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ND community eager to aid in Haiti relief

University students, faculty respond to Tuesday's earthquake that devastated the already impoverished nation



Photo courtesy of Michael Daly

Michael Daly volunteers at 'Manna from Heaven,' which distributes rice and beans. Hundreds of Haitians flood the distribution sites each day.

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

After the 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti Tuesday, students poured into the student government office in LaFortune Student Center and asked student body president Grant Schmidt, "What's our plan?"

"A lot of students have been asking how to give money," Schmidt said. "I know a lot of people want to help."

The New York Times is reporting the death toll could be up to 50,000.

Student government has been working with leaders of clubs and organizations on campus to organize a relief

effort for the people of Haiti.

"I think we've got a pretty good plan in place," he said.

Cash boxes will be set up throughout campus this weekend in places such as LaFortune Student Center, the dining halls and the dorms for students to donate money, which will then be transferred to an account set up by student government and the University. The funds will be donated to American Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services, fundraising efforts of Friends of the Orphans, Congregation of Holy Cross and the Notre Dame Haiti Program.

Students can also bring money to the student government office in the Student Center from 10 p.m. to 12

a.m.

"The best way we can help right now is by collecting donations," Schmidt said.

He said student government and the other campus groups, however, have started brainstorming additional creative ways to raise money.

Junior Michael Daly is a founder of Friends of the Orphans (FOTO), an on-campus club that raises money to support nine orphanages in Latin America and the Caribbean. One of the orphanages is in Haiti.

Daly spent two weeks in Haiti over the summer shadowing a priest and doctor, Fr. Rick Frechette, who is

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ACE works to increase enrollment

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

A University of Notre Dame task force recently announced its plan to provide educational opportunities for Latino children by doubling the enrollment of Latino children in Catholic schools over the next decade.

The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) and the Institute for Latino Studies has recently announced its new national campaign "The Catholic School Advantage" which seeks to enroll one million Latino students in Catholic elementary schools and high schools by 2020.

The task force was established over a year ago and the group's report, "To Nurture the Soul of a Nation: Latino Families, Catholic Schools, and Educational Opportunity," was released this year on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Both ACE and the Institute for Latino Studies are collaborating with more than 50 groups to try and both provide educational opportunities to the Latino community in the United States, as well as striving to keep American Catholic schools open.

"One of the reasons ACE is focused on strengthening and sustaining Catholic schools is because Catholic education has been proven to be an advantage to minorities," said Fr. Timothy Scully, the chairman of ACE and a mem-

Class of 2014 predicted to be strong

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

The 1,801 students admitted early to Notre Dame might be one of the most talented classes as well as the most ethnically diverse in the history of the University, director of undergraduate admissions Dan Saracino said.

Because he still doesn't know who will commit to Notre Dame, however, Saracino said it is still impossible to determine what the class will really look like.

"It's safe to say the 2014 class will be every bit as talented and possibly more so than previous classes," he said. "Based on pro-

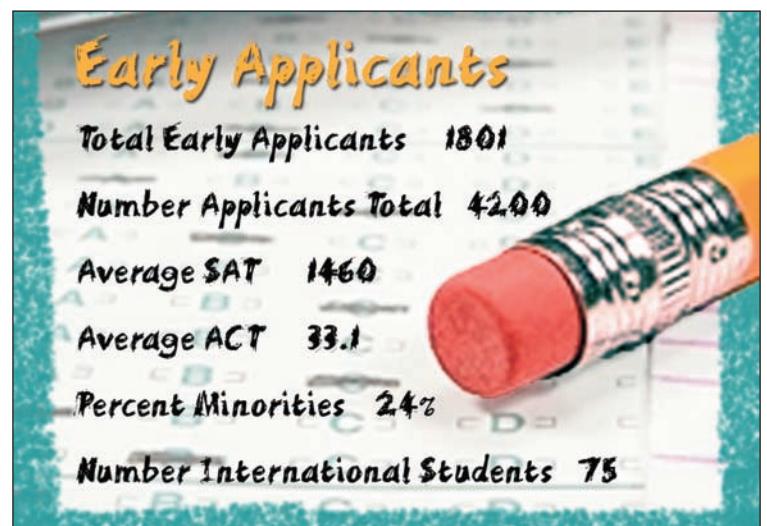
jections, [the Class of 2014 could be] the most talented and ethnically diverse class in our history."

