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Past activism remembered, current efforts examined

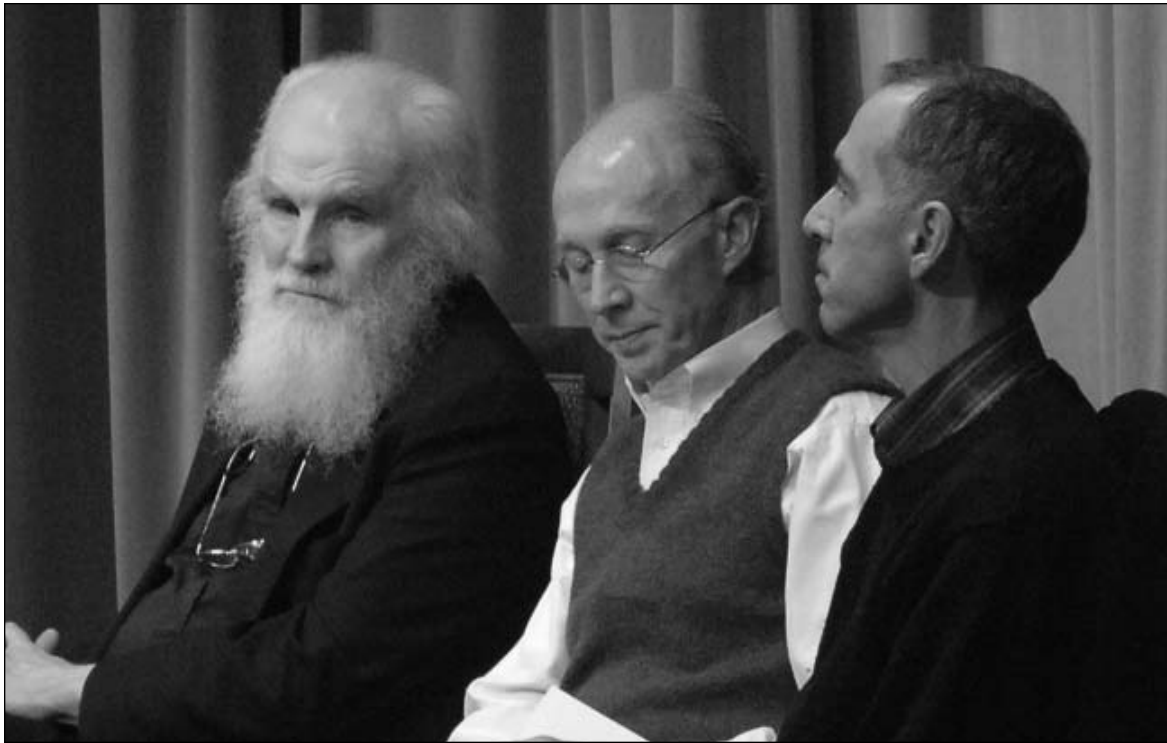
Panel celebrates 40th anniversary of 'Notre Dame 10' protest

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Editor's note: This is the third installment in a four-part series commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Notre Dame 10 and looking at student activism on campus today. The first two parts introduced the Notre Dame 10 and their protest efforts and examined University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh's 15-minute rule.

John Eckenrode said he was just an ordinary student when he was suspended 40 years ago for participating in the Dow-CIA protest.

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QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

From left, Fr. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy, Mark Mahoney and John Eckenrode participate in a panel discussion Wednesday at Geddes Hall commemorating the 'Notre Dame 10' on their 40th anniversary.

Students reflect on their work to effect change on campus

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Senior Kristi Haas has observed two different kinds of activism on campus during her past three years at Notre Dame.

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ROTC holds Dixon Challenge



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Members of Notre Dame's ROTC Army division participate in the Dixon Challenge's obstacle course Wednesday. The Dixon Challenge tested the skills cadets have learned throughout this semester.

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Crawling under barbed wire, grenade training and responding to the fallout of a bomb all while carrying a 35 pound backpack — just an average test day for Notre Dame's ROTC Army division.

Last night, about 100 cadets took part in the annual Dixon Challenge, a two-hour competition incorporating all the techniques the cadets have learned over the semester into a contest fought among the four platoons.

The platoons completed in four challenges, which consisted of a written test, obstacle course, grenade throwing and a simulation that tested the cadets' knowledge of radio procedures. The challenge, while fun for many of the participants, is designed to test the cadets' training.

"The Dixon Challenge is an important practical test because it is a culmination of the entire semester," senior Marina Rodriguez said. "We do try and make it fun, though."

Rodriguez, who is a cadet captain, oversaw the grenade throw, which involved having

the cadets simulate positioning themselves behind a bunker and throwing a "grenade" into a 12-foot circle 20 yards away. Rodriguez said the cadets have spent the semester taking a "Leadership Lab," which is the basis of their practical training.

Junior cadet Graham Hoar said he preferred the hands-on training to regular class because it gave him a chance to apply the techniques he had learned.

"It's really nice to get away from the classroom," he said.

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Lupus survivor returns to ND for book signing

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

Notre Dame graduate Sara Gorman will return to campus Thursday feeling healthy and strong as she signs copies of her new book "Despite Lupus: How to Live Well with a Chronic Illness," in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore from 4 to 6 p.m.

But Gorman hasn't always felt this good — she was diagnosed with lupus in 2001 and struggled for years to adjust her post-college lifestyle to the demands of the crippling disease before she was ready to publish a book about it.

At 26 years old, Gorman was newly married and recently promoted to a facility director at Henninger Media Services — in the midst of her "invincible period" — when lupus hit, she said.

"It was a shock to the system to be walking around like an 80-year-old with a cane, to not be able to do the things I did a week ago," Gorman said.

Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks the body's organs and tissues, causing severe joint pain and an array of other painful symptoms. While there is no cure, patients often treat their symptoms to avoid flare-ups of the disease that can sometimes have fatal complications. But the treatments that Gorman's

physicians recommended meant she'd have to quit her job and put her plans to have a family on hold. But this self-proclaimed high achiever wasn't ready to give in.

"I just tried to keep working and pushing through the pain," Gorman said. "That was my strategy — to not adjust at all. I thought, 'if I can get over this and just grin and bear it, everything will go back to normal.'"

Normal never happened. Gorman gave in to working part-time from home, but her health continued to deteriorate. A new medication offered her hope to restore her health, but made pregnancy impossible, which presented Gorman with a dilemma.

"I wanted to stay on schedule. I wanted kids," she said. "Postponing my plans was a shock. I was no longer in control."

Gorman decided to put her plans for a family on hold and became more aggressive with her treatments. But one adjustment was especially hard, Gorman said. Her new medication Cellcept not only prevented pregnancy but also caused her to lose all her hair.

"At first, I couldn't cut it," Gorman said. "It was all falling out and I looked awful, but I thought, if I just hold on to what I used to be, it might go

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INSIDE COLUMN

Don't judge a movie by its unicorn

As all of the dedicated readers of our classified section should know, "The Last Unicorn" is a great movie. A sports production editor quoted me as saying so in Monday's paper because he thought my statement was ridiculous.

The rest of the office agreed. They laughed as I tried to explain the movie and laughed some more at my feeble insistence of how awesome it is. They protested when I pulled up the opening song on YouTube. The told me not to give them any more ammunition to make fun of me about.

So obviously I had to write a column.

"The Last Unicorn" is an animated movie that was released in 1982. It comes from the same animation team that made the recent critically-acclaimed movie "Ponyo."

Its plot summary reads: "A brave unicorn and a magician fight an evil king who is obsessed with attempting to capture the world's unicorns."

Who wouldn't be curious after reading that? Plus, the magician is voiced by Alan Arkin, who 27 years later, is still awesome.

The movie is a classic tale of good versus evil. It introduces the moral conflict of choosing what is right over what is easy or safe. It shows children what it means to be self-sacrificing, and what you can accomplish if you believe.

Its wacky characters include an evil king, a charming prince, a scary circus ringmaster and the idealistic magician. Kids will love it for the characters, the music and the fantasy while adults can delve deeper into its meaning.

"The Last Unicorn" is great. What's important about this, though, is that I made that judgment after seeing the movie many times. It made an impact on me as a child and my sister even owns it on DVD.

So, I should not be made fun of by people who had never even heard of the movie just because it's got a silly title. That's the same as someone who has never read a Harry Potter book condemning me as a heathen for still wanting my Hogwarts letter.

Want some justified reasons to make fun of me? I love Bob Evans. I love Christian rock music, Scrabble and craft shows. Grasshoppers scare the bejeezus out of me. I'm from Cleveland. I'm a woman.

Take your pick of any of those reasons, which you have had experience with and understand. I don't mind taking jeers about any of those items, because they make me who I am (middle aged, apparently).

Just don't judge a wonderful movie because of its unicorn.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Laura Myers at lmyers2@nd.edu



Laura Myers
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU RATHER BE FORCED TO GO TO THE MIDNIGHT PREMIERE OF 'NEW MOON' OR HAVE NOTRE DAME LOSE ON SATURDAY?



Ian Johnston
freshman Keenan

"If it could guarantee a win, I would sacrifice myself and go to 'New Moon.' We need the win."



Anna Wanzek
freshman McGlinn

"Well, I might be able to do both."



Andrew Steier
sophomore Duncan

"I don't know what 'New Moon' is, but whatever will bring us a win."



Meggan Muller
freshman Lyons

"None of the above!"



Maureen Vigland
sophomore Walsh

"I can't see them lose another one on Saturday, so ..."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



Students browse fair trade handcrafts from Latin America, Africa and Asia sold by the non-profit organization Ten Thousand Villages in the Great Hall of O'Shaughnessy on Wednesday.

OFFBEAT

Police: Mail carrier found drunk, eating noodles

MARION, Iowa — Police in Marion and postal authorities are investigating the case of a mail carrier who was allegedly found drunk inside a residence while on the job. Police said the postal worker, 46, was charged with public intoxication Nov. 3 after she was found sitting on the kitchen floor of 95-year-old woman's house, eating leftover noodles from her refrigerator.

Police Lt. Steve Etzel said Tuesday that the woman apparently entered the home through an unlocked

front door. He said she was in uniform and had mail and a mail-carrying bag with her.

The woman, a 17-year employee of the U.S. Postal Service, was taken to the Linn County Jail. Marion Postmaster Rick Leyendecker said the woman is currently on unpaid leave.

Udder shock: Woman finds 650-pound cow in pool

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Call it udder shock. A South Carolina woman who heard a giant splash in her backyard discovered a 650-pound cow had fallen into her swimming pool. WSPA-

TV reports that the cow fell into Kathy Wydareny's covered pool on Monday night. The Anderson resident says the cow belonged to her neighbor.

Wydareny was startled by a "giant whoosh" and took a flashlight out to investigate. She called 911 after spotting the cow.

It took five men from the county rescue team to free the cow using a sling.

Wydareny believes the cow got loose and just kept walking, thinking the pool cover was solid ground.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A performance of **Dance: Flamenco Vivo!** will take place tonight at 7 p.m. at the Decio Mainstage Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased online at performingarts.nd.edu

The film "Still Walking" will be shown today at 6:30 p.m. at the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased online at performingarts.nd.edu

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Wisconsin-Green Bay today at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field. For ticket information, call 631-7356.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will play Long Beach State today at 7:30 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center. For ticket information, call 631-7356.

The Higgins Labor Studies Program is hosting a workshop titled "Rethinking Race, Relationships and Resistance at Work in the Early 19th Century United States" Friday at noon in the Coffeehouse of Geddes Hall.

The Notre Dame Energy Center is hosting a policy panel discussion Friday at 3 p.m. in 129 DeBartolo Hall as part of its Distinguished Lecture Series.

Alcoholics Anonymous is hosting an open meeting sponsored by the Alumni Association in Room 222 of the Hesburgh Library Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

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

CORRECTIONS

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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STUDENT SENATE

Dunn clarifies rectors' role at ND

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

The University looks for strong pastoral skills, education and experience when hiring rectors, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Sr. Sue Dunn said at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

Dunn attended the meeting to clarify the role of rectors after Senators discussed the relationship between rectors and students at their meeting last week.

"Living alongside students in the residence hall and accompanying them on their journey of faith, the rector counsels and advises, provides critical support, and when necessary, calls students to accountability," a handout that Dunn gave Senators read.

Dunn said each year, the University receives more applications for rector positions than are available.

"We want somebody who has a minimal of a masters education and three to five years of experience in pastoral ministry education," Dunn said. "Something with a skill set that would enhance their ability to do their [job]."

Rectors typically worked as high school teachers or pastoral ministers prior to becoming a rector, Dunn said.

"Sometimes persons who do a combination of religious education, maybe function in a Catholic parish as a coordinator. They might have done spiritual direction counseling," she said.

Dunn said the University does not have a preference for religious involvement of rectors. Currently, however, 67 percent of rectors are priests, brothers or sisters, her handout said.

Dunn said the University hopes rectors will stay several years once hired.

"Hopefully a person who is hired is able to have the stability within a hall, so hopefully a person understands that

we would like them to stay at least through three plus years, for continuity for the sake of the hall community," she said.

Hired rectors undergo training prior to the beginning of the school year, Dunn said.

"When a person is hired to become a rector," she said. "They are on campus for several days

and they get an overview of all things related to student life.

"In addition to that, then they go through the all hall training. After that all hall training, they're having weekly meetings," Dunn said. "They also have a weekly

luncheon with one other member of senior staff to discuss how things are going."

Rectors also continue to grow during their time at the position, she said.

"One of the things that we try to foster and value throughout the University is that we are all life long learners," Dunn said. "So [rectors attend] different programs, different workshops.

"There are opportunities after someone is hired to grow in skills, and then hopefully have ongoing conversations with their supervisors," she said. "Ongoing conversation to see what are strengths, what are things that could be improved or changed."

The Hall Life Survey, which students are asked to fill out each year, also provides feedback for rectors from students in their dorms.

Dunn, who previously served as rectress of Lyons Hall, said the survey was important to her.

"Personally, I took the hall evaluations really seriously," she said. "I know that how I was between year one and year two, and I think there were some things that I changed."

The job of a rector or rectress is considered a full time position, Dunn said.

"There is a possibility that they can do something else on a part-time basis," she said. "For example, some of the rectors teach one course or two."

Working another job on the side is not recommended for first-year rectors, Dunn said.

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Team Yellow Tail wins Case Bowl



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Participants in the Entrepreneurship Society's Case Bowl competition present their product and business plan to the judges.

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

The final round of the Notre Dame Entrepreneurship Society's Case Study Bowl took place Wednesday evening in Jordan Hall, with the student team Yellow Tail prevailing over the other two finalists to show its company — a wine brand — offered the best product and business plan.

The Case Study Bowl is the Entrepreneurship Society's signature event, based on the Harvard Business School's own case study program. The first round happened two weeks ago with six teams competing and the final round was tonight with the top three teams competing for the top prize, Director of Case Studies junior Kyle Fitzpatrick said.

The other two companies represented by tonight's top teams were the clothing designer Rogue Status and the lingerie retailer Victoria's Secret. Final rankings were equally based on both the judges' scores and audience's text-messaged reactions.

"We heard Yellow Tail was a good story and we started investigating it. The more we researched it the more we liked it," freshman team member Will Streit said.

Each team, comprised of three to four members, were given 20 minutes to discuss its company's history, its current operations, and an examination of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats — known in the business world as a "SWOT analysis."

Following each individual presentation, three University professors serving as judges assessed the performance of each group based on organization, presentation skills, stage presence and creativity.

"Basically when we started

as a club three years ago we were just a club of 25 students who would get together and talk about cool companies," Entrepreneurial Society President senior Michael Streit said. "So then we thought this is fun we have a small group here why don't we take it to a bigger scale and make it into a competition."

Sponsored by the Entrepreneurial Society of Notre Dame and Dorm Books, the Yellow Tail team won \$1,000 with several audience members also winning prizes such as an iPod nano and Chipotle gift cards.

Yellow Tail teammates, freshmen from Alumni Hall, David Acton and Tate Kernell, discussed their victory.

"After working on it almost 20 hours, we wanted the \$1,000 and we had fun with it," Acton said. "So we figured we would reward all our friends if we won so we are going to splurge and probably not use the money as wisely as we could, but maybe next year."

"Between hassling professors, judges, and teams to get them to come, getting SAO's support, I couldn't have done it without my team, Rina Ventrella, Chris Michalski, Tom Haylon, Andrew Rehagen, Christine Roetezel and John Rocha," Fitzpatrick said.

Streit said he hopes the event will help generate even further interest in the Entrepreneurial Society.

"One thing that's cool about this is kids are here in sandals and riding bicycles around," Streit said. "We are having fun and studying business because we like studying business not because we like dressing up in suits. We are really just the cool laid-back business club."

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK



November 16 - 20, 2009

Sponsored by International Services and Activities (ISSA) and Office of International Studies (OIS)

Monday - Friday, November 16 - 20
TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES SALE
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
(Great Hall, O'Shaughnessy)

Tuesday, November 17
2:00 - 3:00 pm: SNITE MUSEUM EXHIBIT TOUR, "Día de los Muertos Ofrenda" (Snite Museum)
3:00 - 4:00 pm: TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WORKSHOP (Montgomery Auditorium)

Wednesday, November 18
7:30 - 8:30 am: TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WORKSHOP (FOG Community Room)
7:30 - 8:30 pm: BAHAI WORSHIP SERVICE (St Mary's College)
9:15 - 10:00 pm: MONEY MATTERS AND SHOPPING ONLINE Discussion with Ali Vahdati (FOG Community Room)

Thursday, November 19
Noon: TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WORKSHOP (Montgomery Auditorium)
5:30 - 7:30 pm: STUDY AND TRAVEL ABROAD Discussion with Andy Steves (Montgomery)
6:00 - 8:00 pm: INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER (FOG Community Center)
7:00 - 8:30 pm: ICE CREAM WITH FR. JOE for international undergraduate students (Coleman Morse)

For a more complete schedule and regular updates, please visit the ISSA website at issa.nd.edu/news-and-events.

