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Taco Bell, Pizza Hut to replace Sbarro in fall

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Editor

When students return to campus for the fall 2012 semester, they will have two new fast-food dining options to choose from in the Huddle Food Court in LaFortune Student Center.

On Monday, Food Services announced its plans to open Taco Bell and Pizza Hut franchise concepts in the current location of Sbarro this fall. The addition of the restaurants will be the first franchise change in the Huddle since 2003, Food Services director David Prentkowski said.

"It's been 10 years since Sbarro went in, so it's time for a change. I'm excited for it," he

said.

Prentkowski said the decision to replace Sbarro has been deliberated for the past three years due to the approaching expiration of the franchise's contract and its decline in business.

"Over the last few years, we saw Sbarro's business decline, and the overall student satisfaction with and preference for Sbarro as a brand declined as well according to surveys, so we took the upcoming expiration of the franchise agreement as a good opportunity to take a look at our alternatives," Prentkowski said.

Jim LaBella, the general manager of the Huddle, said

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

A student browses his options at Sbarro in the LaFortune Student Center on Tuesday. Pizza Hut and Taco Bell will take over the space in the fall.

Professor speaks on miracles in "Last Lecture" series

By CHRISTIAN MYERS
News Writer

Notre Dame, and Fisher Hall in particular, would not be the same without political science professor, Kellogg Institute fellow, Alliance for Catholic

Education (ACE) co-founder and Fisher resident Fr. Tim Scully.

Scully spoke Tuesday night in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge as part of the "Last Lecture" series.

He began his lecture by ask-

ing the audience whether or not they believe in miracles.

"Do you believe in miracles?" Scully said. "I think miracles happen all the time. The very fabric of life is made up of miracles."

The lecture was divided

into three lessons he learned through important experiences in his life. He explained the division was based on his belief that all good things come in threes.

"I'm an intense and unapologetic Trinitarian. I be-

lieve not just God, but all good things come in threes," he said.

The first lesson came as a result of his work with local prisoners while a sopho

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Lecture discusses "Mormon moment"

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Tuesday evening, Dr. Bruce Porter, an elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) gave a lecture arguing there is currently a "Mormon moment." Porter is a member of the Quorum of 70, an LDS governing body, and titled his lecture "The Latter-Day Saints come marching in: Mormonism abroad and at home in the 21st century."

"Right now, there is extraordinary media attention given to Mormons both home and abroad," he said. "There are three reasons for this; the candidacy of Mitt Romney, the Broadway hit musical 'The Book of Mormon,' which is a parody of the religion ... and our own media campaign, 'I am a Mormon' intended to dispel stereotypes."

The sheer growth of the church and the rising prominence of Latter-day Saints in a wide variety of fields also contribute to the added attention, Porter said.

To begin his talk, Porter explained some of the LDS hi-



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Dr. Bruce Porter, a LDS elder, delivers his lecture focused on the current state of his church in DeBartolo Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

erarchy and central beliefs. He dispelled a common myth about the church's founder, Joseph Smith.

"We recognize him [Joseph Smith] as a fallible mortal and do not in any sense worship him," he said.

Porter said despite the explosion of growth in the LDS church, Mormons are still very connected.

"Our policies and curriculum originate from church

headquarters ... it helps ensure the church remains one unified body," he said. "We are a close-knit people, we feel strong bonds to other saints across the world. There exists a global Mormon village."

After explaining some aspects of the church, Porter discussed Mormons and politics.

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Two professors named Guggenheim Fellows

By ANN MARIE JAKUBOWSKI
News Writer

In early April, 181 U.S. scholars, artists and scientists were named 2012 Guggenheim Fellows, including two Notre Dame faculty members. Both professors Margot Fassler and Olivia Remie Constable are faculty in the Medieval Studies program.

According to the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation's website, the award is commonly thought of as a "midcareer" award for candidates who demonstrate notable prior achievement as well as exceptional promise for the future. Recipients this year were selected from a pool of almost 3,000 applicants.

Constable, director of Notre Dame's Medieval Institute, said her work is centered on the interactions between Christians and Muslims in southern Europe between the 12th and 16th centuries.

"Next year, I will be writing a book on Christian perceptions of Muslims living under Christian rule in southern Europe in a period when Christians had conquered large areas that had once been under Muslim control," Constable said.

The research itself will focus on the relationships between the Christians and Muslims, she said.

"I am looking at how this relationship worked, and at

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Fassler



Constable

BAVO hosts sexual violence talk

By CHRISTIN KLOSKI
News Writer

The Belles Against Violence Office (BAVO) hosted Dr. Gail Stern, who presented an interactive lecture called “Beat the Blame Game” on Tuesday night. According to a College press release, the presentation helps the audience better recognize forms of sexual violence and discover ways to promote a violence-free community.

Stern said humor can be used when dealing with a serious topic.

“Irrelevant humor is what helps take a new perspective on a serious topic,” Stern said. “However, it is not good to make fun of rape victims.”

Stern said rape victims face blame from outsiders and are often treated as though they were acting like criminals.

“The victim should not be blamed in any case,” she said.

Human judgment of victims comes from the just world hypothesis, Stern said.

“The just-world hypothesis says good things happen to good people, and bad things happen to bad people,” she said. “When we hear a victim’s story we always try to work it out how we would have done it.”

Part of the presentation consisted of the audi-

ence coming up with a list of names for sexually active men and women.

“The list for women is always longer than for those of men,” Stern said. “Words feel more like a punch for women, while for men, the names seem positive.”

Stern said the names for sexually active women have always been demeaning.

“These names show the dehumanization of a person,” Stern said.

“They are shown as objects without asking for consent.”

Some of the names even lead to blaming the victim, she said.

“People say it is not rape because the victim was slut or a bad person or that the victim was trying to get away from something, wants revenge or wants attention,” Stern said.

Stern said a claim of rape should always be taken seriously.

“90 percent of reported cases of rape are not false, and over 80 percent of the victims are raped by someone that they know,” Stern

said.

Many cases of rape are by someone the victim knows, so fighting back can be confusing, she said.

“When a stranger attacks, we are clear to fight back,” Stern said. “But when it is someone we know attacking, we feel guilty of fighting back.”

Trying to reduce the risk of rape compared to preventing rape is a confusing matter for men, but especially for women, she said.

“We are told not to dress provocative, don’t ever be alone with a man, be explicit about your sexual limits, and don’t drink alcohol,” Stern said. “We must see the difference between rape prevention and risk reduction.”

Stern said rape is an act of power, and rapists just do not care who their victim is.

“Rape is not wrong because it’s a crime; it’s a crime because it is wrong,” she said.

One way woman can help both reduce their risk and prevent rape is to watch out for each other, Stern said.

“The challenge for women should be this,” she said. “We should see everyone as our sister. We need to watch out for them and care for them when we see them in trouble.”

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the decision to bring Taco Bell and Pizza Hut to Notre Dame was finalized on Friday after being under serious consideration since last September.

“It was a pretty long process, but we did come to a unanimous decision with almost all parties involved to replace Sbarro with Taco Bell and Pizza Hut,” LaBella said. “They are run by the same parent company, so they do

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Rachel Pilla
junior

brand concepts that would work well based on student preference, patterns of usage and the physical space of the current Sbarro location.

“In our undergraduate and graduate student focus groups, we asked questions in surveys about brand preferences and combinations, and there was nothing but support for our decision to go this particular direction,” he said. “We were pleasantly surprised that the combined Taco Bell and Pizza Hut concept would fit, and the company was very excited about working with us to put it in place ... They scaled their operation to make it work with our needs.”

LaBella said the original list of possible franchise options was extensive, but it was narrowed down to include Moe’s Southwestern Grill, Qdoba Mexican Grill and Papa John’s Pizza, in addition to the chosen Taco Bell/Pizza Hut combination.

“Some of the options just weren’t possible due to franchise issues or existing contracts with local units,” he said. “Qdoba wasn’t possible because they needed more space for a big kitchen.”

The final decision was made to accommodate the survey-based student preferences for Mexican, Asian and pizza concepts in the Huddle, Prentkowski said.

“When we add Taco Bell, we won’t need the Buen Provecho burrito stand in the Huddle,” he said. “Our goal is to eventually convert that area to a Panda Express sometime in the fall semester.”

Prentkowski said Taco Bell and Pizza Hut will likely be ready for operation close to the start of the 2012-2013 school year, barring any complications due to construction, timing and legal or contractual matters.

“We’re in the beginning stages right now. We’re looking at the physical renovation, training for staff and managers and the legal aspect of franchise agreements and contracts,” he said. “A lot of things have to come together to make it all work, but I don’t see any barrier to getting this

done in a reasonable amount of time.”

Student response to the announced changes has been generally favorable, especially in relation to Taco Bell’s arrival on campus.

Junior Rachel Pilla said the addition of Taco Bell would be exciting.

“My senior year will be forever changed. Taco Bell is my life,” she said. “It is an incredible improvement. [I] couldn’t have asked for anything better to replace [Sbarro] than Taco Bell.”

Sophomore Patrick Jung, a former Taco Bell employee, said he welcomes the franchise to campus.

“I’m extremely excited for there to be a Taco Bell ... I personally worked at a Taco Bell back home and love the food there,” he said. “I think they’ll get a ton of business, especially at night ... I will spend almost all of my Flex Points there.”

Despite its health drawbacks, junior Emily Hefferon said Taco Bell will be a good fit for the Notre Dame student body.

“Obviously, there’s healthier options out there, but this is college,” she said. “As far as popularity and affordability for our age group, this was an excellent choice.”

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New iPad app brings Shakespeare to the 21st century

By MEGHAN THOMASSEN
News Writer

William Shakespeare may have died centuries ago, but thanks in part to Notre Dame, his works live on in modern formats.

Associate professor of English Elliott Visconsi and his colleague, Katherine Rowe, a professor at Bryn Mawr College, designed an app bringing Shakespeare's plays to the 21st century.

The Tempest, an app for the iPad released April 11, was engineered at Notre Dame's Center for Research Computing.

Visconsi said the idea for the app emerged from his interactions with the iPad as a platform for teaching and research.

"The way that the tablet works, the way that it makes manipulating text possible, allows social interaction in away that a laptop does not. It seemed to be an opportunity for students and faculty and the general public to interact [with the text] in new ways," he said.

Visconsi said the app reflects how people learn and read today, and how reading has become more of a social activity than a solitary one.

"The iPad makes it super easy — [you can] make all those tools quiet, [it's] customizable and it feels like a book," he said. "You read it, you throw it around, it's portable and you don't need a wireless connection all the time to read." The app is not a replacement for printed books, Visconsi said, but rather a fundamentally different technology.

"There are things we can do with this platform that you could never do in print. You can't take the printed book and have it play audio for you and write in the margins. You can't ask a question to your friend in the United Kingdom and have them respond to it. You can't constantly [keep it] updated," he said.

Visconsi said the app has also helped generate a new type of

scholarly writing. Various scholars and performers have contributed granular comments for key passages throughout the play, he said.

"Rather than a lecture or an essay, we asked brilliant scholars to riff [comment] on the text for no more than 500 words. Shakespeare is our proof of concept. We built a software framework that could be used in different disciplines," he said.

Visconsi said the interpretative commentary is entirely customizable according to user reading levels.

"Everyone can get the stuff they want and need. As a reader you get more sophisticated, and you can choose content that is more exciting ... you can get stuff that really resonates with you," he said.

Visconsi said he felt many different texts could benefit from the software framework.

"We can put in the New Testament or the Notre Dame football guide or 'Don Quixote,'" he said. "We're not just presenting the same content on a screen, we are providing an experience in a social ecosystem [through] customizable multimedia." Visconsi said the project team tested an early version of the app last year with Notre Dame graduate students and a later edition with English professor Jesse Lander's English class last fall. He said the class used a note-sharing Facebook group so they could see how the students were using the app.

Visconsi said his partner, Katherine Rowe, also tested the app with her students at Bryn Mawr.

"She joined in the project in July after we had done most of the heavy development and also used it with her students," he said. "It was very well-received." Visconsi said social networks like Facebook have been underutilized due to the extra amount of effort it takes to post and comment about the content.

"The app makes it friction-

less, to use a Silicon Valley term. It's moving us away from all the many layers of information you have to navigate by making it simple and user-friendly. That's the vision," he said.

Visconsi said he observed an increased movement from texts to tablets as universities become more social institutions.

"The days of course management systems such as Blackboard are numbered," he said. "My sense is that these new technologies are making it easier for faculty to reach students ... we were trying to be a part of the cutting edge by creating [these tools] as faculty members."

The app also includes audio recordings of the text, Visconsi said. The Actors from the London Stage's recent visit to campus last September prompted Visconsi and the Luminary Project team to choose The Tempest for their app.

"This is my favorite part of the app. We reached an arrangement to commission a performance from them and put it into the app ... it was a lucky circumstance," Visconsi said.

Visconsi said users can also find illustrations, videos and podcasts from the Folger Shakespeare Library, the largest collection of Shakespearean material in the world.

"We approached Folgers with the idea of a commercial licensing arrangement. They were eager to support that, and we're hoping to continue [with] a long term arrangement," he said.

The app also allows users to collect and share thoughts in the app's sticky note function. The notes are captured according to user-designated "workshops" or file folders. Users can also download lecturer commentaries to accompany the script.

"This is possible with the iPad ... you can get your hands on the text," Visconsi said.

