in Rolf's on the all-purpose court on the lower level. People interested in participating can form teams of about 6 to 8 players to raise funds that will go towards Notre Dame's **Pink Zone**. An ND-inspired prize will be given to the team that raises the most money.

The semi-annual **Schmitt Lecture** is today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Conference Center in McKenna Hall. The lecture is titled, "The Primary Good: Prioritizing Health in a Liberal Democracy," and will be hosted by Yuval Levin, Hertog Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center. A reception will follow.

Professor **David Hernandez**, assistant professor of Classics, will present his findings from his summer spent excavating in Albania today in Room 310 in DeBartolo Hall from 5 to 6 p.m.

The final **Graduate Student Ice Cream Social** for the semester is tonight from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fischer Graduate Community Center. The social is sponsored by Campus Ministry. Families are welcome!

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

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TONIGHT



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THURSDAY



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SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



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Students enjoy Christmas Dinner



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Students enjoy the annual Student Christmas Dinner in South Dining Hall on Tuesday. University employee John Ritschard said the Christmas dinners are much busier than normal dining hall meals.

By MARISA IATI
News Writer

Notre Dame Food Services decked the dining halls Tuesday night for the annual Student Christmas Dinner, a tradition senior Susan Garabedian anticipates each year.

“I’ve been looking forward to this,” she said at Tuesday’s meal. “I told all my roommates that we had to go together.”

Staff did their part to make the meal special. Christmas music played, red and green Hershey’s Kisses adorned the tables and a Christmas tree and Santa Claus ice sculpture were displayed. The Handbell Choir performed carols at 6 p.m.

North Dining Hall’s Christmas Dinner featured red and green candles, garland and poinsettias.

Garabedian said she enjoyed the festivity of her meal at South Dining Hall.

“I enjoy sharing a Christmas meal with my best friends,” she said. “It’s my favorite dining hall day of the year.”

Garabedian and her roommates brought some holiday cheer of their own, donning Santa Claus hats.

“We thought about dressing up but decided to go festive instead,” said senior Adriana Taylor, Garabedian’s roommate.

John Ritschard, a University employee, said he has swiped students’ ID cards at South Dining Hall at four Christmas Dinners.

“It’s the best dinner of the year, especially the decorations and prime rib and all the trimmings,” he said. “They do all the good stuff, and everybody on campus looks forward to the evening because it’s really special.”

Christmas Dinners are much busier than other dinners in the dining halls, Ritschard said. He said the menu, featuring prime rib and swordfish, is the same every year.

“Like I say, it’s always good food for good people,” Ritschard said.

John Ritschard’s wife, Lila Ritschard, also swiped students’

ID cards at Christmas Dinner. She said the meal was “fabulous.”

“You just can’t beat it, especially for the price,” Lila Ritschard said. “It’s more elaborate [than other dinners],” she added. “It’s more in line with the candlelight dinners after football.”

Sophomore Lance Mulcahey said he attended last year’s Christmas Dinner as well.

“I think the food is spectacular, considering the standard of the dining hall food,” Mulcahey said. “Although [the food is usually] good, this kicks it up a notch.”

Sophomore Kim Halstead said she really enjoyed the meal.

“Overall, I really, heartily enjoy the decorations, especially the glistening Santa Clause [ice sculpture],” she said. “The atmosphere in general is warm and inviting, and I want to steal that Santa Claus and keep it in my fridge.”

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College hosts holiday craft show for charity

By MEAGHAN DALY
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OSCE) will offer students an opportunity to get away from finals studies for a few hours this Friday when it holds its fifth annual Christmas Craft Show.

The OSCE’s 12 Days of Christmas program uses the show to raise money for families and individuals in the South Bend area with holiday gifts and necessities.

According to a Nov. 4 press release, the Reignbeaux and Stapleton lounges will be filled with over 50 booths, including local and regional crafters. Each vendor’s booth fee will go to the program, while vendors may choose to donate a portion of their proceeds as well.

Carrie Call, director for OSCE, discussed the impact of the show on local families in the press release.

“We support the community by supporting the local artists, and we support families in need through the 12 Days program,” Call said.

Denise Veatch, a staff assistant

in the Communications Studies, Dance and Theatre Department, will be showcasing her jewelry for the first time.

Veatch said she began making jewelry for fun around three years ago. Her earrings and bracelets consist of large and small pearls, Swarovski crystals and seed beads. Sets will sell for \$25 along with a few individual pieces, she said.

“I put a lot of hard work and love into each piece. It brings me peace and happiness to do this and see someone else enjoy my work,” Veatch said.

Junior Kari McClowry plans to be a repeat customer at the show. McClowry said the show is a win-win for students and local families benefitting from the proceeds.

“The craft show enlivens the holiday spirit across campus,” she said. “The proceeds bring the holiday spirit to the community in which we reside.”

The Christmas Craft Show will run from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Le Mans Hall.

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youths, one for each of his home runs. He said the challenge of running the foundation in addition to his restaurant and auto businesses offered valuable lessons.

“Going from baseball to business, the number one rule is you have to put your heart and soul in it. I woke up every morning at five to go to dealerships when I began my automobile businesses,” he said. “The disadvantage is the idea of thinking you’ve been successful in one, but it doesn’t mean it’s going to transition to the other.”

The help of friends and business partners, such as Belatti, led to Aaron’s success, he said.

“We all talk about how much we can achieve in a lifetime but I look around and say there were teammates on base when I look at those home runs,” Aaron said. “The restaurants weren’t only my doing. God put a blessing on me to have people like [Belatti].”

Belatti said he met Aaron in 1985 while working on a promotion with Major League Baseball. The pair built their business relationship based on trust rather than contracts.

“We shook hands and that is our only contract. That says a

good deal about how honorable Hank Aaron is and about the power of a handshake,” Belatti said. “The power of a handshake is an incredible thing.”

Since then, the two worked to develop a business model with a contemporary and competitive backbone, Belatti said. Sustainable models created jobs with a sense of personal ownership and ended the cycle of disenfranchisement, he said.

“Create jobs that you believe are highly sustainable and have an aspect of ownership. Change the mindset,” he said. “Part of a change in the social strata and economic strata might not otherwise happen.”

Belatti said trust was important in running a business. He met with each franchise they worked with to establish a sense of trust.

“For every franchisee who came into the system, I had them come to my office so I can meet them face-to-face. I wanted to shake their hand and make them a promise,” he said. “I gave them my home phone number so if they ever need me, they can call me directly.”

Belatti said Aaron was a true entrepreneur. Aaron created opportunities for others rather than focusing on revenue, he said.

“An entrepreneur is willing to put his or her career on the line and take risks in the name of an idea and an ideal. Hank often talks about how many new managers, owners and jobs he’s created,” Belatti said. “We don’t talk as much about the money.”

Aaron said his experience in baseball and entrepreneurship taught him two things: creating opportunities for others was essential to addressing economic and social issues and there are no shortcuts to success.

“You may not ever hit a single home run but the thing you have to remember is you can always be a great doctor, lawyer, teacher or someone great. You’ve got to crawl, got to walk, got to take your time to get where you’re going,” Aaron said. “And believe me, you do have time.”

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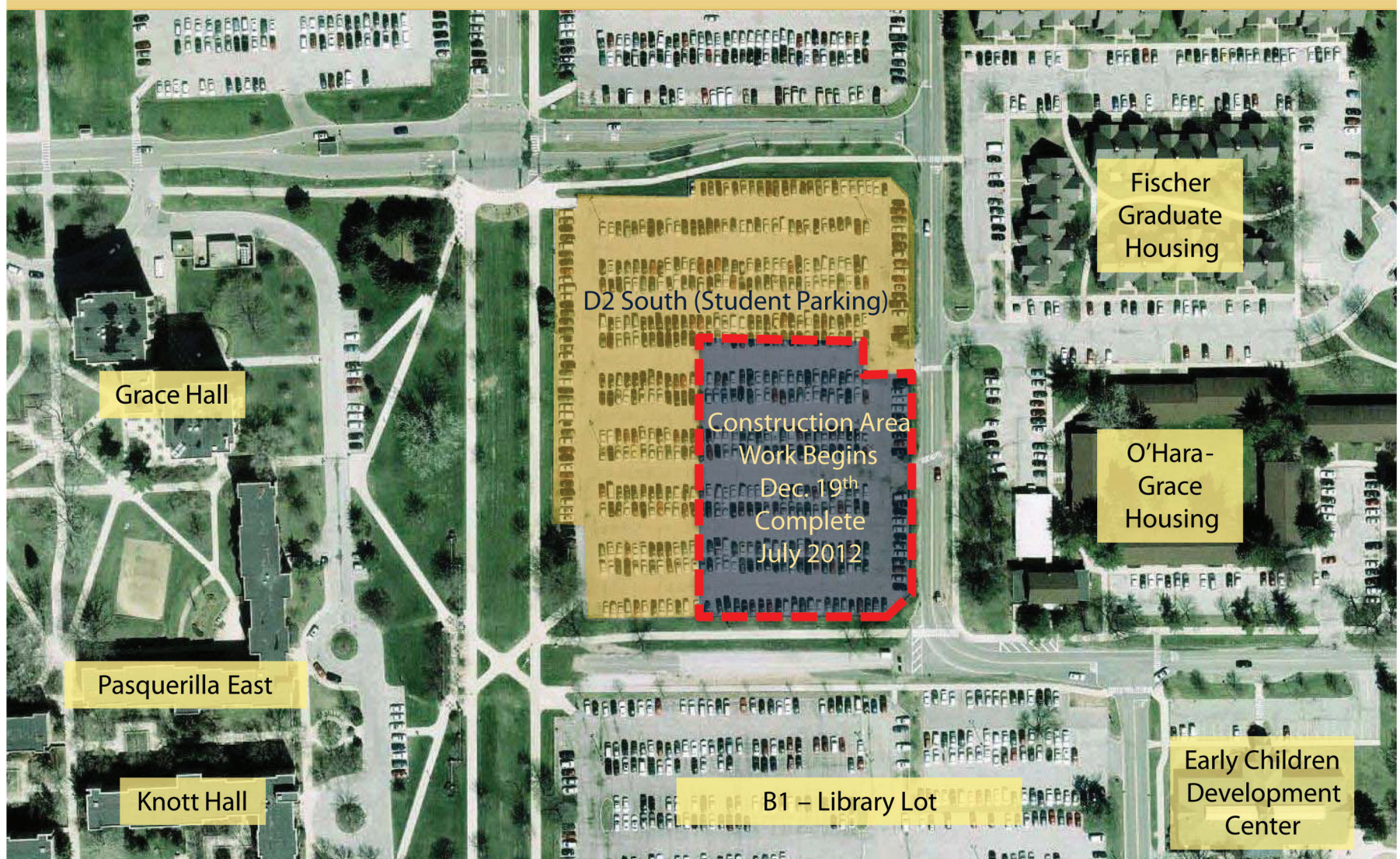
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Stress

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ing a toll, both physically and mentally,” she said.

DeCleene said stress is a normal part of life that can sometimes have benefits.

“At its best, stress provides us with the means to express our talent and energy to pursue those things we want,” she said. “It can compel us to action and focus our intentions.”

Although stress can focus a student’s efforts, it can also negatively affect one’s wellbeing, DeCleene said.

“The demands of a college student are intense in a number of areas: academic stress, social stress and financial stress,” she said. “For some college students, stress adds up to the point where it starts to negatively affect their physical and emotional

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Catherine DeCleene
director
Women’s Health

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DeCleene said unrelated stress-inducing events can compound the effects.