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Foreign exchange students share cultures during panel

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's foreign exchange students spread their knowledge of world culture, sharing details such as debunking stereotypes about foreigners, during a panel discussion held in honor of International Education Week at the College.

The discussion, called "A Bridge of Misunderstanding," allowed international students to teach their fellow classmates, as well as faculty and staff, about their native countries. Each student gave a short presentation about their country, dismissing some common misconceptions of the American mindset.

Saint Mary's sophomore Chen Chen spoke about China, offering insight into what it's truly like to live there.

"The Internet has really changed China a lot. In my opinion, North Korea is more like a hardcore communism country," she said. "I think most people in China they believe that communism is actually dead in China. They're practicing the policies like free market in China. It's interesting to see how it actually goes."

Chen was able to correct several misconceptions that students often hold about her country. Contrary to how some view China, she said rights are not withheld from

minorities.

"Another misunderstanding about China is that minorities, they live a hard life in China. I think institutionally China has a lot of privileges, a lot of favors they give to the minorities," she said. "The well-known 'one child' policy — it only applies to the Hun which is the majority and not any other minorities."

Following her presentation, Chen showed a short film depicting daily life in China.

Another Asian country discussed was Myanmar, the country formerly known as Burma. Sophomore Shwe Yee Phyo spoke generally about Myanmar, outlining basic information about the culture. She contrasted her culture's respect for age with what she has experienced in the United States.

"We really pay respect to our parents and the elders," she said. "When I come here, it's hard for me to call the professors names, like the names directly who are older than me because in our culture, if you call your names directly that's regarded as rudeness."

She also discussed some of the common misunderstandings about her country. Phyo

said many people often confuse Myanmar as a part of China, when in fact it is an independent country.

Min Hee Lee, an exchange student from South Korea, discussed some common questions she frequently hears. Lee said South Koreans are not as frightened as the media portrays them to be, although the tension between the two nations is real.

Junior Cristina Posadas spoke about Mexico, her native country. Posadas said although some Mexicans do have moustaches and sombreros, it is not the norm.

"Mexico is a very mountainous country, and many people who immigrate to the United States from Mexico tend to be people who come from rural communities from the countryside who have lived in isolation from cities or from other towns," she said.

The presentation ended with Amira El-Serafy, an Egyptian student. She said Egypt has advanced cities and many other features in common with the United States.

"The Internet has really changed China a lot. In my opinion, North Korea is more like a hardcore communism country."

Chen Chen
sophomore

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First-generation college student receives award

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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For Mariel Rose, a sophomore at Saint Mary's, going to college may not run in the family, but "not getting a college education had never crossed my mind," she said.

Rose was awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment at its "Realizing the Dream" banquet, which recognizes those who are first-generation college students. The awards go to students from 32 independent colleges throughout Indiana.

Rose said she didn't apply for the grant, but was approached by April Lane, assistant director of First Year Studies at the College, who told her she met the qualifications.

"It was really just out of the blue. [Lane] asked if I would like to be considered for it, so I said yes, I was interested," Rose said.

Rose said she hadn't expected to be chosen, and she "didn't really think much about it."

In honor of those who won the award, there was a banquet held on Nov. 7 in Indianapolis. Rose did not attend the banquet, though, because her brother was visiting from the Naval Academy.

For another part of the award, the student is able to pick a teacher from their educational career who was important to them, and in turn that teacher then receives a \$1,000 grant from Lilly.

Rose chose her high school

teacher, Linda Porto, a teacher at Trinity School at Greenlawn in South Bend. Porto teaches math, history and Latin.

"She was an excellent teacher. She got to know me on a personal level, not strictly a student-teacher one," Rose said. "She was always interested in how I was doing, both in and out of class."

Rose said she appreciated Porto's commitment and care for her students and her job.

"It was clear to me that she loved her job and her students. She made learning fun for me, and she didn't always give the answer," she said. "She made me work to learn on my own which has prepared me well for college."

Rose said she has never considered any option other than going on to college to continue her education.

"Growing up, my parents always stressed to me the importance of education, especially higher education because both of them regret not going to college," Rose said.

Rose said she has always seen the commitment involved in seeking a higher education.

"I think a college education is crucial to succeed in today's world," Rose said. "Because of that, I have always been ambitious and serious about my school work."

Rose is currently majoring in biology at Saint Mary's. She plans to attend medical school after graduation.

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ROTC

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"Events like this give us a chance to exercise our leadership positions within our platoons."

Hoar also said he liked the Dixon Challenge because it provided an opportunity for his platoon to bond.

"It really brings us all together," Hoar said. "It's much more interactive and it allows us to work together."

Sophomore Michael Ferguson, a second-year cadet, said he liked the events because they required teamwork.

"It brings us all together in our platoons while pitting us against one another," he said. "We all have to work together. On the obstacle course, we all had to organize and pull a truck as a unit."

Senior Patrick O'Keefe, S3 Operations and Planning leader of the challenge, said one of the main goals of the night is to strengthen community among the members of the four platoons.

"It's all about team cohesion," O'Keefe said. "We build up the platoon by testing their abilities as a unit."

O'Keefe said the event usually requires extensive planning, and this year saw even more preparation.

"We've done the Dixon Challenge every year for a while now," he said. "But this year we incorporated it with other events and made this 'Warrior Week' for the Army."

"Warrior Week" started Tuesday and lasts until Friday. It consists of a series of physical contests spread over the week with the four platoons trying to win as many as they can. On Tuesday the cadets had a physical training test, Thursday morning they completed a six-mile run and Friday they will convene for "Warrior Night," where they share a meal together and announce the winner. O'Keefe said the platoons covet the prize.

"The leader of the winning platoon gets one of those belts that the professional wrestlers wear," he said. "Ours is almost as cool. It's a plastic one from Wal-Mart, but winning this week is really more about bragging rights."

O'Keefe said the purpose of the week is to lay a foundation for what the cadets will experience in the U.S. Army.

"All these events are preparation for the military," he said. "It's about learning to keep your head and retaining the knowledge you need to perform certain tasks so one day when you're fighting to protect your sons and daughters, you know what to do."

"It's all about team cohesion. We build up the platoon by testing their abilities as a unit."

Patrick O'Keefe
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Unplanned Pregnancy?

Don't go it alone.

If you or someone you love needs help or information, please call. Notre Dame has many resources in place to assist you.

Confidential support and assistance available at Notre Dame:

- Sr. Sue Dunn, OP, Student Affairs, 631-7819
- Ann Firth, Student Affairs, 631-2685
- Sylvia Dillon, Campus Ministry, 631-7163
- John Dillon, Campus Ministry, 631-7163
- Dr. Susan Steibe-Pasalich, Counseling Ctr., 631-4365
- Ann E. Kleva, Health Services, 631-8286

South Bend Community Resources:

- Women's Care Center: 234-0363
- Catholic Charities: 234-3111

Visit our website at:
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

European Union to pick president

BRUSSELS — The European Union is about to pick its very first president, a post conjured up after years of tortuous political machination to give the bloc a unified voice on the world stage.

But what is emerging from the halls of power on the eve of the historic decision is confusion and cacophony.

There are still no official candidates, and yet more than half a dozen politicians are said to be in the running. Prospects range from the world-famous Tony Blair to a little-known figure named Herman Van Rompuy, the unassuming prime minister of Belgium.

Nevertheless, at a dinner Thursday the 27 EU leaders are to pick the president — as well as a foreign minister for Europe — in a ballot that looks more like something between a lottery and a dogfight.

China vaccinates 1.5 million per day

HAVANA — China's health minister said Wednesday his country is vaccinating 1.5 million people a day against swine flu, part of a mammoth effort to reach nearly 7 percent of inhabitants of the world's most populous country by year's end.

Chen Zhu told The Associated Press that more than 50 million Chinese have been immunized so far.

"With initial efforts of containment, actually we not only reduced the impact of the first wave to China, but we also won time for us to prepare the vaccine" now being given to China's people, Chen said.

NATIONAL NEWS

New Lutheran group to form

NEW BRIGHTON, Minn. — The split over gay clergy within the country's largest Lutheran denomination has prompted a conservative faction to begin forming a new Lutheran church body separate from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Leaders of Lutheran CORE said Wednesday that a working group would immediately begin drafting a constitution and taking other steps to form the denomination, with hopes to have it off the ground by next August.

"There are many people within the ELCA who are very unhappy with what has happened," said the Rev. Paull Spring, chairman of Lutheran CORE and a retired ELCA bishop from State College, Pa.

Shuttle docks at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Atlantis arrived at the International Space Station on Wednesday for a weeklong stay, and the astronauts quickly unloaded a huge platform full of spare parts needed to keep the outpost running for another decade.

So far, all indications are the shuttle made it through Monday's liftoff just fine, NASA officials said. The astronauts surveyed their ship Tuesday for any signs of launch damage, and a quick look at the laser images shows everything in good shape. Experts will continue to analyze the data, as well as the approximately 300 digital photos that were taken Wednesday.

Atlantis will remain at the orbiting outpost until the day before Thanksgiving, enough time for the two crews — 12 astronauts total — to unload nearly 15 tons of spare parts.

LOCAL NEWS

Theme park to auction off surplus

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. — A southern Indiana amusement park plans to auction off hundreds of surplus items this weekend, including bumper boats and antique circus trunks.

Saturday's auction will be at Holiday World & Splashin' Safari in Santa Claus, about 35 miles east of Evansville.

Hundreds of items will be auctioned, including electric scooters, professional kitchen equipment, costumes, Christmas decorations, theatrical lighting, old license plates and an antique oxen yoke.

Holiday World President Will Koch says the theme park's clutter could easily be someone else's treasure.

UNITED KINGDOM

British government unveils agenda

Queen Elizabeth II announces plans for the upcoming session of Parliament

Associated Press

LONDON — Royal pageantry met hard-nosed election-eering Wednesday, as Queen Elizabeth II donned the diamond-encrusted Imperial State Crown to announce the government's plans for the next parliamentary session.

With just months to go until Britain must hold a national election, Prime Minister Gordon Brown is trying to woo voters with populist promises of new social programs and a clampdown on financial sector excess.

Brown must call an election to be held by June, and polls suggest his Labour Party will lose that vote, returning the Conservatives to power after 13 years in opposition.

The queen's speech, delivered at the ceremonial state opening of Parliament, was one of the opening shots in an extended election campaign. It included promises of new laws to toughen banking regulation, restore public trust in government, cut public debt and preserve social services. As is customary, it was short on details.

"My government's over-riding priority is to ensure sustained growth to deliver a fair and prosperous economy for families and businesses, as the British economy recovers from the global economic downturn," the queen said, in words written for her by government officials.

The annual event is an odd hybrid of politics and regal pomp, a policy speech delivered with the help of scarlet-robed Beefeaters, trumpeters, mounted cavalry and white-plumed bodyguards.

The queen has no say in the content of the speech, and the ceremony is rich in symbolism of the power struggle between monarchy and Parliament.

One of the queen's predecessors, King Charles I, tried to arrest members of



AP

Queen Elizabeth II delivers her speech, which officially opens the new session of Parliament, in the House of Lords in London, Wednesday.

the House of Commons in 1642 — he ended up deposed, tried and beheaded.

Ever since, the monarch has been barred from entering the Commons, so the event is held in Parliament's upper chamber, the House of Lords. Lawmakers are summoned from the Commons by an official known as Black Rod — but only after they slam the door in his face to symbolize their independence.

In another symbol of the traditional hostility between Commons and crown, a lawmaker is held at Buckingham Palace as a "hostage" during the ceremony to ensure the monarch's safe return.

Before the speech, the queen traveled from Buckingham Palace to Parliament in a horse-drawn carriage, escorted

by mounted members of the Household Cavalry.

Inside the Lords chamber, packed with lawmakers and ermine-robed peers, the queen sat on a gilded throne wearing the state crown, which is studded with more than 2,000 diamonds and is normally kept under lock and key in the Tower of London.

The 83-year-old monarch appeared more robust than last year, when she was suffering from a cold and back pain. It was her 57th Queen's Speech — and one of the shortest, since the new session of Parliament will be brief.

Facing a perfect storm of recession, public anger over lawmakers' expenses and an unpopular war in Afghanistan, Brown focused

on measures calculated to win public support.

The speech included the promise of a law giving regulators the power to stop bankers from pocketing big bonuses that could destabilize the financial system.

The government said it would cut the deficit in half within four years while investing in public services, "strengthening the national infrastructure and providing responsible investment" and eliminating child poverty by 2020.

Other voter-friendly measures included free personal care for needy elderly people, "guarantees for pupils and parents to raise educational standards" and moves to hold parents responsible for their children's anti-social behavior.

Energy-efficiency standards placed on TVs

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — California regulators adopted the nation's first energy-efficiency standards for televisions Wednesday in hopes of reducing electricity use at a time when millions of American households are switching to power-hungry, wide-view, flat-screen, high-definition sets.

The 5-0 vote by the California Energy Commission is just the latest effort by the state to secure its place in the forefront of the environmental movement.

California represents such a big consumer market that environmental groups hope the new standards will

lead manufacturers to make energy-saving TVs for the rest of the nation, just as California's stringent fuel standards for cars and trucks forced automakers to produce more efficient models for all of the U.S.

"Once again, California is leading the way, and we hope others will follow," said Noah Horowitz, senior scientist at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The commission estimates that TVs account for about 10 percent of a home's electricity use. The fear is that energy use will rise as people buy bigger, more elaborate TVs, put more of them in their homes, and watch them longer.

The regulations requiring televi-

sions to be more efficient will be phased in beginning in 2011. The standards will become even tougher in 2013, with only a quarter of all TVs currently on the market meeting the efficiency requirements.

"We have every confidence this industry will be able to meet the rule and then some," Energy Commissioner Julia Levin said. "It will save consumers money, it will help protect public health, and it will spark innovation."

Some manufacturers warned that the regulations will cripple innovation, limit consumer choice and hurt California stores, because people could simply buy TVs out of state or online.

Activism

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“I know so many students involved in direct service through the Center for Social Concerns, and that is a sort of activism,” she said. “And then there is the kind of activism that critiques the structures involved in why people need to do direct service.”

“That kind of activism is less visible, but it’s here.”

Both types are crucial on a college campus, said Haas, who is involved in the Notre Dame Peace Fellowship (NDPF).

NDPF, which works on peace initiatives both globally and in South Bend, co-sponsored Wednesday’s events commemorating the 40th anniversary of a Vietnam War-related protest at Notre Dame in 1969 and the subsequent suspension of the Notre Dame 10.

The 10 Notre Dame students were suspended for blocking recruiters from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and The Dow Chemical Co. in the Main Building on Nov. 18, 1969.

Last year, NDPF also protested the CIA’s recruitment efforts at the fall career fair.

“We really questioned Notre Dame’s relationship with the CIA,” Haas said. “This is a question that has been around for a long time. It’s something Notre Dame had to grapple with in 1969 and even before that.”

Many student leaders agree that activism on campus today has changed since the 1960s but it is still prevalent, although maybe less noticeable.

“There’s a certain process you have to go through to hold a march or demonstration on campus that, I think, lowers the amount of activism on campus,” sophomore Jackie Emmanuel, president of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), said.

According to du Lac, the stu-

dent handbook, all demonstrations must be registered in writing with the associate vice president for Residence Life. The handbook also states that protests must be “peaceful and orderly” and not impede the freedom of the University community.

Emmanuel said one of the leading issues she sees on campus is the fight for the University to include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause — an ongoing effort by PSA.

The group most recently submitted a petition asking for the addition of the clause to University President Fr. John Jenkins last spring, but they were not successful.

“I think the students who are dedicated to activism on campus put a lot of time and effort and heart into what they are advocating for,” junior Bridget Flores, also a member of PSA, said.

But Flores said she sees a certain apathy in many Notre Dame students.

“I think a lot of that comes from ignorance,” she said. “When we would come

around with the petition to include sexual orientation, a lot of students didn’t have any idea that being at Notre Dame could be problematic for a gay student.”

For sophomore Roman Sanchez, daily college life can get in the way of bigger activist goals.

Sanchez is a member of PSA, MEChA, a human rights group that focuses on Latino workers in Florida, and the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP).

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sophomore



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Members of the Progressive Student Alliance present a petition to the Office of the President to include sexual harrassment in the non-discrimination clause last spring.

still demonstrate — even if the protests are not on campus.

This weekend, a group of about 44 students is traveling to Georgia to stage a protest near the School of the Americas (SOA). The Department of Defense facility has been an attraction for demonstrations because of suspected human rights violations of SOA graduates.

Earlier this month, Human Rights ND staged a demonstration on campus to protest the death penalty. Members passed out flyers about the death penalty along with posters containing information about the punishment.

“We picked statistics about the death penalty that we thought would shock people,” Human Rights ND president Mary Pat Dwyer said while handing out pamphlets in front of the display.

Dwyer said the group focuses on various human rights

issues but has adopted the death penalty as their primary cause this year.

“When students have come to join our club, usually there’s not just one issue they focus on, but they see a lot of injustice in the world,” she said.

While student protests occur on and off campus at Notre Dame, student leaders cited reactions to the University’s invitation to President Barack Obama to deliver the 2009 Commencement address as one of the largest student demonstrations in recent years.

“More than one person last spring told me it was one of the most significant student movements since the 1920s when Notre Dame students basically kicked the Ku Klux Klan out of South Bend,” Mary Daly, vice president of Notre Dame Right to Life, said.

Daly, a senior, was a leader of ND Response, a student coalition organized to protest the University’s invitation to the president based on his abortion views.

“It was a substantial movement compared to other efforts that have been made by students in the past,” she said.

But Daly said she sees the activities of Notre Dame Right to Life as distinct from other forms of student activism.

“One facet of what we do is activism, but there is also the educative component,” she said. “The activism that we do with Right to Life is not the traditional form of activism.”