So far, Visconsi said the project team has received very posi-



Photo Courtesy of Luminary Digital Media

A screen shot shows what the iPad app The Tempest looks like. The app was engineered at Notre Dame's Center for Research Computing.

itive responses about the app, and that users should stay alert for updates soon to be announced.

"We are exceeding expectations. We have some very exciting technical developments soon to be released that will add to the functionality, but [they] are under wraps at the moment," he said.

Visconso said dozens of scholars worldwide have volunteered to participate in new editions of The Tempest, as well as other plays and humanitarian texts that could be applied to the soft-

ware framework.

"We are building well beyond Shakespeare ... Shakespeare is just the beginning. It's been a very exciting trip. Notre Dame has been very supportive," he said.

The app currently costs \$9.99 on iTunes, a special discount from \$13.99 in honor of Shakespeare's birthday on April 23. The app is compatible with the iPad with iOS 5.0 or later.

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Saint Mary's students redesign Barbies for class assignment

By MEAGHAN DALY
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Students in Terri Russ' Female Beauty class outgrew playing with Barbies years ago. However, a recent project

allowed them to dust off their old toys and look at Barbie in a whole new light.

On Tuesday, some thirty students took turns presenting their modified Barbie doll to classmates. Throughout

the semester, Russ and her students discussed Barbie as a cultural icon and form of beauty discourse. As part of that discussion, Russ gave her students an assignment: modify Barbie in order to

more accurately represent an aspect of the range of female beauty.

Senior Michelle Marshall modified her Barbie to be more masculine.

"My Barbie goes against the expectations of females in today's society by being masculine and very athletically inclined," Marshall said. "I learned through this class that society shapes our views and expectations of gender and sex. I felt encouraged to defy the odds against society's expectations to fulfill my own dreams and inspirations."

The Barbies represented some of society's images of beauty in a variety of ways. Senior Danae Jimenez chose to discuss dress size and its implication.

"Real Curves Barbie is a size 14 and she is confident in who she is and what she does," Jimenez said.

Mattel, the manufacturer of Barbie, says Barbie allows for females to create their own feminine image.

"Barbie lets you be anything you want to be," Barbie.com says. Russ, however, disagrees.

"Even though Mattel says Barbie can be anything, something as simple as a Barbie can have greater ramifi-

cations [on consumers]," Russ said.

A theme throughout the presentations was the idea Barbie represents is not applicable to everyone.

Call Me Maybe Barbie is insecure and wears short, tight clothes.

"She is able to represent actual struggles that college girls face. These Barbies put a funny spin on something that really is important," Dilan Yuksel said.

All of the Barbie modifications play on the various pressures or effects of society for women. The collection included Real Curves Barbie, Teenager Barbie, Aging Barbie, Long-term Relationship Barbie, Jersey Chaser Barbie, Calorie Counting Barbie, and many more.

The Barbies will be presented at the BOLD Beauty Conference, to be held Tuesday, May 1, 2012. This conference will allow participants to discuss and learn about beauty related issues facing women today through student and faculty presentations. Barbies on Parade will be displayed in the Student Center Lounge from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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The modified Barbies of the Female Beauty class are presented as part of a class assignment. Students were instructed to create a Barbie that accurately reflects an aspect of female beauty.



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more at Notre Dame. Scully explained after hearing the stories of poverty and broken families from these prisoners, he reevaluated his own upbringing in suburban Illinois.

He said the lesson he took away was that life is a gift — and it is meant to be given away in service to others.

“Life is little else than gift after gift after gift,” Scully said. “Life is a gift to be given away.”

The death of Scully’s father taught him a second important lesson. He said his father’s death made the fact he would also die more real; this led him to evaluate how he was living his life.

“If it’s true that I will die, how do I want to live?” Scully said.

The University of Chicago Law School and a legal career were Scully’s dream, he said. This did not change until his senior year at Notre Dame and after he had been accepted to his dream school.

Scully said he realized he was looking in the wrong place one night during his senior year when he felt compelled to attend daily Mass

at Morrissey Hall. It was after this experience that he realized his heart’s deepest desire and God’s will were directing him toward the priesthood.

He said the miracle of receiving the Eucharist daily inspired this change of direction, even though he had not been one to attend daily Mass prior to his experience that night.

“If I’m going to Mass every day, I might as well become a priest,” Scully said. “For me, since then, the Eucharist has become a beautiful sustaining miracle in my life.”

Scully said the second lesson he came away with was to pursue the life he desired in his heart without compromising and without fearing failure. He said there is always an opportunity to learn from failure.

“Don’t be afraid to take risks and fail, because failure is the stuff of wisdom,” Scully said.

After his theological studies, Scully was sent to Santiago, Chile with the Congregation of Holy Cross. He said when working in Chile he came across a saying capturing his second lesson of learning from mistakes and recognizing one’s mortality.

“In Chile there’s a wonderful saying, ‘We all die at least twice in life. Pray that your first death comes early



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Notre Dame professor Fr. Tim Scully delivers a speech in the “Last Lecture” series Tuesday evening at the Coleman-Morse Center. In his lecture, he discussed the importance of miracles and risk taking.

enough that you can learn from it,” Scully said.

Scully’s third and final lesson was that relationships are of the utmost importance in life. “Nothing else matters but the quality of your relationships with God, with

each other and with yourselves,” Scully said.

Scully learned this lesson through living in Fisher Hall, where he connected with Fr. Richard Warner, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and through

teaching at the University.

“I’ve fallen in love with teaching,” Scully said. “How could you not fall in love with being a teacher?”

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Christian understandings of what was needed for Muslim neighbors to remain Muslim,” Constable said. “This includes studying Christian attitudes toward Muslim dress, whether Muslims could continue the call to prayer and have public religious processions, etc.”

Constable said her work focuses on the shifts in attitudes and the increasing discord between the Christian and Muslim communities during this time.

“At first, in the century or so after the [Christian] conquests, none of these aspects of Muslim life presented a major problem for the Christians ... over time, however, the continuation of these distinctive Muslim ways of life and religious practice became an increasing problem for Christians,” she said. “Eventually, in Spain, the Christian administration decided that it was no longer possible for Muslims and Christians to live together, and all Muslims were expelled from the Iberian Peninsula. I’m studying how and why this change in attitude took place.”

Fassler’s work is also in the 12th century, centering on the figure of Hildegard of Bingen, a prominent Catho-

lic nun who is in the process of being named one of the four female Doctors of the Church.

“Hildegard of Bingen was a brilliant theologian, but unlike any other theologian ever, she was also a composer, author, artist and monastic reformer,” Fassler said. “I’m especially interested in her enormous treatise titled ‘Scivias’ and its depiction of the 12th-century view of the cosmos.”

Fassler said the “cosmic egg” structure of Hildegard’s painting of the universe is remarkably similar to Aristotle’s earlier secular visions and even bears some resemblance to the modern scientific images of Big Bang expansion digitally created by scientists like George Smoot.

“With the money from the Guggenheim Fellowship, I should be able to complete a book about Hildegard’s treatise as well as a digital model of her cosmic vision complete with music she composed,” Fassler said.

She said she plans to project the model in the Notre Dame Digital Visualization Theater located in the Jordan Hall of Science.

“With the model, I can show the layers of the painting and zoom in on different aspects as we go through,” Fassler said. “It will be incredible to go through her vision with her music, see-

ing the cosmos as she described them.”

Fassler said among her favorite parts of the work is the many fields of inquiry it draws upon.

“Study of the cosmos blends the sciences and the humanities,” Fassler said. “This project involves physics, astronomy, history of science, theology, music, drama, and the visual arts.”

Constable and Fassler said they find it remarkable that two colleagues at Notre Dame received the fellowship in the same year.

“I think that it is testimony to the strength of Medieval Studies at Notre Dame, and to the strength of our medievalist faculty, that we both won a Guggenheim fellowship in the same year,” Constable said. “We really have some amazing scholars working on the Middle Ages at Notre Dame who are doing innovative and fascinating work in many different fields.” Fassler said the support of the Notre Dame academic community as a major factor for her success.

“I owe it all to the wonderful people who wrote for me [for the fellowship] and supported me,” Fassler said. “I love the way that Notre Dame truly encourages its faculty to be entrepreneurial.”

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Porter said the 12th article of faith says Mormons believe in being subject to kings, presidents and rulers and honoring and sustaining the law.

“We believe the law and government holds men accountable,” he said.

The LDS church renounces war and proclaims peace, according to what Jesus said to the prophet Joseph Smith, said Porter.

“We believe the defense of family and country is justified, but war is a necessary evil and a last resort,” he said. “If all people believed in Christ, the world would be at peace.”

Porter said unlike many believe, the LDS church does not endorse political candidates or policies.

“We believe in the separation of denominational influence in politics, religion should not have undue influence in politics,” he said.

While the church has sometimes taken a stance on prominent issues, Porter

said, it is an issue of what is moral or not moral.

“Many of the stances we have taken on political issues are conservative — like abortion or same-gender marriage,” he said. “On the other hand, our stance on illegal immigration is seen as fairly liberal.”

Porter said even though Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is a Mormon, the church has not and will not endorsed him, due to church policy.

“In this campaign like others, the church has taken no position,” he said. “We’ve done nothing whatsoever to support Mitt Romney.”

With the increase in media attention on the faith this primary season, Porter said the church has used it to promote the church in a positive light.

“We have sought diligently to correct misconceptions about our beliefs ... dispel stereotypes and misinformation about the church,” he said.

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Romney triumphs at primaries, promises “better America”

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney laid claim to the fiercely contested Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night with a fistful of primary triumphs, then urged all who struggle in a shaky U.S. economy to “hold on a little longer, a better America begins tonight.”

Eager to turn the political page to the general election, Romney accused President Barack Obama of “false promises and weak leadership.” He declared, “Everywhere I go, Americans are tired of being tired, and many of those who are fortunate enough to have a job are working harder for less.”

The former Massachusetts governor spoke as he swept primaries in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York, the first since Rick Santorum conceded the nomination.

“Mitt Romney is going to be

the nominee, and I’m going to support the nominee,” the former Pennsylvania senator said on CNN. He added he intended to meet on Wednesday with the winner’s aides.

Romney, speaking to cheering supporters, in New Hampshire, said, “The last few years have been the best Barack Obama can do, but it’s not the best America can do.”

He delivered his remarks to a national television audience as well from the state where he won his first primary of the campaign and one of about a dozen states expected to be battlegrounds in the summer and fall campaign for the White House.

Obama campaigned during the day in two others — North Carolina and Colorado — making the case that, however slowly, the economy is growing stronger.

“Our businesses have added more than 4 million jobs over the past two years, but we all know there’s still too many

Americans out there looking for work or trying to find a job that pays enough to cover the bills and make the mortgage,” the president said.

“We still have too many folks in the middle class that are searching for that security that started slipping away years before the recession hit.”

Six months before the election, opinion polls show the economy to be the top issue by far in the race. The same surveys point toward a close contest, with several suggesting a modest advantage for the incumbent.

Obama won the presidency in 2008 in the midst of the worst recession since the Great Depression, and since then economic growth has rebounded slowly and joblessness has receded gradually, although housing prices continue to drop in many areas of the country.

In an indication that Romney was treating the moment Tuesday night as something of an opening of the general election campaign, his speech seemed aimed at the millions of voters — non-conservatives and others — who have yet to pay close attention to the race for the White House.

He blended biographical details, an attack on Obama and the promise of a better future, leaving behind his struggle to reassure conservative voters who have been reluctant to swing behind his candidacy.

“As I look around at the millions of Americans without work, the graduates who can’t get a job, the soldiers who return home to an unemployment line, it breaks my heart,” he said. “This does not have to be. It is the result of failed leadership and of a faulty vision.”

Obama, unchallenged for the Democratic nomination, has a head start in organizing, fundraising and other elements of the campaign.



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Republican presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, right, and his wife Ann wave to supporters Tuesday in Manchester, N.H.

Already, he and aides are working to depict Romney and Republicans as pursuing new tax breaks for the wealthy while seeking to cut programs that benefit millions of victims of the recession as well as other lower-income Americans.

The president campaigned on two college campuses during the day, pitching his proposal to prevent a scheduled increase in the interest rate on new student loans.

Romney, freed of serious primary competition, announced his own general support for the proposal, even though it appears a GOP-drafted budget in the House envisioned no effort to change the pending increase.

Determined to make up for lost time, Romney has recently accelerated his fundraising, announced the beginning of a process to search for a vice presidential running mate and begun reaping endorsements from party officials who declined to do so in the heat of

the primary campaign.

Santorum offered no endorsement in a televised appearance during the evening but said he expected to meet with Romney in the future, adding he would sit down with the former governor’s aides on Wednesday.

In his remarks, Romney spoke dismissively of Obama’s tenure in office.

“Government is at the center of his vision. It dispenses the benefits, borrows what it cannot take and consumes a greater and greater share of the economy,” he said.

He added that if the president’s hard-won health care law is fully installed, “government will continue to control half the economy, and we will have effectively ceased to be a free enterprise society.”

By contrast, he said, “I see an America with a growing middle class, with rising standards of living. I see children even more successful than their parents.”



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A worker irons a banner on Tuesday as he prepares for an election night rally for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

Mad cow disease discovered for first time since 2006

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The first new case of mad cow disease in the U.S. since 2006 has been discovered in a dairy cow in California, but health authorities said Tuesday the animal never was a threat to the nation’s food supply.