Saracino said the Office of Undergraduate Admission received 4,200 applications, representing a 10 percent increase from last year. Of those admitted, Saracino said he believed around 60 percent would commit to Notre Dame.

"You have a higher yield on the students who you admit early because they're interested enough that they are applying early," he said.

Saracino cautioned against declaring the Class of 2014 the

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ANDREA ARCHER | Observer Graphic

Crowley speaks at film's advance screening

'Extraordinary Measures' tells inspirational story of '92 ND Law alum and family



MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

John Crowley, Notre Dame Law '92, introduces Thursday evening's early screening of 'Extraordinary Measures.'

By JENN METZ
News Writer

John Crowley and Dr. Kasturi Haldar introduced Thursday night's advance screening of "Extraordinary Measures" with words of hope about the fight against rare and under-researched diseases.

Crowley, a 1992 Notre Dame Law School alumnus, and his family are the inspiration of the film starring Brendan Fraser and Harrison Ford. The two youngest Crowley children, Megan, 13, and Patrick, 11, suffer from Pompe disease,

a rare neuromuscular disorder.

Haldar, the director of Notre Dame's Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases, described the film as "the amazing story of the amazing success they've had at fighting back this disease and keeping their children alive."

Crowley's wife Aileen accompanied him to the screening. Haldar praised the couple for their "remarkable value of life."

"In comparison, the rest of us have a very poor understanding of it because

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INSIDE COLUMN

Snowy transition

Getting back in the swing of things is never easy.

This is a concept that is hitting home for all of us right now more than ever. Second semester always poses its own unique challenges that the fall does not. One of the more frustrating of these issues is without a doubt, the South Bend winter.

It's funny because by how I approach winter and the shock I get every season at the cold and snow here, you would think I came from the South. Sadly no though, I come from about an hour east. With the exception of a little less lake-effect snow, I have had the exact same winters my entire life.

My roommate is from Georgia, and she always complains that she is colder and I should be used to it. I have found that a human simply cannot adjust to below freezing temperatures. Possibly we have been spoiled by the heaters and cozy fireplaces of our youth. It's hard to tell.

What puzzles me most is that I used to love the snow.

It was magical to see the white snow fall and know that I would be able to get out of school and play all day long. I wouldn't have to worry about responsibility or going anywhere. All I had to do was play.

I am not sure the exact day I stopped loving snow. Probably right around the time that I had to start warming up the car to go to work and school was about the time. Now, worst of all, a class day will not be cancelled because we can simply throw on our big boots and trudge through salty, previously ice-covered sidewalks to get there.

So, here we are in the vacation drought between Christmas and Spring Break, trying to wade our way through the perils of South Bend's winter weather. I have a proposition. How about we try and make the most of it. How about we take a little time out to play in the snow again? I realize that will also be challenged in this endeavor. I curse the fluffy stuff just as much as the next person.

However, I think it is about time to be a little more optimistic. I will admit, if it was plausible to move the whole of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame to the Caribbean or somewhere in Hawaii, I would make that proposition first. I'll try to look into that actually.

In the meantime though, how about we try to adopt a more positive attitude as the flakes fall and the wind adds a little rosiness to our cheeks. I mean, most of us used to love this time of year. Why don't we all try to channel those feelings again?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Ashley Charnley at acharn01@saintmarys.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST ICE CREAM AT THE DINING HALL?**Gabe McDonald***sophomore
Duncan***Laura McCarty***junior
McGlinn***Josh Zielinski***sophomore
Dillon***Allie Hawkins***freshman
Breen-Phillips***Sam Wilhite***freshman
Morrissey**"Rainbow
sherbert."**"Mint chocolate
chip is God's
gift to ice
cream."**"Butter pecan,
because butter
makes
everything
better."**"Vanilla froyo,
in a cup, with
Reese's and
sometimes
sprinkles."**"Mint froyo
with a TON of
sprinkles."*

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



TOM YOUNG/The Observer

Many students plan to relax this weekend at Tyler Hilton's concert Saturday at 10 p.m. after the first week of classes.

OFFBEAT**Unhappy meal: woman charged in McD's rampage**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A woman has been charged with trashing a McDonald's restaurant in Missouri because she was unhappy with her cheeseburger. Police said they received many tips after releasing video of the Dec. 27 incident.