It has been 40 years since the Notre Dame 10 were suspended for the Dow-CIA protest, and while a lot has changed, Emmanuel said she still sees the same level of dedication to social justice in many students on campus. And college campuses are ideal for exploring these issues, she said.

“In high school, we get some sense of what is going on in the world, but it is really not until college that through meeting new and different people, we see some of the problems that have been occurring in the world that we didn’t notice when you were younger,” she said. “There’s a great atmosphere on college campuses for open-mindedness.”

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But his experience shows how students can take a more active role in social justice issues, he told a crowd at a panel discussion in Geddes Hall Wednesday.

“I was on my way to study for an organic chemistry test,” Eckenrode said of his decision to join the protesters in the Main Building. “But I was troubled by the war and the stark contrast between my Catholic upbringing and what was going on in Vietnam.”

The discussion commemorated the 40th anniversary of the suspension of the Notre

Dame 10 — the 10 students punished for protesting on-campus recruitment by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Dow Chemical Co., known for producing napalm, a chemical weapon in the Vietnam War.

Eckenrode spoke along with Mark Mahoney, another of the 10, Carl Estabrook, a member of the Notre Dame faculty in 1969 and Fr. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy, also a faculty member at the time.

“This event was personally difficult for me to bring back to my parents,” Eckenrode said, “but on the other hand, it was an incredible part of my education at Notre Dame.”

The central question Eckenrode said he wanted to

explore in coming back to campus for the anniversary was how much has changed in the past 40 years.

He cited the founding of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies as a sign of progress, but he said he still sees many of the same problems on campus and globally.

“I approach the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with dismay,” he said. “This is a continuing conversation.”

Mahoney said the events of Nov. 18, 1969 are “like yesterday.”

“You don’t have time to postpone acting on your beliefs and values and attitudes,” he said. “You don’t have time to postpone living out your dreams. Time flies.”

That day, Mahoney said the students were protesting the actions of the CIA and Dow Chemical Co., but they were more concerned with the University’s attitude toward the recruiters.

“For the students involved in this, the concern was the failure of the University to respond,” he said. “That was what we found anguishing and that is why when it came to afterward students stuck together and appealed together as a group.”

The consequences of the suspension had a profound effect on Mahoney.

“When we were suspended, notices went to the draft board,” he said.

At the time, students were exempted from the draft, but as a suspended student,

“The challenge to human society is to figure out how to break dependence on scapegoating. The significance of the Notre Dame 10 is that we were scapegoats.”

Mark Mahoney
member of the
Notre Dame 10

Mahoney qualified for the draft until the Admissions Office wrote to the board explaining they were considering Mahoney for re-admission.

Now, Mahoney is a criminal defense lawyer and handles many cases in which the death penalty is sought.

“The challenge to human society is to figure out how to break dependence on scapegoating,” he said. “The significance of the Notre Dame 10 is that we were scapegoats.”

Eckenrode said he still sees students on campus today responding to social injustices.

“I’m sure students here today at Notre Dame feel that some of work they do outside of classroom to work for peace, alleviate poverty or suffering has same meaning for them as it did for us,” he said.

The fourth part of this series looks at student activism at Notre Dame today and runs as a companion piece in today’s issue.

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MARKET RECAP

Stocks				
Dow Jones	10,426.31	-11.11		
Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:	
1,673	146	2,074	642,487,973	

AMEX	1,825.65	-9.67
NASDAQ	2,193.14	-10.64
NYSE	7,226.71	-7.35
S&P 500	1,109.80	-0.52
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	9,570.51	-106.29
FTSE 100 (London)	5,342.13	-3.80

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP INC (C)	+1.18	+0.05	4.29
BK OF AMERICA CP (BAC)	+3.68	+0.58	16.35
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.06	-0.069	111.27
E*TRADE FIN CORP (ETFC)	+9.03	+0.14	1.69

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+1.42	+0.047	3.366
13-WEEK BILL	-45.45	-0.025	0.030
30-YEAR BOND	+1.15	+0.049	4.299
5-YEAR NOTE	+1.24	+0.027	2.196

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.04	79.10
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+1.90	1,141.3
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.05	88.65

Exchange Rates	
YEN	89.2550
EURO	1.4936
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.0571
BRITISH POUND	1.6713

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Slot makers face low sales

LAS VEGAS — Casinos are buying fewer slot machines than they have in a decade as they stretch their spending, a slot machine maker said Wednesday.

Nick Khin, Americas president for Aristocrat Technologies, Inc., said the four major slot makers combined sold fewer machines during the third quarter than during any period in the last decade.

“We’re certainly not predicting a significant improvement in 2010,” Khin said, citing consumers’ anxiety. “The players that are coming to the casinos need to be a lot more secure than they currently (are) today, with regards to their employment and their income.”

Khin spoke on a panel Wednesday at the Global Gaming Expo, a four-day industry conference in Las Vegas where the biggest slot makers — including International Game Technology, Bally Technologies, Aristocrat and WMS Industries Inc. — and many others in the industry showcase new games and products for casinos.

Keith Smith, another panel member and CEO of casino operator Boyd Gaming, said replacing slot machines, which cost more than \$10,000 each, is more expensive than ever, and casinos must consider other elements to keep customers happy.

ABC and CBS see higher ratings

NEW YORK — Country music helped ABC to its best ratings week in more than a year.

The network, which narrowly lost to CBS for the distinction of America’s most popular TV network last week, aired the Country Music Association awards to 17.2 million people, according to the Nielsen Co.

ABC also did well with an “In the Spotlight” special in which Robin Roberts interviewed stars including Carrie Underwood and Tim McGraw.

ABC and CBS dominated the upper reaches of the Nielsen charts; 24 of the nation’s most-watched programs last week were on one of the two networks. ABC is nearing the end of a “Dancing With the Stars” run, so that audience is growing.

A story line that played out across all three “CSI” franchises was a winner for CBS. All the shows earned a spot in Nielsen’s top 14 programs, with the mother ship, “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,” getting its biggest audience of the season.

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McDonald’s renovates atmosphere

Manhattan restaurant brings European-inspired style to fast food

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Danish Modern furniture. Flat-screen TVs. Free Wi-Fi.

You want fries with that? A McDonald’s in midtown Manhattan became the first in the U.S. this fall to undergo a sleek, European-style makeover similar to what McDonald’s has done at thousands of outlets around in France and the United Kingdom.

The eatery is outfitted with outlets for plugging in laptops, upholstered vinyl chairs instead of Fiberglas seats bolted to the floor, subdued lighting and employees whose all-black uniforms suggest a hip boutique.

“It’s like a lounge,” said Kimberly Burgess, one of many patrons who did a double take after entering the newly renovated restaurant in Manhattan’s Chelsea section. “It’s so different from all the other McDonald’s. It’s beautiful.”

Franchise owner Paul Hendel said customers have settled down in a restaurant not known for patrons lingering over lunch.

“We’re becoming a more relevant type of restaurant for the younger crowd,” he said. “They don’t feel rushed. They’re reading the newspaper, relaxed.”

McDonald’s Corp. spokeswoman Danya Proud said that while thousands of the chain’s 14,000 restaurants have been updated over the last few years, the Chelsea location is the first “urban redesign” in the U.S. She said “we’ll continue to evaluate” whether more might follow.

Proud said the redesign was intended “to give our customers more of a reason to make McDonald’s a destination.”

“People are using our restaurants differently today than they did five, 10, 20 years ago,” she said. “People are multitasking, doing more on a given day.



AP

Customers visit a new McDonald’s featuring free Wi-Fi, a euro-themed design and art deco in New York. The restaurant is the first McDonald’s of its kind in the U.S.

... You want to be able to open your laptop, log on and get some work done while you’re eating.”

Proud said the redesigned European restaurants — along with menu items geared toward the customer base in different countries — have been responsible for McDonald’s growth in Europe.

McDonald’s has experienced strong sales in the U.S. during the recession, though the chain said this week that its monthly U.S. sales growth edged down in October. European sales were up 6.4 percent for the month.

McDonald’s does not release sales figures for individual restaurants.

The menu at the 186-

seat Chelsea outlet is the same as any other McDonald’s. But the differences are stark. The walls are decorated with bold vertical stripes or with what looks like a zebra design but is actually French architect Philippe Avanzi’s magnified thumbprint. Tables are of different sizes to accommodate small groups or an informal business meeting — and Hendel said nearby workers have started meeting there.

There are reproductions of Danish designer Arne Jacobsen’s chairs including the Egg chair, a classic of mid-century functionality that would look right at home on “The Jetsons.”

When McDonald’s first hired Avanzi in 2006 to

help redesign its European outlets, Avanzi brought in Danish furniture producer Fritz Hansen to supply authentic Jacobsen chairs.

But Hansen, the sole licensed manufacturer of Jacobsen chairs, ended the partnership because McDonald’s was also buying unauthorized copies.

Proud said the chairs at the New York store are “modeled after” Jacobsen’s designs.

Darren Tristano, executive vice president of Technomic Inc., a Chicago-based food industry consulting group, said McDonald’s franchise owners have wide discretion in how they decorate their restaurants as long as brand elements like the golden arches are present.

Kellogg Co. announces waffle shortage

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dear Kellogg: Leggo my Eggo!

Kellogg Co. says there will be a nationwide shortage of its popular Eggo frozen waffles until next summer because of interruptions in production at two of the four plants that make them.

The company’s Atlanta plant was shut down for an undisclosed period by a September storm that dumped historic amounts of rain in the area. Meanwhile, several production lines at its largest bakery in Rossville, Tenn., are closed indefinitely for repairs, company spokeswoman Kris Charles said in an e-mail.

It will take until the middle of 2010 before shelves around the country

are stocked at pre-shutdown levels, Charles said.

Already customers are noticing near-empty Eggo shelves on the freezer aisle at many grocery stores.

Stay-at-home mom Joey Resciniti says she bought one of the last two boxes of Eggos at a Walmart in Cranberry Township, Pa., on Monday. The frozen waffles are a favorite of her 4-year-old daughter, Julia.

“We have eight of them, and if we ration those — maybe have half an Eggo in one sitting — then it’ll last longer,” said Resciniti, who blogs about being a mother. “I told my husband that maybe I need to put them on eBay.”

Charles didn’t know how long the Atlanta plant was shut down, but said that it’s back at full production now.

The existing stock of Eggos will be

distributed nationally based on stores’ sales histories of the waffles, Charles said.

“We are working around the clock to restore Eggo store inventories to normal levels as quickly as possible,” she wrote in the e-mail.

Eggo first hit the shelves in 1960, and its cult following grew in the following years. Kellogg started using the famed slogan “Leggo my Eggo” in 1972. For years, the waffles have been a staple for busy moms and college students looking for a quick breakfast.

This week, news of the shortage spread quickly on Twitter as shoppers reported not being able to find the breakfast food. Fans of Eggos lamented their scarcity on the waffle’s Facebook page, which has more than 400 members.

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back.”

She soon changed her mind. Gorman needed to move forward. Giving in wasn’t giving up, she said. It was “getting it.”

So she shaved her head.

“I looked like G.I. Jane,” Gorman said. “But I felt phenomenal.”

Gorman’s new haircut was “a real turning point.” When she adjusted her lifestyle, her health improved. Then the idea for the book came.

“You want to win over this illness and that’s not what it’s about. It’s about embracing it so you can move on,” Gorman said. “I wanted to share my story, that life with lupus can improve and this is how you can do it.”

Gorman, who was never passionate about writing, said recording her own story “came naturally.” Now published and hitting the shelves, her new book offers hope to those sitting in Gorman’s shoes years ago, encouraging readers to embrace their illness rather than ignore it. And the feedback has been “phenomenal,” Gorman said.

“It’s nice to be able to stand up straight and tall and proud

“I didnt even know what lupus was when I was here. If I had envisioned in college the things I would go through with lupus, I’d probably want to curl up in a ball and die. It’s great that my alma mater has embraced me and the book.”

Sarah Gorman
author

and say if you work hard, listen to your body, and make difficult choices for your body, you can do anything you want,” she said.

After taking her self-imposed regimen, Gorman’s health has improved dramatically. She hasn’t had a flare-up since 2005, when she began her new treatments. With her new career as an author, she’s also working on an online blog and is returning to her original plans, but much stronger and wiser than before, Gorman said.

In 2008, she and her husband welcomed their first daughter, Deirdre.

“I felt proud, not just as a mother, but as a fighter,” Gorman said. “I thought, I’m doing this my way.”

The University will be a special stop for her tour, Gorman said.

“I didn’t even know what lupus was when I was here. If I had envisioned in college the things I would go through with lupus, I’d probably want to curl up and die,” Gorman said. “It’s great that my alma mater has embraced me and the book. It’s such an honor to come back, feeling fabulous and with so much behind me.”

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Ark. policeman Tasers 10-year-old girl

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK — A police officer in a small Arkansas town used a stun gun on an unruly 10-year-old girl after he said her mother gave him permission to do so. Now the town’s mayor is calling for an investigation into whether the Taser use was appropriate.

According to a report by Officer Dustin Bradshaw, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, police were called to the Ozark home Nov. 11 because of a domestic disturbance. When he arrived, the girl was curled up on the floor, screaming, the report said.

Bradshaw’s report said the girl screamed, kicked and resisted any time her mother tried to get her in the shower before bed.

“Her mother told me to tase her if I needed to,” Bradshaw wrote.

The child was “violently kicking and verbally combative” when Bradshaw tried to take her into custody, and she kicked him in the groin. So he delivered “a very brief drive stun to her back,” the report said.

The names of the girl and her mother were redacted in the report.

Ozark Mayor Vernon McDaniel said Wednesday that the girl wasn’t injured and is now at the Western Arkansas

“Her mother told me to tase her if I needed to.”

Dustin Bradshaw
police officer

Youth Shelter in Cecil.

But McDaniel said he wants Arkansas State Police — and if they decline, the FBI — to investigate the incident.

“People here feel like that he made a mistake in using a Taser, and maybe he did, but we will not know until we get an impartial investigation,” McDaniel said.

The state police declined his request Tuesday, saying it only gets involved with criminal investigations — if the officer in question was accused of misconduct or targeted in an internal investigation, for example — rather than matters of policy.

Kim Brunell, a spokeswoman with the FBI in Little Rock, said her office neither confirms nor denies when it’s involved an investigation and declined to comment Wednesday.

Police Chief Jim Noggle said no disciplinary action was taken against Bradshaw. He said Tasers are a safe way to subdue people who are a danger to themselves or others.

“We didn’t use the Taser to punish the child — just to bring the child under control so she wouldn’t hurt herself or somebody else,” Noggle said.

If the officer tried to forcefully put the girl in handcuffs, he could have accidentally broken her arm or leg, Noggle said.

He said a touch of the stun

gun — “less than a second” — stopped the girl from being unruly, and she was handcuffed, he said.

“She got up immediately and they put her in the patrol car,” McDaniel said.

Noggle said the girl will face disorderly conduct charges as a juvenile in the incident.

The girl’s father, Anthony Medlock, told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that his daughter has emotional problems, but that she didn’t have a weapon and shouldn’t have been Tasered.

“My daughter does not deserve to be tased and be treated like an animal,” said Medlock, who is divorced from the girl’s mother and does not have custody.

Steve Tuttle, a spokesman for Taser, said it’s up to individual law enforcement agencies to decide when Taser use is appropriate.

In some cases, a Taser “presents the safer response to resistance compared with the alternatives such as fists, kicks, baton strikes, bean bag guns, chemical agents, or canine response,” Tuttle said in a statement.

The police chief, who has been Tasered twice himself during training sessions, said his department has never had to Taser a child or elderly person before, but that in some instances, that could be necessary to ensure safety.

“We don’t want to do things like this,” Noggle said. “This is something we have to do. We’re required to maintain order and keep the peace.”

Army Corps of Engineers launches floodgate project

Associated Press

HARVEY, La. — Mindful that the suburban West Bank of New Orleans has regained its pre-Hurricane Katrina population and is primed for growth, the Army Corps of Engineers is launching a \$1 billion effort to keep the next storm at bay.

The new flood protection is already having a potentially dangerous consequence, though: It’s encouraging more people to move into another bowl-shaped area that experts consider perhaps the city’s most vulnerable flank.

While New Orleans’ population plummeted by 300,000 after Katrina, residents quickly returned to the west bank of the Mississippi River, many under the mistaken impression that the area was safer.

The fact that the West Bank didn’t flood was mainly chance, however. Engineers say the area’s 250,000 residents are exposed to surge from a storm coming in at just the right angle, thanks in part to navigation and drainage canals that feed in.

So the corps broke ground last week on the West Closure Structure, a floodgate and pump system designed to close off those canals and bolster the area’s levees.

“The levees are a big deal. They’ve got to get them done,” said Rosemary Veitel, owner of a clothing boutique at the Fountain Park Centre, a new commercial development with fake swans, spewing fountains and Roman statues more at home in Phoenix or Las Vegas than on the edge of the Louisiana swamp.

Local officials see the West

Closure Structure as the key to luring more business owners like Veitel.

“This is the yellow brick road to progress,” Aaron Broussard, the Jefferson Parish president, crowed Friday at the groundbreaking ceremony for what the corps calls the West Closure Structure.

As the name implies, the West Bank is west of the Mississippi River and the French Quarter, in a place tourists pass through only if they’re on their way to swamp tours. So far, it has been spared catastrophic flooding. Katrina passed to the east in August 2005, and the West Bank was one of the only dry places in the city after levees failed on the East Bank, the main part of the metro area.

But after Katrina, hurricanes Rita and Gustav pushed water levels dangerously high in canals on the West Bank.

“When we had Gustav, we had water come in, but it was minor, thank God,” Veitel said.

Roy Dokka, the executive director of the Center for GeoInformatics at Louisiana State University, said up to 70 percent of the West Bank could be underwater if a monster storm were to hit it.