The infected cow, the fourth ever discovered in the U.S., was found as part of an Agriculture Department surveillance program that tests about 40,000

cows a year for the fatal brain disease.

No meat from the cow was bound for the food supply, said John Clifford, the department’s chief veterinary officer.

“There is really no cause for alarm here with regard to this animal,” Clifford told reporters at a hastily convened news conference.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), is fatal to cows and can

cause a fatal human brain disease in people who eat tainted beef. The World Health Organization has said that tests show that humans cannot be infected by drinking milk from BSE-infected animals.

In the wake of a massive outbreak in Britain that peaked in 1993, the U.S. intensified precautions to keep BSE out of U.S. cattle and the food supply. In other countries, the infection’s spread was blamed on farmers adding recycled meat and bone meal from infected cows into cattle feed, so a key U.S. step has been to ban feed containing such material.

Clifford said the California cow is what scientists call an atypical case of BSE, meaning that it didn’t get the disease from eating infected cattle feed, which is important.

That means it’s “just a random mutation that can happen every once in a great while in an animal,” said Bruce Akey, director of the New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell University. “Random mutations go on in nature all the time.”

The atypical form of BSE that is caused by protein mutation also occurs in humans. Called classic Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, it



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A truck enters a transfer station in Hanford, Calif. Health authorities discovered a case of mad cow disease in the town.

is found at a rate of one case per 1 million people worldwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“It’s not unreasonable to think that something similar could occur in cattle,” said Terry Lehenbauer, director of the School of Veterinary Medicine Research Centers at the University of California, Davis. “We just don’t know

all the science about how this disease develops and is transmitted.”

Questions remain about whether the incident will prompt the USDA to change how it tests for the disease. But Mike Doyle, director of the University of Georgia’s Center for Food Safety, said the testing system worked because it caught what is a really rare event.



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you may not need this silly rhyme.
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INSIDE COLUMN

Draft frenzy out of control

We are one day away from the return of Mel Kiper Jr. and his tub of hair gel, or, in other words, the annual television spectacle known as the NFL Draft.

Thankfully, this weekend ends almost three months of endless hype and build-up to the draft, which unfortunately grows larger every year.

Matt Unger

Sports Writer

In 1936, the draft began in a Philadelphia hotel without any media coverage as teams picked from 90 names written in chalk on a blackboard. It wasn't until 1980 that the draft was even televised by a fledgling ESPN.

More recently in 2010, the draft was spread over three days so that the first round could air in primetime on Thursday night. Two networks, ESPN and NFL Network, now provide wall-to-wall coverage.

But the most frustrating part of the draft is the hype leading up to it, from the draft combine to multiple mock drafts (Kiper just released his fourth). Such mock drafts will likely be wrong beyond the first few picks as teams make trades to mess up the projected order.

Also on ESPN, it is hard not to run into Jon Gruden's "QB Camp" in which he interviews potential quarterback draftees. Last year, he grilled Cam Newton on his lack of football knowledge before the rookie had a breakout season with Carolina.

In addition, ESPN analysts debate trivial items such as prospects' height, 40-yard dash time and percentage of body fat. The star of these athletic traits this year has been Ryan Tannehill.

However, it is sometimes impossible for experts, fans and even NFL scouts and general managers to project a player's success in a league where the average career spans three and a half years.

Too many factors such as injuries, desire to succeed, coaching environment, etc. play into whether or not a player is successful. This makes endless draft speculation worthless.

As a Cleveland Browns fan, I knew firsthand that first round picks Tim Couch, Courtney Brown, Kellen Winslow Jr. and even Brady Quinn were all thought to be star NFL players when drafted. However, one of the above factors, which Kiper and crew could not have predicted, resulted in those players failing to meet the hype.

Unfortunately, the draft has served as the most hopeful point of the Browns season for me (four straight losing seasons coupled with one playoff appearance since 1994 will do that). Following the draft, the Browns will inevitably lose their first regular season game as they have done 12 out of the past 13 years. Discussion of next year's draft will soon commence by early December with the team in the basement of the AFC North.

So, when I tune in to find the Browns pick Alabama running back Trent Richardson at No. 4, I will immediately tune out the talking ESPN heads (at least until the Browns' No. 22 pick). Instead, I will wait for the real season in September to tell if Richardson and other picks are successes or failures.

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Catholic compassion, not condemnation

The Doctrinal Assessment of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), while devoting one sentence to acknowledging "the great contribution of Women Religious to the Church in the United States," condemned

Alex Coccia

Shard of Glass

LCWR for having, "a prevalence of certain radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith in some of the programs and presentations sponsored by the LCWR ... Moreover, some commentaries on 'patriarchy' distort the way in which Jesus has structured sacramental life in the Church." The statement came as a great surprise to the sisters involved in and with LCWR. In addition to surprise, many religious and laypersons in the U.S. are outraged by the Vatican's unexpected and unreasonable appointment of Cardinal Sartain to oversee the group.

Former LCWR president Benedictine Sr. Joan Chittister said that the Vatican's response is an attempt to control people's thinking, which would "make a mockery of the search for God, of the whole notion of keeping eyes on the signs of the times and of providing the people with the best possible spiritual guidance and presence you can give." Unfortunately, the spiritual guidance that has been emanating from the Church and its hierarchy as of late to help people with their search for God has resulted in the decrease of practicing American Catholics. Whether it is the Vatican excommunicating the mother of a nine-year-old girl who had had an abortion after being raped by her step-father, or Monsignor William Lynn or Reverend James Brennan regarding their involvement in a clerical

sex-abuse scandal in Philadelphia. Whether it is the clear lack of understanding from Archbishop Dolan with respect to the plight for homeless LGBT youth in New York, or Bishop Daniel Jenky likening President Obama with Hitler and Stalin, or the Vatican reprimanding the Leadership Conference of Women Religious for supposedly promoting radical feminist themes and being silent on the issue of abortion. The Church and its male hierarchy have fallen very hard from grace in the public eye.

What has certainly become clear from the outpour of critiques of the Church is the dichotomy that exists in the American Catholic Church between preaching and practice. The Church must consider the image it creates for itself in the United States and recognize that there does exist a point at which the words that are preached must be in line with the actions that are practiced. For the Church to gain a positive presence in the United States, there is a need for a renewed catholic vision that focuses on the teachings and actions of Jesus Christ. Condemnation of the work of American nuns does not resonate well with this vision.

However, condemnation should not be the means the Vatican uses to attract more people to the Church. Catholic means universal, a truth that should not be applied only to scripture and doctrine, but to behavior that models that of Christ. The moments that force people out of the Universal Church are all teachable moments, but only if the Church is willing to use them as such. Such condemnation removes focus from the good work that the Church does in cities, towns and villages across the world. Such condemnation hides from many what

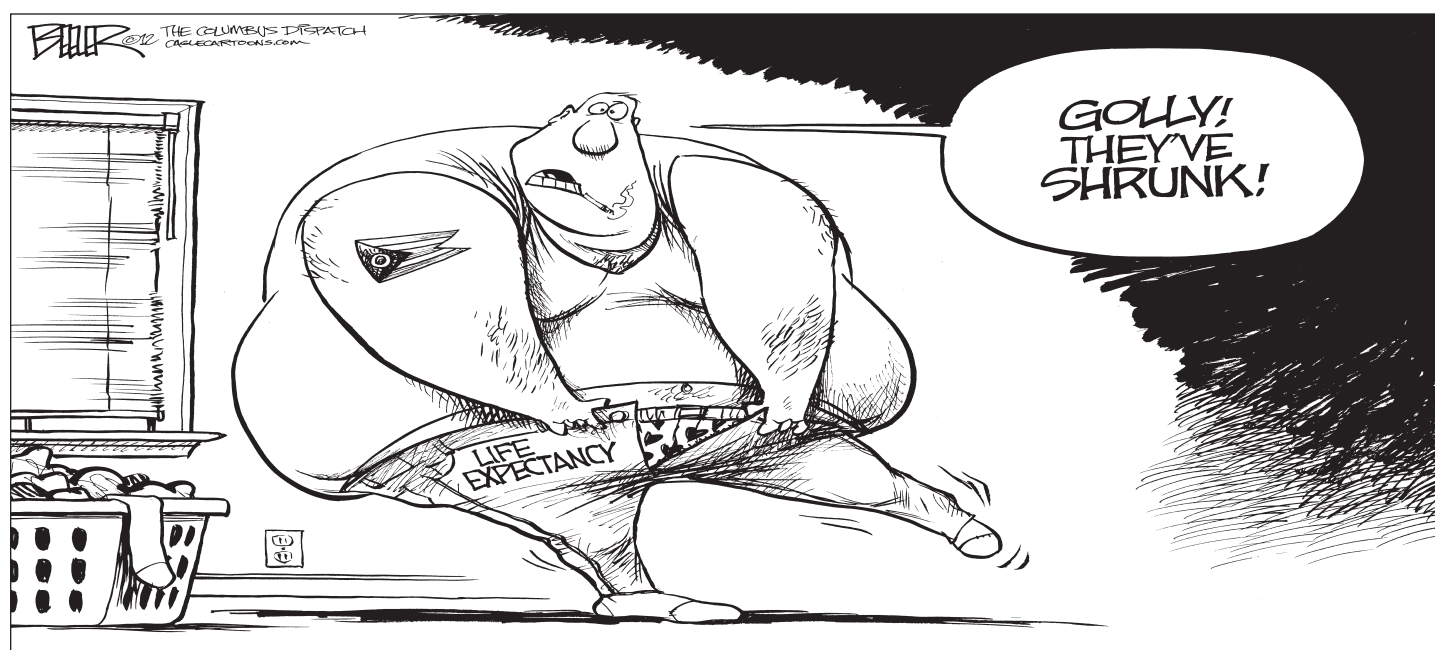
should be the reasons to feel a sense of belonging to the Catholic Church — the grass roots and structural focus on social justice from a myriad of Catholic groups, like Catholic Relief Services, the work by other groups to create interfaith dialogue in some of the most war-torn regions of the world, or the efforts of some to educate others to enter the world with a commitment to serving others as the driving force of professionalism, among many. The negative images of the Church and its hierarchy damage can hinder the image of the work that others, like the sisters of LCWR, are doing in communities to help the oppressed and promote the dignity of individuals.

Sister Simone Campbell, who was reprimanded in the Vatican's recent report, said in an NPR interview, "What we do as Women Religious is, we minister to people everywhere who are suffering, who are being discriminated against, and we don't ask to see a baptismal certificate. We serve everyone we find, in keeping with the Gospel of Jesus." The faithful need the visible leaders who exemplify that faith and that Gospel teaching. They have those leaders in the sisters. The beauty of the Church is and should be its ability to reach the poor and vulnerable and to speak a language of love to all people. However, the hierarchy must set the same example as the sisters, and exercising condemnation of those who are compassionate rather than showing compassion itself is most certainly not the right way to go about it.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."

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Facebook users should be wary of company's data mining

Some people are surprised that Facebook and most other popular social media services are provided for absolutely no cost to any of its 800,000,000 users.

Facebook is quite satisfied with the current arrangement. Because today we are living in a modern age in which information has become one of the most valuable commodities of all, enabling companies like Facebook, which deal in the trafficking and archiving of this information, to become incomprehensibly successful.

In fact, Facebook was able to generate \$3.2 billion in revenue in 2011 by selling this data, which many people consider to contain somewhat personal information, wholesale to other companies and advertisers. This way, the countless corporations can more easily tap into their targeted consumer (you) and your marketable interests.

It seems somewhat harmless, initially.

But every day, millions of Facebook and other social media users share personal, sometimes intimate information with friends or family that could eventually come back to haunt them.

Lori Andrews from the New York Times even reported some people have had to defend themselves against data mined online in both criminal and child

custody cases, and this information is often lumped into unfounded groups that can be established with only the slightest correlation.

For instance, searching Facebook groups for a controversial topic for research or other practical purposes could result in government agents taking notice of the wrong people for the wrong reasons.

Many will merely claim if you want to maintain your privacy, don't ever post any of your personal information online — admittedly pretty simple and effective advice. But does that mean a guarantee of privacy online is simply a myth?

That, in order to be safe, we'll have to absolutely abstain from digital communications? That's a notion our society simply shouldn't be willing to accept.

It's also somewhat ironic that while a majority of our society's population is in an uproar over the government's attempts to impede upon our collective online privacy, Facebook has been selling our private information to the highest bidder for years without too many people considering the repercussions.

Most of these same people have never even been aware Facebook has never necessarily been a safe haven for their personal information, but it's also become apparent Facebook's information sharing has become much more widespread and complicated than a majority

of its everyday users could have ever imagined.

For example, most users have been aware for some time that potential employers constantly scan social networks for information about prospective hires — but it's also reported that the Internal Revenue Service, United States immigration and others are constantly scanning Facebook's enormous data archives to track down its eluders.

It's certainly not a bad thing that criminals are being brought to justice through these means, but it's also somewhat unnerving to realize how it seems we're constantly moving ever closer to the infamous "Big Brother" society.

Because although Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg claims he created the revolutionary social media giant in order to "accomplish a social mission" in his ultimate quest to "make the world a more open place," that could all change in less than a month.

That's not to say Zuckerberg will no longer try to accomplish the macro-connectivity philosophy that's made the Harvard prodigy one of the youngest billionaires in history.