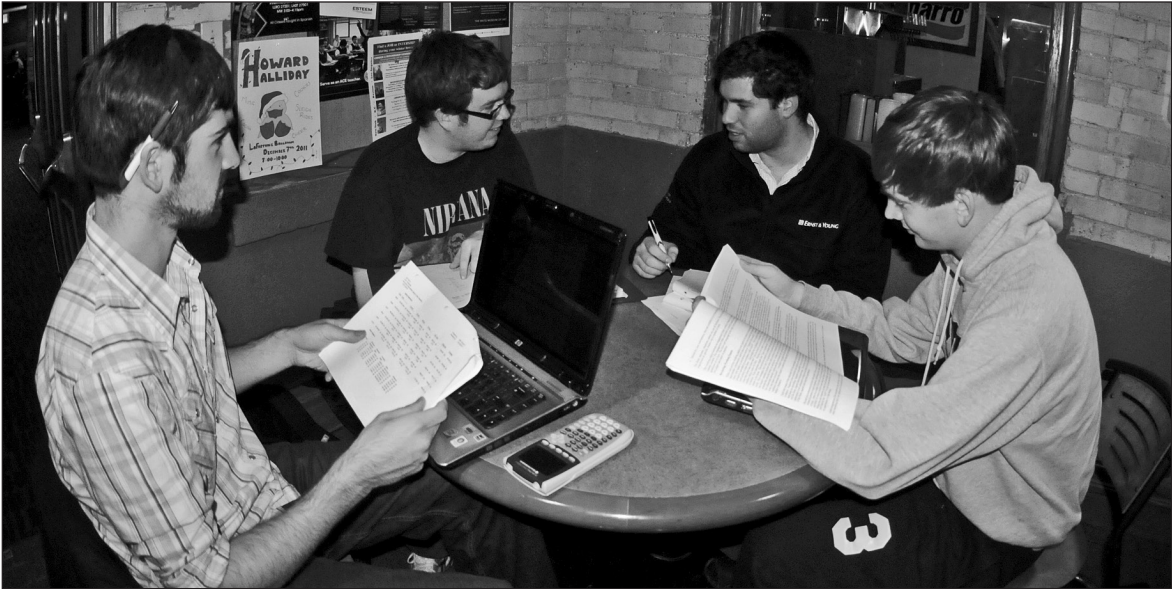
“Very often, the physiological and psychological reactions to stress will tend to interact and react with one another to produce additional stress,” she said.

Developing coping mechanisms is crucial to avoiding potentially serious complications, she said.

“If we don’t begin to implement coping or stress-reduction strategies at this point, the stress can build to the point where more serious physical and emotional problems appear,” she said.

While there are similarities to the stress college men and women both deal with, some stress is worse for women.

“According to statistics collected from the American College Health Association, 91 percent of female college stu-



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Seniors (from left) J.R. Runyon, Mike Gordon, Richard Gonzalez and Jim McCume study together in the basement of LaFortune Student Center on Tuesday evening.

dents reported feeling overwhelmed by all they had to do in the previous 12 months, 14 percentage points higher than college men,” she said.

One of the ways women deal with stress differently than men is through seeking supportive relationships.

“Findings suggest that while women are more likely to report physical symptoms associated with stress, they are doing a better job connecting with others in their lives and,

at times, these connections are important to their stress management strategies,” she said.

Both men and women default to some unideal common coping mechanisms, DeCleene said.

“In general, though, both men and women tend to choose sedentary activities like reading, listening to music and watching television to manage their stress over healthier behaviors like seeing a mental

health professional or exercising,” she said.

DeCleene said some easy stress relieving strategies are taking breaks, making a list of goals, asking for help and participating in a fun activity.

“Make sure you have some fun to break up the work,” she said. “Maintain a hobby, join a team, [or] spend time with friends.”

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said. “I will be going from an environment that is somewhat stable to an environment which is a lot more open-ended.”

Because CRS is part of the Catholic Church, Woo said she found comfort in the fact she will still be able to follow in the mission of Christ.

“I want to work to bring Christ to people who really need help, assistance and a better shot at life,” Woo said. “To be able to serve people who are really poor and vulnerable, who could really use a lot [of help] and a more stable way of life so they can really have dignity and some level of security that allows people joy.”

Despite her excitement about the future, Woo said she will miss working with students.

“I will miss the rhythm of lots of students with lots of ideas, and then they progress and grow in significant and dramatic ways and then they graduate and another generation comes in,” she said. “To see those different waves of growth and the dynamism and the professional growth you get to see in your students, that’s a

wonderful gift.”

Woo said she has enjoyed working with the faculty and staff of Mendoza during its climb to the number one undergraduate business school in the country. To her, the most important aspect of the achievement is that Notre Dame never abandoned its Catholic principles.

“We never traded off or diminished or deemphasized our Catholic identity,” Woo said. “That was the most important goal, commitment to our mission, and the fact that we achieved number one while

embracing our mission means the world to me.”

Woo remains confident Mendoza will continue to grow in her absence.

“I feel like Mendoza is in a really good spot and I’m not leaving it in difficulty,” she said. “I’m leaving it in the strongest position ever, so it is time then to work on other services.”

Associate Dean Roger Huang will act as interim dean of Mendoza while Notre Dame searches for a permanent successor.

“My advice to the next dean would be to stay faithful to the mission,” she said. “That will drive everything else.”

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Mendoza College of Business

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dates to avoid the stress of last minute rushes.

“I need to confront stress right away so that I can avoid the building up of it,” she said. “I’ll write a paper as soon as it’s assigned even if it’s not due for a month just so I won’t have to think about it.”

Many of Hillary’s peers, like sophomore Jordan Diffenderfer, are less eager to cross things off the to-do list.

“I just pretend that I am not stressed,” she said. “[I] put it off and then I have a lot to do hours before it is due.”

Notre Dame senior Mike Rodio said he’s learned to better deal with finals stress over the years, but doesn’t necessarily have time to start work earlier.

“Generally, I used to be a lot more stressed out around finals, freshman and sophomore year, but now I kind of realize that you can be stressed or you can be totally relaxed about it, but the work remains the same,” he said.

Rodio said finding a quiet study spot around finals time is difficult, so he steers clear of the usual locations.

“I don’t even bother with LaFun or the library because not only are they crowded but they kind of have that stressed out feeling,” he said.

He said he prefers to study in the basement of Keenan Hall, where there are fewer distractions.

“There’s no windows so you don’t realize how late it is when the sun is coming up

and you’re still finishing your paper,” Rodio said. “If I were to go to anywhere else I’d go to the music rooms in Crowley.”

Notre Dame senior Kelsey Clemson said the key to effective study is constantly rotating your studying location.

“The change of surroundings helps me to stay on task and not feel like I’m being punished by having timeout in the library or something,” she said. “Also for test-takers, changing where you study actually helps you to have better memory retrieval during tests.”

St. Mary’s junior Mary Parks said keeping workspaces open later at the College would make last minute work more manageable. She said for late night crammers, finding a study space can be a challenge.

“I think my stress level would decrease if the library could be open past midnight, even if only during the last week of classes and finals week,” she said.

While Saint Mary’s may not cater to the procrastinating set, the College will be offering numerous study break options next week.

Saint Mary’s Annual Finals Week Late Night Breakfast, a complimentary meal prepared for students by faculty, administrators and staff, will be offered Monday.

Notre Dame will hold its 2011 Study Break in South Din-

ing Hall next Monday, 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. Students can enjoy a pause from studying with school-themed snacks, games, coloring and origami.

From now through the last day of finals, the Hesburgh Li-

brary will be open 24 hours a day. From Dec. 12 to Dec. 14 the H a m m e s Notre Dame Bookstore, Leep Varsity Shop and Irish Hockey Shop will hold

Student Appreciation Days, offering coffee for 50 cents and a 10 percent discount on most items.

For those students hoping for some divine intervention, the Office of Civil and Social Engagement at St. Mary’s is sponsoring the 12 Days of Christmas, which will include nightly Advent Vespers in the Regina Chapel at 6:45 p.m. and a craft show Saturday night.

Carrie Call, director for the office, said the show offers students an opportunity to take a break from books and to take in some retail therapy.

“[The craft show] is a fabulous way to reduce your stress, get away from studying, celebrate the end of the semester and buy awesome gifts,” she said. “It will help reduce the stress of Christmas shopping too.”

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Volunteers search for missing child in Detroit



Volunteer Bill Carr searches for Bianca Jones in Detroit on Monday. Jones has been missing since a reported carjacking Friday.

Associated Press

DETROIT — Stepping gingerly among mounds of discarded tires, piles of soggy clothing and nail-pierced wood boards, Makibla Gideon’s head swept from side to side in search of a purple toddler’s jacket or pink shirt — any remnant that could have been worn by a 2-year-old Detroit girl whose father claims was taken during carjacking.

“You have to put all that aside when it comes to a precious little girl,” said the 39-year-old Gideon, barely avoiding oily pools of filthy rain water in one of dozens of alleys not far from where Bianca Jones is reported to have last been seen.

More than three dozen volunteers searching for Bianca fanned out in small groups of five to 10 Monday morning through the North End neighborhood, while police continued to pore over D’Andre Lane’s version of how his car was taken during a robbery Friday morning with his daughter in the rear seat.

“If it was my son or me missing I would want somebody looking for me,” said Gideon, moments before peering inside a trash-filled and nearly collapsed garage only blocks from where police found Lane’s car.

She and others who canvassed the area amid 30-degree temperatures that eventually gave way to snow returned a couple hours later to Metropolitan United Methodist Church, many tired but vowing to try again Tuesday if necessary.

Lane, 32, was being held in nearby Oakland County on an outstanding warrant from an unrelated case. But Undersheriff Mike McCabe said Monday afternoon that Lane had been released.

Detroit Police Chief Ralph Godbee said Sunday investigators were questioning the truthfulness of Lane’s story. Police also searched his home Monday morning, but declined to provide details.

No suspects have been identified related to the alleged carjacking.

“The search for Bianca Jones is ongoing and continues to be of the highest priority relative to our commitment of dedicated resources to this case,” Godbee said in a statement. “The Detroit Police Department will not comment on the quantity nor the quality of any evidence or information we have gathered to date. However, in the interest of allaying some of the fears of the public regard-

ing the apparent randomness of Bianca’s disappearance, the authenticity and credibility of the original version of events is under intense scrutiny by our investigative team.”

Lane’s lawyer said his client has been straightforward with police and will be so in the future.

“He is a loving father,” Terry L. Johnson said Monday night.

“Contrary to media reports, Mr. Lane has fully cooperated and will continue to cooperate with police agencies to assure the safe return of his daughter, Bianca Jones,” Johnson said.

Banika Jones, the girl’s mother, said before the search began that she last saw her daughter Nov. 26, when family and friends celebrated her birthday. Jones said Lane had taken Bianca to see a movie, brought her back to her mother’s house for the party and then the girl left with her father.

“Please continue to keep searching for Bianca,” Banika Jones said. “We love her and we want her home. Bianca, Mommy has lots and lots of gingerbread men for you when you get home.”

According to Michigan prison records, Lane was jailed for more than three years on drug and firearm possession charges stemming from a 2003 arrest and was paroled in 2007. He also served a more than four-year probation starting in 1996 after being convicted of assault with intent to commit armed robbery and a conspiracy charge.

A pre-sentencing investigation report from 2007 shows that Lane, a father of three other children from three previous relationships, sought to shield his incarceration from his children. A probation officer wrote that Lane did not want his children to come to see him in prison because it was not a place for them to visit.

Banika Jones said Lane has a good relationship with Bianca, who is described as 2 feet, 5 inches tall and weighing about 25 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair.

“He has unfettered access to her; welcome to come anytime,” she said. “He’s never been anything but loving and committed to her. I know he probably wants to see Bianca home as much as I do.

“I have no information on the investigation. My focus is on finding Bianca. That is what I’m driven to do right now is bring my daughter home. I just want to see Bianca again.

Man accuses Sandusky of abuse

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE — A 19-year-old man has filed a complaint with state police alleging he was sexually abused by Jerry Sandusky after the former coach gave him liquor on the Penn State campus in 2004, the accuser’s lawyer said Tuesday.

Charles Schmidt said the client, whom he did not identify, went to his law firm about three weeks ago, after Sandusky was charged with sexually abusing eight boys over a 15-year period.

“He suffered one incident of abuse, to use the legal term — involuntary deviate sexual intercourse — allegedly at the hands of Mr. Sandusky,” Schmidt said. “That occurred on the Penn State campus, we believe in the area of the football facilities.”

Sandusky’s lawyer, Joseph Amendola, said he was unfamiliar with the allegations Schmidt was making.

The new claim came the day a lawyer for another young man who accused Sandusky of sexual abuse said he expects his client and at least five other accusers to testify at a preliminary hearing next week.