The West Bank project is one of two the corps is building to protect New Orleans, the other being a similar storm surge barrier on the East Bank that closes off the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal.

With large areas of the West Bank undeveloped pasture, woods and wetlands, the improved levee system will spur development, especially since most of the East Bank is crammed with houses and busi-



In an Oct. 30 file photo, the West Closure Structure project in Harvey, La. is shown. When finished, the structure will close off navigation and drainage canals that turn into conduits for storm surge during hurricanes.

nesses.

“It’s the only land left for large populations to grow,” said state Rep. Ricky J. Templet, a Republican who represents a swath of the West Bank. “The sky’s the limit. On the West Bank, we were the last to get started on our flood protection. Some people will be able to sleep at night now.”

They shouldn’t sleep too soundly, according to Robert Bea, a civil engineer with the University of California, Berkeley, and an expert on the New Orleans levee system. Bea called the West Bank project an example of the corps’ flawed levee building policies, designed to handle a 100-year storm rather than shelter the area for many centuries like dikes in the Netherlands.

Bea’s advice to West Bank developers and homeowners: “Build high, build strong because the level of protection is not sufficient to build low and weak.”

If anything, though, building requirements will get more lax after the levee system is finished.

Tom Rodrigue, the flood plain manager for Jefferson Parish, said developers most likely would wait for the levees to be certified as acceptable by the Federal Emergency Management Agency before building. FEMA certifica-

tion opens the door for cheaper flood insurance and building lower to the ground.

The Army Corps isn’t fazed by the potential for development in this vulnerable area.

“People tend to build and live around the coastal landscape, and that’s a natural thing for Southeast Louisiana regardless of whether you have the risk reduction in place or not,” said Tom Podany, the chief of the corps’ Protection and Restoration Office in New Orleans. “What (the levee system) does is recognize that’s going to happen and provide for a way to increase their safety.”

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Determinism

The controversy between free will and determinism continues to rage. In one way, this is unsurprising: The same controversy has raged, in one form or another, for two millennia, and it is clearly a question near to us in our understanding of ourselves. In another way, however, that the controversy continues is deeply surprising: Since the rise of quantum physics, it has been clear that our world is fundamentally indeterministic — that nothing, including human action, is bound by determinate laws.

It was the realization of Pythagoras — a realization later echoed by Galileo — that mathematics could be used to measure not just fields and buildings but also the motions of the planets and even music. It was a short step to suggest that mathematics could measure all things whatsoever — that the cosmos, for all of its appearance of irrationality, nonetheless obeys a more fundamental order. It was the realization of Bohr that Pythagoras — and the two millennia of scientists who followed him — were wrong: The irrationality is no less fundamental than the rationality. We live not in a world of mechanism but, rather, in a world of probabilities: Fundamental particles do not even take on determinate position or number unless forced to do so by interaction — and, even then, their indeterminacy is merely shifted into another part of the system. The achievement of quantum physics is its ability to precisely measure and track this indeterminacy, nothing more. At the most fundamental level, matter is opaque to our understanding: Events not only are not but moreover cannot be predicted with precision. In this realization, one hears the echo of Neoplatonist laughter.

At the scale of human action, of course, quantum-physical indeterminacy tends to average out, yielding the more or less deterministic world that we experience; it is a short step to suggest that human action is also more or less determined. This suggestion is tempting — and would be more tempting, were the social sciences capable of predicting human behavior with anything even remotely approaching precision. Of course, this is hardly fair, since the same charge could be leveled against meteorology — and few have ever been tempted to ascribe free will to the weather. This only strengthens the point, however: None of the sciences, for all of their progress, seem any closer to capturing the entirety of phenomena in deterministic laws — a goal that seems to move, paradoxically, farther and farther away with time.

The truth, however, is that considerations like these are irrelevant: Indeterminism might be, in one sense, the conclusion of scientific investigation, but determinism is, in another sense, its first principle.

Scientific investigation of the world seeks the causes of the phenomena that we experience. In seeking the causes of phenomena, however, we assume that there are causes to be found: We assume that the phenomena that we experience did not happen randomly but, rather, had to happen given some conditions more fundamental. And if we fail to find the cause of some phenomenon, we assume that it is our investigation — not determinism — that has failed.

Kant would have called this a transcendental argument for determinism: it is an argument not that determinism is true — and, after all, it is not — but rather that we must assume the truth of determinism in investigating the world in which we live. It is because this point is insufficiently understood, I suspect, that the controversy between

free will and determinism continues to rage. Indeed, the insistence upon free will is perhaps best understood as the acknowledgement that our scientific explanation of human behavior will always fall short — as will, for that matter, our scientific explanation of anything whatsoever.

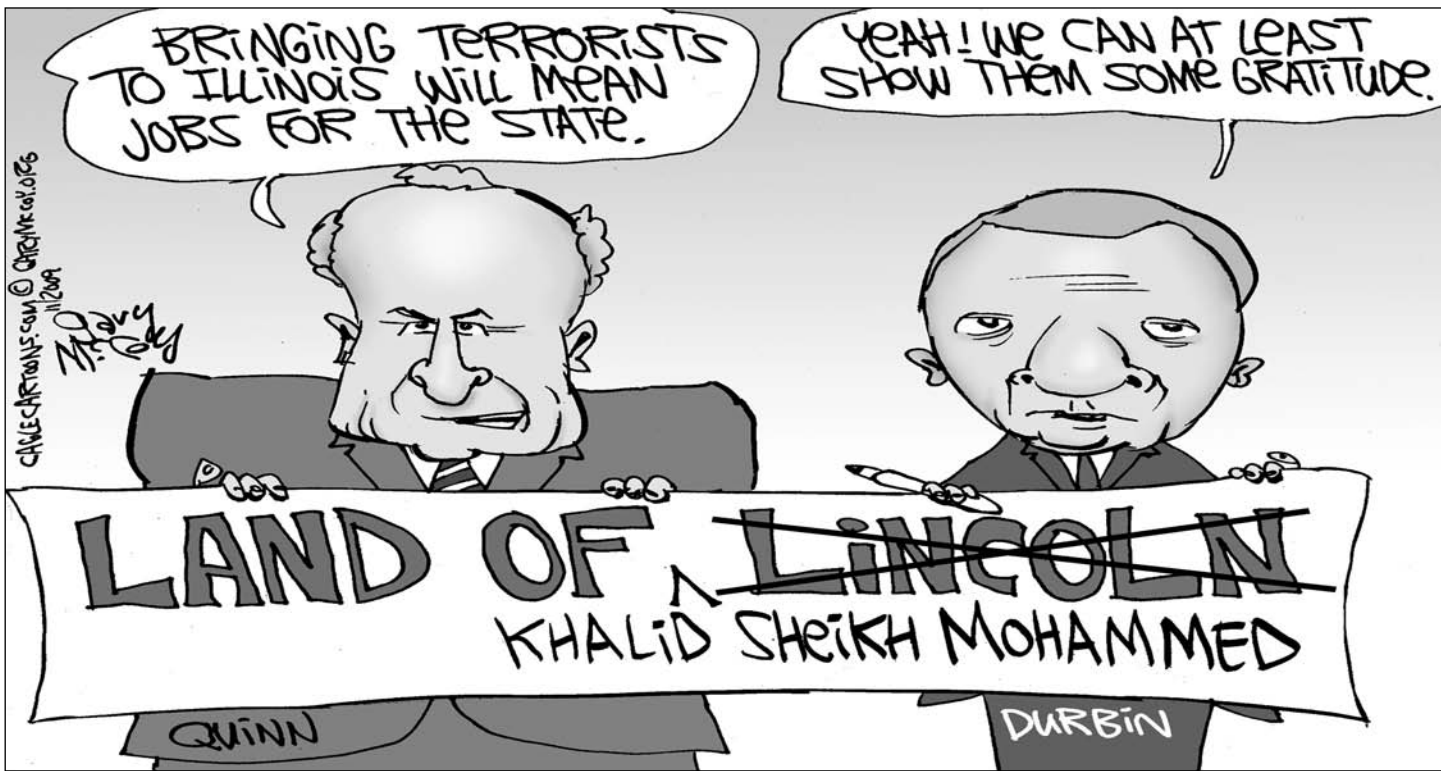
The acknowledgement that determinism fails is only possible insofar as we can specify the determinate extent to which and way in which determinism fails — which is exactly what quantum physics does. But it also guarantees that perfect determinism — a theory that captures the entirety of phenomena with perfect accuracy — lies at an infinite remove from us. The price for free will is that we live in a world that is, at its most fundamental level, incomprehensible to us. Our knowledge of the world, expressed as it must be in general terms, will always be an approximation — that is, a falsification — of a particularity that no general analysis could ever capture.

Perfect determinism would be a theory simultaneously and paradoxically general and particular; it would be, in other words, God's knowledge of himself. Which is to say, of course, that it would just be God — a self-determining determinism forever beyond human ken. The gap between this impossibly perfect theory and us is just the gap between the infinite and the finite — a gap that we cannot ever jump. Whether this renders our rationality tragic or merely absurd is, of course, a question for another time.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight — it's the size of the fight in the dog."

Dwight D. Eisenhower
former U.S. president

Your GPA and the end of the world

Each mid-November, just as the perma-cloud settles in over South Bend, the days get depressingly shorter, and due dates for papers and exams start looming on the horizon — the Church starts talking about the end of the world. And while the Church Fathers who set the calendar surely couldn't have predicted the weather patterns or exam schedules of the university that Fr. Sorin had not yet founded, this talk about the end of the world these days seems somehow to, well, fit.

Fr. Lou DelFra

Faith Point

"The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds ..." Take out the Son of Man surfing on the clouds, and you pretty much have a South Bend winter. "All of heaven and earth will pass away." Excellent, any chance we can have that happen before the Orgo Final?

Of course, beneath the joking is a bit of nervousness. The reminder that the world will end is not feel-good stuff. I personally hope I am long gone before the world blows up. I think I'll enjoy it more if I can watch it from the afterlife (preferably from the upper level, if you know what I mean),

rather than sitting in the attic of Dillon with molten lava bubbling up around me.

If taken seriously — and there is no indication in the Gospels that we are not meant to take these words seriously — the fact that this world and its history, achievements and evolution will have a termination point, can lead us into fatalism. If all passes, then nothing matters. Why even get up in the morning?

Yet, fatalism is certainly counter to the spirit that Jesus has been in recent weeks generating within his disciples — one of fearlessness, boldness, zealous work to build up the Kingdom on earth, untiring care for one another. How do we reconcile the two? Can one be boldly committed to the Kingdom of God on earth, against a horizon of impending finality?

Three spiritual realities help me fit all this cataclysmic talk into the rest of my life and faith. The first positive effect of Jesus' teachings about the end of the world is that, if all things pass away, then nothing in this life can become so important that it will completely define or determine me. Of course, not money, not the lack of money, not any material possession. But also, not GPA, not career, not others' perceptions of me. All of these have their immediate importance and impact. But, in the light of Jesus' end-time teachings, none have the power of final determination of our worth.

Cultivating such a spirituality can free us from all kinds of entanglements that might otherwise prevent us from loving, and being loved by, God and others.

Second, when I imagine the end of the world, I must admit that my images are largely determined by scenes from "Independence Day," and I look forward to updating them after "2012." I have images of the Dome melting under red-hot magma, all the little towers on the Disney castle shattering into a million pieces and the house where I grew up bursting into non-existence. Again, taken seriously, such thoughts are not going to get me out of bed tomorrow, ready to spread the Gospel. On the other hand, along with the end of the Dome, Disney and my childhood home, the end of human history also means the end of war, world hunger, disease, injustice, poverty, homelessness, fractured relationships, abuse, sex trafficking, addictions, mental illness. And while we are absolutely obligated, particularly as Christians, to devote our lives to ending such realities now, there is also something tremendously liberating about knowing that no suffering or injustice is permanent. No limitations we currently experience define the totality of our human existence. All will be taken up in God, where God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,

for the old order of things has passed away.

Finally, Jesus' words about the end-time make it clear that (apart from God, of course) only one thing from this world will endure — us. In this spiritual space, we can hear Jesus' teachings about our personal, end-time encounter with God in all its sublime simplicity and beauty: When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat. When I was thirsty you gave me drink; naked, and you clothed me. Here is our totality, the summary of our human worth. There is no place here for what we have acquired, achieved career-wise, or gained in the admiration of others. Instead, the sum total of our worth and existence is composed of one thing alone: our ability to feed, give drink, clothe. Here is the ultimate liberation of Jesus' teachings on the end of the world: In the end — and so, too, right now — all that matters is our ability to love the only realities of this world that will remain after all else passes — God and one another.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What about the Notre Dame 88?

As we've all heard, this week marks the 40th anniversary of the suspension of the Notre Dame 10. In 1969, 10 students were suspended under the "15-minute rule" after protesting Dow Chemical, the CIA and the Vietnam War. These students faced expulsion and arrest, but would not back down in trying to stand up for their morals. As we remember this important event, I ask Notre Dame to also remember the modern-day Notre Dame 10: The 88 people arrested at Notre Dame during a pro-life demonstration last spring.

In the weeks leading up to President Obama's commencement speech at Notre Dame last May, our campus became the site of one of the largest pro-life demonstrations of the year. Thousands of pro-life advocates flocked to Notre Dame to peacefully demonstrate against our decision to invite the pro-choice president to be honored at Notre Dame.

Among the 88 arrested were an elderly priest, several nuns, Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe of Roe v. Wade), Alan Keyes, Jane Brennan (author of Motherhood Interrupted), and many other non-violent participants in America's pro-life movement. These brave people prayed the rosary, sang religious hymns and partook in other peaceful means of protest. All were arrested, handcuffed and hauled off to

jail, where they spent time in custody. It was even more shocking when the charges were not immediately dropped, and even worse that these people had to return to South Bend to plead "not guilty" and request jury trials.

Many of these 88 people are still facing jail time. While the St. Joseph County prosecutor is now in charge of the proceedings, Notre Dame still has a prerogative, as the original complainant, to seek that the charges be dropped. Yet Notre Dame has repeatedly refused to seek such leniency or even answer the pro-lifers' requests for dialogue.

It is a shame that public arrests of pro-life demonstrators took place at Notre Dame. The guilt of these arrests at America's premier Catholic university ought to be enough of a punishment to offset whatever was inflicted on Notre Dame's property rights.

As we remember the Notre Dame 10 this week, let us not forget the Notre Dame 88. We should respect all who dare to speak out for Catholic morality, not prosecute them.

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Nov. 18

Terrorists are not Americans

American Civil Liberties are for Americans.

Terrorists who have committed acts of war against the United States should not be protected by our sacred rights. No American should have to be assigned to defend the likes of those evil men, and no city (especially the place of victimization) should have to waste precious time and resources trying to get proper justice served. In fact, it is disgusting. Terrorists demote themselves to second class citizens the moment they carry out their plans, and we should treat them accordingly. They had no respect for human life or human rights as a combatant, so why should we respect theirs? Justice given should be the justice served.

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Lighten up

As a longtime fan of both humor and Mobile Party (not synonymous, but darn close) I fully support the Nov. 13 installment. Considering aforementioned observation that Mobile Party is approximately equal to humor, I am in favor of their work. From what I gather, Mobile Party makes fun of anything and everything that most Notre Dame students consider humorous (or highly offensive). Given this standard, I find it equivalently humorous that someone would choose the unfortunate ginger issue to take a stand on ("Ginger Pride," Nov. 16).

When Mobile Party makes fun of tools, do you stand up and complain? No. When Mobile Party makes fun of that one chick in the North Face, do you picket? Doubt it (unless that chick is actually you). The point is that these jokes appear in a comic strip intended for your entertainment. Not for you to get your panties in a bind thus dangerously stoking the fire on the carpet up to the already matching drapes into a blazing ging-ferno. Lighten up. And by lighten up I mean go ahead and continue dying your hair to some less offensive color, red really gets my ire up. Long live Mobile humor.

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Nov. 18

Appreciate what you are offered

Earlier this week, Scholastic published an article examining the issue of whether or not student athletes should be awarded a portion of the revenue they bring to the University through private business deals. The article was a thoughtful consideration of the issue, but was unfortunately overshadowed by one quotation from a member of our football team. I am going to repeat this quotation in its entirety, simply so everyone who's behind in reading their school publications can experience the full effect:

"Other student athletes, however, question the notion that receiving a scholarship is enough in return for the money they generate. One member of the football team says, 'The slaves were provided a house to stay. They were given meals, but in the grand scheme of things they had nothing at the end of the day. That's a harsh comparison, but it's essentially modern-day slavery.'" (Scholastic, "Should Student-Athletes Be Paid?," Nov. 12).

This metaphor, though acknowledged by the speaker as "harsh," is both inapplicable and inappropriate. Let's accept that the application of this analogy is valid: slaves with a 60 percent success rate would suffer consequences much graver than the occasional tired Observer comic strip or disparaging comments from the likes of Mark May. If

the unpaid football program were truly "essentially modern-day slavery," a 6-4 record would be met with dire retribution.

It should go without saying that slavery is not a joking matter. Dehumanizing one's fellow men and women, subjecting them to relentless manual labor and indescribable abuse? Yeah, they don't get free tutoring or trips to college campuses across the nation. I realize this athlete's statement may have been offered in jest, but both within the context of the article and in the larger scheme of the issue, it is distasteful and entirely preposterous. His attitude toward the privilege of attending and representing Notre Dame (which he chose of his own free will) is unappreciative and deluded. Thousands of people across the country would gladly take his place at this school. Regardless of whether or not student athletes deserve a portion of the profits they bring to this university, at the end of the day they are receiving a valuable, world-class education; I hope this particular football player is duly appreciative of this opportunity.