But once Facebook officially becomes a publicly traded company on the stock market, Zuckerberg's No. 1 priority will unarguably be pumping up his share prices for his investors.

The most logical way for Zuckerberg to do that is to generate even more rev-

enue through shipping out unfathomable amounts of this invaluable data in a process coined "data aggregation."

With the literal nonexistence of legislation pertaining to data mining regulation, loose correlations being made within the data collection along with the vast, seemingly unending potential of the information market presents some possible problems.

It's not a series of problems that's completely unique to Facebook, either, as fellow columnist Casey Hoffman pointed out in her Feb. 28 piece. Google is currently the largest trafficker and archivist of information, bringing in an estimated \$36.5 billion — more than 11 times what Facebook pulled in the same year.

But as I mentioned, Facebook is about to cross the threshold into the territory of a publicly traded company.

This means not only will they see even more wild potential for growth, but ultimately, the almighty dollar, rather than common sense, will control the direction of Facebook and its ever-increasing data mining and trafficking.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What Jenky actually said

I have no difficulty recognizing the fact that history books and newspapers show us that a great number of foolish and even evil men have held the office of Catholic bishop. And following St. Paul's example, when these men speak foolishly or evilly, they should be opposed because of the condemnation their words deserve (see Galatians 2:11).

I feel no need to defend a statement merely because the man who made it is a Catholic bishop.

However, I feel the faculty members who signed the letter asking for Bishop Daniel Jenky's resignation from Notre Dame's Board of Fellows show the very "ignorance of history" and "absence of judgment" of which they accuse Jenky.

Those who take the time to read Jenky's actual statements (and seeing as we live in the age of Google, that is not too difficult of a task to accomplish) would see that he was not in any way comparing the actions of President Obama or any other current American political figure to the genocidal activities of the Nazi and Soviet regimes.

He spoke about ways the current administration has sought to restrict religious freedom in the United States. He compared this to the efforts of a number of political leaders throughout history to restrict the political, social and cultural influence of Christianity. He made a very narrow argument about how there are similarities between particular policies of this administration and the particular policies of a number of regimes that history now views negatively.

I understand that there are those who would disagree with the arguments that Jenky is making. But I would hope that individuals who possess the intelligence necessary to teach at this great university would have the intellectual integrity to respond to the argument that Jenky actually made.

I would hope that they would not feel the need to distort his argument in order to fight against an inflammatory and offensive straw man argument that he never put forward.

Ryan Larson
law student
off campus
April 24

The Regatta's history

During that fateful winter of 1842, when a group of Holy Cross missionaries arrived at the land upon which they would found a university that fostered Catholic tradition and academic excellence, Fr. Sorin looked out across the frozen tundra that is now St. Mary's Lake and said to himself, "Man, this would be a great spot for a regatta."

While this bit of history remained obscure for over a century, Fred Fisher decided to accept the responsibility of honoring Fr. Sorin's request and established the Fisher Regatta, an annual boat race. It is a nautical event bigger than the Spanish Armada and more epic than Odysseus' famed naval journey. When the Queen of England attends the Henley Royal Regatta, all she can think about is how she would much rather be desperately trying to keep a makeshift boat afloat on St. Mary's Lake in front of thousands of spectators.

The Regatta, which is on Saturday, April 28 at 1 p.m., pits teams of students against one another as they use their creativity and resourcefulness to build boats out of any material they can find and compete to be the first one to cross the finish line. Teams are not allowed to use pre-made materials used for boats, which results in them coming up with some incredibly unique designs with hilarious consequences.

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Style with Sean

Long Hair vs. Shaved Head

Last week I donated my hair to Pantene's Beautiful Lengths so tone lucky cancer patient will someday be able to have a full head of red hair. Going from 8.5 inches to basically 0 is not only scary, but hard to get used to. However, I can already tell the difference. Based on my experience, here are the pros and cons of long hair vs. a shaved head.

Sean Fitzgerald

Scene Writer

Pros of Long Hair

You Can Head Bang like a Pro: Have you ever gone to a concert and just felt like headbanging, but it just didn't feel quite right? It's because you don't have hair smacking you in the face on the downbang and then hair flying up on the upbang. Proper headbanging technique requires long hair. It was also a requirement to be a rock god in the '80s. The '80s really wouldn't have been the same without all that hair flying around.

Girls Wanting to Play With It: Yes, this truly does happen. The sheer number of times girls asked to French braid my hair was a little scary. It's like

they think it's their own little play toy that they mix and match into pretty shapes and colors. Warning: Do not take up anyone's offer to put your hair into corn-rows.

You Might Look Better: You're an average Joe. Your hair has been short forever. You will never know if long hair

might actually make you look better. It has something to do with your face shape (round, diamond, square, cylindrical, Magnum, dreamy, etc.), but that's not my area of expertise. All I know is that you might actually like it. If you don't, you can always go back.



Before



After

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Cons of Long Hair

High Maintenance: Remember when your parents said you could get a dog, but you had to take care of it? Well this is the exact same thing. If you can put up with it, you might reap the rewards. If not, you might look like a bum.

The Your-Mom-is-Going-to-Try-to-Cut-it-Off-Herself Dilemma: All Moms are programmed to make sure that their child does not do anything crazy. She also wants you to look like a "good boy." She doesn't want her son to turn into a "rebel." If you grow out your hair, she will try to cut it off. It's in her nature.

Pros of a Shaved Head

Manly: Almost the universal sign of a man is a man with short hair. Soldiers have shaved heads, Bruce Willis is bald or maybe you just want to look like Mr. Clean. Either way, short hair exhibits manliness.

Easy and Simple: If you have short hair all you have to do is jump in the shower, put in some shampoo and rinse. After 3 to 4 weeks, you just shave it again. The sheer amount of money saved on haircuts might be worth it.

Cons of a Shaved Head

Same Old Same Old: It's kind of boring. If you have had it short forever, isn't it time to branch out a bit?

Shapely Noggin: In order to pull off the true shaved head look without looking like a deformed alien, you need a nice shapely head. You can't afford to have any bumps or asymmetrical features. However, if you've got any crazy scars (like myself), you can show them off.

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Sean readies himself to cut off his ginger locks for charity.





By MAIJA GUSTIN
Senior Scene Writer

As part of AnTostal 2012, the Student Union Board will sponsor a screening of five favorite '90s Nicktoons tonight at 8 p.m. The Third Eye Blind concert and the continuing popularity of Fruit Roll-Ups as a topic of conversation prove that Notre Dame students still love the '90s, and Nickelodeon's cartoons remain one of the best parts of the decade.

In case you've forgotten just why you loved being a kid in the '90s, Scene is here to remind you about some of your favorite childhood shows.

"Rugrats"

Long before Stewie Griffin became the most quotable baby in town, the precocious tots on "Rugrats" were having adventures we could only dream of. From finding an Indiana Jones-like cave in the backyard to defeating "The Meanie of Hanukkah," the "Rugrats" taught us to ask questions, protect our friends and explore the world. Tommy was the bravest kid in town, Chuckie an unexpected hero and Phil and Lil determined though sometimes clueless — and they were all still in diapers. Let's also not forget the great debt Sue Sylvester of "Glee" owes to Angelica Pickles.

"CatDog"

Conjoined half-dog, half-cat twins Cat and Dog were outcasts in their own city, but their optimism and friendship gave us a model for staying true to oneself even in the face of adversity. Cat and Dog were often in complete opposition — with Dog wanting to chase cars and Cat wanting to sit at home and read — but their brotherhood never wavers for long. Fiercely loyal, "CatDog" proved that some bonds can withstand any resistance.

"The Amanda Show"

The star of "She's the Man," "What

a Girl Wants" and a recent mugshot got her start on Nickelodeon. Amanda Bynes's success as a cast member of Nickelodeon sketch comedy show "All That" propelled her to starring in a self-titled comedy show, "The Amanda Show." In it, Bynes stars as a host of quirky characters in recurring sketches, lampooning everything from girls' bathrooms to "Dawson's Creek." "The Amanda Show" launched the careers of fellow Nick stars Drake Bell and Josh Peck as well as current "Saturday Night Live" cast member Taran Killam, who many remember fondly as Spalding on "Moody's Point."

"Hey Arnold!"

Arnold, otherwise known as "football head," was a wise-beyond-his-years fourth grader dealing with growing up in a hybrid city reminiscent of many of our own. "Hey Arnold" dealt with topics ranging from heat waves to bullying, social outcasts to imprisoned wild animals, always providing lessons for children and their parents alike. The endlessly funny show also taught many that sometimes, kids are mean because they like you — and that even kids can enjoy jazz.

"Rocko's Modern Life"

One of the first in a new string of "edgy" cartoons on Nickelodeon, "Rocko's Modern Life" was only the network's fourth original show, and remains one of the most beloved. Following the antics of Australian ex-pat wallaby Rocko, his cow of a best friend Heffer, a phobic turtle named Filburt and loyal dog Spunky, "Rocko's Modern Life" again aimed to enchant both kids and their parents. Dealing with the problems of everyday life, the animation was delightful and the stories both comedic and poignant.

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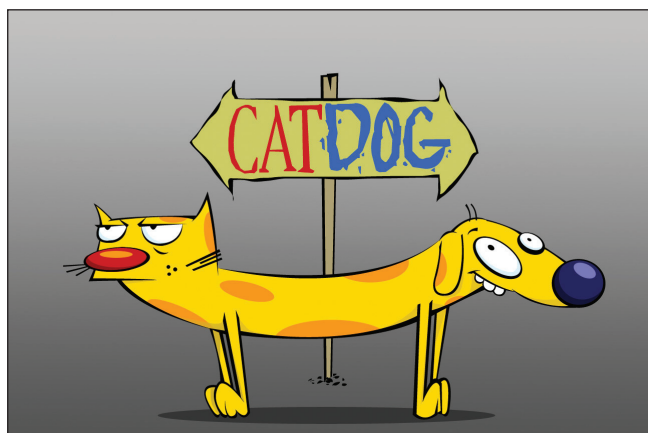


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Another Disappointing Nicholas Sparks Adaptation



By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

After much excitement and anticipation from "The Notebook" fans, "The Lucky One," the latest film adaptation of one of Nicholas Sparks' romantic novels, unfortunately disappoints.

Starring Zac Efron as U.S. Marine sergeant Logan, the movie is a story of love amidst tragic events and circumstances.

The plot begins to unfold when Logan finds a photo of a woman in the ground while at war in Iraq. The photo saves him from various enemy raids and he is, therefore, determined to find the woman in the picture and thank her.

Coming back from war, Logan discovers the woman on the picture is Beth (Taylor Schilling) and manages to get a job at the dog kennel she runs with her grandmother (Blythe Danner).

Beth has a lot of family turmoil. She lost her parents at a young age, is mourning the recent death of her brother at war, has a seven-year-old son Ben (Riley Thomas Stewart) and has to deal with an abusive ex-husband Keith (Jay R. Ferguson). However, not knowing what he was hiding, Beth finds comfort in Logan's arms and they quickly fall in love.

Drama begins when Keith brings to Beth's attention that Logan is hiding the picture she had given to her brother before he left for war. Nevertheless, in the end, Keith dies tragically and Beth quickly forgives Logan, inviting him to stay with her and Ben and become part of their family.

Overall, "The Lucky One" displays great images and scenes. It is set in a small town with a beautiful natural setting and atmosphere. However, the film lacks dialogue among characters.

Logan and Beth's conversations are far from what a regular exchange between two people that are getting to

know each other would look like. They are filled with profound stares and silence.

The movie's plot and character development takes place fast — too fast.

At first, Beth despises Logan, but the next day they are all over each other. Also, after discovering Logan's secret, Beth tells him she doesn't want to see him ever again. Yet, two days later, the movie concludes with a happy ending.

In general, "The Lucky One" is far more entertaining than some other Nicholas Sparks' adaptations such as "Dear John." However, it will never be "The Notebook."

It is a good movie to relax, disconnect from your studies and

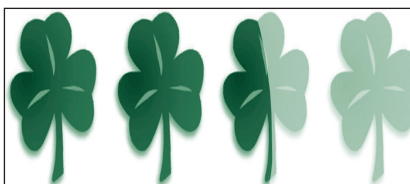
watch the super good-looking Zac Efron take care of dogs and play with Ben, but it does not promise much more than that.

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"The Lucky One"

Directed by: Scott Hicks

Starring: Zac Efron,
Taylor Schilling and Blythe Danner



SPORTS AUTHORITY

Attempting to Peace together the aftermath

Lakers forward Metta World Peace bounded down the lane, used two sweeping steps to slide between defenders, rose up and threw down a dunk in the second quarter of Sunday's game against the Thunder.

It was a good play but not a great one. On a SportsCenter-inspired ranking system, it was closer to "dunk you very much" than "ri-dunk-ulous."

But that didn't stop the player formerly known as Ron Artest from celebrating. The former rap star embarked on a shameless display of self-promotion that turned into a damning display of self-depreciation.

Halfway through a Tarzan-esque chest pounding, Metta took exception to Oklahoma City guard James Harden entering his realm. The oft-troubled Laker reared back and delivered a solid elbow to the side of Harden's head. As Harden collapsed into the purple paint, World Peace strutted off with a scowl. That's weird to say.