In the video, which has been viewed hundreds of thousands of times online, a customer is seen throwing a sign and a water dispenser over a counter and pushing three cash registers to the floor.

On Tuesday, the Jackson

County prosecutor's office charged 19-year-old Alesha McMullen of Kansas City with Class D felony property damage. It wasn't immediately known if McMullen has an attorney. A phone listing for her could not be found.

NC officers find underground pot garden in buried bus

KINSTON, N.C. — An undercover drug buy led North Carolina detectives to an underground marijuana garden in a buried school bus.

Multiple media outlets reported Thursday the Lenoir County Sheriff's

Office had been looking for the source of the marijuana for three years and had been flying over the area with a helicopter.

Then sheriff's narcotics officers bought several pounds of pot in a recent undercover buy. Sgt. Eddie Eubanks says officers traced the pot to a rural residence.

A search dog fell through a camouflaged trap door leading down to a full-length school bus buried 8 feet under a backyard tool shed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "A Ripple of Hope" will be shown at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the box office or online at performingarts.nd.edu

"Try It, You'll Like It" week continues across campus at recreation centers. Attend fitness classes for free today through January 17.

Night of Relaxation will take place Saturday from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom, featuring free chair massages. The event is free.

An anti-racism workshop, part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Series, will take place Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Oak Room on the second floor of LaFortune. Notre Dame faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend with required registration. Contact Toby Blake at tblake@nd.edu for more information or to register.

There will be a student skate night Saturday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Joyce Center Hockey Rink. There will be a \$2 skate rental fee.

Student Union Board will show a movie, "The Box," Thursday at 10 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at 101 DeBartolo Hall. The cost is \$3.

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

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SMC seniors offer money tips

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

With the cost of admission, room and board, books and a variety of other school supplies, college students can be financially strapped at the beginning of each new semester. Saint Mary's seniors Sara Niemann and Aimee Cunniff, both business administration and economics majors, have, however, devised several tips students can follow to spend less and save their hard-earned cash.

"I would say the first thing that I do when I'm trying to save money is have something that I'm trying to save for, some sort of goal," Niemann said. "Like when I was a sophomore I knew I was going to be studying abroad so I knew that if I wanted to have more money to spend over there I should be more thrifty here."

According to Cunniff, another way to start building up a bank account is to set a budget. Having a budget can prepare students in advance for what expenditures they may have each month. Students can also plan ahead for leisure spending, she said.

"Budget how much you want to spend off campus every semester."

**Aimee Cunniff
Saint Mary's senior**

and like to eat off campus but that can get expensive really quickly. So it's a good idea to set aside a certain amount every month of what you are willing to spend off campus," she said.

Budgeting can be one helpful way to avoid overspending and overdraft charges from the bank.

Another helpful trick, Cunniff said, is to be mindful of what is being purchased. If students only buy things that are truly necessary, they will not be wasteful with their money.

"A lot of people don't realize how much just a morning coffee can add up as opposed to buying a coffee machine and making coffee in the morning," she said. "Take some time to do research and shop around if it's a standardized product. If it's clothes or books or music, really think about if you really truly need it."

Niemann agreed it is important to determine the value of an item before buying it.

"When I go shopping, whether it's at the grocery

"If in 10 minutes you feel that it wouldn't be a good purchase then you can kind of walk away from it easier."

**Sara Niemann
Saint Mary's senior**

in local stores, students can spend less on things that they need to buy.

"I'd say one of the biggest ways is to try and check out some more low priced things in your area. It sounds kind of silly but even getting the Sunday paper and clipping coupons for things that you know that you're going to have to buy — shampoo or toothpaste and that stuff can kind of add up if you save a few dollars here or there," she said. "And then also checking out places like Salvation Army and Goodwill not just for things like clothing but if you need a new lamp in your room or something like that."

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Speaker stirs mixed reviews

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

The announcement that NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams will be the principal speaker at Notre Dame's Commencement was met with a variety of reactions from this year's senior class.

Although the choice has not garnered such explosive backlash and criticism as last year's choice, President Barack Obama, some students are still not in favor of the selection, while others are waiting to hear Williams' speech before they make up their minds. Senior Adam Woodruff falls into the latter category.

"I don't really have a strong opinion either way," Woodruff said. "Hopefully [Brian Williams] will have some worthwhile advice for us."