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Avatar: The Last Airbender

"Avatar: The Last Airbender," was a program on Nickelodeon from 2005 to 2008. It was about an "airbender" named Aang who is charged with saving the world from the Fire Nation through his mastery of all four elements — fire, water, air, and earth — which only he can accomplish due to his status as the Avatar. The show proved to be very popular with both young and more mature audiences, and it won multiple awards and critical respect. In early 2007, it was announced that M. Night Shyamalan had been hired to direct a live action version, the first work the director would be directing that he had not written.

Sex and the City

Perhaps one of the best TV-to-movie adaptations, the fabulous women of "Sex and the City" hit the big screen in the summer of 2008. In fact, the screen adaptation was so successful that Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda will return to movie theaters everywhere in the summer of 2010. Making near seamless transition from HBO television to cinema, the bright and glitzy big screen version of "Sex and the City" has all the crucial components of the great success. With the perfect ratio of romance, girl time, drama, comedy, high fashion and a trendy soundtrack, the

women of "Sex and the City" get better with age and the longevity on the big and small screen.

Starsky & Hutch

Witty dialogue, brilliant action scenes and a bromance for the ages, "Starsky & Hutch," both the 1970s TV series and 2004 movie adaptation, has all of it. The show premiered in the late '70s, following the lives of Bay City cops David Starsky and Kenneth "Hutch" Hutchinson, two seemingly mismatched partners, and their adventures. The movie adaptation has all the same hilarious hijinks and even some of the same clothes. Not only that, it features four members of the Frat Pack: Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Will Ferrell and Vince Vaughn. Both versions are excellent for comic relief, and

any diehard fan of the show would definitely get a kick out of the remade movie.

Firefly

Due to a rabid base of loyal fans the 2002 show "Firefly" was given a conclusion in the 2005 film "Serenity." In "Firefly," captain Mal Reynolds is the leader of a ragtag bunch of renegade smugglers in a surprising setting that can only be described as a space western, and even more surprising, it works ... flawlessly. With a trigger-happy mercenary, childish pilot, master mechanic, high-class prostitute, two ex-revolutionary officers, a priest with mysterious military connections, a wacked-out human weapon and sensitive doctor all on the same boat, it is a show filled with hilarious interaction and is just plain fun. Fellow fans I leave you with this, I am a browncoat.

Charlie's Angels

Whoever didn't watch the "Charlie's Angels" show was missing out. The three beautiful angels and their adventures are still missed by many, but luckily their fans can find solace in the 2000 and 2003 movies starring Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu. Though the original was too good to ever be lived up to, the movies did the best they could. The spunky dialogue and genuine connection between the actresses does a good job at faithfully recreating the entertaining adventures of the original angels. A fun detail to the fans: Diaz, Liu and Barrymore reenact some scenes from the show during the credits.

Power Rangers

I think we can safely say that the phrase "It's morphin' time!" was a defining part of most of our childhoods. "Power Rangers" was a show I grew up loving, until a point far beyond when one was supposed to love it. When the movie came out, my life was completed. As a kid, I watched it multiple times in a row, because I could not get enough of their wholesome good-

triumphing-over evil. A few years ago, I re-watched this gem of a movie, and it was ... shall we say, only nostalgically awesome? The plot is nonsensical, the one-liners lackluster and the plot does not carry well. The movie is still a classic but far from the quality we've come to expect in our movies.

Lizzy McGuire



Once there was a lovable blond preteen who had a television show on The Disney Channel, and her name was Hillary Duff, or Lizzy McGuire. Narrated by her cartoon alter-ego, Lizzy helped young kids everywhere hash out their angst and dilemmas of elementary and middle

school life. Then one day, Lizzy graduated, not just from the middle school but also to the big screen. In this wild adventure, she left the bland setting of American suburbs and departed to Rome. Here she conquers her stage fright and also discovers that she has an Italian lookalike who's a famous pop star. Add an international love interest and the complication of a friend who has always wanted to be a little bit more. With all the drama and cutesy pop music that makes Disney television so addictive, this movie is a successful screen adaptation of the childhood favorite.

Star Trek

Joining the realm of wizards and vampires in pre-release fever, the announcement of a "Star Trek" franchise being revamped into a movie to be directed by "Heroes" creator J.J. Abrams had fans across all generations geeking out. It also brought much deserved attention to a new Captain James T. Kirk, played by Chris Pine, which more shallow-minded trekkies can be totally grateful for. The action goes back to Kirk's origin in the Federation, and the beginnings of his famous relationships with Spock, Uhura, Scotty, Sulu and McCoy. So much more than a new spin on an old story, Abrams brought a re-born franchise to the masses as an incarnation of "Star Trek" that fans can wish to live long and prosper.

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I've walked the halls of Chilton spazzing about my first missed test and cruel gossip girls, stressfully compared the pros and cons of Dean versus Jess (Logan was never the one) and waited anxiously for my college acceptance letters, calming my nerves with a cup of Luke's coffee.

Adriana Pratt

Assistant Scene Editor

I've fought with Richard and Emily Gilmore amidst Friday night dinners, celebrated with all of Stars Hollow when the Dragonfly Inn opened and laughed as I coached Kirk, by far the town's quirkiest resident, through his first date.

I've even structured this article similarly to Rory's high school valedictorian speech, recounting numerous adventures led by the people of Stars Hollow, who opened up a world no one wants to leave. "Gilmore Girls," a show vibrantly poignant, realistic and lovable, created characters that not only

entered your life for an hour a week (or two hours daily if you watch the ABC Family re-runs ...) but also ingrained themselves into your heart and mind.

Kirk was the precursor to "The Office's" Andy and Dwight. Lorelai was the mother and best friend you always came to in times of need. Rory was the girl who, even when she fell apart, kept it all together. Luke was the soulmate you always saw yourself ending up with.

The closing of the "Gilmore Girls"



series was like a delicious Thanksgiving feast without the

pumpkin pie. It was nice and all, but that pleasantly and slightly robust feeling of glutinous contentment was missing. Rory (Alexis Bledel) hopped on the Obama campaign trail, Lorelai (Lauren Graham) and Luke (Scott Patterson) reunited and the town said their goodbyes. But as Disney so wisely taught us, a story is not finished until there's a happily-ever-after ending and too many questions were left unanswered for this story to be complete.

Even Amy Sherman-Palladino, creator and executive producer of "Gilmore Girls," agrees.

She and her husband Daniel could not come to an agreement with television station The CW to continue their contracts after the show's sixth season and left the fates of our favorite town's residents in the hands of David S. Rosenthal, the show's writer and producer.

"I wanted different things for Rory. I wanted her to follow a different sort of path ... (go) off on her own adventure," Sherman-Palladino said in an interview with Michael Ausiello posted online Monday.

"I don't want to totally say (what my ideas were), because if there is a movie in the making, I'm going to be basically delving back into where I left off, and then I'm

kind of (screwed)," Sherman-Palladino said.

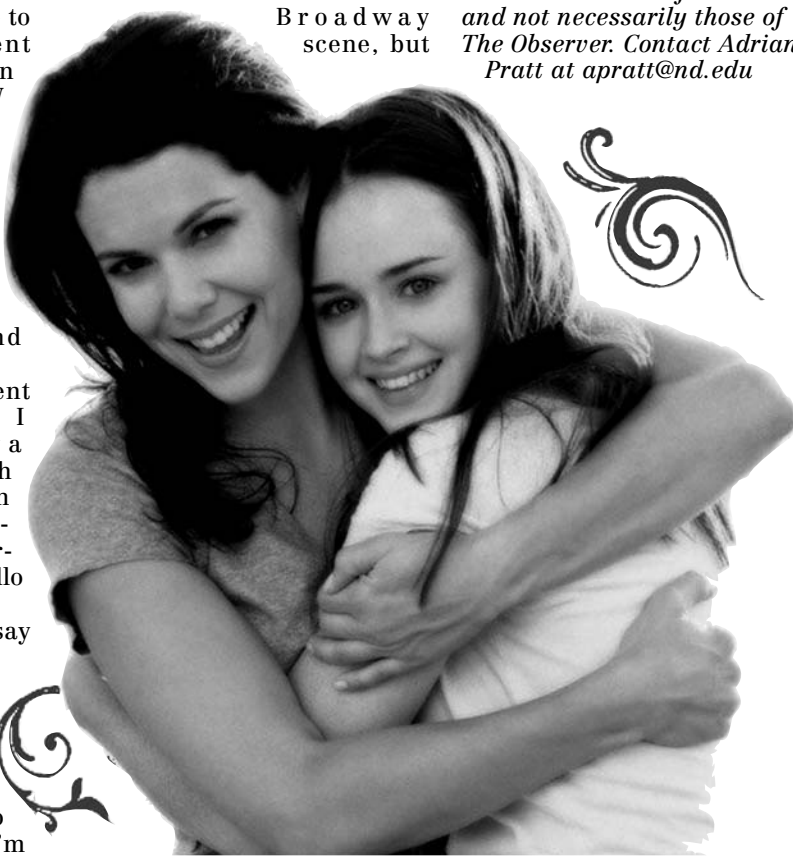
Did you read that line carefully enough? It's still possible that a "Gilmore Girls" movie could be created. Sherman-Palladino admitted in the same article that she was still in touch with Graham and Bledel and that if there was a good enough story to tell, they would tell it.

Amy, three years is enough time to think about what kind of story to tell. Before Graham and Bledel get too old and wrinkly, please give them a plot to run with. Bledel's career is crying for some reinvigoration, especially after her latest flop "Post-Grad." Sure, Graham's entered the Broadway scene, but

we all know she'll always be a Gilmore. The characters you created are too fantastic to bury in a series finale and your fans too enthusiastic to leave stranded in the land of what-ifs.

"Gilmore Girls," where you lead, I will follow. Any-anywhere that you tell me to. Please lead us, your fans, to the movie theatres to see that final perfect wedding between Luke and Lorelai, the union of Rory and her future spouse (hopefully Jess) and a comforting closure for all of Stars Hollow. For Kirk's sake, give us more Gilmore.

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People always want more, especially of things they can't have. They want more time, they want more money, they want more freedom and they want more "Arrested

Genna McCabe

Scene Writer

Development." Lucky for fans of "Arrested Development," more adventures with the Bluth family may well be in the cards.

For those unfamiliar with "Arrested Development," it tells the story of a once-wealthy family which falls under police investigation for possibly shady business practices. In the center of everything is Michael Bluth, played by Jason Bateman, the only normal level-headed child of the Bluth family. It falls upon him to keep his family together through several years of hardship. Add a couple quirky siblings, a controlling mother and a father in jail and you have the makings of a hilarious sitcom. Yet, through treachery and accusations, Michael manages to

keep his family together.

After the show was cancelled in 2006, AD fans were up in arms. Though it ran for three years and garnered much critical acclaim, the show never managed to build a solid fan base, and was thus cut from the air.

Since the time it was cancelled, AD's cult following has continued to exponentially, annoying original AD fans who blame its cancellation on low ratings. But the fact remains that many people are hungering for more. Now the big question on everyone's mind is: "Will there be a movie?"

The answer appears to be "Yes."

Rumors about a film started flying after the airing of the last episode. In the last scene, Ron Howard, who does the narration for the series, is pitched an idea for a show based on the Bluth family. He replies: "I don't see it as a series. Maybe a movie." For nearly four years fans have hung on those three words and it appears that their dreams may finally be coming true.

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rules in order to shoot. Since the end of AD, many of the cast members have gone onto very successful careers.

As of now, the movie seems to be moving forward. Early predictions have a release date of 2011, but with no cemented script or production date it is hard to know.

For all the anxious AD fans out there, one thing is certain: all the cast members are on board and it appears that everyone is very interested in making this movie a reality. If nothing else, they know that it will be a lucrative venture, as there has been a constant interest expressed since the show went off the air. Oh, and rumor is that David Cross is so excited, he blue himself.

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NBA

Hawks win their sixth game in a row behind Johnson

Wizards end Cavs' five-game winning streak; Knicks win second game of the year; 76ers come from behind to win

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson made it two straight 30-point games, Josh Smith dominated during a decisive first-half run and the Atlanta Hawks won their sixth in the row, beating the Miami Heat 105-90 on Wednesday night to reclaim a share of the NBA's best record.

Johnson scored 30 points on the heels of a 35-point effort against Portland on Monday. Smith was all over the stat sheet: 16 points, 14 rebounds, seven assists, two blocks and two steals.

The Hawks (10-2) remained perfect at home and finally seemed to awaken the city of Atlanta to just how good this team might be. The first sellout of the season, 18,729, turned out at Philips Arena.

Michael Beasley led the Heat with 21 points. Dwyane Wade was held to 15 on 6-of-18 shooting, ending a streak of 23 straight regular-season games with at least 20 points.

The Hawks took control by outscoring Miami 28-8 over the final 8 minutes of the first half. Johnson got things rolling with a 3-pointer, but Atlanta did most of its damage out in the open court with Smith leading the way.

He had a thunderous dunk off a steal by Jamal Crawford and lob pass from Mike Bibby, and another dunk after Johnson swiped an errant pass by Wade. Finally, with the quarter winding down and the Hawks stretching their lead, Smith bulled his way inside and powered right through Jermaine O'Neal to bank in a shot and draw the foul.

Smith pumped his fist defiantly while O'Neal stared in disbelief, as if wondering what he could do to slow the Hawks' forward. He had 11 points, five rebounds, an assist and a block during the run, pushing Atlanta to a 60-43 half-time lead.

Miami cut its deficit to five points late in third quarter, but the Hawks reserves helped ice the victory early in the fourth. Marvin Williams was the only starter on the floor as Atlanta quickly restored its lead to 91-75, holding the Heat without a field goal until Michael Beasley finally scored with 7:22 remaining. Zaza Pachulia, Joe Smith, Jamal Crawford and Maurice Evans combined with Williams to put the visiting team away.

This was a rematch of last season's opening-round playoff series, won by the Hawks in seven games. They were swept in the following round by LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Heat played without Udonis Haslem, who sat out after falling on his left shoulder in a loss to Oklahoma City the previous night. Then, Quentin Richardson sustained a lower back strain early in the third quarter and didn't return, further cutting into Miami's depth.

Wizards 108, Cavs 91

LeBron James was stymied down the stretch by DeShawn Stevenson, Antawn Jamison delivered 31 points and 10 rebounds in his season debut, and the Washington Wizards beat the Cleveland Cavaliers Wednesday night to end a six-game losing streak.

Wearing a white protective sleeve over the right shoulder that sidelined him since October, Jamison looked in midseason form from the start, scoring 13 points in the first quarter.

James finished with 34 points and nine assists, but he scored only six points in the fourth quarter while shooting 3 for 7. No one else scored more than 10 points for Cleveland, which was without the injured Shaquille O'Neal and Anderson Varejao.

The Cavaliers had been figuring out how to play short-handed, winning five consecutive games heading into Wednesday. But after racing to a 17-point lead in the second quarter, they allowed the Wizards to come back, led mainly by Jamison.

He did have help. Gilbert Arenas began 3 of 16 — and finished 6 for 22 — but wound up with 18 points, eight assists and six rebounds, and Caron Butler had 19 points. The Wizards finally got to put all three of their past All-Stars on the court at the same time.

Jamison injured his shoulder during an exhibition game last month against Cleveland, coincidentally, and after that healed, he was sidelined with the flu.

After Jamison's jumper put Washington ahead 60-57 midway through the third quarter, James went into take-over-the-game mode for the next 1½ minutes. He made three consecutive 3-pointers, a personal 9-0 run that gave the Cavaliers a 66-60 lead.

But Butler and Andray Blatche combined for 11 points during a 16-2 run that put the Wizards ahead 95-78 with a little more than 6 minutes remaining. Much of that stretch came with James taking a breather on the sideline.

When he returned to the court, instead of leading a comeback, James became part of the problem. He turned the ball over with an errant pass. He shot an airball

on a jumper. He fouled Stevenson, his old pseudo-rival from postseasons past. He missed another jumper, with Stevenson in his face. And then James was whistled for a technical for arguing that a foul — and not a jump ball — should have been called when Stevenson's hand stopped the reigning league MVP on a drive to the basket.

Knicks 110, Pacers 103

Al Harrington scored 13 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter against his former team, and the New York Knicks beat the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night to snap a six-game losing streak.

Larry Hughes had 22 points and 10 rebounds, Wilson Chandler scored 18 points and David Lee added 17 for the Knicks (2-9), who overcame a double-digit deficit in the final period. Eddy Curry scored 10 points in 12 minutes in his first game since he tore his right calf muscle on the opening day of training camp.

Danny Granger scored 30 of his 33 points in the first half, but fouled out in the fourth quarter and wasn't a factor after halftime. Dahntay Jones added 25 points for the Pacers (5-4), who had won five straight.

Indiana shot 59 percent in the first half, but 24 percent in the second.

The Pacers led 93-80 in the fourth quarter before the Knicks got hot. Back-to-back 3-pointers by Harrington cut Indiana's lead to 97-96 with 3:56 to play, and New York finally took the lead on a pair of free throws by Hughes with 3:11 to go.

Granger fouled out with 1:26 left and the Knicks leading 101-100. New York pulled away from there as Granger sat on the bench with his head down.

Granger shot 11 for 14, including 5 of 6 3-pointers. He did it all, scoring on drives and jumpers while still finding time to grab six boards. The Pacers shot 59 percent in the first half and led 69-54 at the break.

The Pacers came out cold in the second half, missing seven of their first eight shots. Hughes made a 3-pointer to cut Indiana's lead to 71-62.

Jones made a 3-pointer, and Tyler Hansbrough had a dunk and a three-point play during a 10-1 run that gave Indiana an 82-63 lead.

New York bounced back with an 11-0 run that included six points by Harrington, but Indiana still led 86-76 at the end of the third.

Granger committed his fifth foul with 11:07 to play and Indiana up



Hawks forward Josh Smith drives to the basket against Heat forward Michael Beasley during Atlanta's 105-90 win Wednesday.

88-76. The Pacers hung on and led by 11 when he returned to action at the 6:29 mark.

76ers 86, Bobcats 84

Lou Williams' layup with 3.1 seconds remaining lifted the Philadelphia 76ers to a come-from-behind victory over the Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday night.