But it is so un-weird at the same time. The same man who played a central role in the Malice at the Palace in 2004 has once again caused a ruckus. He changed his name, he left the heartland for the West Coast and he expanded his facial hair, but he once again played the role of villain on the court Sunday. At least this time he refrained from climbing into the stands.

Basically, what it comes down to is one question: how dare he? How dare Metta World Peace clobber an opponent between plays, in front of thousands of fans and in full sight of all the players and referees — especially given his history? Especially given the fact that he took on the name "World Peace"? The pseudonym is assuredly among the worst advertising attempts in history.

"Thanks for trying, Ron, but I'm not sure it's helping much," world peace might be saying right about now.

How dare he act as though the elbow was inadvertent? How dare he insult James Harden, the Oklahoma City Thunder, the NBA, its officials and its fans like that? We all saw what happened. Via Twitter and postgame interviews, Metta World Peace



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Sports Writer

attempted to express both concern for Harden and regret for his excessive celebration, all the while insisting that the contact was incidental.

Does he not understand what he has done? He could have knocked out James Harden's teeth, "Cause you would look pretty ugly with no teeth." That has nothing to do with your question, but that was definitely on my mind.

So who/what is Ron Artest/Metta World Peace? Is he really a villain? A joker? A defensive stopper? Just a normal human being?

Normality seems unlikely at this point. Anyone doubting this point should consult the Internet about Ron Artest's philosophy on teeth (no, that wasn't a typo two paragraphs ago).

But in all seriousness, the former Pacer has once again put the NBA's reputation in jeopardy by interrupting an official contest with his entirely unprofessional actions. While he left the NBA with a figurative black eye, he inflicted a more literal wound on a fellow player. He put James Harden's health at risk and left the Thunder with roster uncertainty as they head into the playoffs. He embarrassed his own team and complicated its already-suffering playoff prospects.

For a player whose antics, both on the court and off, have invoked laughter, disbelief, appreciation, shock and disappointment, the most recent infraction is a severely unfortunate event. How is basketball's fan base supposed to take Metta World Peace seriously? How is the NBA supposed to trust him to represent its brand? At this point, can the 12-year veteran even trust himself to not snap when the emotions of a game accumulate?

Perhaps, with the swing of his elbow, Metta World Peace was taking an inspired but errant shot at the devil that has clung to his shoulder for the past several years. Unfortunately for all of us, the New York native will have to swing a lot harder (and preferably not when anyone's cranium is within swinging range) to rid himself of that demon.

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PGA TOUR

Watson finds change after Masters



Bubba Watson waves after putting on his green jacket after winning the Masters golf tournament following a sudden death playoff April 8 in Augusta, Ga.

Associated Press

Masters champion Bubba Watson returned home from a media tour in New York two weeks ago and hung his green jacket in the closet.

He hasn't seen it since.

Life has been moving at a faster pace than Watson imagined since he hooked that sand wedge off the pine straw, around the trees and onto the 10th green at Augusta National to win a sudden-death playoff over Louis Oosthuizen and capture his first major.

He and his wife, Angie, adopted a month-old boy named Caleb just two weeks before the Masters. His first act as Masters champion was to cradle the boy the next morning and feed him from the bottle, before leaving the next day for his media tour.

As for changing diapers? That's coming along at a slightly slower pace.

"Not that I have a count, but it's only five I've changed," Watson said. "And they've been easy to change."

So much has changed in one month. A new father. A major champion. And two weeks after trying to let it all soak in, it's time for Watson to get back to work. He is defending his title this week in New Orleans at the Zurich Classic.

If not for the responsibility he feels to defend, Watson would much rather be home.

"We figured out we've had him for a month, and I've been

home, I think at the most, nine days, maybe eight days," Watson said. "So it's not enough, not a lot. So it's hard leaving him. It was hard leaving today, but that's the change. That's the excitement of waking up every morning, no matter how tired you are, no matter how red your eyes are, just seeing him pretty much do nothing — just lay there."

The win at Augusta isn't a distant memory by any stretch.

It will live in Masters' lore, just like so many other shots before it — the 6-iron that Phil Mickelson hit between a pair of Georgia pines on the 13th hole in 2010, Tiger Woods' chip-in that made a U-turn on the 16th green and paused at the lip of the cup before falling for birdie in 2005.

Watson might have been the last guy to realize how close his shot was to the flag.

"I was expecting front of the green, maybe center of the green at best, because you never expect it to be that close," he said. "But it came off and I couldn't see it. I ran to the fairway and I heard them roar, and I said, 'Where is it?' ... So I saw it, and I go, 'Whew, I'm pretty good.' That's how it all went down."

His win was popular for several reasons, not the least of which was a guy named Bubba whose approach to golf is similar to so many regular folk. His late father taught him how to grip a golf club and the fundamentals of the swing, and Watson took it from there. He has never had a teacher, preferring to figure it out

by himself. He was groomed on public courses and would much rather play golf than beat balls on the practice range or stare into a video to figure out his swing.

Five years ago, the Masters champion was Zach Johnson, who described himself as a "normal guy" from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"I'm just Bubba from Bagdad, Florida," Watson said. "Small town, play golf because I love the game of golf. I play golf because it's fun. ... Everybody can see that my swing is homegrown. That means everybody has a chance to do it. Hard work, dedication, practice and the drive to do it, and not worry about what other people say."

There have been changes typical of any newfound stardom.

Watson said a radio station called him about 40 times the morning after he won the Masters. The first job for Watson's agent, Jens Beck, was to change the cell phone number of him and his wife. And while the last two weeks have been mostly about his new family, it didn't take long to realize he gets to play the Masters the rest of his career, with a few extra privileges as the champion.

"I think there's a new rule where I can take a guest, play Sunday before the Masters," he said. "My wife said that she will be glad to play Sunday before the Masters next year. That's when I realized that every year I get to take a guest. I'll have a bunch of new friends. My cell phone number will be changed many times."

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NFL

Saints interim coach responds to wiretapping probe

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — While state police and the FBI started a wiretapping probe into the Saints and general manager Mickey Loomis, assistant head coach Joe Vitt called allegations that Loomis had his Superdome booth wired so he could listen to opposing coaches “ludicrous.”

“It’s absolutely ludicrous. It’s impossible,” Vitt said Tuesday. “I’ve never heard of it before. That’s something from ‘Star Wars.’ When I first heard something about it being a wiretap, I thought they were talking about Sammy ‘the Bull’ Gravano or something. I didn’t even know what they were talking about.”

“... And then to associate Mickey with that? That’s irresponsible. It’s a shame.”

Vitt met with reporters for the first time since being appointed to serve in head coach Sean Payton’s place during Payton’s season-long suspension in connection with the NFL’s bounty investigation of New Orleans. Vitt himself will have to serve a six-game suspension for his role in the cash-for-big-hits system the Saints ran from 2009-11, and Loomis will be out for eight games.

The bounty probe is unrelated to the investigation a joint Louisiana state police and FBI task force opened after being made aware of anonymous allegations from an ESPN report that Loomis was able eavesdrop on opposing coaches’ radio communications from 2002 to 2004.

State police Col. Mike Edmonson confirmed the joint effort Tuesday after discussing the matter with Dave Welker, special agent in charge at the FBI’s New Orleans field office.

“I thought that was an excellent opportunity to share resources to see if federal or state wiretapping laws were in fact broken,” Ed-



Suspended Saints coach Sean Payton watches the field during a game against Tampa Bay on Oct. 16, 2011. Payton’s replacement, Joe Vitt, responded yesterday to talk of wiretapping in the Superdome.

monson said by phone from Baton Rouge. “It’s important for the public to know these are allegations at this point. We will thoroughly, expeditiously, but fairly look into whether any laws have been broken. If they have, we’ll sit down with the district attorney in that area to determine how to proceed.”

Loomis and the Saints have called the allegations “100 percent false,” and have

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are reviewing the report could not verify the system was used.

Vitt said he has worked with Loomis 17 years in the NFL, dating to their early days in the league together in Seattle, and that one of the reasons he joined the Saints in 2006 was because he under-

stands Loomis’ core beliefs.

“Anybody that ever wants to question Mickey’s integrity on something like this. I mean, this is juvenile,” Vitt said. “This is so bad, what’s been reported, and it’s irresponsible. It really is. ... I just know it’s not true. I know what Mickey’s meant in my life and I know what he’s meant in the lives of a lot of people around this league and you can’t get anybody to find fault with Mickey Loomis. That’s just the truth.”

The alleged actions would violate NFL rules, if not state and federal laws.

Edmonson said he is aware that statutes of limitations — six years under state wiretapping laws —

may hinder prosecution but added, “Let’s find out if any laws have been broken first, and that’s what we’re doing right now. It’s up to us to find out facts and get with the district attorney, who will then decide” if the time to prosecute has passed.

The statute of limitations for federal wiretapping crimes is generally five years.

“Where these allegations take us, we’ll certainly go there,” Edmonson said. “Out of fairness to the people involved, let’s find out if any of these allegations are factual.”

Under Louisiana law, the only law enforcement agency in Louisiana that can investigate wiretapping violations is the state police.

Loomis explained his use of an earpiece and described his game-day setup in the Superdome booth in an emailed statement on Monday afternoon. He said he has a monitor in his booth that provides the league-issued stats, a small TV with the network broadcast and an earpiece to listen to the local radio broadcast.

“To think I am sitting in there listening and actually ... doing something with the offensive and defensive play calls of the opposing teams makes this story and the unnamed sources that provided the false information that much more less credible,” Loomis’ statement said. “It just didn’t happen.”

Washington Redskins defensive coordinator Jim Haslett was the Saints’ head coach from 2000 through 2005. In a comment the Saints forwarded to the AP by email, Haslett denied knowledge of any system that would have allowed for eavesdropping on opponents.

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NHL

Rangers prepare for Game 7 test

Associated Press

NEW YORK – Just as finishing with the Eastern Conference’s best regular-season doesn’t mean anything once the playoffs start, the New York Rangers are well aware that no one will remember their elimination-avoiding victory in Ottawa if they don’t finish off the Senators at home in Game 7.

With a two-day break before the deciding game in the back-and-forth, first-round series, the top-seeded Rangers took the day off Tuesday after staying alive with a stirring 3-2 comeback victory on Monday.

The contentious matchup will be decided on Thursday night.

History has swung a bit back in the Rangers’ favor. The Broadway Blueshirts are 3-0 in Game 7s played at home, including a pair in 1994 when they advanced to the finals with a double-overtime win over New Jersey, and the Stanley Cup clincher against Vancouver that ended 54 years of waiting for a championship.

The Rangers are more than happy to have parallels to the special season of 1994. That Eastern Conference finals win over New Jersey 18 years ago marked the only time New York rallied to win a series in which it trailed 3-2 — the same deficit the Rangers are looking to erase against the Senators.

It has also been that long since the Rangers had a Game 7 in Madison Square Garden.

“Our thought is to win it,” Rangers coach John Tortorella said Tuesday during a conference call. “As far as there not being a Game 7 at Madison Square since 1994, it doesn’t affect anything we do. We’re going into a Game 7 with an opportunity to win the hockey game. That’s all we’re concerned about.”

The Rangers are 3-5 overall in Game 7, but their wins have all come in the past four they

have played. New York lost in the final game of its first-round series against Washington in 2009 — the Rangers’ most recent Game 7.

Ottawa is 0-4 in Game 7s, but the Senators have had success in New York this season. They are 4-1 at Madison Square Garden, including 2-1 in this series.

“I think it’s good for us. We’ve been better on the road,” Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson told The Canadian Press on Tuesday. “We obviously know that they’re going to come (out hard). I think that they played a more aggressive game than we did (Monday). I think we got up early and we were a little bit passive.”

Ottawa jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first period of Game 6, and seemed poised to keep the Rangers off the board for the second straight game until New York got its power play going in the second period. The Rangers used it to score two of their three goals in a span of 10:24 of the middle frame.

The Rangers had gone 145 minutes, 27 seconds over three games without scoring against goalie Craig Anderson before breaking through.

“It doesn’t surprise me,” Tortorella said of the Rangers’ resilience. “Our team has responded all year long. A lot of our game throughout this series has been very good. We just have not found a way to make a big offensive play at a key time. (Monday) night in the second period, we did. This group of guys has just gone about their business. That’s the way we’ll approach Game 7.”

The Senators complained about a questionable goalie interference call against Nick Foligno that gave the Rangers a 5-on-3 advantage that led to New York’s second goal.

The Rangers had disputes of their own, starting with a roughing penalty to Mike Rupp in the first period that cre-

ated the power play that produced the Senators’ first goal. The bigger gripe for New York came in the last minute when Ottawa scored to make it 3-2. The Rangers believe the goal shouldn’t have counted because goalie Henrik Lundqvist was interfered with, and they contended that prime agitator Chris Neil kicked the puck into the net.

Lundqvist still fumed after the game and made remarks that could land him in trouble with the NHL.

“It’s an absolute joke,” Lundqvist said after his 25-save performance. “When it’s such an obvious play, goalie interference and a kick, and they still call it a goal? It scares me that someone can call that. It’s just unbelievable. It still upsets me, because we have this game, and then they get a chance.”

“Someone wants them back in the game, obviously, because there’s no other explanation.” For at least the third time in this physical series, the NHL is looking into an act that could result in further punishment.