The lawyer said he has information that the six young men whose testimony before a grand jury contributed to a report detailing allegations against Sandusky will be called to testify next Tuesday. The attorney spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he said he is trying to ensure his client’s identity isn’t revealed publicly.

Sandusky is charged with

40 counts of child sex abuse, and prosecutors allege he met his victims through a charity he founded in 1977 to help at-risk children, The Second Mile. Sandusky, 67, denies being a pedophile and has vowed to fight the charges. In interviews with NBC and The New York Times, he has said he showered and horsed around with boys but never sexually abused them.

The existence of Schmidt’s client was first reported by WHP-TV in Harrisburg.

Schmidt told the AP that his client was 12 years old, dealing with the death of his mother and suffering emotional issues at the time of the campus incident. The lawyer said the two met through The Second Mile and his client claims Sandusky gave him liquor while in the office on campus. The grand jury report did not allege any instances of Sandusky giving boys alcohol.

Schmidt said his law firm is conducting its own investigation into the client’s claims.

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‘Holiday’ tree causes controversy



The tree set up in the Rhode Island Statehouse caused controversy after Gov. Lincoln Chafee called it a “holiday” tree. Some attended the tree lighting singing Christmas carols and holding signs.

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE — Carolers singing “O Christmas Tree” crashed Rhode Island’s Statehouse tree lighting on Tuesday after Gov. Lincoln Chafee unwrapped a holiday hubbub by calling the 17-foot spruce a “holiday” tree.

Chafee insisted his word choice was inclusive and in keeping with Rhode Island’s founding as a sanctuary for religious diversity. But his seasonal semantics incensed some lawmakers, the Roman Catholic Church and thousands of people who called his office to complain that the independent governor was trying to secularize Christmas.

“He’s trying to put our religion down,” said Ken Schiano of Cranston, who came to the tree lighting after hearing about the

controversy. “It’s a Christmas tree. It always has been and it always will be, no matter what that buffoon says it is.”

Chafee did not address the several hundred people who filled the Statehouse to watch the tree lighting. Afterward, he said he was surprised by the heated reaction to his word choice. Chafee argues that he is simply honoring Rhode Island’s origins as a sanctuary for religious diversity. Religious dissident Roger Williams founded Rhode Island in 1636 as a haven for tolerance, where government and religion would forever be kept separate. Chafee’s immediate predecessor also referred to Statehouse trees as “holiday” trees.

“If it’s in my house it’s a Christmas tree, but when I’m representing all of Rhode Island I have to be respectful of

everyone,” Chafee said after the tree lighting. “Now we can get back to next year’s budget ... with pleasure.”

After Chafee lit the “holiday” tree, a few dozen carolers interrupted a performance by a children’s chorus to sing “O Christmas Tree.” The dispute also prompted the Providence diocese to schedule a competing Christmas tree lighting a block from the Statehouse. A Republican state lawmaker erected a tree in a Statehouse hallway to give Rhode Island residents an alternative to the official state “holiday” tree.

After the flap made national news, Chafee’s office received 3,500 calls of protest, with all but 700 coming from out of state. According to a tally by Chafee’s spokeswoman, his office received only 92 calls supporting his choice of words.

Children ask Santa to help others during recession



Santa, Cliff Snider, speaks with Adeline Adams about her Christmas list Nov. 30 in Emerald Isle, N.C.

Associated Press

RALEIGH — A job for their mom or dad. Money for the heating bill. Food or a place to live. Maybe gloves or boots.

More and more, Santas say the children on their laps are asking for less for themselves — and Santa is promising less as well.

With unemployment stubbornly high, more homes in foreclosure and the economic outlook dim, many children who visit Santa are all too aware of the struggle to make ends meet.

“These children understand the conditions around the home when they ask for stuff,” said Richard Holden, a 69-year-old Santa from Gastonia, N.C. “They understand when there are other children in the family, they need to be cautious or thoughtful of them as well and not ask for 10 to 12 items.”

Cliff Snider, who’s been playing Santa since he was a teenager, agrees.

“I think the parents are saying, ‘It’s an economic thing. Just list two to three things you really want to have,’” he said. “Parents are trying to encourage the children to be thrifty.”

And the 64-year-old Snider does his best to help out. When he gets a big-ticket request, he typically responds: “There’s an awful lot of children asking for that this year. What else do you want?”

At the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School, Santas learn lines like, “Wow, that’s a big gift. Is there anything else you might like?”

These days, though, Santas are having to use it less and less.

“I think it’s becoming more popular not to have that long list,” said Tom Valent, dean of the Howard Santa school in Midland, Mich., which gets more than 3,000 letters to Santa a year and just graduated its 75th class. “Families are teaching their children to be as much of a giver as a receiver.”

Starlight Fonseca has been teaching her five children, ages 5 to 14, “that we’re not the only ones who have to cut things back. We’re not the only ones struggling.”

The 31-year-old mother and her husband Jose had been relying on a stipend from the University of Texas law school that Fonseca lost when an illness made it impossible for her to keep her grades up. She’d hoped to graduate in

May but was unable to attend school this semester and can’t get student loans due to poor credit.

Fonseca tells her kids that “to make it fair for everyone, Santa has to cut back for everyone. ... We paint it in a way that Santa is doing the best he can to make everybody happy at Christmas.”

It’s especially hard for the oldest children.

“They were two little kids who used to be excited about Christmas, and now they know every gift under the tree should have gone to the utility company,” she said. “It shouldn’t be that way, but that’s where we are now.”

Of course, Santas still see some kids like the 9-year-old who pulled out a BlackBerry and showed Snider photos of all the things he wanted. “It cracked me up,” he said.

Holden’s response to a long list is to say something like, “Why don’t you narrow this down just a little bit and choose two or three items you would really like?” Sometimes he’ll even mention prices, and say, “With things like they are, Santa Claus will do what he can to help you get what you like. But we can’t make you any promises.”

Tim Connaghan, who runs the International University for Santa Claus in Riverside, Calif., conducts an annual survey among the 500 Santas he employs. The economy has become such a big issue that Connaghan asked them for advice on how to handle some of the questions kids were asking about unemployed parents or having to move.

“Let’s all hope your dad will find a new job, or you will get into a new home,” is one recommended response.

“Acknowledge the problem, give them a positive response and say, ‘Santa loves you, too. Maybe I could get something special for you,’” said Connaghan. “It’s that quick, usually. But the hope is that when the child leaves, he feels a little better.”

Connaghan recalled the night he and other Santas took some needy children shopping. One boy wanted to buy toilet paper because his mother was taking napkins and paper towels from a fast food restaurant for toilet paper.

“He wanted to buy her real toilet paper — a common, everyday item that we all take for granted,” Connaghan said. “And this child is thinking this is a Christmas gift.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Santo legacy

News broke Monday afternoon that the Baseball Hall-of-Fame's Golden Era Committee had elected legendary Chicago Cubs third-baseman Ron Santo for induction, as he garnered 93.8 percent of the vote. While I am a diehard Chicago White Sox fan, I was still very happy with the news. Santo, who died at age 70 on Dec. 3, 2010, from complications due to bladder cancer and pneumonia, always meant a lot to my father, my brother and I as baseball fans.



Walker Carey

Sports Writer

My brother and I never had the privilege of watching Santo patrol the hot corner, as he retired from baseball in 1974, but our father regaled us with tales of his heroics. There is a pennant hanging in our family's basement that honors the career of the nine-time All-Star and five-time Gold Glove winner. My father always joked about me being both a White Sox fan and a Santo fan, as Santo's career ended rather unceremoniously as a member of the Pale Hose.

Santo joined the Cubs' broadcast booth in 1990 as the WGN radio color commentator. His time in the broadcast both cemented the fact that he was one of the biggest Cubs fans in the world. My father, brother and I always enjoyed listening to the broadcasts, as he always brought shameless broadcast enthusiasm — from grunts and sighs when the Cubs were not playing well to cheers and applause when the team was winning. He brought certain intricacies to the booth that became beloved throughout the Cubs' fan base, such as his inability to pronounce certain players' names, his passionate hatred for Shea Stadium and occasionally forgetting how players reached a certain base.

I will never forget being 13 years old on Sept. 28, 2003 and watching a Cubs pregame ceremony at Wrigley Field where the organization retired Santo's No. 10 jersey. Santo was the third Cub to ever have his number retired, joining the ranks of Hall-of-Famers Ernie Banks and Billy Williams (Ferguson Jenkins, Greg Maddux and Ryne Sandberg have since joined). What I will remember the most about that ceremony is that Santo, who had been disappointed by Hall-of-Fame voting results multiple times, said with a certain honesty that having his number retired by his beloved organization was "his Hall-of-Fame."

One of the major reasons I always respected Santo was due to his struggle with Type-1 diabetes. He learned of his diagnosis at the age of 18, but he carefully concealed that information until he acknowledged it publicly when the Cubs held "Ron Santo Day" at Wrigley Field in August of 1971. Never using his disease as a crutch, even after having both legs amputated below the knee in 2001 and 2002, Santo endorsed the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's annual Ron Santo Walk to Cure Diabetes in Chicago from 1974 until his death, and raised over \$40 million for the foundation.

Even though Santo is gone, he will never be forgotten. I guarantee that a strong contingent of the Cub faithful will be making the journey to Cooperstown for his enshrinement this coming July and that is a beautiful thing because I am certain there is nothing he would have wanted more.

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Behind Anonymous

Anonymous is the inciter. Anonymous is the underground poet, the published author. Anonymous is the coward, the bigot and the bully. Anonymous is the well-wisher, the tipster and the answer. Anonymous is conviction. Anonymous is safety. Anonymous is the masked, intentionally and unintentionally done. Anonymous is the fear of repercussion. Anonymous is the advantage of the eloquent. Anonymous is the good and the bad of human opinion. Anonymous is nameless, faceless, and lost.



Alex Coccia

Shard of Glass

Anonymous can be everyone and everyone can be Anonymous. The question is, "Should we?"

There are many characters, but only two distinct forms can lie behind the guise of Anonymous. Both human forms deserve credit for their words, which the moniker Anonymous shields from any direct response. The first form is the humble one. The second form is the coward.

Anonymous the Humble writes for the sake of writing. Anonymous the Humble contributes his or her words to the library of human invention. Some of the most brilliant quotations for inspiration are of anonymous authorship, claimed by no single person and owned by everyone. Perhaps the intention of recognition was not present in the author, perhaps it was not given

by the audience. Whatever the case may be, Anonymous the Humble is not given or does not seek the credit he or she is due. Anonymous the Humble can also be seen in testimonials or witness statements, doing what he or she can to make a situation better. The humble one sees an injustice and instead of putting his or her name before the cause, contributes to its goals by spilling forth the heartfelt words that might push the cause to fulfillment of the goals. The humble one gives everything and asks for nothing.

The trick is that Anonymous the Coward can and often does claim the role of Anonymous the Humble. It may seem as though Anonymous the Coward and Anonymous the Humble share the same characteristics. They may both want to present ideas for the benefit of humanity. They may both believe firmly in their cause and want to see its goals fulfilled. They may even both write anonymously out of fear of punishment or retribution. One may say it seems like a double standard — that the Humble is not reprimanded for being anonymous while the Coward is. Yet, the difference between the Humble and the Coward is the content of their contributions.

Anonymous the Coward writes through faceless courage in order to incite destruction, to post confrontational subject matter without any fear of confrontation, to bully without fear of being known as one and to insult with the protective thought that when someone insults back, they are insulting the Coward's words, and not the Coward himself. Like alcohol as liquid courage, anonymity also provides a vehicle for

which people can say what they might not otherwise say. This written form of liquid courage lets the coward hide.

But of course that is the reasoning of the coward. Anonymous the Coward does not want to start a conversation to which he or she could contribute fruitfully. In many cases, the desire to be judged by what he or she declares to be true rather than what belief he or she may have reached through an exchange of views seems noble and necessary. But the content of the coward's comments — the hurtful, disrespectful, disingenuous, thoughtless, spiteful comments — says a lot more about who that person is.