Andre Iguodala scored 25 points, Williams had 19 and Elton Brand contributed season highs of 19 points, 11 rebounds and six blocked shots for the Sixers, who snapped a two-game losing streak. Rodney Carney had 10 points for Philadelphia.

With the score tied at 84, Boris Diaw missed a baseline jumper and Iguodala gathered the rebound. He dribbled to midcourt

and passed to Williams for the layup on the fast break.

The Bobcats never got off a shot on their final possession.

Stephen Jackson scored 10 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter. Gerald Wallace added 11 points and 12 rebounds for the reeling Bobcats (3-8), who dropped their sixth straight and fell to 0-6 on the road.

Jackson played his second game for the Bobcats since being acquired with Acie Law from Golden State on Monday for Raja Bell and Vladimir Radmanovic.

Jackson nearly erased a seven-point deficit single-handedly in the fourth quarter. He hit a tough jumper in the lane and then drained a 3-pointer to give Charlotte an 82-81 advantage with 2:09 left.

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	team	previous
1	Miami (Ohio) (42)	1
2	North Dakota (2)	2
3	Denver (2)	4
4	Mass.-Lowell (3)	5
5	Cornell	3
6	Michigan State (1)	13
7	Colorado College	10
8	Bemidji State	7
9	Yale	12
10	Alaska Fairbanks	9
11	Massachusetts	14
12	Nebraska-Omaha	11
13	Quinnipiac	20
14	NOTRE DAME	8
15	Wisconsin	NR
16	Michigan	6
17	Vermont	15
18	Boston College	16
19	Princeton	19
20	Minnesota-Duluth	18
21	Ferris State	NR
22	St. Cloud State	NR
23	Colgate	NR
24	Boston University	17
25	Merrimack	NR

NCAA Women's Cross Country USTFCCCA Division I Poll

	team	previous
1	Washington	1
2	Villanova	2
3	Princeton	4
4	Oregon	5
5	Florida	3
6	Colorado	6
7	West Virginia	7
8	Florida State	9
9	Texas Tech	8
10	Stanford	14
11	Penn State	11
12	Syracuse	10
13	Minnesota	17
14	Duke	15
15	Georgetown	12
16	Illinois	13
17	Arizona State	16
18	Iowa State	18
19	BYU	22
20	Virginia	19
21	Providence	21
22	SMU	25
23	UTEP	NR
24	NOTRE DAME	NR
25	New Mexico	20

NCAA Football AFCA Division III Poll

	team	prev
1	Mount Union (39)	1
2	Wis.-Whitewater (1)	2
3	Wesley	3
4	St. John's (Minn.)	4
5	Central (Iowa)	5
6	Linfield	6
7	Case Reserve	7
8	Monmouth (Ill.)	8
9	Mary Hardin-Baylor	9
10	Thomas More	10

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NFL



Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams looks on during the Titans' Aug. 15 preseason game. Adams is being investigated for making an obscene hand gesture during the Titan's 41-17 victory over Buffalo Sunday.

Owners don't always set example

Associated Press

Roger Goodell was hanging with the common folks last Sunday, enjoying the experience of an NFL game from end zone seats in Tennessee. It was, he would say later, a perfectly fine day to watch football.

No drunks puking in the aisle next to him. No foul-mouthed fans screaming obscenities in his ear.

Just an elderly man prancing about, flipping off Buffalo fans with both middle fingers while celebrating the Titans' 41-17 victory over the Bills.

Worried about the trash in the stands ruining your game and setting a bad example for your children?

Make sure they don't stray near the owner's box.

Apparently youthful exuberance got the better of Bud Adams. The calendar may say he's 86, but Adams seems to take as much pleasure berating his opponents as he did when he and his Houston Oilers won the first American Football League championship nearly a half century ago.

And he knows something about the extended middle finger. A lot of people in Houston gave it to him when he carted his team off to Tennessee, leaving behind a mountain of taxpayer debt at the Astrodome.

Unfortunately for Adams, his in-your-face moment was captured by a fan on

video. That led to an obligatory fine from Goodell, and an obligatory apology of sorts by way of a prepared statement.

That's unusual only because most of the time owners only issue statements when they're heading out of town with their team in the middle of the night or, as Redskins owner Dan Snyder did recently, explaining why it was a bad idea for fans to bring signs into the stadium calling him an idiot.

Out in Los Angeles, Frank and Jamie McCourt have been issuing all kinds of statements, thinking, perhaps, that fans really do care which one comes out of a divorce owning the

Dodgers. They don't, but they do care about the McCourts spending so much money on lawyers that they won't have enough to sign free agent John Lackey.

Still, being an owner used to mean never having to explain yourself. If you've got enough money to own a team, other people can do it for you.

Mark Cuban has taken that a step further, if only because he would never get anything done if he had to keep talking about every fine he's collected or every insult he's handed out. When the Dallas Mavericks owner feels the need to insult Kenyon Martin's mother, he sends his regrets on his blog.

IN BRIEF

Magic joins LeBron in plan to retire Jordan's No. 23

NEW YORK — Magic Johnson would go along with LeBron James' plan to have NBA players stop wearing No. 23.

James said last week he would change jersey numbers next season in honor of Michael Jordan, and said no other players should wear it, either.

Critics of his plan said other players before Jordan deserved the honor at least as much, with some using Johnson and Larry Bird as examples. But Johnson said if there was a decision to retire No. 23, he and Bird would "be the first ones to say it should happen."

Speaking to a small group of reporters during a video conference, Johnson also praised Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for coming forward with news that he has leukemia, saying his former teammate would help in the fight against cancer.

Brown's Quinn fined by NFL for low hit on Suggs

BEREA, Ohio—Cleveland Browns quarterback Brady Quinn has been fined by the NFL for his low hit on Baltimore's Terrell Suggs. After throwing an interception in Monday night's 16-0 loss to the Ravens, Quinn dived at Suggs' knees while trying to bring down cornerback Chris Carr, who had picked him off. Suggs had to leave the game and could miss significant playing time.

Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis accused Quinn of a cheap shot.

Quinn understands why the Ravens were mad and can appreciate them questioning his intentions.

"I can see why they'd be upset," he said. "But again, he wasn't even in my vision. I was trying to get to the ball. He cut across my face as I was already try to jump down for the tackle."

Quinn dropped his head and threw his body into Suggs' right knee, thinking he would be able to bring down Carr.

Selig discusses playoff schedule and instant replay

CHICAGO — Baseball plans to cut down on off days during the postseason next year.

Commissioner Bud Selig said Wednesday he's working on tightening up the 2010 playoff schedule so there will be fewer gaps between games.

Los Angeles Angels manager Mike Scioscia criticized the current playoff format after the Yankees and Angels played only eight times in 20 days going into Game 6 of the AL championship series.

Selig also said he would continue to discuss instant replay. It's not expected to be a major topic when owners have a full meeting Thursday morning, even though there were several missed calls by umpires during the postseason.

In the past, Selig has resisted the idea of expanded video replay. to judge if home runs have cleared the fence or are fair or foul.

NFL

Russell sacked as quarterback



Raiders quarterback JaMarcus Russell is sacked by Broncos lineman Vonnie Holliday during Oakland's 23-3 loss on September 27. Russell was replaced at quarterback by Bruce Gradkowski.

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders benched former No. 1 overall pick JaMarcus Russell on Wednesday, handing the starting job to journeyman Bruce Gradkowski for the foreseeable future.

Coach Tom Cable made the announcement of the change following practice as the Raiders (2-7) prepare to play the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday. Cable said this was not a temporary move, that his plan is to stick with Gradkowski.

“I don’t want to be like that,” he said. “This is where we’re headed and what we’re going to do. He’ll take this team and go with it.”

Russell was not in the locker room during the media access period and was not available for comment after the decision was announced. Cable said Russell was disappointed by the decision but worked hard in practice Wednesday.

Cable said owner Al Davis gave him the autonomy to make the decision on his own and supported the move.

“As we all know, it’s important to include him in everything so he knows what’s going on with this football team,” Cable said.

Cable had pulled Russell for ineffectiveness in two of the past three games as he grew more frustrated with Russell’s inaccuracy and poor decision-making in his third season in the NFL.

The Raiders believed Russell would be the quarterback to turn the struggling franchise around when they drafted him No. 1 out of LSU in 2007 and eventually gave him a contract worth about \$31 million in guaranteed money. But his career has sputtered from the start.

He had a lengthy holdout

as a rookie before finally signing his deal after the first game of the season. He played briefly down the stretch before getting the starting job a year ago. Russell was inconsistent in his first full season as a starter, but showed some bright signs with a strong finish to the season that included wins over Houston and Tampa Bay.

Instead of having a breakthrough in his third season, Russell has regressed and has been booed regularly at home games. He has completed just 46.8 percent of his passes this season, with nine interceptions and five lost fumbles and the second worst passer rating in the league at 47.7.

Cable said he still believes in Russell’s future even if all signs appear to be pointing to him becoming one of the more notable draft busts. Russell will be the No. 2 quarterback this week against the Bengals.

“This is in no way giving up on the guy,” Cable said. “This is just trying to jumpstart this team and really break it down and make a decision based on what gives us the best chance to win.”

In 28 career games, Russell has completed 51.6 percent of his passes with 17 touchdowns, 21 interceptions and 14 lost fumbles for a passer rating of 65.5. He had started 25 of the past 26 games for Oakland, missing only one last year with an injury.

The Raiders used top 10 picks the past two seasons to surround Russell with speedy playmakers, drafting running back Darren McFadden and receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey. But Oakland has been unable to generate a big-play offense, scoring just 88 points in the first nine games.

Russell has particularly

struggled on the deep passes he was supposed to be so proficient with because of his big arm. According to STATS LLC, Russell has completed just 2 of 34 passes that have gone more than 20 yards downfield for 85 yards, one touchdown and five interceptions.

“We’ve got guys open, and I think we’re getting better in understanding what we’re doing,” Cable said. “We’ve got to put the ball in their hands and find a way to do that. I think this will give us an opportunity to do that.”

This will be just the second start for Gradkowski since 2006. He started one game last year in Cleveland, going 5-for-16 for 18 yards and two interceptions for a passer rating of 1.0 in a 31-0 loss to Pittsburgh. He started 11 games as a rookie for Tampa Bay in 2006, winning three of them.

Gradkowski is 17 for 30 for 163 yards and two interceptions as a backup in Oakland this season. He tried to lead a comeback last week against Kansas City before his pass in the final minute deflected off receiver Heyward-Bey’s hands and knees before being intercepted by Mike Brown around the 10-yard line to seal a 16-10 win for the Chiefs.

“I thought last week there were some good things and definitely some things to learn from,” Gradkowski said before the decision was announced. “All we can do is keep working and get better.”

Gradkowski got limited practice time with the first team for most of the season as the Raiders worked on developing Russell. He got a few more chances last week and now will get the bulk of the time with the first team. He expects that to be a big help this week against the Bengals.

MLB

Tracy and Scioscia win manager of year awards

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Los Angeles Angels could have crumbled when pitcher Nick Adenhart was killed in a car accident in April, overcome by waves of grief and sadness.

Mike Scioscia kept them moving forward.

“There wasn’t one defining moment,” he said. “I think as the season started to evolve guys found that sense of purpose to play baseball again and they played it at a very, very high level.”

For his deft touch during a trying season, Scioscia won the AL Manager of the Year award on Wednesday for the second time. Jim Tracy of Colorado was selected for the NL honor.

Tracy became the second manager to win the award after taking over during the season, joining Jack McKeon for Florida in 2003. Less than an hour after the award was announced, the Rockies said Tracy had been rewarded with a three-year contract.

“What we’re talking about this afternoon, it’s probably as flattering an experience as I’ve come to realize during the course of my professional career in athletics,” Tracy said. “And obviously a new contract is extremely exciting. But what is more intriguing for me is what is still out there for our ballclub.”

Tracy received 29 first-place votes and two seconds for 151 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America. Scioscia got 15 first-place votes, 10 seconds and one third for 106 points.

The Rockies promoted Tracy from bench coach after Clint Hurdle was fired in late May and won the wild-card race. Scioscia and the Angels paid tribute to Adenhart with their fifth AL West title in six years.

“Some things, you’re never prepared for,” Scioscia said. “But those things really weren’t about us. They were about the Adenhart family and I think as we supported them we found some peace.”

Ron Gardenhire finished second in the AL voting for the second straight year and fifth time during his eight seasons as Minnesota manager. He also placed third in 2002, when Scioscia was honored for the first time, but has never won the award. Tony La Russa of the Cardinals, a four-time winner, was a distant second in the NL with 55 points.

Lou Piniella of the Cubs and

Joe Maddon of the Rays were honored last year.

Colorado was 18-28 and 14 1/2 games behind NL West-leading Los Angeles when general manager Dan O’Dowd dismissed Hurdle on May 29 and offered the job to Tracy.

“I didn’t immediately say yes,” Tracy recalled. “I asked for 60 minutes to think about it and he told me you can have 60 but you can’t have 61 because he needed somebody down in the dugout to manage that night.”

Tracy was sold when O’Dowd told him he just wanted to see the team play better. He thought he could take care of that — and the Rockies responded to his steady hand. They went 74-42 the rest of the way, extending the division race to the final weekend before settling for the wild card.

There was no Rocktober this year — Colorado lost to Philadelphia in the division series — but it was still quite the turnaround for the club and Tracy, who was fired after leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 68-94 record in 2007.

The 53-year-old Tracy was out of baseball before becoming the Rockies’ bench coach in November 2008.

“With as young as we are and with as much as we grew in such a short period of time, I can’t even begin to tell you how much I’m looking forward to the future,” he said.

Scioscia managed the Angels to their third consecutive division title during one of his most difficult seasons in the dugout. Los Angeles has earned six postseason berths in the last eight years under Scioscia, who was a catcher for the Dodgers for 13 seasons and retired in 1994.

The Angels used 14 starting pitchers and played without sluggers Torii Hunter and Vladimir Guerrero for long stretches due to injuries. The team’s biggest challenge was moving past the sorrow it felt after Adenhart’s death.

“For a long time, it wasn’t easy for our club,” Scioscia said.

Scioscia, who turns 51 on Nov. 27, was credited for giving his players time to grieve while gently insisting on accountability as an early slump lingered. Los Angeles responded by surging to another division title and making it to the AL championship series, eliminating postseason nemesis Boston along the way.

The baseball honors continue Thursday with the NL Cy Young Award.

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NFL

Fewell makes good impression on first day

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Bills have a new starting quarterback in Ryan Fitzpatrick. They practiced in pads on a Wednesday for the first time that anyone can remember.

As for addressing all those false-start penalties the Bills have been committing this season?

Well, Perry Fewell joked that he threatened to start cutting off players' fingers if they jump the snap count in practice.

However interim his title might be, Fewell made some lasting impressions on his first full day as Bills head coach after Buffalo abruptly fired Dick Jauron on Tuesday.

"We had fun," Fewell said, who has little time to prepare for his debut on Sunday, when the Bills (3-6) travel to play at Jacksonville (5-4).

"I'm probably a little bit more fired up, a lot more emotional I would say," he said, comparing his style to that of the ever low-key Jauron. "Whether (the players) take on those characteristics or not, I don't know. I just know that I'm going to get the team to try to focus on one game, Jacksonville."

Fitzpatrick was among several players who noticed an immediate difference.

"He's got some fire in him and I like what he did in the first meeting," Fitzpatrick said. "He's here to kind of break us out of our little funk, and I think he's a good guy to do it."

After spending the past three seasons as the Bills defensive coordinator, Fewell's first big decision, not surprisingly, came on offense in an attempt to spark a unit that's sputtered this season.

Electing to go with Fitzpatrick over Trent Edwards, Fewell said he and the staff believe Fitzpatrick gives the Bills "the best opportunity."

The switch in quarterbacks comes after Edwards was yanked after having an interception returned for a touchdown with 3 minutes left in a 41-17 loss at Tennessee last weekend. It was Edwards' first game back after sustaining a concussion in a 16-13 overtime win against the New York Jets on Oct. 18.

Fitzpatrick rallied the Bills to beat the Jets and then went 1-1 in two starts. The offense has struggled no matter who's called the plays. It ranks 29th in the NFL in yards gained, is averaging a little over 15 points and hasn't generated

300 yards in any of its past seven outings.

Though Fewell said the job is Fitzpatrick's on a week to week basis, the quarterback said he's been told something different.

"I think right now it's my job," Fitzpatrick said. "I think right now he's handing me the job and I'm going to go ahead and try to take it."

Receiver Terrell Owens backed the quarterback switch, noting that Fitzpatrick, in his fifth season, is more experienced than Edwards, who is in his third year. And Owens noted he thought Fitzpatrick had earned the right to take over

after winning two of three games.

As for the coaching change, Owens shrugged.

"What's new?" he said, referring to a Bills team that's switched offensive coordinators in September, when Turk Schonert was fired. Owens added he contacted Jauron to thank him and wish him well.

Jauron was fired after going 24-33 in three-plus seasons in Buffalo, and with the team in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for a 10th straight year.

Fewell showed he's not afraid of trying something new. He had his players practice in pads, and intends to do so again on Thursday. Under Jauron, the Bills normally only practiced in pads on Thursdays during a game week.

"I just felt like Jacksonville is a very physical football team, and I felt like going into this week that we needed to have a mindset of being physical," Fewell said.

He's also concentrating on correcting the numerous mental errors that have cost the Bills on offense. Buffalo has been penalized 22 times for false-start penalties, including nine in a 6-3 loss to Cleveland on Oct. 11, and five more against Tennessee.

Fewell said he was ready to cut off a player's finger during practice, but joked that Bills head trainer Bud Carpenter advised him against it.

"So I kind of got up in their face a little bit and just made my presence felt," Fewell said.

Safety George Wilson is no stranger to Fewell's fiery approach, and credited the coach for rallying the players during a team meeting prior to practice.