Michelle Hackner expressed a similar opinion, and said she did not have high hopes for the speaker in the first place, especially after last year's controversy, which featured on- and off-campus protests and a large amount of criticism from religious groups as well as Notre Dame students and alumni.

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**Adam Woodruff
senior**

"The choice is not someone I'm thrilled about, but it's a lot better than I expected," Hackner said. "I thought the University would pick someone completely obscure after all the controversy last year."

Hackner also said this year's speaker has not generated as much debate among students as last year's selection did.

"The reaction isn't as strong this time," Hackner said. "There are few people who could generate more controversy at Notre Dame than Obama."

Senior Michelle Perone is optimistic that Williams will be able to deliver a relevant and interesting message to the class of 2010, especially because of his diverse experiences as a reporter.

Among other topics, Williams has covered the collapse of the Berlin Wall and has spent time with military units in Iraq.

"He's a really respected journalist so he's definitely well-informed about what's going on in the world," Perone said. "He's had a lot of

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**Michelle Hackner
senior**

interesting experiences, and if he can do a good job transferring that into a speech then I think he'd make a really good speaker."

Other seniors, such as Allegra Gassman, are frustrated with this year's choice.

"I get that people who are interested in political science or journalism will be interested in what Mr. Williams has to say, but I bet a lot of students

probably don't really know who he is or don't really watch NBC News," Gassman said. "They could have picked a CEO or someone else who has led an interesting life but is more accessible to a wider range of students."

Gassman also expressed disappointment that students did not have any input into choosing the speaker.

"I don't know if it's only a select group of students that get to help choose, but I didn't receive any information about that and neither did any of my friends," Gassman said. "It's our graduation, so I feel like every senior should get to make a suggestion or somehow influence the selection process."

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Phase Two of Library renovation continues

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

The Campus Committee of the Hesburgh Library Renovation Team continues to plan Phase Two of the library renovation, which will involve restructuring of the first and second floors.

"We want to make [the library] a better environment for our users, we want to make the building work better," Denise Shorey, chair of the Library Services and Programs Committee, said. "We want the library to be able to respond more efficiently and effectively to the needs of the campus."

Shorey said the pre-planning for the second phase of the renovation began during the 2007-2008 academic year. The library announced plans for the renovation last spring, and construction is targeted to begin during the summer of 2011.

The total anticipated cost of the construction will be \$26.55 million, according to the Hesburgh Libraries Web site. Phase Two of the renovation includes the space

north of the central concourse and the Faculty Lounge on the first floor, as well as the entire second floor.

The architectural firm Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott created a master plan for the library renovation back in 2000 before Phase One of the renovation, the lower level, had been completed. Shorey said this master plan was a starting point for Phase Two, but is outdated in many aspects. Shepley was hired again to design the floor plan for Phase Two, she said.

"The vision is still the same that we will have a chance to improve and increase our collections [and that] the library will be a place for social and intellectual interaction," Shorey said.

One of the biggest goals of the renovation, Shorey said, is to improve the overall appearance of the library — to make it a more comfortable, inclusive space where people can spend hours at a time.

"The architects have said [the library is] like a supermarket, like a warehouse ... now when you come in there's horrible fluorescent light. You turn the wrong corner and you have no idea where you are. Very little on [the first] two floors is actually structural," Shorey said.

Study body vice president Cynthia Weber is an undergraduate representative on the Campus Committee, which leads the planning of the library renovation. Weber communicates the needs and concerns of the student body to the committee.

"In the actual committee

meeting, my role is to [bring up] the basic needs — coffee, more study spaces and outlets," she said.

The other undergraduate student representative on the committee is JoAnna Roman, and the graduate student representative is Lauren Whitnah.

Weber said she does not believe the library renovation is a huge talking point yet among students because the schematics have not yet been finalized.

"By March the Campus Committee will begin looking at schematics," she said. "Right now we're looking at programming — identifying what technology, what resources are needed."

Weber said she hopes the renovation will encourage more student and faculty interaction within the library.

Phase Two of the renovation will be done in two parts. Each part will last from 10-12 months, Weber said. The library will still remain completely functional.

"You can't have a renovation without a degree of disruption, but we will certainly make every attempt to make it as undisruptive as possible," Shorey said.

Shorey said one of the challenges of the renovation is addressing the different needs of students, staff and faculty.