Of course, we are more than our words. Which is exactly why we should claim them. The moment that the words we deem necessary to write are claimed, then we can begin true conversation. The words are then animated with a sense of life, because they have been given a human soul within which they can rest. If they are your words and you truly believe them, claim them. If they are your absolute convictions, or even your acknowledgment of a progression of thought, claim them. If they are meant to be a part of constructive conversation, claim them. Claim them. Otherwise, do not write them.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"After I'm dead I'd rather have people ask why I have no monument than why I have one."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I pay no attention whatever to anybody's praise or blame. I simply follow my own feelings."

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Austrian composer

College: The biggest scam we'll ever buy

We may have been fooled by one of our generation's biggest scams. In fact, not only do we blindly accept it, but most of us will be working our way out of debt for a decade because of it. It's a system that penalizes creativity, scatters our focus thinly between unrelated errands and unashamedly conditions us to believe that a few people can tell us how smart we are.

Mark Anthony Rosa

Bro Meets World

The scam I'm talking about is college. On the surface, college inhales untrained minds and churns out well-respected mid-level managers, galvanized by proud relatives and anticipative parents looking to reshape adequate parenting into something employable. The stuff of dreams. But the reality is that college might be a waste of time and energy. And what's worse is that we idealize this experience as the final frontier for a better, happier, more creative life.

Rest assured I absolutely love Notre Dame. I love my curriculum, I enjoy my major and I adore my professors. But I absolutely hate, abhor and despise school.

For the past four years of our lives, we've lived in a system where genuine learning takes a back seat and most of our energies are spent figuring out what efforts yield the best grades. We spend each weekday traveling to multiple

classes, sitting in lectures, reading unrelated textbooks and then we complete assignments and prepare for exams in scattered bursts. Students can barely remember what last month's tests were on, but can accurately tell you what words teachers circle when awarding A's or if exams are built around practice tests for courses taken two semesters ago. Somewhere in between, we sleep, eat, make friends, do resume-boosting extracurriculars, figure out who we are and try to have fun. Instead of a four-year experience where we master our majors, what we get is 48 months of moderately-managed cramming split between heavy drinking and applying for stepping-stone internships. College isn't so much a learning environment as it is a highly-fragmented to-do list.

And, while the education experience is up to students, the actual practices and learning points reinforced are completely out of our hands. We can learn all we want, but GPA is the end-all on how well we understand material and, subsequently, prepare around it. How we learn must conform around a pre-determined, intentionally limiting structure and someone must tell us exactly how well we know the material before moving on. I have zero say in just how much I "get" something because my success is evaluated around a rigid grading rubric cemented in 2006. And it's retention, not comprehension, that's evaluated on a percentage scale, like I'm some sort

of battery with an exact percentage of knowledge accumulated. I can read multiple books about a subject, but if I didn't remember the exact name of the cat involved in American court case from 1799 about property taxes for an exam, it's pretty clear that I didn't master the material. It's the Pavlov's Dog psychology experiment, where students are conditioned to memorize bolded words and last paragraphs of assignments in order to prove material competence to someone else.

Of course, it's easy to be sarcastic about college. It's such a multifaceted institution that any pissed-off student can list off arguments against it. We may not remember all of the details from every lesson plan, but we are retaining far more than we'd like to believe. College is a place where students experience different subjects, build terabytes of genuine knowledge and discover academic passions. We mature socially and emotionally, thanks to the countless roommate, dining hall and inter-class social situations that occur at any particular moment. To throw away the value of a college degree is to disregard the thousands of subtle skills and philosophies that transformed the high school graduate we no longer recognize in ourselves.

But these benefits cannot completely justify a system where creativity and genuine learning isn't properly rewarded. And in the real world, its creativity

and independent thinking that separates the Steve Jobs, the Alexander Flemings and the Adam Smiths from the rest of the pack and actually drive the world forward. Unfortunately for us, college has no objective way to reward our out-of-classroom learning, and more often than not, punishes us for pursuing it. Every day, we face a complex trade-off between the major philosophies of how we consume our education. And each time we choose to master an exam rather than a concept, we slowly subdue our inner brilliance in lieu of a well-prepared recall of class deliverables. But, the more we commit ourselves to college, the more stimuli we must manage, and it's not easy to write off a cram session in the name of true learning when you're scoring A's and making parents proud.

Is college really a scam? Most likely, no. But, if we entered college with the intention of leaving as creative leaders, we shouldn't be so quick to take our practices and ranking accolades to heart. Maybe, just maybe, the college system isn't as perfect as we'd like to believe. Maybe, just maybe, we've been learning the entirely wrong lessons.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Santo's year

1990 was an auspicious year for many reasons. Among them was the birth of a soon-to-be strapping young lad at approximately 1:11 in the morning on April 1. Around the same time, all-time Chicago Cubs great Ron Santo began his career broadcasting home games for his former team.

I was in Dublin last year around this time when Ron Santo passed away. I can't think of a worse day while I was abroad. I had been raised a Cubs fan from the time I can remember. I had grown up with Ron Santo's color commentary in the background of every spring, summer and fall. Listening to Ron broadcast was an event in itself. He was one of us. Where other broadcasters excelled in staying calm and impartial, Ron brought the voice of a diehard fan in the booth (which if anyone knows anything about us, there is no other type of Cubs fan). He conveyed ecstasy, the anger and frustration we all felt listening to our team break our hearts like no other. He seemed like he would be there until the Cubs finally won the Series (so forever). I was not ready to never hear Ron call a game again.

What struck me as the greatest tragedy is that Major League Baseball never came close to validating his position as one of the greatest third-baseman of all time. His accomplishments on the field more than merited him a place in the Hall of Fame. In addition, Ron Santo played while diagnosed with type-1 diabetes. Since retirement, Santo became an ambassador for diabetes research, raising an estimated \$40 million toward finding a cure to a disease which would eventually claim both of his legs. And throughout his life filled with adversity and setbacks, he had to suffer the ignominy of being routinely snubbed admission to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Never inducting Santo to the Hall of Fame in his lifetime will forever be one of the great sins of Major League Baseball.

The news of Santo's long overdue induction into the Hall of Fame finally ends one of the great tragic cycles in baseball. Santo will finally be remembered as the legend he was on the field and still is to those of us who grew up living and dying with him broadcasting the outcome of Cubs games. The decision of the Golden Era committees rights one of the most egregious wrongs in baseball. In an era rocked by one sporting scandal after another, it is great to finally hear a story like this that all sports fans can take solace in knowing that some things are right with the sports world. You deserve it, Ron. Thanks again for the memories, and I agree: This year is our year.

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Why hippies cannot serve as economists

With fat tuition bills about to appear in mailboxes across the country, student debt and the cost of college are again at the forefront of everyone's mind. A particular plan currying favor with the Occupy Wall Street crowd is loan forgiveness, which serves to undermine the integrity of the financial system in return for the fluff that it professes.

William Stetson

The Daily Evergreen

Loan forgiveness is a concept where loans, after a certain period of time or if a certain set of circumstances are met, will be forgiven or wiped clean. The program can mean many different things. In this case, loan forgiveness is where student loans are forgiven without any real cause.

Loan forgiveness can also involve payment by a third party. Given the level of government debt, this is unwise and unlikely. A program such as this would be little more than a back-door tax looking to pay for education without talking about realities.

This is a pipe dream by a bunch of hippies who fail to understand how loans work.

Student loans are given by institutions on the concept of a principle plus interest to be amortized during many years. The interest is reflective of many factors, a key one being the risk a student will default on his or her loans.

Loan forgiveness is a default, minus the hit to a student's credit that would happen otherwise. It basically wipes the slate clean.

The student gains, the bank loses.

By the bank losing money, the institution is forced to make it up somehow because there is no such thing as a free lunch. A loan forgiveness program is asking the bank to take a hit unless the federal government pays the bank back.

Occupy Wall Street would prefer it if banks were the ones taking the check.

In order to make up for forgiveness, banks will be forced to increase interest rates. Banks have to break even in order to operate. These rates will be high enough to harm many stu-

dents who had every intention of paying off their debt.

These rates might also be too high for a loan whatsoever.

This is where another person without a background in common sense would step in and make a comment on how banks are evil. They would then follow up with the idea of a government-enforced ceiling on interest rates.

This idea would also fail to gain traction.

By setting a government ceiling, rates would not be allowed to exceed a certain amount. Students would pay the lower rate regardless of the actual risk they might default. This would be great except banks would most likely lose money at the rate acceptable to Occupy Wall Street.

Loan forgiveness strikes at the very core of responsibility. The idea that it is acceptable to shirk a responsibility that someone gave their word to do is just a sign of the unfortunate times we live in. College is expensive. No one denies that point, but banks should not have to take a loss for your education.

The art of appealing to constituents is often a disgusting one. In this case, a bunch of hippies under the influence are pushing a program further disseminated by propaganda from the Far Left.

Here is the rebuttal: loans should not be forgiven except under extraordinary circumstances. If college is too expensive, schools should consider letting in more students rather than continuing to boast about their student-teacher ratios and how many kids they reject each year.

Colleges could also cut down on the cost of books and supplies.

Ultimately, loan forgiveness does little to change the cost of education, it only serves to scapegoat major banks. For this reason, we must pass.

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There are some seasons of life that require something more of us. It is not enough simply to go through the daily motions, to pass the same people with the same smile. Instead, these seasons require imagination and a full-bodied commitment to being absolutely fabulous.



Felicia Caponigri

Scene Writer

Welcome to Christmas! The decorations are up, Starbucks has red Christmas cups, and the holidays are calling fashionistas to our favorite activity — shopping! It is indeed the most wonderful time of the year.

However, let's face it, as multi-talented as we women of the 21st century are, we seem particularly subject at this time of the year to a certain ailment I like to call "styling-under-the-influence." While it does not involve any eggnog, this ailment still packs a punch. The usual instigator is the unexpected holiday party, relatives you only see once a year, an overzealous desire to wear anything sparkly and/or finals overdrive, not to mention the pressure to buy gifts for everyone.

exam, tying red bows in your hair with the ribbon your mother was planning to use to outfit the column in your living room in proper candy cane fashion and forgetting your coat in the midst of all the shopping rush causing you to turn into Ms. Frosty the Snow-woman (this last one is particularly altering, trust me).

While it may seem we need the elves of Santa Chic to help us fight this plight, in reality we have an accessory that takes us to new imaginative heights, vaulting us into a time of yesteryear when there was nothing to disturb us from tranquil sleigh rides.



Muff, dauidsbridal.com, \$30.00

Ladies, I give you the muff.

A precursor to gloves, the muff originated in the 16th century and was a hit with both men and women. Usually made out of fur (although of course today please feel free to go faux), the muff is made in the form of a cylinder, lined with warm fabric on the inside, with just enough space for you to delicately fold your hands and walk gracefully into a coming snowstorm. With the advent of gloves the muff's popularity declined, but resurged in the '40s and '50s (I'll never forget Zsa Zsa Gabor's as she skated along in the musical film "Gigi").

Instead of being relegated to pockets like gloves, the best part of the muff is that when you are not using it to warm your hands, you simply let it slide oh so gently down one of your forearms, showing it off to its best advantage. As you wave to your family at the airport, your barista as he prepares your Christmas cappuccino or goodbye to a pesky college requirement never to be taken again, everyone will comment on the grace and ease of your salute. With your trusty muff on your arm, come what may, you will be elegant. And if that's not in the spirit of Christmas, then I'm not Fashion's Mrs. Claus. Happy Holidays!

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If fashion makes you cower in fear like a Japanese schoolgirl when Godzilla invaded, then I am here to help you. My name is Sean Fitzgerald and I have a passion for men's style. For me, style is timeless, affordable and achievable for the collegiate male. Let's face our inner Godzilla and start making some stylistic upgrades.

Sean Fitzgerald

Scene Writer

Cargo Pants: Lots of Function, Little Form

I understand that cargo pants serve a purpose. That purpose is to hold things, lots and lots of things. Cargo pants are the ultimate choice for functional apparel. They have twelve gazillion pockets and work well in the outdoors. Going camping? Bring them. Going to class? Not a fan.