"He's in control, he made that impression," Wilson said. "He conveyed his message in a way that guys wouldn't automatically just turn off the switch. He did a great job of setting the tone."

"I'm probably a little bit more fired up, a lot more emotional I would say."

Perry Fewell
Bills coach

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NCAA

NCAA grad rates improve

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — College athletes are still setting records and dispelling myths — in the classroom.

Just like the late NCAA President Myles Brand believed they could.

The NCAA's latest graduation numbers show nearly four out of five student-athletes earn their diplomas on time, an all-time high, and federal statistics show athletes are still more likely to graduate on time than other students.

"The misconception is that NCAA student-athletes are not good students," interim NCAA President Jim Isch said in a conference call Wednesday. "The truth, as Myles reminded people, is that they could perform in the classroom and they outperformed the general student body in almost every measure."

NCAA statistics show 79 percent of all freshmen entering school in 2002-03 graduated within six years, matching last year's record high. The four-class average, for students entering college between the fall of 1999 and the fall of 2002, also was 79 percent, a 1 percentage point increase over last year's record.

The federal numbers are lower, 64 percent for athletes, but still 2 percentage points higher than the general student body that does not have access to all the assistance provided to student-athletes.

Federal statistics do not include the performance of transfer students. So if an

athlete enrolls at one school, then transfers to another, neither school receives credit if the athlete graduates.

NCAA officials believe the improving numbers can be attributed to stronger eligibility standards for incoming freshmen and a greater emphasis on academics during Brand's tenure as president.

"I think everyone understands how much this has changed the culture on campus and I expect that will continue to be the case in the future," said Walter Harrison, chairman of the committee on academic performance. "I think coaches are clearly more aware of the Academic Progress Rate. They know how it's calculated, and most importantly they know that they have to do well in the classroom and stay on track to graduate."

Female athletes outperformed their male counterparts, 88 percent to 72 percent, and the only women's sport to score lower than 79 percent was bowling (74 percent). Women's basketball came in at 83 percent under NCAA guidelines and 64 percent on the federal report.

The three biggest men's sports — football, basketball and baseball — all failed to top 70 percent in the NCAA report.

Men's basketball and Football Championship Subdivision teams (formerly Division I-AA) had the lowest rates of any sports, coming in at 64 percent under NCAA calculations. Basketball players scored 48 percent on the federal report, while FCS

athletes were at 54 percent. Baseball came in at 69 percent on the NCAA study, but had 47 percent on the federal report.

Bowl Subdivision teams came in at 67 percent (NCAA) and 55 percent (federal).

"I'm especially pleased with the progress in baseball and men's basketball," Isch said. "Over the last eight years, baseball is up 10 points, and basketball is up 5 points. Football is up 3 percentage points in the bowl subdivision."

Of the top 10 teams in the BCS standings, Cincinnati, now fifth in the standings, was the only school to top 70 percent in both reports.

Texas, which is third in the standings, and Georgia Tech, which is seventh, had the lowest scores. Both came in at 49 percent (NCAA) and 41 percent (federal).

And half of the top 10 teams in the BCS standings — Florida, Texas, Boise State, Georgia Tech and LSU — failed to reach 50 percent in the federal report.

But Harrison believes the numbers will increase again next year, the first time the NCAA will measure the impact of more stringent eligibility standards that require athletes to accumulate 20 percent of their credits toward graduation each year.

"Next year's rate I think will show progress but even so, I think this year's numbers show we have made real success," Harrison said. "I want to congratulate our student-athletes for proving the critics wrong."

NFL

Pats won't address 4th-down play

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Bill Belichick has heard enough about his fourth-down decision that failed. So has Tom Brady.

The Patriots returned Wednesday for their first practice since Sunday night's 35-34 loss in which their coach went for it on fourth-and-2 from the New England 28-yard line instead of punting with a six-point lead. They fell a yard short and the Indianapolis Colts scored a touchdown and extra point for the victory.

"Today is Wednesday," Belichick said. "We talk about Wednesday."

His players delivered the same message: The Colts are in the past, it's time to prepare for Sunday's game against the New York Jets.

On the fourth-down play, Kevin Faulk appeared to be beyond the first-down marker when he bobbled Brady's pass, which wasn't perfectly accurate. He quickly gained control, but the ball was spotted just short of the marker and the Colts took over.

The quarterback wouldn't address whether he could have put the ball in a better place.

"I'm worried about the Jets," Brady said. "I think I'd talked a lot about the Colts game and I

think we've all got to move forward and understand that we're playing a great opponent one that really gave our offense a lot of problems the last time we played them and that has a lot of good players.

"It's already Wednesday, that game was last Sunday and really that game can't help us at all moving forward, so it doesn't really do us a lot of good to waste energy thinking about it or talking about it. We've got to just go worry about the Jets."

Not as much, though, as they might have earlier in the season.

Brady had his worst game of the year in the second week, a 16-9 loss at New York. But the Jets (4-5) have lost their last three games and trail the Patriots (6-3) in the AFC East race.

New England usually bounces back well from big losses — and Sunday night's against its top AFC rival was huge.

"It's tough," Brady said. "You lose those games and emotionally you're pretty drained and it's disappointing for everybody, but the reality is there's a lot of games left for us and we all understand that."

The last time the Patriots lost two straight, they were beaten at home by the Colts and Jets in the eighth and ninth games of

2006. Their previous two-game losing streak came in the 14th and 15th games in 2002 — against the Tennessee Titans and the Jets.

The Patriots know New York can do it again as they try to rebound from the emotional loss at Indianapolis.

"It takes a lot out of you," cornerback Jonathan Wilhite said, "but I think just the respect (we have) for the Jets and how good of a team they are, I think we need to focus more on them instead of dwelling on the past."

Safety Brandon McGowan said he got over the loss "right after it happened. Like Coach said, 'the past is the past.'"

Reggie Wayne caught a 1-yard scoring pass from Peyton Manning with 13 seconds left Sunday night despite being guarded closely by Wilhite. Still, the second-year cornerback had a decent game against one of the NFL's best receivers.

"There are some things that happen in every game that pretty much a player did what he could do and there's not always the optimal result on that," Belichick said. "And then there are other times when players didn't do what they were expected to do (and) that's something that you can correct."

NFL

Quinn's return to field off to shaky beginning

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Brady Quinn's rebirth as Cleveland's starting quarterback is already deeply troubled.

After one game.

Quinn, who lost his job 10 quarters into the season and got it back five weeks later, inherited a historically bad offense with few playmakers and no direction or identity. In his return on Monday night, Quinn's seventh career start ended with his sixth loss, a defeat that left him visibly shaken afterward.

He wasn't upset about losing to Baltimore or his two interceptions, one of which was returned for a back-breaking touchdown. Quinn was distraught by his low hit on Terrell Suggs, a collision that injured the linebacker and led to accusations by Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis that he took a cheap shot.

That hurt Quinn. Still does.

"I'm not going to lie to you," he said Wednesday. "Definitely, seeing someone who I've known off the field happen like that to him, yeah, it affects you. I'm never out there to do that. It's tough to shake off, probably more than anything else in that game."

Quinn was fined an undisclosed sum by the NFL for the infraction, which resulted in a 15-yard penalty. He apologized to Suggs and the Ravens following the game and plans to reach out to them again.

"I wasn't trying to go for him," Quinn said. "I was trying to go for the ball carrier. Unfortunately, a thing like that can happen. I'm praying for him. Hopefully he'll be all right."

Quinn threw an interception — a pass that caromed off wide receiver Mike Furrey's hands — to Chris Carr, and while attempting to bring down Baltimore's cornerback, he dived at Suggs' legs. The Ravens' top pass rusher sprained his right knee and is expected to miss several weeks.

Quinn said he didn't see Suggs and insists he was just trying to stop Carr. However, he understands why the Ravens might be mad at him.

"I can see why they'd be upset," he said. "But again, he wasn't even in my vision. I was trying to get to the ball. He cut across my face as I was already trying to jump down for the tackle."

Quinn received a letter informing him of the fine. He would not divulge the penalty but said it was "a good amount."

On the final play of the game, Browns wide receiver Josh Cribbs was flattened by Ravens defensive end Dwan Edwards, who delivered a forearm blow under Cribbs' chin. Cribbs was carted off the field and spent several hours in the hospital undergoing tests.

Cribbs had pitched the ball when he was drilled by Edwards. The nasty shot led to speculation that it was done in retaliation for Quinn's hit on Suggs.

Cribbs, who did not practice on Wednesday because of a sore neck, said he spoke to Edwards and Lewis on Tuesday and they assured him there was no malice.

"They reached out to me and let me know that it wasn't on purpose," Cribbs said. "It happened all so quick and he (Edwards) thought I was trying to come block him after I pitched the ball. So they assured me they didn't mean nothing by it and it wasn't revenge. I'm sure he didn't mean to intentionally hurt me. Hopefully he didn't mean it."

Cribbs also said that the decision to lateral the ball and try to score despite being down 16-0 in the closing seconds was not part of the play sent in by Cleveland's coaches. Browns coach Eric Mangini was criticized for having his team run that play with the game out of reach.

"It was a call at the line," Cribbs said. "Brady had let us know to keep the ball alive, that he was going to throw the slant to me at the line and to keep the ball alive. He gave the signal to keep it alive, but it wasn't a call that came in from the sideline."

Cribbs said Mangini apologized to the team for calling a pass on the final play. Cribbs felt that was unnecessary and isn't upset about what happened.

NBA

Lebron plays football too?

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — If LeBron James truly believes he can help the Cleveland Browns, coach Eric Mangini has an orange helmet waiting for him.

"I think he should come on down," Mangini said, smiling. "I know he's pretty busy right now, but if he wants to give it a shot, the guy is gifted. He's competitive and tough. I'm sure whatever he applied himself to, he'd probably be good in baseball or soccer or swimming."

The NBA superstar, who was an All-State wide receiver in high school, said Tuesday night that if he put the time and commitment into it, he could be a good football player. Mangini agreed, calling James "a freak athletically" and said the 6-foot-8, 260-pounder could be dangerous at tight end, wide receiver or even outside linebacker.

When the gist of Mangini's comments was relayed to James, he smiled — but didn't take the bait.

"I had what I had to say, and that was it," James said before his Cavaliers played at the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night.

Quarterback Brady Quinn also heard about James' football fetish. He would love to have a target to throw to like James in the red zone.

"That'd be great," Quinn said. "Tell him to suit up and let us know, we'll get him working. Obviously he's an incredibly talented ath-



Cavaliers forward LeBron James flexes his muscles after drawing a foul during Cleveland's 114-108 win over Golden State Tuesday.

lete. If he wants to try to play a little bit now, we'd be more than willing to pick him up."

Browns nose tackle Shaun Rogers isn't convinced James could step into the NFL and be able to handle the pounding.

"I heard that comment," Rogers said. "I have mixed emotions about that. A great athlete? Yes. A football player? No."

Rogers then looked into TV cameras.

"Yeah LeBron, I said it," he said. "It's a punishing

game. I just don't think you can step off the basketball court after not going through this year in and year out and just play football. From that standpoint, I just don't think it's possible. You have to weather and condition your body to take this punishment."

So what if James had a year to train? Could he do it then?

"Yeah, he might make a heck of a tight end," Rogers said. "I'd like to see him out there running down the seam."

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NFL

Ryan cries in front of players after close loss

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Rex Ryan stepped to the podium and motioned for a staffer to hand him something.

It was a blue box of tissues, and the Jets coach set it down in front of him.

"I've got a new sponsor," Ryan said Wednesday, fighting a grin. "The Jets have Toyota and I've got Kleenex, for obvious reasons."

Never afraid to hide his

emotions, Ryan cried in front of his players during a team meeting Monday morning following New York's 24-22 loss to Jacksonville on Sunday. The story, first reported by the New York Post, has since generated both criticism and praise by fans and members of the media.

"Everything's out and sometimes you say things to your team and you don't realize that everybody will find out," Ryan said. "That's fine and

dandy. One thing I'll say is I'll be true to myself."

And that means being the guy who boldly declared he would someday lead the Jets to the Super Bowl — something he reiterated Wednesday by saying "I believe I will be a champion here" — and would have a team that the entire NFL would fear. He says what's on his mind, throwing caution to the wind. Even if it includes shedding some tears.

"I'm man enough to be me," Ryan said.

That means poking fun at himself — and his players. After putting his tissue box down, Ryan took out a piece of paper and took a playful shot at Mark Sanchez, who took some heat for awkwardly reading from a statement he wrote before his postgame press conference Sunday.

"Let me go ahead and get this out and read my statement I had," Ryan said, smiling. "It says here New England's pretty good. Any questions? OK."

It's not the first time Ryan has gotten emotional in front of his team. He teared up after the Week 1 victory over Houston, and has had several rah-rah moments with his team before games.

"If I don't fit the stereotype of coach speak or anything else, so be it," Ryan said. "I'm going to always be myself."

The Jets have lost five of six after a 3-0 start, and take on AFC East-leading New England at Foxborough on Sunday. Ryan acknowledged that the team might not have the swagger it did earlier in the season, but the players appreciated Ryan showing his feelings.

"It's an emotional game and that just showed his passion," linebacker Calvin Pace said. "If I was in that situation, I would've cried, too, man. I guess when you play a sport like this, sometimes it's shocking to see a grown man express emotion."

Left guard Alan Faneca said the moment built up quickly and surprised the players, but left them feeling good about their coach, not embarrassed for him.

"No offense, but this isn't high school football anymore," Faneca said. "It's a fun game, but it's a serious game. It's a yearlong process and there are a lot of things that get built up and pent up. I've cried the year we won the AFC championship with Pittsburgh and went to the Super Bowl. I was bawling

after the game because it was my third chance after missing it a few times. Those things build up."

Patriots coach Bill Belichick wouldn't offer a reaction, but was asked if he has ever cried.

"I've coached 35 years, so I've probably covered most all the bases," he said, pausing amid laughter. "I think I swore once, too."

Added New England quarterback Tom Brady: "I can't ever imagine coach Belichick doing that in front of us."

While some have argued that the tears showed that Ryan cares deeply, others say it's a sign of insecurity and weakness — that there's no crying in football.

"My response is that a couple of four-letter words come to mind first," Faneca said.

Right tackle Damien Woody said it really is much ado about nothing, and the players don't care what others outside the facility think.

"You want to win for a coach like that," Woody said. "Whatever the perception is outside is irrelevant. It means nothing. We know how Rex feels about this team and what he was saying. That's the bottom line. If people outside of here have a misconception of what happened, then, hey, that's on them."

Many of the players were also disappointed that the scene got out to the public.

"To be honest with you, that should never have left the meeting," Pace said. "What happens in-house needs to stay in-house. That being said, I've seen head coaches cry after wins and after losses. I think they want so much for us and there's only so much they can do."

When asked if he was surprised at how big a deal the story had become, Ryan said he needed to grab a tissue and smiled.

"It's more passion than it is anything else," he said. "It's driven that way. I have a strong belief in myself and this football team. If that comes out, it comes out."

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NBA

Nowitzki's 41 lifts Mavericks in OT

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 11 of his season-high 41 points in overtime and the short-handed Dallas Mavericks held on to beat the injury-depleted San Antonio Spurs 99-94 on Wednesday night.

Nowitzki's three-point play with 2:28 left in overtime put Dallas in front for good, 92-91.

After Jason Terry hit a 15-footer, Nowitzki made a 3-pointer on Dallas' next possession to stretch the lead to 97-91.

Drew Gooden added 17 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out late in the fourth quarter to help Dallas extend its winning streak to four games.

Gooden, who finished last season with the Spurs before signing with the Mavericks on July 20, started at center with Erick Dampier out because of an unknown illness. Dallas was also without starters Josh Howard and Shawn Marion because of left ankle injuries.

Tim Duncan had 22 points and 14 rebounds for the Spurs, winless in four road games this season.

The Spurs were without starting guard Tony Parker, who aggravated his sprained

left ankle in Saturday night's loss to Oklahoma City. San Antonio also lost guard Manu Ginobili in the first quarter due to a strained left groin.

With the game tied at 80, Gooden was credited with a basket on a goaltending call against Antonio McDyess with 1:58 left in regulation to put Dallas ahead.

Duncan drove to the basket on the next possession and Gooden picked up his sixth foul. Duncan converted both free throws to knot the score at 82 with 31 seconds remaining.

Nowitzki's tip-in 17 seconds later gave Dallas an 84-82 lead, but Duncan's jump-hook with 2.3 seconds remaining drew San Antonio even.

Dallas had a shot to win in regulation, but Duncan blocked Terry's 19-footer at the buzzer.

Dallas held 37-35 a lead at the break after a cold-shooting first half by both teams. San Antonio converted 13 of its 38 field goal attempts, while Dallas went 16 for 43.

The Mavericks carried a 63-59 lead into the fourth quarter, ending the third with six unanswered points capped by Tim Thomas' follow with 32 seconds left. Gooden scored 11 and Nowitzki had nine in the third.

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to work into the game. “We were hoping she could move into the post a little bit with her size,” McGraw said. “It gives us another big body in there and she is definitely capable of guarding people.” A point of emphasis after last week’s 27 turnovers against Arkansas Pine Bluff has been to limit those mistakes, according to McGraw, as she did not like the sloppy play she saw at home. McGraw said she hopes that the turnovers were a product of the team coming together while playing their first game of the season. “I think we were really slop-

py in that first game, and I am hoping a lot of it was first game jitters and being anxious and having a lot of open people,” McGraw said. “So I am hoping that we can settle down tonight and play our normal game.” The key to the Irish’s ability to control the ball will be senior guard and captain Melissa Lechlitrner, who will be running the point. “Lech did a great job taking care of the ball, and hopefully we will have the ball in her hands a lot,” McGraw said. The Irish hope to clean up their sloppy play and get their first road win against a tough opponent.