"We're looking at a grand reading room, for instance. We've heard repeatedly from faculty members that they want their primary texts close to an area where they can work," she said.

Shorey said it is important for the library to be both a place to study and to socialize. She said the renovation will bring the scattered staff offices together in one location and will include the addition of more group consultation rooms, classrooms and training rooms.

"There simply is not enough appropriate space on campus for students to use for studying and collaboration," he said. "One of the roles that the library has always had is to be an intellectual environment. It's also been a place where people came to meet ... it's convenient and it's a central point for undergraduates."

One of the most difficult challenges those on the committee face, Shorey said, is creating a social and academic space that embodies the traditional ideals of a library but also looks towards the future.

"Yes, this is a library. Yes, it has traditions, but it's also a place that has to be accommodating for the now — [the challenge is] how you blend that," she said.

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ber of the task force. "One way of addressing inequality in this country is by strengthening Catholic schools."

According to the report, Latinos in Catholic schools are 42 percent more likely to graduate high school and are 2.5 times more likely to graduate college. The task force has also found that nearly 70 percent of all practicing Catholics under the age of 35 are Latinos, but only 3 percent of Latinos send their children to Catholic schools.

The campaign officials believe more Latinos are not enrolled in Catholic education because schools currently aren't meeting the needs of the Latino community.

"Our Catholic schools right now are not what you would call culturally responsive," Fr. Joseph Corpora, the director of the campaign said. "The schools just aren't prepared for these Latino students because the educational model doesn't work for the Latinos."

Juan Carlos Guzman, the director of research for the Institute for Latino Studies and a member of the task force said that the present schools aren't meeting the needs of the Latino students because the structure of education in the United States is made for a homogeneous population, something that is not true with Latinos.

"Different groups of Latinos are different from each other," Guzman said. "What is key for increasing their access to edu-

cation is to see what they need. The whole structure of Catholic schools in the United States have to recognize the importance of reaching out to Latinos; the Latinos have to feel invited."

Doing little things to make the schools seem more accessible and welcoming to the Latino population can extend this invitation. Such things that were suggested as baby steps included having a Spanish-speaking secretary, translating texts into Spanish and changing

the décor of the school to include some Latino touches that are specific to the different groups that are attending the school.

"These actions may seem small but they can make a big difference by providing a greater sense of ownership for the Latinos," Scully said. "If we want to provide greater access to the Latino children then we are going to have to provide a sense of ownership of the Catholic schools."

Scully said they task force feels that the whole campaign is an issue of social justice and the University of Notre Dame is the most capable Catholic school in the country to carry out the campaign and succeed.

"Notre Dame's mission is about helping the community and making everybody's life better," Guzman said. "The Latino community is a group that is in great need in this area."

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minorities bodes well for the future, the real key to boosting diversity on campus is increasing the yield, or the number of ethnically diverse student who commit to Notre Dame.

"The key is increasing the yield on ethnic and minority students," he said. "We want to increase the number of admits and the percentage of students that say 'yes' to us."

One of the most important factors for minority students, Saracino said, is financial aid, which much of the incoming class will require.

"With the adequate financial aid, we'll be able to increase the overall enrollment number," he said. "Given the economy, the likelihood is that we will have another class where half of the students will need financial aid."

Nonetheless, Saracino said the University will continue to be need-blind in admissions and meet the needs of all those admitted.

"We expect that the incoming class will be as financially needy as previous classes, so it is important for the University to continue to be need blind and meet 100 percent of the need, which we are," he said.

Saracino said he expects the test scores of the regular action applicants to be lower, but he does expect them to be equally strong in areas of leadership and involvement.

"If in fact this year plays out as previous years have, you'll find that the profile of the regular action students will be not quite as high in terms of GPA and test scores but will be equally impressive in terms of community service, leadership in their high schools and athletics," he said.

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Over-exercising remains a concern

ND officials identify extreme working out as issue of control, competition

By KATIE PERALTA
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As students return to campus filled with ambitious New Year's resolutions and goals for getting fit for Spring Break, Notre Dame recreation facilities see an influx of students and faculty eager to work out, especially in light of the recent registration for fitness classes.

Some, however, take their exercise to the extreme.

Over-exercising, also called compulsive exercising, is when an individual engages in strenuous physical activity to a point that is no longer safe nor healthy, according to the University of Pennsylvania's Office of Health Education Web site.