Rangers rookie Carl Hagelin returned Monday from a three-game suspension for his elbow to Alfredsson’s head in Game 2. Neil avoided supplemental discipline for his Game 5 hit that gave 6-foot-7 New York forward Brian Boyle a concussion that forced him to miss Game 6, and now the league is believed to be reviewing replays to see whether Ottawa’s Milan Michalek kicked defenseman Dan Girardi twice when the Senators scored their final goal.

Tortorella, who has been fined \$50,000 this season for critical remarks directed at the league and officiating, declined to comment Tuesday on any of the disputed calls.

If Michalek is forced to sit out Game 7, the Senators will have to scramble to form a new top line around leading scorer Jason Spezza.

NBA

World Peace banned seven games



AP

Lakers forward Metta World Peace elbows Thunder forward James Harden in the Lakers’ 114-106 win Sunday.

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Los Angeles Lakers forward Metta World Peace was suspended

seven games by the NBA on Tuesday for elbowing James Harden, meaning he could miss at least six playoff games.

World Peace was ejected

from Sunday’s game against Oklahoma City for throwing an elbow that struck Harden in the back of the head, giving him a concussion.

World Peace will miss the season finale on Thursday at Sacramento, then the next six games for which he is eligible. The playoffs open Saturday.

Commissioner David Stern alluded to the former Ron Artest’s history of on-court altercations in announcing the penalty in a statement.

Artest got an 86-game ban in 2004 for jumping into the stands at the Palace of Auburn Hills, outside Detroit, to fight fans.

“The concussion suffered by James Harden demonstrates the danger posed by violent acts of this kind, particularly when they are directed at the head area,” Stern said in a statement. “We remain committed to taking necessary measures to protect the safety of NBA players, including the imposition of appropriate penalties for players with a history of on-court altercations.”

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Chelsea eliminates Barcelona in upset



AP

Chelsea forward Fernando Torres jumps over Barcelona goalie Victor Valdes in a 2-2 tie Tuesday at the Camp Nou.

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Lionel Messi walked off the Camp Nou pitch in tears, as one of the most dominant eras in European club soccer came to a crashing halt.

He wasn’t the only one shaking his head in disbelief.

Despite going a man and two goals down in the first half, Chelsea pulled off one of the unlikely comebacks in Champions League history Tuesday, earning a 2-2 draw against Barcelona. That sent the London club into the final 3-2 on aggregate and eliminated the defending champion.

For the second time in two weeks, Chelsea withstood a never-ending onslaught from the Spanish powerhouse and displayed ruthless efficiency when rare opportunities finally presented themselves.

“It’s a historical night for the club. I believe we deserve to be in the final,” said Chelsea’s interim manager Roberto Di Matteo, whose team will face either Bayern Munich or Real Madrid in the May 19 final at Munich’s Allianz Arena. “We had a difficult season, but we seem to always get something special out when we need to. That’s part of the DNA of these players.”

For Barcelona, the result could mark the end of one of the most successful spells in club soccer. The team was looking for a third Champions League title in four seasons, and this loss came right on the heels of a 2-1 defeat to Real Madrid that all but ended its hopes of a fourth straight league crown.

With coach Pep Guardiola yet to decide whether to stay at the club, it means his reign could end without a major crown this year - although the Copa del Rey is still up for grabs as a consolation.

“It hurts to lose this way because we were better and we gave it our all,” said Barcelona midfielder Cesc Fabregas. “We needed the perfect game, but we weren’t perfect because we lacked goals.”

Despite coming into the second leg with a 1-0 lead, Chelsea’s

hopes looked all but over after going down 2-0 and having captain John Terry sent off for a needless foul in the first half.

But Ramires’ stunning lob right before halftime gave the advantage back to the Blues on away goals, and Barca never found a way to recover after the break. After Messi blasted a penalty kick against the crossbar and hit the post with another shot, substitute Fernando Torres scored in injury time to make it 3-2 on aggregate and ensure that Chelsea advanced.

While Chelsea’s players celebrated, Messi trudged off the field with his head buried in his shirt.

“We’re here because of this kid,” Guardiola said. “I have no doubt he’s going through a bad moment. That’s the sad thing about this sport is that these things exist.”

For Chelsea, this was the crowning achievement in a remarkable and improbable turnaround led by di Matteo, who has also guided the team into the FA Cup final after manager Andre Villas-Boas was fired in March.

Chelsea won the first leg 1-0 at Stamford Bridge last week after Didier Drogba scored with the hosts’ only shot on target amid a series of wasted chances by Barcelona.

It is Chelsea’s first Champions League final since losing to Manchester United in a penalty kicks shootout in 2008, and gives owner Roman Abramovich another chance to finally capture the elusive title in Europe’s premier club competition.

Sergio Busquets and Andres Iniesta put Barcelona up 2-0 by the 44th minute as the Spanish club again dominated possession from the start — owning 73 percent for the game. In between those goals, Terry was given a straight red card for putting his knee into the back of Alexis Sanchez, making a Chelsea rally look even more unlikely.

“I feel as I let them down, I’ve apologized to them,” said Terry, who will be suspended from the final alongside another three Chelsea players. “Looking at the replay, it does look like a red card.”

NHL

Devils force Game 7 with win



Devils center Travis Zajac scores the game-winning goal in New Jersey's 3-2 overtime victory over the Panthers on Tuesday.

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The New Jersey Devils are still alive in the Stanley Cup chase because of a player who spent most of the season off the ice working his way back from an Achilles tendon injury.

Travis Zajac scored at 5:39 of overtime and the Devils avoided elimination and sent yet another Eastern Conference first-round series to a seventh game with a 3-2 victory over the Florida Panthers on Tuesday night.

"It's fun to be back competing and playing at this time of year," said Zajac whose season was limited to 15 regular-season games because of an Achilles injury in August that required surgery.

"When you have a setback, you never know what's going to happen. As I went through the process again, I felt better and better. It was just about being patient. I knew I would be back

at some time in the new year. I was able to get a few games in and prepare for the playoffs."

The Devils will be playing in a Game 7 in Florida on Thursday because Zajac scored his biggest goal of the season on a counterattack against Panthers goalie Scott Clemmensen.

Zajac cleared the puck from in front of a harried Martin Brodeur and started a rush up the ice. Zach Parise took his cross-ice pass and gave the puck to Ilya Kovalchuk, who found Zajac skating down the left wing for a shot along the ice into the net.

"Kovy gets the puck at the far blue line and draws a couple of guys to him," Zajac said. "He made a really nice play to me and I just wanted to get a quick shot on net. I was lucky to beat Clemmer there."

It sparked a wild celebration in the corner and sent both teams packing for a trip to Florida.

"It's been a frustrating year for him," Parise said of Zajac, who had played in 401 straight games before his injury. "It's got to be rewarding and satisfying for him to get that one. He's played really well for us in the series. He's a good guy to play with. He makes my job easier. He makes Kovy's job easier."

Clemmensen was outstanding, making 39 saves in an emergency start for the injured Jose Theodore.

"I think he missed it, the shot," Clemmensen said of Zajac's last shot. "My D also may have gotten a stick on it. I don't think he was shooting where he wanted to, but went under the pad. I thought he was trying to shoot it high."

Steve Bernier and Kovalchuk also scored and Martin Brodeur made 14 saves for New Jersey, which squandered a two-goal lead before forcing a deciding game.

"They are fun to be part of," Brodeur said of playing in Game 7s. "When you're a kid you always go out and say 'this is Game 7 for all the marbles'. It brings back good memories because of that. You don't need to be nervous. You need to embrace the situation and make the best out of it."

Kris Versteeg and Sean Bergenheim tallied for Florida, which was looking for its first series win since 1996.

"We're fine," Panthers coach Kevin Dineen said. "We're going back home. This is where we are. It comes down to one game. Obviously you go to overtime and you'd like to put things to bed, but that's the nature of it. It will make for a very exciting game on Thursday."

Two other series in the conference are also headed to Game 7s. Washington will be at second-seeded Boston on Wednesday and Ottawa will be at the top-seeded Rangers on Thursday.

The Devils outshot Florida 42-16 in a game played before a sellout crowd.

Despite being outshot 29-10 in the opening 40 minutes, the Panthers rallied from a 2-0 deficit and entered the third period tied at 2-all.

The remarkable aspect was that the Panthers took only four shots in the second period and tallied on the two of the first three.

Versteeg cut the deficit to 2-1 at 7:05 of the period. Stephen Weiss centered the puck from along the left sideboards and Versteeg's shot hit off the skate of Devils forward Alexei Ponikarovsky and into the open side of the net. Brodeur never had a chance.

The tying goal came at 12:49 after the referees ignored a slash by Bergenheim that knocked Kovalchuk to the ice. It led to a 4-on-2 rush.

Brodeur made the initial stop on a shot from the between the circles by Tyson Strachan, but Bergenheim came late and tucked the rebound into an open net with teammate Marcel Goc hanging on the crossbar.

Kovalchuk gave the Devils a 2-0 lead earlier in the period, slam-dunking a pass from Zajac into the net with four seconds left on a power play. It was his third goal of the series.

The Devils had a big territorial advantage in the final 10 minutes of the first period and it finally paid off when Bernier beat Clemmensen with a bad-angle shot at 16:37 of the period.

MLB

Indians hand Royals 12th straight loss



Royals lefthander Jonathan Sanchez throws a pitch in Kansas City's 4-3 loss to the Indians at Progressive Field on Tuesday.

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Derek Lowe allowed one run over six innings and the Cleveland Indians handed the Kansas City Royals their 12th straight loss, 4-3 on Tuesday night.

The Royals have been outscored 73-44 during the streak, which ties for third-longest in team history. They also lost 12 in a row in 1997 and 2008. Kansas City lost 13 straight in 2006 and had a team-record 19 consecutive losses in 2005.

Cleveland built upon a recently completed 7-2 trip by returning to Progressive Field and earning their second home win in six games.

Lowe (3-1) gave up eight hits and struck out five. Chris Perez got his seventh save, allowing a ninth-inning run.

Jack Hannahan had a two-run double in Cleveland's three-run fifth against Jonathan Sanchez (1-1).

Beforehand, the Royals continued to try anything to get out of their funk. On Monday, they vented frustrations in a closed-door pregame meeting in which voices were raised in anger. Before opening a three-game series in Cleveland, players gathered around a clubhouse television to play a baseball video game.

That didn't help, either.

Sanchez hit Indians lead-off batter Jason Kipnis in the hand with his fifth pitch. Kipnis eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Carlos Santana to put Cleveland ahead

1-0.

On April 14, Sanchez hit Shin-Soo Choo with a pitch. Indians starter Jeanmar Gomez retaliated the next inning by plunking the Royals' Mike Moustakas, leading to a brief bench-clearing scuffle. Gomez drew a five-game suspension and was suspended along with Hannahan and manager Manny Acta.

A year ago with San Francisco, Sanchez broke Choo's left thumb with a pitch. The Royals acquired him in a trade for outfielder Melky Cabrera in November.

Sanchez walked the bases loaded in the second, but got Kipnis on a first-pitch pop-out, followed by a double-play grounder by Asdrubal Cabrera.

The left-hander also loaded the bases with walks in the fifth. One run scored on a sacrifice fly by Shelley Duncan. Hannahan followed with a double to right-center to make it 4-1 and finish Sanchez.

Sanchez walked seven over 4 2-3 innings, allowing four runs and four hits. He threw 115 pitches, only 56 for strikes.

Mitch Maier had an RBI single for Kansas City in the fourth and doubled home a run in the eighth. Overall, the Royals went 4 for 13 with runners in scoring position. The Royals are 13 for 73 (.178) in that situation over their last eight games.

Kansas City closed to 4-3 in the ninth. Chris Getz doubled and later scored on a groundout by Billy Butler.

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Freshman Ashley Armstrong poses with her Big East individual championship trophy Tuesday in Orlando, Fla.

Armstrong

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what we came for. It would have been nice to have that too but I guess this is awesome. Maybe it will hit me in a few days. I feel okay.”

With a team score of 910, the Irish finished one stroke behind South Florida.

“It is incredibly disappointing the way it happened,” Irish coach Susan Holt said. “We just didn’t get it done. I can’t think of a worse way to lose: to be so close and come up one shot short.”

Senior Becca Huffer and sophomore Kristina Nhim were right behind Armstrong in fifth and sixth place with total scores of 226 and 228 respectively.

Going into the final round, the Bulls were up six strokes and were barely able to hold off the surging Irish. Holt said the second round contributed to coming up short in the final round.

“We didn’t finish well and we lost five shots in the last two holes,” Holt said. “We could have gone in one down

but instead we started the third round six down.”

Holt said the final round consisted of sloppy and careless play.

“We had four putts and three putts and that should not happen,” Holt said. “We gave [USF] every opportunity to stay in it and they took advantage of it.”

In coming up short, Notre Dame missed out on an automatic bid to the NCAA championship. Now, the Irish must wait for a call from the NCAA about if they will be competing in the tournament.

“We hope we will make the NCAA tournament,” Holt said. “I feel like we’re closer to being in than out but we certainly did this to ourselves. There wouldn’t be any anticipation if we had got it done. We will keep practicing this week and wait for our call for the tournament on Monday from the selection committee.”

If the Irish make the NCAA championship, they will compete at the Vanderbilt Legends golf course in Franklin, Tenn., on May 23.

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Aoki

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ries. A Cincinnati pitcher plunked sophomore first baseman Trey Mancini on the wrist early in Notre Dame’s 10-9 win over the Bearcats (13-27, 2-13) on April 13, but Mancini returned to the lineup for the Georgetown series.