The Suggestion: Corduroys

If you want to be warm and comfortable, corduroys are a solid choice. The thicker the width of the vertical line of the pant, also known as the wale, the dressier the pant and the more velveteen it feels. If you want a softer feel to your cords, then search for pinwale or pincord corduroys.



Bowery cord, jcrew.com, \$54.99

Ditch the Hoodie

We all want to show off our wonderful Notre Dame attire, but you don't need to wear a hoodie all the time. Hoodies are really hard to do anything with. It's hard to layer with a hoodie because it's difficult to put a thicker layer on the outside of this already thick material. They are warm, but I think we can do better.

The Suggestion: The Sweater

Look for crew neck and v-neck sweaters. Sweaters generally are made of merino wool, cashmere, silk, cotton or a blend of materials. A lot of debate surrounds cashmere. The general consensus is that it is loved by a few, but too expensive for most.

A cashmere sweater may be \$130 retail, while merino wool may be \$50. Is cashmere worth the extra money? For me, no. But, you will have to make your own decision on this one. Caution: merino wool shrinks so be careful when you wash it.



Merona Men's Pea Coat, target.com, \$55.24

Dare to be Different: Something Besides a Black North Face Jacket

I could go on and on about the alternatives to this and why people should try something new, but I'll give you the Sparknotes version. Style is personal. It reflects individuality. The North Face Jacket is just uninspiring. Where's the personality? I have to admit the black North Face Jacket is comfortable, but it's not the only warm article of clothing you can wear during winter. Discover your inner Lewis & Clark this winter and be more adventurous.

The Suggestion: The Coat

My coat of choice is the pea coat (or peacoat, for some reason retailers can't decide how to spell it). Pea coats will keep you warm, protect you from the wind and are easy to layer over other attire. Generally top-end pea coats are made with an 80 percent wool/ 20 percent polyester blend. However, a 60/40 pea coat will do just fine. Caution: ensure that the shoulders fit off the rack. Your tailor can work his magic, but he can't do much if the shoulders don't fit right.

Take some time to think about these suggestions over break. You never know, you might even impress your family with your new sense of style.

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Sophomore Elizabeth Surat models the Muff

deer and candy cane sweaters from 1982, dousing yourself in glitter to match the gold party dress you bought after a close call with your Chemistry

SCENE

Selects

1 Christmas Cookies

Baking Christmas cookies is a holiday season staple. Everyone loves cookies, so there is no need to say to say they are underrated. However, there is definitely a lot more to do with cookies than people realize. Experiment with food coloring! Create shapes with your hands instead of using cookie cutters! Or use cookie cutters but use them in innovative ways. I once made a “Phantom of the Opera” cookie using mixed icing colors and a toy soldier cookie cutter. No matter how you want to make them, just get creative and BAKE SOME COOKIES!

2 Gift Guides

For those of us who don’t like spending hours and hours surfing the Internet or perusing mall racks for the perfect presents for our loved ones, gift guides are a present unto themselves. Why do all that work when there are others who can do it for you, and better? Yes, presents carefully picked out might mean more, but your brothers and sisters probably won’t care how much thought went into the present if it’s a really good one. With your time taken up with group projects and looming finals, turn to your favorite bloggers, magazines or online stores for help.

3 “All I Want for Christmas is You” performed by the Belfast Giants

Sure, this song can get old the 15th time you hear it at karaoke or a dorm party, but the Belfast Giants, a hockey team from Ireland, reinvigorate this classic with their stunning performance. The team lip syncs the song and performs their own dance moves in its locker room and rink, donning Santa hats and outfits to complete the look. The hockey players put such enthusiasm into their performance, it’s hard not to smile after watching it. Check it out on YouTube.

4 “Eloise at Christmastime”

What says Christmas better than old childhood favorites? Bringing us back to days of bedtime stories and footy-pajamas, “Eloise at Christmastime” inspires happy holiday feelings in those who are still kids at heart. A 2003 adaptation of the popular “Eloise” books (authored by Kay Thompson), this feel-good film follows six-year-old Eloise (Sofia Vassilieva), who lives at the Plaza Hotel in New York City with her nanny (Julie Andrews). Eloise receives spy gear for Christmas and much to the chagrin of the hotel manager Mr. Salamone, she aims to uncover the secrets behind the “spies” entering the hotel. While searching for her Christmas gifts and getting into trouble, Eloise ultimately saves the day.

5 Plaid Wrapping Paper

It’s the perfect way to decorate a dorm door as well as the classiest way to hide presents bought for friends and family. The red, green and gold of a good plaid hearken back to the 1950’s when housewives like Betty Draper hand crafted bows and tags for Christmas presents galore. Bring the spirit of the season to your hall by adorning just about anything with this holiday season staple.

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America



By MARY CLAIRE O’DONNELL
Scene Writer

It’s time we all shed that picture we have of the severe-looking nun brandishing a ruler at a student in a classroom. Sisters, nuns and women religious have had an amazing impact on the development of our country, socially, medically, artistically and politically, even though we may not realize it. Luckily, “Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America,” a traveling exhibit on the lives of Catholic sisters, has arrived in South Bend.

The exhibit explores the 300-year history of Catholic sisters in America, from the time the Ursulines arrived in New Orleans in 1727 to today. “Women & Spirit” examines all aspects of the lives of women religious, from their habits to their careers.

As you enter the exhibit, a video greets you, providing an overview of what will appear in the exhibit. Sisters from communities from all over the United States help to narrate the visual history, bringing you through the years from the founding of our country to the civil war to modern times.

In the rest of the exhibit are almost 200 artifacts from 70 sister communities to complement the descriptions and excerpts from letters. One especially striking object is a gorgeous harp from the Sisters of Charity. In 1857, the sisters moved their community from Nazareth, Ky. to Leavenworth, Ks., traveling up the Missouri River with two pianos and this harp.

There is also a medical bag from the Civil War used by a sister who provided nursing services to both the North and the South during the conflict. In addition to medical instruments, she kept a tobacco plug in her kit at all times for the men she tended, knowing they would never turn it down. Her letters also survive, and she gives a look into the difficulties of her job, working among mortally-wounded and disease-ridden men.

Sisters also traveled to the West, moving to mining communities to educate young girls who otherwise would have no chance. But these women were not the frail, white-haired sisters you often imagine today. With very little prior experience, these women forged a life in the wild country, providing for themselves by learning to chop wood and shoot game.

The exhibit culminates in the activities of sisters in modern times, from the Civil Rights Era to Vatican II to today. There is an especially moving and interesting video about sisters during the ‘60s. As they walked with Martin Luther King, Jr., they too fought hard for their own rights, but within the church.

“Women & Spirit” is an excellent exhibit, artfully blending together different elements and media to enlighten and educate its audience. And it does indeed educate, but not in a dry way. For example, did you know the hospital that eventually became the Mayo Clinic was started by a sister? In fact, in 2005, one in six hospital patients was treated in a Catholic facility. And the idea to begin treating alcoholism as a medical condition? Successfully advocated and advanced by a sister.

Although Catholic sisters have braved extreme conditions in the United States, running schools, hospitals and orphanages, their efforts are largely unrecognized. The exhibit is a moving and inspirational testament to their faith. It is a unique perspective on American history, and one that should not be overlooked.

Around the Bend

What: Women & Spirit:

Catholic Sisters in America

Where: South Bend Center
for History

When: Free through Dec.

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How Much: Free for
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SPORTS AUTHORITY

Ocean Race shows the progression of sailing

Children grow up imagining the great successes they will have in their sporting careers. They knock down game-winning three pointers over invisible defenders as the buzzer sounds in their heads, hit series-clinching home runs off their dads' pitches in the bottom of the ninth inning with two strikes and two outs and evade nonexistent tacklers en route to fantastic touchdowns in their backyards.

But why do they stop there? Why not, say, conquer the world?

Apparently, there is a select group of children who are not satisfied with the trivialities of traditional sports and instead take their athletic ambitions somewhere else: they grow up and compete in the Volvo Ocean Race, a nine-month ordeal that involves perusing the world's oceans.

According to volvoceanrace.com, the race "is an exceptional test of sailing prowess and human endeavour which has been built on the spirit of great seafarers — fearless men who sailed the world's oceans aboard square rigged clipper ships more than a century ago."

While the race's model may be hundreds of years old, its first official installment is much more recent. In 1973 the Whitbread round the World Race came into existence. In the race's inaugural staging, three sailors were lost at sea in the perilous ocean waters. Despite the competition's ominous beginnings, the contest maintained its existence every fourth year. The race adopted its current name in 2001 and has been staged every third year since 2005.

The 2011-2012 installment of the Volvo Ocean Race began Oct. 29 in Alicante, Spain. The first leg of the race took the competitors to Cape Town, Africa, from where they will continue on to Abu Dabhi, UAE, then to Sanya, China, etc. The 39,000 nautical mile-long race makes stops in 10 ports around the world and concludes in Galway, Ireland in July.

To step back and imagine the scenes that will confront the racers, or even to step back and look at a map of their course, is undeniably impressive. To recall the competitors' forerunners is equally impressive, as mere men became masters of the world by

abandoning the comfort of dry land and taking to the unknown seas. However, the contest's ties to the past fail to extend beyond a basic desire to emulate the exploratory spirit of early navigators.

As much as retired players or aged broadcasters remark with a hint of superiority about the evolution of sports equipment from when they played to the quality of equipment used by today's athletes, imagine what Magellan might say about today's sailors. While Arnold Palmer can cite the differences in the size of the driver's head or the angle of the wedge in a golf bag and Rod Laver could use a modern titanium racket to make splinters out of his old swatter, early navigators could make the strongest case of all. Today's sailors have traded in the astrolabe for GPS, timber vessels for advanced sailboats and a motley crew for a band of formally-educated sailors. Obviously, the Volvo Ocean Race of 2011-2012 will be a far cry from the danger and uncertainty of historic exploration or trading missions.

Of course, even with all of today's resources, a circumnavigation of the globe is no small feat. Those that partake in the Volvo Ocean Race surrender themselves to the intimidating strength of the ocean, and those that win the contest, or even simply complete in it, can fairly claim to be masters of their craft.

Even while modern sailors find the task of circumnavigation much more easy and comfortable than did sailors in centuries past, the attempts of today's competitors are more impressive in one respect: the lack of necessity. In the age of technology, one could board a plane, pick up a phone, log into the internet or turn on the TV to learn something about distant locations in the world, but these sailors choose to take the adventurous route.

In many ways, the Volvo Ocean Race represents the worst of sport: it is pointless, foolish, unnecessarily dangerous, expensive and impractical. However, the Volvo Ocean Race also represents the best of sport: men and women contributing to a team, seeking a lofty goal, surpassing limits and shirking off the restrictions of fear and convention.

To the children out there who guide their makeshift boats out of the backyard and into the open sea, fair winds.

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Joe Monardo
Sports Writer

GOLF

Changes proposed to Q-school

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Big dreams and a little luck can go a long way in golf, though this much should be clear about the 160 players who finished Q-school, and the 27 players who walked away with a full-time job on the PGA Tour:

They all believed they were good enough to compete at the highest level.

That part shouldn't change, even as the tour moves closer to revamping Q-school as we've come to know it for nearly 50 years.

If everything goes according to schedule, next December will be the last time that Q-school won't earn anyone a ticket straight to the PGA Tour.

The final pieces are starting to come together in a plan that would merge the top 75 players from the Nationwide Tour with the 75 players from the PGA Tour who failed to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs. They would play a three-tournament series, and the top 50 would earn PGA Tour cards. The rest could go back to Q-school to try to earn status on the Nationwide Tour.

It's a revolutionary plan, and not very popular among traditionalists.

While it strengthens the Nationwide Tour, and tries to ensure that only the best players reach the big leagues, the PGA Tour is eliminating the dreamers who have provided so much charm to the most grueling week in golf at Q-school.

This week alone, the 27 winners at Q-school included a guy who played his last five holes in 5-under par to earn his PGA Tour card, and a 38-year-old who, only a few years ago, was working on a farm in North Carolina to pay the bills. There's always someone who endured a family tragedy or a health scare, who was driving a delivery truck or working in a pizza restaurant to pay for a chance to play golf for a living. Only the names change. Those stories are as cool now as they were when Q-school began in 1965.