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or Santa Clara University, but as a science pre-professional and theology double major intent, she ultimately chose Notre Dame with some urging from her high school track coach. “I feel like Notre Dame has the perfect combination of rigorous academics, successful athletics and service opportunities, and everything is supported by a strong faith in God,” Rydberg said. As an athlete who participates in a highly individual sport like cross country, Rydberg maintains a healthy level of team sportsmanship and humility in

her personality as she races for optimal team performance. “I did not really put pressure on myself to be in the top runners; I just wanted to do my best for the team,” Rydberg said. Rydberg has been running competitively since middle school with the encouragement of her parents who are both runners as well. “Running is refreshing, it allows me to take a break from everything that usually makes me stressed, and at the same time, it is also an exciting challenge,” Rydberg said. “I get to find out how strong I can really be, and there is always an opportunity to become faster, stronger, and better.” Rydberg and the rest of the Irish will be vying to show they are faster, stronger and better than the rest of the competitors Nov. 23 as the team races towards its first national title.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

LeFevour leads CMU over Ball State

Associated Press

MUNCIE, Ind. — Dan LeFevour threw four touchdown passes, ran for a fifth score and became the all-time leading passer in Mid-American Conference history as he led Central Michigan to a 35-3 victory over Ball State on Wednesday night. The senior quarterback ignored a steady rain to complete 25 of 28 passes for 344 yards and no interceptions before taking a seat midway through the fourth quarter. He threw touchdown passes of 3 and 11 yards to tight end David Blackburn, 82 yards to Antonio Brown and 10 yards to Bryan Anderson. He also ran 1 yard for a 14-0 lead in the second quarter. LeFevour now has 12,000 yards passing, breaking the record of 11,903 established by Byron Leftwich of Marshall from 1999-2002.

“It means a lot,” LeFevour said. “There are a lot of great quarterbacks who have played here who have gotten a shot at the next level.” “Some of them did it in less than four years, so I’m kind of stealing it.” LeFevour, who completed 10 of his first 12 passes, was 14 of 17 for 210 yards in the first half. He also rushed eight times for 22 yards in the half. He was perfect after intermission, completing all 11 of his passes for 134 yards and two more TDs. Anderson caught four passes for 43 yards, improving the longest active NCAA streak for receptions to 51 games. Central Michigan (9-2, 7-0) took a 21-3 lead at the half, and LeFevour’s second touchdown pass was big. It came two plays after the Cardinals (1-10, 1-6) had trimmed the deficit to 14-3 on a field goal by Ian McGarvey

with 1:38 to play in the half. Two plays after the kickoff, LeFevour found Brown in the right flat. Wide receiver Cody Wilson threw a big block, and Brown raced down the sideline for a 21-3 lead 46 seconds before halftime. “That play changed the game,” LeFevour said. “He’s a game-breaker. Our offense and defense were pumped. We were in control.” LeFevour threw his first TD pass to Anderson to open the scoring with 10:56 to play in the first period. Ball State then stopped the Chippewas on four straight plays from the 1-yard line, recovering a fumble on the fourth play, but BSU went three and out on its next possession. LeFevour directed the Chippewas 43 yards in six plays, racing in mostly untouched from a yard out for a 14-0 lead 6:32 before the half.

NCAA BASKETBALL

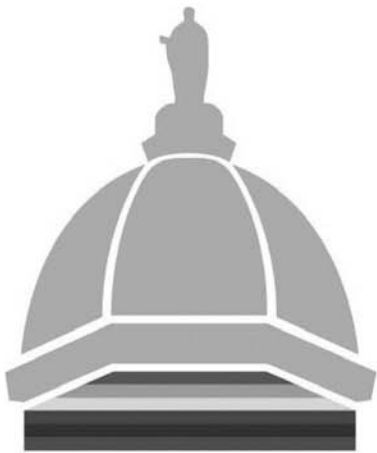
James leads Texas in rout

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Damion James scored 18 points and No. 3 Texas continued to break in its talented group of freshmen with a 73-41 win over Western Carolina on Wednesday night. James, a senior, also grabbed seven rebounds, falling three short of his 39th career double-double for the Longhorns (2-0).

Gary Johnson, a junior forward who played just 14 minutes in Texas’ season-opening win over UC-Irvine, added 10 points and seven rebounds. Freshman point guard J’Covan Brown scored 10 points and had his first assists of the season, finishing with three assists against six turnovers. Harouna Mutombo scored 10 points to lead the Catamounts (1-1). Texas’ freshmen looked nervous Sunday against UC-Irvine, and this one wasn’t without early missteps. But there weren’t as many mistakes — or minutes on the court — as coach Rick Barnes continued mixing and matching young players with veterans. Brown’s 21 minutes were the most of the young players. He had an early turnover in the opening minutes and Avery Bradley put up on an air ball on a 3-pointer on his first attempt. But Bradley gave Texas its first lead with a steal and dunk that started a 20-6 run. Johnson scored six points in the spurt. Brown was academically ineligible to play last season and is working the rust off his game, but found his shooting touch late in the first half. He made two 3-pointers and a driving, scoop layup at the buzzer that gave Texas a 43-24 halftime lead. Brown also got a rude welcome to college ball when the Catamounts ran him into a hard screen midway through the second half. He stayed on the ground for a few seconds but was able to keep playing. Johnson was a prime example of the luxury of depth Texas should enjoy this season. He played sparingly in the season opener, but was 4-of-4 shooting in 19 minutes against the Catamounts. Texas outrebounded Western Carolina 47-32 and held the Catamounts to 26 percent shooting. Western Carolina was much more athletic than UC-Irvine, but Texas will take a major step up in competition next week against Iowa in the

championship round of the O’Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic. **Butler 67, Northwestern 54** On a good night, it’s going to be tough to beat No. 11 Butler. When a team is as short-handed as Northwestern is, it’s almost not a fair fight. Shelvin Mack’s 15 points led four Bulldogs in double figures, Gordon Hayward had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Butler overpowered Northwestern 67-54 on Wednesday night. It was the Wildcats’ first game since announcing Monday that Kevin Coble, the team’s leading scorer and rebounder the last three years, and Jeff Ryan will miss the rest of the season with injuries. “I feel for their situation,” Butler coach Brad Stevens said. “They’re going to get it figured out. They’re going to be a really good team. But three days after, it’s tough. It’s going to take a little time.” Michael Thompson led the Wildcats (1-1) with 16, but after making three 3-pointers in the first 8 1/2 minutes he was held scoreless until only 3 1/2 minutes remained. John Shurna added 14 for the Wildcats. It was the second victory over Northwestern in two years for the Bulldogs (2-0), but their first in Evanston since 1947-48. Butler has won six of its last seven games against Big Ten teams. “Butler’s been good since I was in high school,” Northwestern coach Bill Carmody said. “They’ve traditionally been a very good team, and they’re probably just getting their due in the last six, eight years.” Butler had to rally from double figures last year to beat Northwestern at Hinkle Fieldhouse, but there was no such scare this time around. The Bulldogs never trailed, and led by as many as 21 points in the second half. Five players scored nine points or better, and the Bulldogs had 17 assists to 10 turnovers.



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against St. Francis, who it defeated 95-72 Monday. Harangody scored 27 points and had nine rebounds in the game, and senior guard Ben Hansbrough hit 4-of-6 3-pointers and scored 18 points.

In fact, the Irish made 52 percent of their 3-point attempts, something Harangody attributed to the team's ball movement in the second half. "We're just looking to have a good possession every time," he said.

As successful as they were shooting from deep, St. Francis was even better — The Irish gave up plenty of buckets from 3-point range as well. St. Francis made 13-of-19 3-pointers, or 68 percent.

Harangody said the defense could use some improvement.

"I think there's a lot of work to be done on the defensive

end, just communication," he said. "There can't be any blown assignments."

Jackson said the perimeter defense relied on trust.

"The previous game we trusted each other and got out and defended the 3-point line," he said. "We have to continue doing what were doing in practice, just challenging all shots."

Junior forward Tim Abromaitis scored 17 points on 6-of-10 shooting off the bench, using his size to give the Irish another dimension on offense.

"We try to move him around to create mismatches," Jackson said. "With his size, he can get a mismatch either way with a guard guarding him or a big man guarding him."

The 49ers only lost one starter from last season and return three that scored double-digit points per game. Forward T.J. Robinson scored 11.4 points per game last sea-

son and will provide Harangody with a challenge in the paint.

Harangody faced a challenge in the paint against St. Francis, however, and made the best of it. He made eight of his 11 free throws in the game.

"I think when we saw they got a couple early fouls, and we saw they were physical in the post, anytime we go into the bonus, we might as well take advantage of it," he said.

Sophomore forward Eugene Phelps didn't start a game last year and averaged 3.7 points per game, but he scored 10 against Alaska-Anchorage during the 49ers' 86-65 win Saturday. Sophomore guard Larry Anderson, who averaged 10.8 points per game last season, led the team with 18 against Alaska-Anchorage.

The 49ers defeated Pepperdine 67-58 Tuesday night. Larry Anderson scored 15 points in the second half to bring Long Beach State back from a two-point halftime deficit and Robinson had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

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Fort Wayne and run a clinic for the kids and play in front of the Notre Dame fans there, it should be a great situation."

But first things first — the Irish (5-5-2, 2-2-2-1 CCHA) must deal with the red-hot Spartans (9-2-1, 6-1-1-0) on their home ice Thursday. Michigan State swept Michigan, the preseason favorite to win the CCHA, in a home-and-home series last weekend.

"They're playing with a lot of jam," Jackson said. "Obviously after the kind of year they had last year, they're certainly out to prove something. So far they have."

The Spartans' nine wins are the most in the country, and they hold a two-point advantage over Miami in the conference standings.

"It's a young team playing with a lot of energy," Jackson said. "They're doing much better than people anticipated, and a lot of that has to do with the fact that with youth comes enthusiasm."

Notre Dame has struggled to score goals all season, and particularly at even strength. Last weekend's home series against Northern Michigan was no different. The Irish lost 3-2 Friday night before stealing a much-needed point with a shootout win after Saturday's game ended in a 2-2

tie.

Sophomore wing Billy Maday scored both Irish goals in Saturday's game, and he also put home one of the two shootout tallies. Jackson said he hopes that will jumpstart Notre Dame's leading scorer.

"Maybe that's going to help him play with more confidence," Jackson said. "I'm hoping that happens to a few other guys, and the sooner, the better."

The offense isn't the only area with question marks for Notre Dame, as Jackson still has not settled the goaltender competition between freshman Mike Johnson and junior Brad Phillips, both of whom started once last weekend. Jackson said he'd wait until the team's Thursday morning skate to finalize his plans in net for the weekend.

"We'll continue to play two guys on and off here, at least for the time being," Jackson said. "The goaltending issue is still up for debate, and I'm not opposed to going with two for the short-term, and potentially the long-term. It's just going to depend if one of them steps up and separates himself."

Tonight's game in East Lansing, Mich., begins at 7:05 p.m., while Sunday's contest will start at 4:05 p.m. at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.

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we would have gotten a first-round bye, but that's where we are, a home round, and that is good."

The Irish finished the season with some momentum, defeating then-No. 5 Connecticut in the last game of the regular season before tying No. 8 South Florida, No. 9 Louisville and No. 24 St. John's in a run to the Big East tournament finals. All three Big East tournament games came down to a penalty shootout, with the Irish winning the first two before falling to St. John's in the championship match.

The Irish hope that this good competition and gritty play will translate into the NCAA tournament.

"We played a really strong schedule, there is no doubt about that," Clark said. "That will certainly help us."

Green Bay (14-2-3) won the Horizon League Championship by upsetting Butler on penalty kicks 3-2 on Sunday after the match ended in a scoreless tie. The Phoenix have an outstanding attack, according to Clark, and are one of the highest scoring teams in the country.

"They are a very good side," Clark said. "They have only lost two games all season, and that is impressive. They are also one of the leading scoring machines in the country. We will not take them lightly."

Green Bay poses a unique set of challenges for the

Irish, not the least of which is their habit of finding a way to win.

"I have always believed that winning and losing are habits," Clark said. "They are going to come out strong because they know how to win."

The Irish hold an all-time 2-1 record against Green Bay, with their last meeting coming in 1994. In that game, the Irish fell 2-1 at home.

"We will have to look at what they do and be aware of some of their good players," Clark said. "But at the end of the day, it is going to come down to what we do to win."

If the Irish were to advance beyond the first round, they would meet ninth-seeded Northwestern (10-4-4) in the second round. The Wildcats are the team that knocked them out of the NCAA tournament last year, an event that still rests in the minds of many of the Irish players.

"There is a lot still lingering about the loss to Northwestern last year," Clark said. "Those memories still linger, and I think that will push the players to get prepared."

The Irish are on top-seeded Akron's side of the bracket, which finished the season a perfect 20-0-0. Though the bracket and list of potential foes seems a formidable one to climb, Clark remains optimistic.

"I believe that the hardest game in our bracket will be tomorrow," Clark said. "If we take care of this game, I believe that all the other games will take care of themselves."

This is it for the Irish, as a single loss eliminates them from NCAA tournament and

ends their season. Clark said he believes that the NCAA tournament is what the players and the fans will always remember.

"The one thing that everyone remembers the most is what happens in the NCAA tournament," Clark said.

The Irish hope to make some good memories when they begin their NCAA quest tonight at 7:30 p.m.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gold rush

Squad welcomes LBSU for first ever meeting

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Long Beach State finished 15-15 last season, but in Notre Dame's eyes, it has the potential to perform a little better than that.

"Long Beach State, they could be as good as or better than the Big East opponents this year," senior Irish forward Luke Harangody said.

Senior Irish guard Tory Jackson agreed that the 49ers (2-0), who come to the Joyce Center to face the Irish tonight, could present a challenge like the Irish would face in a conference game.

"It's going to be a great, great game, a Big East game for us really," Jackson said.

Notre Dame (2-0) put up a good offensive performance

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame basketball team huddle during a game against North Florida Nov. 14. The Irish remained unbeaten on the season with an 86-65 victory over the Wildcats.

HOCKEY

Team faces Spartans in Fort Wayne

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

No. 14 Notre Dame hopes a unique weekend schedule that begins with a game tonight at No. 6 Michigan State will cure some of the woes the Irish offense has suffered in recent weeks.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said scheduling concerns related to football and basketball games at both schools led to the arrangement of the weekend series, which concludes with a second game Sunday in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"We're hoping we can get a lot of people out in Fort Wayne and expose the game to our state in a real strong Notre Dame area," Jackson said. "We don't like taking too many games off campus, but if we have the opportunity to go to

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish travel to East Lansing for first road game of the season

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

No. 5 Notre Dame will travel to East Lansing, Mich., this evening to face No. 21 Michigan State in the Irish's first big road test of the year in a battle of size versus speed.

The Irish (1-0) will face a stiff test, as the Spartans (1-1) boast a strong size advantage at almost every position.

"They are big," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They are the biggest team we have played, and may be the biggest

team we will play all year. Every position they have a huge size advantage on us."

Spartan senior center Allyssa DeHaan is a whopping 6-foot-9 and will present a distinct challenge to a smaller Irish defense trying to keep her from running up a lot of points.

"They just present a lot of matchup problems for us," McGraw said. "6-foot 9-inches is somebody we really have nobody to guard. It is going to be a challenge for us."

The Irish really have nobody to prevent DeHaan from getting the ball or to guard her one-on-one,

so the Irish will try to mix up their defenses to keep the Spartans off balance, according to McGraw.

"I don't think we can prevent her from getting the ball at her size," McGraw said. "We have a couple of things we are going to try."

The Irish must counter Michigan State's size with speed and strong play from a lineup loaded with guards.

"Our strength is at the guard spot," McGraw said. "We are going to have to score a lot of points."

But McGraw does not want to

the team to fall in love with the 3, as she believes that will hurt their chances to win.

"My worry is that we stand out there and shoot too much," McGraw said. "Last year we were shooting 25 3s and we made nine. We don't want to have to rely on 3-point shooting, we want to be able to score in other ways."

An Irish player who has shined against the Spartans in the past is sophomore forward Kellie Watson, who put up 18 points last year against Michigan State. But Watson has been hampered lately with a leg injury, and has

just been returning to practice and game action over the past few weeks. McGraw is not sure what contribution she will be able to make against the Spartans.

"Her role right now is very different than last year because of her injuries," McGraw said. "She really has only been practicing for a week and a half. She really has a lot of catch-up to do. She is really behind right now."

Not being able to fully utilize Watson is a concern for McGraw, but she believes she will be able

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MEN'S SOCCER

ND hosts first round match

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish will play host to Green Bay as they suit up for the first round of the NCAA tournament today at Alumni Stadium.

No. 19 Notre Dame (10-7-4) received an at-large bid after finishing the season with a string of wins and ties against strong opponents, good enough to grab a spot after fearing late in the season that it possibly could be left out.

"We are where we thought we would be," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "If we had won the Big East then maybe

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Freshman midfielder Dillon Powers battles to keep possession during Notre Dame's 3-2 shootout victory over South Florida Nov. 8.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Rydborg makes debut appearance at NCAAs

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

A new face will be among the crowd at the women's NCAA championship cross country meet in Terre Haute, Ind. this weekend as freshman Jessica Rydborg takes the course for the Irish.

"It is so exciting to be able to race with the best runners in the entire nation," Rydborg said. "I am not too nervous yet, but I am sure when I get to the meet and see all of the other teams, I will become much more nervous."

Rydborg came in second place for the Irish and 10th overall in

21:23.84 at the Great Lakes Regional meet where Notre Dame won for the first time since 2003 and Rydborg received all-region honors.

"Starting college is a tough transition for a freshman, especially an athlete who is expected to contribute right away, and she had some struggles early like most freshmen do," Irish coach Tim Connelly said. "She seems to be handling things well now and comes to practice every day, happy, and excited to be running."

Rydborg knew she wanted to run in college and looked into possibly attending Duke, Xavier

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