“With Trey it’ll be something that we’ll continue to manage and keep our eye on,” Aoki said. “It’s better, but it’s not perfectly better, so we’ll limit his reps in practice and whatnot. But he’ll be able to play.”

The wrist injury did not slow Mancini last weekend, when he went 6-for-12, scoring four runs, picking up four RBIs and earning Big East Player of the Week honors.

Central Michigan (17-24, 7-8 MAC) will start freshman right-hander Jordan Foley, who was drafted by the Yankees in the 26th round of the 2011 MLB Draft, but decided to forgo the minor leagues in order to join the Chippewas.

Foley enters the game with a 3-0 record and a 7.52 ERA.

The Chippewas also have several hitters who could give Notre Dame trouble. Junior infielder Jordan Dean is hitting .377 with six home runs and 31 RBIs, while senior first baseman Nate Theunissen has 37 RBIs on the season and ranks in the top five in program history in six separate offensive categories.

Central Michigan is coming off two conference losses to Kent State, but Aoki said the Chippewas will challenge the Irish.

“It’s just a good regional game against a team that’s usually a really good team out of the Mid-American Conference,” Aoki said. “We just have to play well all around. We’ve won five of our last six, so it would be nice to make it six of our last seven and give us a little momentum heading into an important weekend.”

Ternowchek will throw the first pitch against Central Michigan at Frank Eck Stadium at 5:35 p.m. Wednesday.

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SMC Softball

Saint Mary’s to take on Manchester

By NICK BOYLE
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will try to continue its winning ways when the Belles travel to Manchester today for a non-conference doubleheader.

After a string of six straight conference games, a non-conference opponent will offer a change of pace for the Belles (24-10, 9-5 MIAA).

“These games will be nice as there’s not a lot of pressure to win,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “The way we’ve been playing has been good, but we still need to iron out some problems. The games will give us a good chance to prepare for the rest of our season ... we’re very excited to play.”

Although it is not a conference game, Sullivan said her team must still come out and perform well.

“It’s just one of those things

I always talk about [with the team],” Sullivan said. “If we’re the better team, we should win. We need to get ahead early, or come back quickly if we get down. We shouldn’t have to count on late-inning rallies for our runs.”

After a slew of conference games, Saint Mary’s had five days off since its last game. Sullivan said her team remains confident, even after the long break.

“I think we’re pretty confident right now,” Sullivan said. “We were excited to have time off, but now we’re antsy to get back on the field. We are excited to get back out there and keep up our good run we have going.”

Though today’s games are Sullivan’s main focus, she knows her team will also be looking forward to Saturday, when her team has a chance at clinching a spot in the MIAA tournament.

“We need to win one on Sat-

urday,” Sullivan said. “We need to play fundamental softball, put the ball in play and be disciplined. It will be our seniors’ last home game, there will be many high emotions, we need to keep our composure and poise.”

Senior pitcher Angela Gillis has been a player the team can look to keep that poise and composure, Sullivan said.

“Gillis has been epitome of composure for us this season,” Sullivan said. “She has ice in her veins, you look at her and she has a great quiet confidence. She really keeps the team level. Along with Gillis, all of our seniors need to step up. Our three captains need [to] come out and play well down the home stretch.”

Saint Mary’s will visit Manchester today, with first pitch scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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Ganeff

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Ganeff said while Michigan State (11-34) is typically a tough competitor, the Irish (27-13) were able to shut the Spartans’ bats down early.

“They came out and were taking hacks offensively,” Ganeff said. “They were trying to put things together, but we really just got them out once we scored those six runs. They were always playing catch-up after that.”

Overall, the Irish clocked

eight hits and only committed one error.

Notre Dame will look to continue its winning streak Wednesday with a doubleheader against Seton Hall (20-25).

“They’re a middle-of-the-pack team in the Big East,” Ganeff said. “They’re one of those programs that if you go in with the attitude that you’re going to beat them,

that’s when they beat [you]. Defensively, we can’t afford to give them any kind of wiggle room.”

The Irish will take on Seton Hall at home Wednesday at 12 p.m., followed by a second game at 2 p.m.

Both games take place in Melissa Cook Stadium.

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“Defensively, we can’t afford to give them any wiggle room.”

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ND SOFTBALL



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Freshman outfielder Emilee Koerner rounds the bases during Notre Dame’s 7-1 victory over Michigan State on Tuesday at Melissa Cook Stadium.

Irish hope to extend streak at home

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

After a 7-1 victory over Michigan State on Tuesday, the Irish will look to extend their six-game home winning streak with a doubleheader against Seton Hall on Wednesday.

The Irish bats came out of the gate early, scoring all seven of their runs in the first three innings. In the six-run third inning, senior infielder Dani Miller and sophomore

outfielder Lauren Stuhr each hit two-run home runs to contribute to the stellar inning.

“There were so many people who did a really good job,” assistant coach Kris Ganeff said. “I feel like we dominated them. We scored six runs and got them on their heels. There were so many contributors and we just kept having good at bats. We were making things happen all game.”

Miller set a record with her home run. It was the 10th of

the season for the senior, making her the first player in Notre Dame history to hit double-digit home runs in all four of her years in an Irish uniform.

Other top performers included junior pitcher Brittany O’Donnell and freshman infielder Jenna Simon. O’Donnell threw a complete game and notched six strikeouts, while Simon hit an RBI triple in the third inning.

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NBA

Durant leads Thunder to win over Sacramento

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored 32 points, reserve Daequan Cook had all 19 of his points in the fourth quarter and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Sacramento Kings 118-110 on Tuesday night to win their first game since top bench player James Harden took an elbow to the head.

Durant extended his lead in a tight NBA scoring race with the Los Angeles Lakers’ Kobe Bryant despite sitting out the entire fourth quarter in a close game. Durant is averaging 27.97 points per game to Bryant’s 27.86 with each having one game left.

Cook filled Harden’s void, scoring Oklahoma City’s first 14 points of the final period to put the Thunder ahead for the first time since the first quarter.

DeMarcus Cousins, who was allowed to play only after his 13th technical foul was rescinded earlier in the day, led Sacramento with 32 points.

With the Thunder locked into the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference playoffs, coach Scott Brooks held his starters out in the fourth quarter even though it was a four-point game after three.

Cook wiped away that deficit immediately with a jumper and a 3-pointer, and ably filled Harden’s usual role as the big scorer off the bench. Harden averages 16.8 points, best among NBA reserves.

Harden suffered a concussion

Sunday when he was elbowed in the back of the head by the Lakers’ Metta World Peace, formerly Ron Artest, and didn’t pass league-mandated tests that would have allowed him to return and play. The team has him listed as day-to-day and it’s unknown if he’ll be ready in time for the start of the playoffs this weekend.

The NBA suspended World Peace seven games for elbowing Harden.

The Kings were without leading scorer Marcus Thornton for the third straight game with a left quad contusion, and reserve Terrence Williams was out sick.

Travis Outlaw moved into the starting lineup and scored a season-high 20 points — only his fourth game in double figures this season. Jason Thompson scored 22, Tyreke Evans had 18 and Isaiah Thomas 11 as all five Sacramento starters hit double figures.

It still wasn’t enough down the stretch.

Royal Ivey put Oklahoma City ahead to stay with a long jumper from the left side with 3 minutes left, and Cook’s 3-pointer in transition extended the lead to 114-107 with 44.9 seconds left. Cole Aldrich hit all four of his free throws to close it out.

Sacramento made 18 of its 22 shots (82 percent) in the first quarter to get out to a 40-35 lead after Isaiah Thomas’ buzzer-beating 3-pointer. It was the most points allowed by Oklahoma City in any quarter this season.

SMC TENNIS

Belles fall to Hornets

By ISAAC LORTON
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s started strong in its home match against Kalamazoo, winning all three doubles matches. The Belles’ (10-8, 3-4 MIAA) lead, though, was not enough to hold off the Hornets (6-14, 6-2), who took all of the singles matches.

“We played some really inspired doubles,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “It is the best doubles we have played this year. We were just outdone in singles.”

Freshmen Shannon Elliot and Jackie Kjolhede took their matches to three sets at the No. 3 and No. 4 spots, respectively. Elliot won the first set 6-2, before losing the next two sets 6-2, 6-1. Kjolhede lost the first set 6-1, but rallied and took the second set 6-4, before losing a close third set, 6-4.

“We almost had a few of those single matches,” Campbell said. “They just had more firepower in singles than we did.”

The story of the young Saint Mary’s team this year has been solid doubles play, with a struggling singles play.

“I think our play in doubles is a good sign for the future,” Campbell said. “It is harder to learn the principles and tactics of doubles and I think we have them down pretty well. In sin-

gles, we need to keep working and work on all of our shots. With doubles you can hide some mistakes, but once you get one-on-one, you can’t hide weaknesses in singles. However, this is a young team, with a lot of freshman who are playing and they will get better with time and come along in singles.”

With this loss, it is impossible for the Belles, sitting in sixth place, to make the MIAA playoffs.

“It was a tough loss and definitely disappointing,” Campbell said. “This does not mean the season is over, though, for us.”

The Belles have two remaining matches and Campbell said this is the time to keep learning and training for next year, and to possibly give non-starters some playing time.

“I think we will finish off the season strong and continue to grow as a team,” Campbell said. “We might get some players in there who haven’t got much time this year and rotate things around. We will continue to play hard and who knows, we could upset Hope in our next match.”

The Belles look to take down Hope, who is undefeated in the MIAA with a record of 7-0, at home Saturday at 1 p.m.

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year, and we are happy to contribute to such a good cause.”

The team consists of Quinn and Curley, as well as six other students with managerial positions. Additionally, 44 students have been able to get involved in the program as commissioners. While Quinn has been around the program a great deal during his time at Notre Dame, he said this year’s competition has stood out thanks to its strong competition in the earlier rounds.

“It has been really competitive and this is the first time I have seen this many upsets,” Quinn said. “We actually had five of the top 15 ranked teams upset. The top 32 is this week, and I’m expecting even more upsets to take place then.”

The most notable upsets so far have been the defeats of the No. 1 and No. 3 seeds, which has opened up the field of competition to unranked competitors. One team that is trying to avoid an upset is the current No. 2 seed and defending champion Saturday in America. Third-year law student and returning team member John Rompf said his team is looking to make another push towards the championship with a new group of players.

“I am the only one who was on the team last year, so it is a completely different group of guys,” Rompf said. “Being in school together over the year was an opportunity for us to bond before the tournament.”

The team consists of two first-year, one second-year and two third-year law students. Not only is there a broad range of ages on the team, but the team also

consists of players from different basketball backgrounds. Among the other members is former Cornerstone University basketball player Bryan Pasciak.

Rompf said playing outside and in a tournament that requires a team to play multiple games changes the dynamic of the playing style and the tournament as a whole.

“We really have two guys who are extremely skilled indoors who have to adjust a little bit to the outdoor courts,” Rompf said. “Also you can’t take as many risks outdoors, obviously. You have to match [the] other team’s physicality.”

Rompf said one constant in the tournament that proves to be successful is strong defense.

“We just want to make s m a r t plays and try to make our defense our offense. Making opportunities to score offensively helps, but our key to winning is good defense.”

Similar to Quinn, Rompf said the competition this year is at a higher level than usual.

“There are a lot of very good teams and it seems that this year more than any year I can remember it is a great competition,” Rompf said.

After playing as an undergraduate as well, Rompf is now in his seventh appearance and said the event is a unique opportunity for the Notre Dame community to come together.

“I think it is one of Notre Dame’s best traditions,” Rompf said. “It brings together many different segments of the population and the faculty. I think it’s one thing that the whole campus can get involved in.”

The round of 16 will take place Wednesday afternoon.

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John Rompf
Bookstore participant

Kemp

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Led by senior defenseman Kevin Randall, the Irish have bought into the system developed by Corrigan and assistant coach Gerry Byrne. Randall displays the epitome of the style of play Corrigan and Byrne expect out of their players.

“[Randall’s] ability to remain disciplined and stay focused throughout the possession and the game, I think, is unique,” Corrigan said. “But it’s also exemplary for the way we want to play.”

On the sideline, Corrigan relies on Byrne to be focused on the defense 100 percent of the game, as well as being the instructor in practice.

“He’s a terrific teacher,” Corrigan said. “He’s a great motivator. He’s done a terrific job since the day he arrived here.”

The Intercollegiate Men’s Lacrosse Coaches Associa-

tion honored Byrne’s leadership at the end of last season with the National Assistant Coach of the Year award.

Because of its strong focus on team defense, Notre Dame has developed a culture that has spread throughout the team. It is a system passed down from class to class, and it is here to stay.

“Now we’ve got a thing in place where our older guys help teach our younger guys,” Corrigan said. “We have disciples of the way we want to do things in our guys. When you have that, you have guys being supportive and instructed by their teammates as well as your coaches.”

Notre Dame’s defense will be put to the test Saturday when the Irish square off against Big East rival No. 17 Syracuse (7-6, 2-3), with a chance to go undefeated in the Big East regular season. The game starts at 5:30 p.m. in Arlotta Stadium and will be aired on ESPNU.

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GRANT TOBIN/The Observer

Senior attack Maggie Tamasitis moves past a Villanova defender during Notre Dame’s 18-5 victory over the Wildcats on April 18.