And that's what makes Steve Stricker, who is on the PGA Tour policy board, pause when considering the change.

"I would like to see them keep a few more spots — maybe 10 spots or something like that," Stricker said. "I still think it would be nice if somebody had the opportunity to get a quick turn on tour. I believe, though, it's going to be better for a better player. It's going to bring out talent over a longer period of time. If I was a good player, I would love to



AP

Patrick Cantlay takes a shot during the Travelers Championship in June. Cantlay would be affected by changes to Q-school.

have the whole year to prove myself for 50 spots."

While the details are still being discussed, the plan is starting to take shape.

Tour officials believe they have a solution for the amateurs (mostly college players) who no longer have a chance to earn their card at Q-school, like Rickie Fowler last year and Dustin Johnson in 2007. And it would keep these rising stars from having to skip the U.S. Amateur or Walker Cup.

One idea is to apply whatever money they earn as amateurs to the money list, even though they still don't get paid. Call it fake money.

UCLA sophomore Patrick Cantlay, for example, would have earned \$343,088 in four PGA Tour events he played this summer. That money would have put him around No. 155 on the money list, meaning he would qualify for the three-tournament series that awards 50 tour cards. That would allow amateurs to accept exemptions at any time of the year, such as Bay Hill, which offers a spot to the U.S. Amateur champion.

If not, the tour fears college players would turn pro after the NCAA championship in late spring.

As for the three-tournament series, the last thing the tour wants is another points system like the FedEx Cup. The idea getting most of the attention is to base it off Nationwide Tour earnings.

The top 25 from the Nationwide Tour money list — players who previously would have automatically earned PGA Tour cards — would be seeded No. 1 through No. 25. The next seed

would be shared by No. 26 on the Nationwide money list and No. 126 on the PGA Tour money list. The PGA Tour player would be assigned the same money as his counterpart from the Nationwide Tour.

Some of the early calculations have shown that top 25 would be virtually assured of finishing among the top 50 to earn their cards; and that anyone winning one of those three tournaments also would be a lock to earn a card.

Jim Furyk goes on the policy board next year. What concerns him is that the players who earn cards out of Q-school in 2012 will only have eight months to try to get into the FedEx Cup playoffs and keep their cards; they no longer would have the Fall Series to help them.

"I'm torn with the proposals out there," Furyk said. "Because there are going to be situations — injuries, different things — that happen that don't give you an opportunity to get back on tour. I'm worried about blending the Nationwide and the regular Tour together. The first year we do this, the rookies and first-timers get an extremely short season."

"I know the tour has an idea what they want to accomplish, but I don't think they have all the details yet," he said. "And I'm a details guy."

The overhaul seems to be inevitable, though. Next year is likely to be the last that players with big dreams can have a great week or a great finish, and the reward will be a job on the PGA Tour.

What won't change is that the best players will find a way.

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NFL

Packers sell stock to finance renovations



Packers president Mark Murphy discusses the team's sale of stock during a press conference at Lambeau Field on Dec. 6.

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers have an MVP candidate in quarterback Aaron Rodgers, a Super Bowl championship won just 10 months ago and an undefeated team making a run toward another title for Tittletown.

The Packers now have hundreds of new owners, too.

The team kicked off a rare stock sale Tuesday to help pay for another round of renovations at Lambeau Field, giving pretty much anyone a shot at becoming an NFL owner for \$250 per share, plus a \$25 handling charge.

Sarah Johnson, 34, of Portage said it took her nearly 20 minutes to complete what should have been a 30-second process, but it was worth to wait.

"I could have just as well thrown my money out the window for what I get for it, other than a feel-good," she said. "I just feel like the Packer organization has sort of a nostalgia and an excitement around it other franchises don't have. Just to say you're part of that on some level is neat to me."

The team received 1,600 orders in the first 11 minutes of the sale, said Packers President Mark Murphy, who had to reassure fans the Packers website was still working. Team spokesman Aaron Popkey said he did not have any sales data as of early Tuesday afternoon.

"It's just a question of volume," Murphy said. "Fans are excited about this opportunity. We just encourage fans to be patient."

It is the fifth stock sale in the Packers' 92-year history and the first in 14 years.

The NFL's only publicly-owned team offered 250,000 shares through Feb. 29, subject to an extension. The stock isn't an investment in the traditional sense: Its value doesn't increase, there are no dividends, it has virtually no re-sale value and it won't give buyers a leg up on the 93,000 people on the waiting list for season tickets.

The fine print on the Packers' stock sale website says NFL rules prohibit shareholders from betting on any NFL game; violators could face up to \$5,000 in fines. Popkey didn't immediately return email and voicemail messages seeking comment, but NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in an email he had never heard of it being a concern.

What buyers do get is a piece of paper declaring them a team

owner, voting rights and the right to attend the annual stockholder meeting at Lambeau each summer before training camp. Oh, and they get access to a special line of shareholder apparel, too.

The economy is still lurching along, but that probably won't make much difference to the cheesehead nation, among the league's most dedicated fans. The Packers' timing is perfect, too. Christmas is only a few weeks off and the Packers are hot, hot, hot: The defending champions clinched the NFC North title this past weekend and look like a favorite again with a 12-0 record with four games left to play in the regular season.

Plus, the cause is nothing less than spiffing up the team's hallowed frozen tundra.

The team hopes to generate at least \$22 million through the stock sale to help defray the cost of a \$143 million renovation project at Lambeau. Plans call for adding 6,700 additional seats, new high-definition video screens and a new entrance by 2013.

Before the sale, there were 112,205 Packers stockholders who own a total of 4.75 million shares. The latest sale did have restrictions: Stock can only be purchased by individuals, not businesses, and there's a 200-share cap, a figure that includes any stock purchased during the last sale in 1997.

The offering is limited to people with addresses in the U.S., Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Soldiers and U.S. residents who are currently overseas have to use their U.S. addresses.

The Packers have been a publicly owned nonprofit corporation since 1923. The team held its first stock sale that year, followed by sales in 1935 and 1950 that helped keep the franchise afloat even as other small-market teams were sinking.

Back in 1997, the last time the Packers offered stock, then-team president Bob Harlan was looking for ways to cover stadium renovation costs. He recalled that other owners balked, worried that the Packers would use the money to compensate their coaches or improve their roster in a way other teams couldn't. It was only after Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Pittsburgh Steelers owner Dan Rooney argued in favor of the idea that the proposal passed. Rooney said the Packers deserved unanimous support because they were a vital part of NFL history.

NHL

Barnaby faces possible deportation following arrest

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Fired ESPN hockey analyst Matthew Barnaby's drunken driving charge jeopardizes an agreement the former NHL player reached to avoid potential deportation following an arrest earlier this year.

Erie County District Attorney Frank Sedita called Barnaby's arrest this week "a serious matter," and warned it could have consequences on the Canadian's status in the United States because of his previous run-in with the law.

"If you allegedly commit another crime, you put your ACD in jeopardy," Sedita said Tuesday. Sedita was referring to what's called an adjournment in contemplation of dismissal deal Barnaby reached in July to have five misdemeanor charges dropped in connection to a domestic dispute with his estranged wife.

Sedita said it's too early to determine whether he'll seek to reinstate the charges in part because Barnaby has yet to appear in court on his DWI charge.

"It's just way too early in the process for me to make any decisions yet," Sedita said. "But it is a serious matter because depending on what decisions I make, that could have consequences to what he faces on the other side of downtown with federal authorities."

Barnaby's attorney, Frank LoTempio, has not returned several messages left with him. Attempts to reach Barnaby were unsuccessful because his cell phone mailbox was full on Tuesday.

The 38-year-old is from Ottawa and was fired by ESPN on Monday, a day after being charged with drunken driving near his suburban Buffalo home. Erie County sheriffs arrested Barnaby after finding him behind the wheel of a Porsche Cayenne that had damage to its front end and causing sparks because it was missing its front tire.

Barnaby had his license revoked after failing field sobriety tests and refusing a breath test.

He's scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 17, but it's likely that date will be moved up.

Last summer, Barnaby avoided a potential deportation hearing by reaching a deal in which he was ordered to complete 500 hours of community service.

Barnaby was accused of damaging a car and causing about \$300 damage by kicking a garage door in an attempt to enter a home where his wife and two children live in suburban Buffalo. He was barred from taking "offensive" action against his wife and to avoid contact with his wife's boyfriend. He was also ordered to attend anger management counseling.

The misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief and aggravated harassment would be dropped after a year if he fulfilled the judge's order.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Ross Feinstein said immigration officials have not had any contact with Barnaby, and

noted it would be up to an immigration judge to revoke a person's legal status or have them removed from the country.

Immigration rules outline crimes of domestic violence and aggravated felonies as potential grounds for deportation.

Barnaby broke into the NHL with the Buffalo Sabres during the 1992-93 season. He played for seven teams over

13-plus NHL seasons, earning a reputation as a pesky agitator during a career in which he finished with 113 goals and 300 points. He also had 2,562 penalty minutes in 834 games.

He retired in 2007 because of a concussion sustained during a fight. He joined ESPN as a studio analyst in 2008.

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Frank Sedita
Erie County District Attorney



Former NHL winger and ESPN hockey analyst Matthew Barnaby speaks with the press after a pickup hockey game in 2005. Barnaby was arrested for drunk driving Sunday in Buffalo, N.Y.

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NFL

Tebow spurs discussion among former NFL QB's

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Nobody knows what will come of the Tim Tebow experiment, not even those scrambling ramblers who came before him.

Yet it seems like everybody wants to talk about it.

Retired QBs who made a living with their legs, and who also turned the NFL on its ear in their day, have strong opinions about what's happening in Denver, where Tebow has led the once lowly Broncos to six wins in his seven starts.

Randall Cunningham loves it. Steve Young hates it.

Bobby Douglass admires it.

While they debate whether Tebow can morph into a prototypical pocket passer, they're all pulling hard for the Broncos' quirky quarterback who defies his messy mechanics and flawed footwork with grit and last-minute magic.

"I think what we all ought to do is enjoy the circus while it's in town," suggests another former NFL quarterback, Joe Theismann.

Tebow has brought the option back to the NFL and while he usually struggles for much of the day to move his team downfield, he keeps coming up big in crunch time, guiding the Broncos to second-half comeback wins against the Dolphins, Jets, Raiders, Chargers and Vikings since taking over as the starter two months ago.

On Sunday, he won a shootout in Minnesota, propelling the Broncos (7-5) into a first-place tie with Oakland atop the AFC West.

"You've got Aaron Rodgers, you've got Drew Brees, you've

got Tom Brady that set a standard of excellence in football that we haven't seen," said Theismann, now an NFL Network analyst. "What makes 2011 so unique is we have seen quarterback play in this league at such a high extreme and in Tim's case, the bottom rung when it comes to completions."

And yet the Broncos are also in the playoff hunt in this pass-happy league because of an old-fashioned formula based on stout defense and a strong ground game.

"That defense is as good as any in football right now," Theismann said. "The offense doesn't turn the ball over. There's been one interception in seven games. I say this tongue-in-cheek: The way Tim throws the ball sometimes, nobody has a shot at getting it, his guy, the defenders. It's either bounce it in the ground or throw it in the third row."

Tebow is completing just 48 percent of his passes.

"And what's his winning percentage?" retorts Cunningham.

It's 85.7 percent, second only to Rodgers, whose Packers are perfect at 12-0.

Still, Broncos boss John Elway won't publicly commit to Tebow for 2012 and beyond. Coach John Fox, who told NFL.com last month that Tebow would be "screwed" if they were running a conventional offense, is living in the moment, not focused on the future.

"The guys wins. How can you not be a fan of that?" Fox said. "He does it with his feet, with his arm, just with his competitive greatness, really. That's what you're looking for in a quarterback."

The Broncos have decided not to try to fix Tebow's throwing troubles now but try to accentuate what he already does well, which is running a ball-control, low-risk, no-frills offense heavy on the option while sprinkling in some downfield passes.

"He's in a sweet spot right now," said Young, "but I don't know if it's developing him to go do it long-term in the NFL."

Tebow is coming off his best passing performance as a pro — 10 of 15 for 202 yards and two TDs — but Young would like to see him sling it 20-25 times every Sunday.