Halfpenny

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about what just happened,” Halfpenny said. “Did we have the opportunity to look at that? Yeah, sure. That’s going to have zero bearing about what’s going to happen on Wednesday night.”

More pressing concerns for the Irish include stopping Northwestern’s prolific offense, a unit averaging more than 14 goals per game. The Wildcats are led by senior attack Shannon Smith, who has 48 goals on the season and is the reigning Tewaaraton award winner, and junior midfielder/attack Erin Fitzgerald, who has totaled 37 goals and 44 points this season. Halfpenny said the Irish will look to limit the Wildcat offense, putting an emphasis on stopping Smith.

“We’re going to have to contain their offense that averages some of the most points in the country right now as well as clearly containing Shannon Smith,” Halfpenny said. “It’s not how to stop Northwestern. It’s going to be how do you con-

tain and limit their offense.”

Notre Dame will look for a continued strong effort from its defense, particularly from its junior goalie Ellie Hilling. Hilling earned a spot on the Big East weekly honor roll on Monday after tying her career high with 16 saves against Georgetown and notching 13 saves against Vanderbilt. Senior defense Megan Sullivan also found her name on the list after totaling a combined three goals, four ground balls and three caused turnovers against Vanderbilt and Georgetown.

The Irish will also look to ignite some offensive firepower against a tough Northwestern defense allowing close to seven goals per game. The Wildcats feature senior goalie Brianne LoManto, who leads all Division I goalkeepers with a goals-against average of 6.92. Halfpenny said the offensive gameplan for the Irish will revolve around quick and constant ball movement.

“Our offense has to do a good job of moving the ball,” Halfpenny said. “They run an outstanding defense, and they’re incredibly athletic. The key to that is ball movement and at-

tacking them in their own style.”

The Irish offense will be powered by senior attack Maggie Tamasitis, who ranks second nationally with 50 assists. Tamasitis is currently tied for the Notre Dame school record for most consecutive games with a point at 51 games, a mark she shares with 2008 alum Caitlin McKinney.

Halfpenny said Tamasitis will play a major role in the offense’s flow, but she mentioned the Irish will need contributions from more unheralded team members to defeat the Wildcats.

“Obviously, Maggie Tamasitis has been a key to our success, and we’ve continued to have the ball go through her hands as much as possible,” Halfpenny said. “When you’re playing a team as athletic as Northwestern, it’s not just your No. 1 and No. 2 kids showing up — it’s all of them. The beauty of that is that’s how we’ve been playing all year long.”

The Irish will look to pull off the upset of the top-ranked Wildcats when they face off tonight at 8 p.m.

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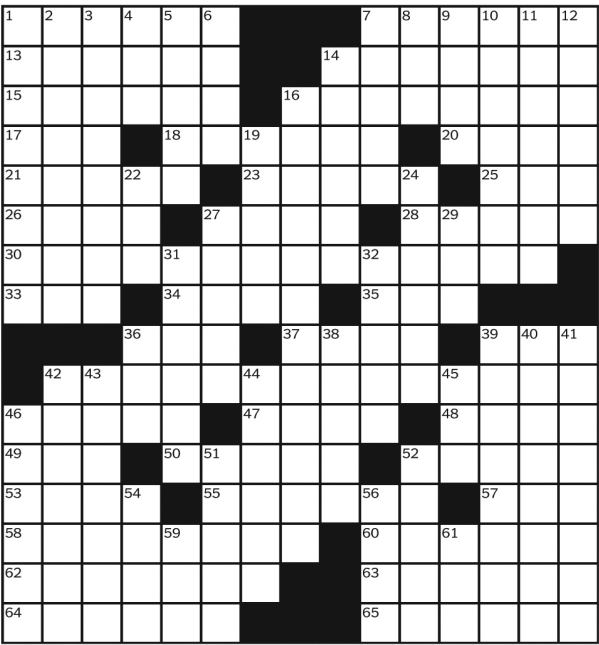
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get back to basics and what you do best. Don't take anyone's word for it; do your own research. Love and romance are on the rise, and turning a friendship into something more serious can benefit you in many ways. ★★★★★

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll attract attention with your charm and passionate response. Make a change if you think it will help you get what you want. You will learn easily and should spend time with people who have something interesting to offer. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not everyone will be eager to do things your way, so do your own thing and allow others the same privilege. Using force will end up working against you. A challenge will require your undivided attention. Networking will be necessary. ★★

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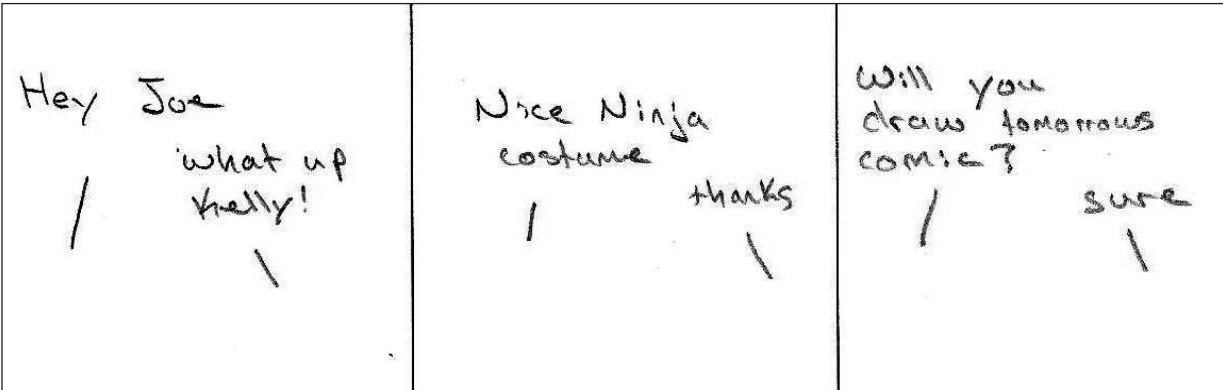
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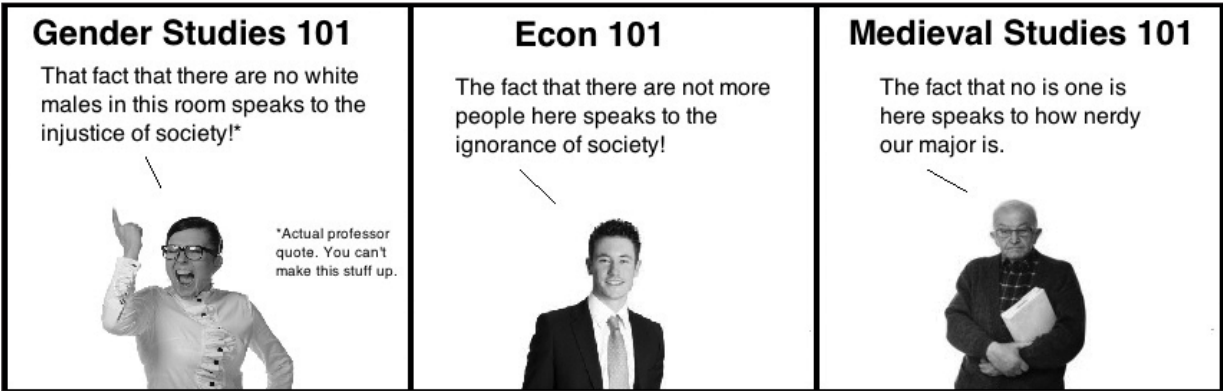
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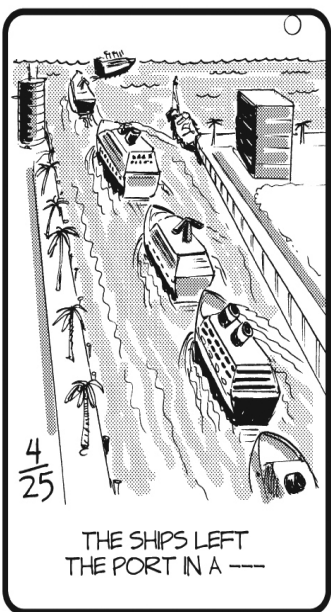
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Leading from the back



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Junior midfielder Steve Murphy looks to pass during Notre Dame's 9-1 victory over Providence on April 7. The Irish lead the nation in goals allowed per game.

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

For many lacrosse teams, one defender's lapse in coverage usually results in an uncontested shot on the goaltender. When teams play No. 3 Notre Dame, that is not the case.

"Defensively, our philosophy is that we want to play a supportive kind of defense in a style where it's very hard for any one guy to cost us a goal," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "If everyone is doing their job and everyone understands their role and is fundamentally sound, then it takes a couple guys to cost us a goal."

Corrigan has instilled a defensive system that makes

teams beat two or three players before getting a shot on one of the best goaltenders in the country.

"[Opponents] are going to have to make a couple guys make a mistake," Corrigan said. "Then they're going to have to beat our goalie too."

The Irish (10-1, 5-0 Big East) lead the nation in goals allowed per game at 5.73, and junior goaltender John Kemp leads the country in save percentage at .656. So even when opponents do fool a number of defenders and get the ball to the cage, Kemp is there as the last line of defense.

"John's been outstanding," Corrigan said. "He's played great. He's very comfortable with our defense and with

the things that we give up. He just makes unbelievable stops at various times."

Beyond Kemp's positioning, reflexes and ability to read shots out of the stick, Corrigan said his goalkeeper's most important attribute is his calming presence.

"Mostly, I think it's just that his demeanor is perfect for his position," Corrigan said. "He never gets too excited with things, good or bad. He just kind of moves to the next play and keeps an even keel. So it doesn't matter whether we're up or down, or what's going on. John's always the same back there. That keeps our defense on an even keel."

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BASEBALL

Ternowchek gets ball for Western Michigan

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The Irish seek to keep the heat turned up as they take on Central Michigan on Wednesday in a mid-week matchup.

Although the Irish (22-16, 9-6 Big East) went through a rough patch in early April, they head into the contest on a hot streak after sweeping Georgetown (18-21, 5-10) on the road last weekend and taking two of three from Cincinnati the weekend before that.

"I think they'll feel better about

themselves, and they should," Irish coach Mik Aoki said. "We made some mistakes here and there that we need to talk about, obviously, but overall I think our guys played pretty well. They did a good job."

Freshman right-hander Matt Ternowchek will get the start for the second time this season. Ternowchek has a 3.15 ERA and a 3-1 record in 14 appearances this year.

Aoki said his managing decisions will not be limited by inju-

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Armstrong captures Big East championship

By ISAAC LORTON
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After 54 holes of golf and three playoff holes, freshman Ashley Armstrong came out on top of her sudden-death playoff with Louisville freshman Emily Haas as the Big East champion.

The third round ended with Armstrong and Haas tied with an overall score of 223. In the first playoff hole, Armstrong had a bad first drive, but was able to come back and match Haas'

bogey. The second playoff hole ended with both players ring-scoring par before Armstrong nabbed the tournament title with a birdie on the third playoff hole. As a team however, Notre Dame fell just short of consecutive Big East titles. Armstrong had mixed feelings about the tournament victory.

"It hasn't really hit yet," Armstrong said. "Obviously I would have rather had the team win because that's

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish to face top-ranked Wildcats on the road

By BRIAN HARTNETT
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In the last week, Notre Dame has added two notable victories to its resume, defeating then-No. 18 Vanderbilt on April 18 and then-No. 12 Georgetown on Saturday.

Its reward for these wins will be a midweek visit to Evanston, Ill., to take on No. 1 Northwestern.

The Irish (12-2, 5-2 Big East) come into the contest riding a four-game winning streak, where they have outscored their opponents 53-31. In addition to their offensive prowess, the Irish have been bolstered by a strong defensive unit, which held Georgetown to a season-low output of six goals.

Irish coach Christine Halfpenny said she believes the matchup with Northwestern (14-1, 4-1 ALC) comes at an opportune time for the Irish.

"We feel like the timing is

good," Halfpenny said. "We're coming off two great games that built some confidence."

Confidence will be crucial for the Irish heading into their showdown with the Wildcats, a team they have not defeated since April 26, 2003. Since then, the Wildcats have reeled off 11 consecutive wins against the Irish, including three in the NCAA tournament, and have captured six national championships.

This year's Wildcats look to be as strong as their predecessors, as they have held the top-ranked spot the entire season. The Wildcats started the season with 14 consecutive wins, but come into the game fresh off their first defeat, an 8-7 loss to No. 3 Florida on Saturday. Halfpenny said Northwestern's loss had no effect on her team's preparation for the game.

"We're not really concerned

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Tournament enters round of 16

By BRENDAN BELL
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Now in its 40th year running, Bookstore Basketball has proven the test of time. As co-president of Bookstore Basketball, Garrett Quinn said the tournament has continued to have high participation in recent years due to its ability to attract all types of players.

"It has been pretty consistent in the last few years, and we have been around the 700-team range," Quinn said. "I know we have always had a good tournament with steady involvement, whether people are looking to have fun or take it seriously, it appeals to everyone."

The program's missions span beyond Notre Dame's campus as the tournament's proceeds go directly to the Jumpball organization, which is a program in Jamaica that provides youths a positive atmosphere to learn basketball.

"It is a summer camp for



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Players from Belly and Da Boys and the Mendoza Bulldozers go for a rebound during their game on Tuesday.

kids there, and gets them involved in sports." Quinn said "Every year we send two of our commissioners down

there. Co-president Bobby Curley went down this past

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