"I learned the hard way what the job in the NFL was," said Young, who came into the league as a scrambler and left as a pocket passer with a championship and a ticket to the Hall of Fame. "I didn't know what that job was and it wasn't natural to me and I like to just run around and make plays."

"But it's not championship football. It can be winning football, but it's not championship football," Young said. "And so I had to learn the job, and the job is a Ph.D. in studying defenses and the ability — and some of it's natural — to deliver the football."

There's the rub. Does Tebow really need to be a great passer?

"My first year, I was no more accurate than he was," said Cunningham, who was a 42 percent passer as a rookie but finished his career at 56.6 percent and was one of the most exciting players of his day.

Young worries that the option offense is stunting Tebow's growth.



AP

Broncos quarterback Tm Tebow celebrates Denver running back Cedric Griffin's second half touchdown in Sunday's 35-32 win over the Vikings.

"We really haven't learned anything," Young said. "We knew he was good at that."

Young said he fears the Broncos will head into the offseason still clueless as to whether Tebow can really throw the ball and thus they'll decide to draft another quarterback, "and then I'm going to say, 'Well, why didn't we spend that time last year seeing if he could really do this job?'"

The answer to that question: Because he's winning. So says Douglass, the Bears' scrambling quarterback from 1969-75 who was a career 43 percent passer.

"You have to make a decision: Can we put in some of the stuff that he's real comfortable with plus create all these problems for the defense?" said Douglass. "And then, are we better off sacrificing some of the things that he could be learning if we didn't do that? Obviously, they have made that decision."

Although they've slowed his growth as a passer, they haven't stunted it, Douglass suggested.

Cunningham, who spent 16 seasons in the NFL, said the results speak for themselves.

"The bottom line is the man wins games. I'm probably his biggest fan," Cunningham said. "When I look at him, I see a large Michael Vick. People tell Tim what he can't do; he defies the odds. He doesn't do it in a way that everybody else does it. He doesn't do it like Tom Brady or my man Drew Brees. But let me tell you something: At the end of the game, it's always exciting and he comes out ahead."

Eventually, all scramblers are forced to rely more on their arm. Age and injuries catch up.

Tebow ran the ball 22 times two weeks ago, more than any NFL quarterback since 1950, prompting Vikings coach Leslie Frazier to crack that he'd like to get his star tailback Adrian Peterson that many touches.

The Broncos dispute the notion they're putting Tebow in harm's way with so many designed quarterback runs, insisting he's susceptible to bigger hits in the pocket.

Young's not worried about Tebow's health.

"No, he's a bull," Young said. "Physically, he's as ready to go take that beating as anyone in the league, running backs, anybody. Now, can you transition from running somebody over to then dropping back and reading the zone blitz and drop off the ball to the hot read? I mean, that's the transition he has to

get used to, but I'm not worried about him. The guy's built for it."

Theismann agrees that "your vulnerability to big shots in the pocket are greater than outside the pocket. But when you start to tuck and run, somebody's going to come in and just say, 'Hey, this is my shot at Tim Tebow and I'm going to take it.'"

"And my bet is he'll get up. But after how many can you get up?"

Young said he thinks Tebow's biggest problem in the passing game is that his head's swimming.

"So, I just got a feeling that yeah, maybe he's not a 70 percent passer but he's not 45. And so I just feel like as he plays more and gets more opportunity, he'll throw the ball better as he relaxes more and gets more reps," Young said. "But that's what I'm worried about with him. I feel like it's a disservice if he's not getting the reps throwing the ball."

Douglass disagrees.

"You have to use his talents," he said. "I believe you have to use his physicality, his ability as a runner and the physicality is the size which means he can take some punishment, maybe run through a guy once in a while."

Like they do with everything else, opponents will eventually decipher the option, critics say.

"They kind of have. It's not flourishing. Let's be honest," Young said. "But you let Tim hang around, he'll beat you. He will beat you. There's nobody I can say that more emphatically about than Tim Tebow. If he's around at the end, you're dead."

While Tebow is diplomatic, saying he'll do whatever is asked of him, Young thinks in his heart of hearts, Tebow wants to be groomed into a passer and not run the same offense he did in college.

"I believe he would rather take the chance of failing, even miserably, and dropping back and really throwing the ball and playing NFL quarterback," Young said. "And I think the Broncos don't believe he can do it. John Fox, what did he say, he'd be screwed if he does that? That's a pretty strong statement, right?"

"The Broncos are saying he can't play quarterback traditionally so we'll just fiddle faddle around here for a little while but long term we're not committed to this. It's almost like they've made it a little bit of a sideshow."

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NCAA CROSS COUNTRY

Details of runner’s disappearance emerge

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A campus police report provides new details about why an All-American cross-country runner from the University of Alaska Anchorage spent three days alone in the freezing woods and had to have his feet amputated, saying he went for a run because he was feeling despondent and passed out under a tree.

Marko Cheseto, 28, of Kenya, disappeared from the university Nov. 6. He was suffering from hypothermia and severe frostbite to his feet when he staggered into the lobby of an Anchorage hotel three days later.

He was wearing a T-shirt, jeans, two jackets and running shoes, but no hat or gloves. His shoes were frozen to his feet.

A university police report obtained under an open records request by The Associated Press says Cheseto told officers he woke up the morning of Nov. 6 and sought out his roommate. He wanted to tell him he was “having to struggle to get through life,” but his roommate had to work, the campus police officer’s report said.

Cheseto’s despondency grew.

“He told me that he felt like no one had been able to understand how difficult things had been for him, and that everyone basically just said, ‘Hang in there,’” the officer’s report says.

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Campus police report University of Alaska

When he awoke, apparently in the early morning hours three days later, it was snowing. He didn’t have much snow on his upper body, but his legs were buried in snow. He realized his feet were frozen.

The report says Cheseto lay there for about another half-hour and realized he was getting even colder. He told police he pulled himself up by holding onto a tree. He started to do exercises to get some feeling back into his legs so he could walk out of the woods.

He walked toward the sound of cars and eventually walked into a hotel lobby, where employees rushed him over to a fireplace, put a blanket on him and called 911.

“He stated that he asked them what day it was and was quite shocked to be told it was Wednesday morning, as he figured it was only Monday,” the police report said.

Cheseto is being fitted with prosthetics and likely will be hospitalized another two weeks, Friess said.

“It is hard to understand depression,” Friess said. “Yes, he was in the wrong place, he fell down, you could describe it. But in my opinion the strongest aspect is that he got up.”

“He wasn’t found. He returned to us,” Friess said.

Details from the university police report first appeared in The Northern Lights campus newspaper.

Cheseto, a long-distance runner working on a nursing degree, disappeared a day after the university cross-country team’s triumphant return to Anchorage from the NCAA Division II West Region Championships in Spokane, Wash. The Seawolves won every championship up for grabs at the meet.

Cheseto had won the West Region Championships in cross-country in 2009 and 2010. He had used his final season of cross-country eligibility but was expected to compete in spring track.

Patrick Cohn, a sports psychology expert and founder of Peak Performance Sports in Orlando, Fla., said it can be a difficult process for student athletes as they move toward careers in other fields.

“When they stop, they lose that identity: ‘Who am I? Not the student athlete,’” Cohn said.

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NFL

Chargers roll to 38-14 win over Jags



Wide receiver Vincent Jackson hauls in a pass for the Chargers in their 38-14 victory over the Jaguars on Monday. With the victory, San Diego snapped a six-game losing streak.

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Of all the negative numbers over the last six weeks, the only one that mattered to Philip Rivers was the losses.

Sure, the interceptions and fumbles were bothersome. But they didn’t compare to the six-game losing streak, the franchise’s longest in more than eight years.

So Rivers made little of his big night against Jacksonville.

Rivers threw for 294 yards and three touchdowns, burning Jacksonville’s depleted secondary early and often, and the Chargers beat the Jaguars 38-14 Monday night to snap a six-game losing streak.

“There was no magical play or magical scheme,” Rivers said. “We just played better. This doesn’t mean we’ll play better next week. Each game stands alone. We played good for three and a half hours, won and now let’s go play somebody else next week.”

The Chargers (5-7) had been waiting for the three-time Pro Bowl selection to return to form. Some questioned whether it would happen this season. But Rivers never lost faith even though he leads the NFL in interceptions (17) and turnovers (21) and was a key part of the team’s disappointing slide.

“It’s been a rough six weeks,” Rivers said. “I haven’t put a complete game together, but I don’t care about the numbers. I just want to win.”

Rivers was nearly perfect against Jacksonville (3-9), adding to the team’s tumultuous week.

He completed 22 of 28 passes — hooking up with Vincent Brown, Vincent

Jackson and Malcom Floyd for long scores — before sitting out the final few minutes. Rivers finished with a 146.1 QB rating, by far his highest of the season.

The Chargers scored on five of their first six drives, then sent most of the home crowd scrambling for the exits with Ryan Mathews’ 31-yard TD run in the fourth. Mathews ran 13 times for 112 yards.

“That’s the type of chemistry coming into this season we knew we had,” tight end Antonio Gates said. “We stayed on course despite what we’ve been through these last six weeks. That we were able to get a win tonight speaks volumes for this team.”

It was a much-needed victory for a team that trails Denver and Oakland by two games in the AFC West with four to play.

And it was another blow to the Jaguars, who endured the most sweeping changes in the 17-year history of the franchise last week.

Team owner Wayne Weaver fired coach Jack Del Rio and announced he was selling the club to Illinois businessman Shahid Khan. Interim coach Mel Tucker fired receivers coach Johnny Cox, reassigned quarterbacks coach Mike Sheppard and waived starting receiver Jason Hill.

The moves seemed to invigorate a franchise that had seemingly gone stale in Del Rio’s ninth season. Fans showed up energized for a prime-time game that signaled the start of a new era. Some wore “Yes We Khan” T-shirts. Other donned fake mustaches to look like the owner-in-waiting.

It made little difference on the field, mostly because Jacksonville’s defensive injuries proved too much to overcome.

The Jaguars played without their top three cornerbacks — Rashean Mathis, Derek Cox and

Will Middleton — and lost safety Dwight Lowery (shoulder) and defensive end John Chick (knee) during the game.

“No excuses here,” Tucker said. “We won’t allow ourselves to go down that road.”

Rivers took advantage of the injuries, picking on a pair of cornerbacks who were signed off the street in recent weeks.

Rivers threw two TD passes in the final 2:32 of the first half.

The opening drive of the third quarter didn’t take long, either. On the fifth play, Rivers found Floyd deep down the right sideline for a 52-yard score. Floyd, activated Monday night after missing six games with a hip injury, finished with four receptions for 108 yards.

“He’s just an outstanding player,” Chargers coach Norv Turner said of Rivers. “Like any quarterback, it starts with protection, with the guys up front. He’s missed Malcom. We’ve missed Malcom. When Philip has all his guys, and he can operate like he did today, he’s as good as anybody.”

The biggest cheer for the Jaguars came late in the third quarter, when Weaver was shown on the stadium’s large video board. Weaver and his wife received a standing ovation.

The \$760 million sale must be approved by the NFL later this month. Khan chose not to attend the game, which turned out to be a good move.

Maurice Jones-Drew was the lone offensive star for Jacksonville — again. He finished with 97 yards rushing and 91 yards receiving. He now leads the NFL in rushing with 1,137 yards.

“I don’t think anyone has been through anything like that,” Jones-Drew said, reflecting on the week. “This is a \$9 billion business. Other than that, we played football. We’ve got to figure out how to keep going for four quarters and not two.”

NHL

Nash nets clinching shootout goal in 3-2 Jackets win

Blues reverse recent struggles on man-advantage, use two power play goals to defeat Detroit 3-2

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Rick Nash's shootout goal lifted the Columbus Blue Jackets to a 3-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday night.

Curtis Sanford was perfect in the tiebreaker, turning aside David Desharnais, Max Pacioretty and Brian Gionta. Gionta scored a goal with 1:21 left in regulation to send the game to overtime.

Andrei Kostitsyn scored with 1.5 seconds left in the first to draw Montreal even at 1.

R.J. Umberger had a goal and an assist, and Vinny Prospal also scored for Columbus, which had lost three of four.

Sanford made 18 saves in his 10th straight start for the Blue Jackets. The 32-year-old goalie signed with Columbus as a free agent in July after spending the last two seasons in the Canadiens' organization with AHL Hamilton.

Carey Price stopped 26 shots for Montreal, which returned home after a 1-1-1 West Coast trip.

Gionta, who missed half of the second period after he was cut on the face by Blue Jackets defenseman Marc Methot's skate, tapped home a puck in the crease after Tomas Plekanec's centering pass struck former Canadiens defenseman James

Wisniewski in front.

Gionta was injured earlier and was down the ice after Methot's leg kicked up and struck him in the face after he checked him into the boards. Gionta had words with the Columbus bench as he went to the dressing room at 11:07. He missed the rest of the period before returning for the start of the third.

Prospal quieted the sold-out crowd just over 2 minutes in when he beat Price for his seventh goal.

Columbus held a 10-7 shots advantage in the first period, but Kostitsyn made the Canadiens' last one count. He drove in and snapped a shot past Sanford for his third goal in four games.

Umberger gave Columbus a 2-1 lead off the ensuing faceoff. He took defenseman Nikita Nikitin's lead pass and drove the left side to beat Price between the pads with a low wrist shot at 11:14.

Price stuck out his left pad to deny Umberger on a breakaway to keep it a one-goal game with less than a minute left in the second after Montreal defenseman P.K. Subban turned over the puck and fell inside the Blue Jackets' blue line.

St. Louis 3, Detroit 2

David Backes got the go-



Blue Jackets right winger Rick Nash sneaks a shot past Canadiens goalie Carey Price in the shootout of Tuesday's game. Columbus earned the 3-2 win by defeating the Canadiens in the shootout.

ahead score on the second straight power-play goal of the game for the St. Louis Blues, who ended a 2 for 39 slump with the man advantage in a victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Tuesday night.

Alex Steen had a power play goal in the second period and Brian Elliott made 27 saves for the Blues, who are 9-2-3 since Ken Hitchcock replaced Davis Payne as coach. The Blues also

beat the Red Wings in Hitchcock's first game on Nov. 15.

St. Louis entered Tuesday as the NHL's worst with the man advantage — having scored eight goals in 87 chances.

Detroit's Jonathan Franzen scored for the third straight game and Danny Cleary made it a one-goal game with 1:20 to go.

Backes' team-leading 10th goal came on a one-timer from T.J. Oshie in the opening minute

of the third period, capitalizing on a delay of game call on Niklas Kronwall for clearing the puck into the stands. Berglund's sixth of the year beat Howard to the short side on a rush for a 3-1 lead.

Franzen poked the puck between Elliott's pads at 7:42 of the second for his team-leading 13th goal and the early lead, with Howard earning his first assist on the play.

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Belles junior fly specialist Genevieve Spittler participates in a backstroke event in Saint Mary's 152-50 win over Defiance on Nov. 12.

Unity

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championship part of the season.”

The second main goal of the trip is building team unity.

“The team is going to be together for a week and a half, and their only focus is going to be eat, sleep and swim for a week straight, and they’re roomed up with their teammates as well,” Benishek said.

“When they’re on campus, they go back to their own dorm rooms and they’re apart, but this time of year they’re together all the time.

“That time in between practices, they hang out and hang around the pool or whatever it might be. They really get to know each other on a much deeper level.”

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Mark Benishek
Belles coach

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Benishek said the trip will give the team something to look forward to as finals approach.

“Without a doubt, I think they are definitely excited about it. Now that we made it through the Thanksgiving period with those large invites, the focus has definitely changed. Right now there’s a strong focus to finish school up,” Benishek said.

“They’re excited about going home and spending time with family, and then coming back and traveling to some warmer weather. They definitely love it, and it’s a great privilege and opportunity that the university gives us.”

The Belles will train on the Sun Devils’ grounds in Tempe, Ariz. for one week beginning Dec. 2.

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win over Marquette the last time the teams played each other on Jan. 5, 2011.

Notre Dame is 12-4 in Big East Conference openers and won 10 of the last 12 since joining the conference in 1995.

“We’re looking forward to our first conference game,” McGraw said. “It comes at a tough time of the year. It’s a tough time to be playing with finals. Hopefully we can focus and win.”

Tip-off against the Golden Eagles is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish pass on holiday meet, will have month off

Observer Staff Report

The Irish will have a longer break from competition than initially expected, as they will no longer be sending any athletes to the Grand Valley State Holiday Open this weekend.

Notre Dame was initially going to travel to Allendale, Mich.

for an early season tune-up for the team’s multi-eventers.

The weekend off will kick off Notre Dame’s Christmas break a week early. Now, they will have over a month off between last weekend’s Blue and Gold Meet and their return to action Jan. 14 at the Bob Eubanks Open.

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Henley said. “In order for us to be successful, we have to really shut down their inside game and attack the basket at the other end.”

The Belles relied on a balanced scoring attack this season with four seniors averaging more than 10 points per game. Senior guards Patsy Mahoney and Maggie Ronan lead Saint Mary’s with 15.4 points per game and 12.9 points per game, respectively. Senior forwards Kelley Murphy and Jessica Centa follow them in lead scorers. Ronan and Murphy lead the Belles in rebounding, averaging more than five rebounds per game.

The Belles will try to remain focused on the task at hand and come out strong against the Flying Dutch, despite the tough academic week.

“This team deserves a lot of credit,” Henley said. “Finals are only days away and they continue to balance the demands of our season in



Saint Mary's senior forward Jessica Centa shoots a jump shot in the lane during the Belles 66-63 win over Wheaton on Nov. 15.

addition to their academics. They are very focused on what needs to be done.”

Tip-off against Hope is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight.

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Train

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es, tests, papers or distractions,” Welsh said. “It’s all about how hard can we work and train in that time period.”

Welsh said the team will use the training period to further improve their times and team chemistry.

“As happy as we are with our results this past meet, we want to be faster,” Welsh

said. “We want to do the work and preparation during this training period to achieve those faster times come February and March.”

The team’s success at last weekend’s Iowa Invitational, including a first place finish by sophomore Frank Dyer in the 200-meter freestyle and second place finish in the 100-meter breaststroke by junior Christopher Johnson grants the Irish confidence, though they do not know who they are up against.

“That was huge meet for us,” Welsh said. “Building off last

weekend is vital to what we can accomplish this season. It takes a while for a young group to be a cohesive team, but because we performed well, our molding into a unified team was accelerated.”

The Irish hope to keep accelerating, both in the pool and as a team, during winter break. According to Welsh, the training opportunity the Jan. 6 Copa Coqui provides will be another step in that direction.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Big East beginnings

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

No other team in the country has played Notre Dame as many times as Marquette, and the Irish are on a 17-game win streak at home against the Golden Eagles. They will meet on Irish territory Wednesday at the Purcell Pavilion for both teams' Big East Conference opener.

"Starting the Big East [conference games] makes this game a lot more exciting than a non-conference game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw. "And it's nice to be playing it at home."

Overall, the No. 3 Irish are 30-6 overall against Marquette, 18-1 at home and currently have a four-game win streak in 2011. Notre Dame started the streak at the Junkanoo Jam in the Bahamas on Nov. 27, highlighted by a last second basket from senior forward Natalie Novosel against No. 6 Duke in the championship game.

Two more wins against Penn on Friday and Creighton on Saturday brought the Irish to 7-1 for the fourth time in five seasons. The Irish lost to No. 1 Baylor on Nov. 20.

Marquette head coach Toni Mitchell has a .632 record in her 16 years with the Golden Eagles and is 2-10 against the Irish.

"They're an incredibly well-coached team," McGraw said. "They're a young team, bigger and have a different style this year. They're always good, every year."



KIRBY MCKENNA/The Observer

Irish graduate student forward Devereaux Peters corrals one of her six rebounds in Notre Dame's 69-38 win over Penn on Dec. 2 at the Purcell Pavilion.

The Golden Eagles (5-4) have six new freshmen on their roster since the Irish saw them last and will also play a new starting point guard. They return two of their starters.

In Saturday's game, the Irish shot .6 from the field against Creighton and took 25 turn-

overs from the Bluejays.

"We need to work on rebounds and defending," McGraw said. "We were impressed with our rebounding in the last game. That's one of our goals, rebounding better, and Creighton was a good start for us. That's been one of our goals the

entire season."

The Irish are sixth in the nation and at the top of the Big East in steals.

Graduate student forward Devereaux Peters scored 18 points in Notre Dame's 73-55

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look for second MIAA win

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will try to start a win streak in the MIAA when they play No. 15 Hope College tonight. The Belles won their first MIAA game 72-50 against Alma College at home Saturday.

"Anytime you win in the league, it feels good," Belles coach Jenn Henley said. "Our players have been very focused on improving our defense and stopping the transition game. I felt we did a very good job on that against Alma."

Saint Mary's (3-5, 1-1) used a balanced scoring attack coupled with a strong defensive performance against the Scots. The Belles created 37 points off turnovers and held a plus-10 advantage in rebounds. Henley said her team hopes it can carry its defensive momentum into tonight's contest against the No. 15/24 Flying Dutch (6-1, 2-0), who are undefeated so far in conference play.

"Hope College has a very strong basketball program. They continue to be one of the top teams in this league,"

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SMC SWIMMING AND DIVING

Team changes site of winter training to Ariz.

By VICTORIA JACOBSEN
Sports Writer

The Belles are off to Arizona State for their annual winter training trip to focus on swimming without the stress of school. Saint Mary's will work on team building and both in-water and non-water conditioning at the neutral site from Dec. 28 to Jan. 5.

Although the Belles have traditionally done their winter training in Florida, Saint Mary's coach Mark Benishek decided the team would travel to Arizona this year, partially because of personal contacts at the university and partially for a change of scenery.

"I know they've been going down to Sarasota Beach the last four or five years, but the area's changed a little bit. The pool availability is not quite the most convenient," Benishek said. "So it's just looking to try something new for the team and kind of go off on our own foot."

"Last year it was pre-set up when I took the position, so I just want to start a new tradition and see what the area's like."

Benishek said the team plans

to compete in one scrimmage while it is in Arizona, possibly against Grand Canyon, a Division II program out of Phoenix.

"We had a couple [of schools] on slate, but we just weren't sure about availability, and we haven't quite locked this one in yet, but it's a good possibility," Benishek said. "We try to have one form of competition when we have these training trips and swim against somebody that you never get to swim against, and this would definitely be the first time swimming against another university like this."

While a scrimmage is a welcomed break from the month and a half layoff between competitions, Benishek said races are far from the main focus of the trip.

"The trip is not about competition—we will have one smaller competition down there — but it's mainly about training," Benishek said. "We'll have a morning practice and an evening practice, and there'll be some dry land training as well in there."

"It's a large focus on heavily training and gearing up for the

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish ready for Copa Coqui

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For the third Winter Break in a row, the Irish will train and compete at the Copa Coqui collegiate swim meet in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Jan. 6.

"The Copa Coqui is a refreshing meet for us," Irish Coach Tim Welsh said. "We come back energized. It's both a meet and a break from training for us."

The Irish do not know which teams they will swim against yet as the list of competitors is not final, but Welsh says the field usually includes both American and Puerto Rican teams.

"We're able to go this meet as we are," Welsh said. "We don't take any special preparations or back off our training intensity."

The meet is different than any other the Irish participate in this season. It features a 10-person relay to end the meet and gives fruit as a reward to the winners. The Irish will compete for their third consecutive fruit-winning relay performance.

"The style of this meet is unlike anything we do in the U.S.," Welsh said. "I like its



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Irish junior freestyle specialist Kevin Overholt leans into a dive during last year's Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 29 in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

festive quality. It has luxurious hospitality and has had mariachi bands and other forms of entertainment perform in the past."

Once classes end, the team continues to train until Dec. 20, when most swimmers head home. The swimmers return to campus on Dec. 28 before leav-

ing for Puerto Rico on Jan. 2. The Irish will train in Puerto Rico before the meet and will resume practice upon returning to South Bend for the spring portion of their season.

"It's the longest time where we can just train without class-

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