Jennifer Phillips, assistant director of RecSports, said posters warning about the dangers of over-exercising were recently submitted by a group of design students for exhibition in Rolf's Sports Recreation Center.

"The posters were not necessarily in response to anything in particular," Phillips said, but added that compulsive exercising nevertheless is a problem on campus.

"It's hard to quantify," she said. "But you can tell it exists by casual observation. People need to know that there are resources available [on campus]."

"When there is cause for concern about an individual in one of our programs or facilities, we seek the expertise of specialists on campus to provide guidance."

Such resources are provided by the University Counseling Center (UCC) in St. Liam's Hall.

"[Over-exercising] is a much bigger problem than we are aware of here," Valerie Staples, a counselor and eating disorder specialist at the UCC said. "At any time of day, you can look around and see someone running on campus."

Staples said identifying compulsive exercising as a problem is difficult.

"Exercise is such an asset in our culture," Staples said. "It's really hard to see it as a bad thing. When people start planning their lives around exercise, however, it becomes a problem."

Compulsive exercising, Staples said, for many can be a control issue as well that aligns with the high achieving mentality commonplace at an institution like Notre Dame.

"[People think] 'you can always do more,'" she said, and added that the difference between stress management and maintenance of a healthy lifestyle ought to be examined critically with the issue of compulsive exercise.

Staples identified Notre Dame as an institution rampant in competition in areas from academics to appearance, further fostering environments of extremism.

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Valerie Staples
counselor
University Counseling Center

While over-exercising is not itself identified as an eating disorder, Staples said, it often comes hand-in-hand with disorders like anorexia and bulimia.

In the 2007-08 academic year, 12 percent of student cases at the UCC were identified as eating concerns, Staples said. This number fell to 10.6 percent the following academic year.

These kinds of body image issues, she said, often arise at points of stressful transition in a person's life, often between the ages of 17-25 and also during middle age years.

Staples said is not uncommon for universities to limit the amount of time or the frequency with which students utilize fitness facilities, but Notre Dame, Phillips said, has no such limitations in place.

"We do not have any policies limiting the frequency of use by an individual," Phillips said, although Rolf's and the Rockne Memorial both have time limitations on certain exercise machines.

Students who have concerns about compulsive exercising are encouraged to contact the UCC by visiting their St. Liam's Hall office or by calling 631-7336.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Beijing hosts Mr. Gay China pageant

BEIJING — The Mr. Gay China pageant is coming up and contestant David Wu is a bit worried.

It's not the underwear competition that's making him jittery — he's been working out harder than usual to get ready. And he's looking forward to the opportunity to meet other "comrades," as gay men in China are called.

Just one thing troubles the handsome 30-year-old: His parents don't know he's gay.

"Most Chinese media won't cover it (the pageant), so I think it's unlikely that my parents will find out about me because of this event," said Wu, from the southwestern city of Chengdu. "On the other hand, if they did ... maybe it's a good opportunity to tell them."

Italy funds Somalian government

NAIROBI, Kenya — Italy will fund the operations of key ministries of the fragile Somali government battling a long-running Islamic insurgency, the Italian foreign minister said on Thursday.

Italy, a former colonial ruler of Somalia, also will train an anti-terrorism police unit and a coast guard, and pay the salaries of police officers, Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini told journalists, announcing what represents a major boost for Somali President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed's government.

Italy is doing this because Ahmed's government "is the best option. We have no alternative but to support this government," Frattini said after daylong meetings in Nairobi with Ahmed and Kenyan leaders that centered on Somalia.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cocaine found in NASA hangar

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA is investigating how a bag of cocaine got into the hangar that houses space shuttle Discovery at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

NASA spokesman Allard Beutel said Thursday that the bag contained a tiny amount of the illegal substance. It was found by a worker in a secure part of the hangar that is accessible by about 200 NASA employees and contractors.

NASA is drug testing and interviewing workers, as well as using drug-sniffing dogs.

Beutel says there is no problem with any of Discovery's hardware, nor is there any indication that any employees were under the influence while working in the facility.

Discovery is being prepared for a mission in March.

Man freed after 23 years in prison

CHICAGO — A man who contends Chicago police tortured him into confessing to a murder he did not commit walked out of a courtroom a free man Thursday after more than 23 years behind bars.

Assistant Special State's Attorney Andrew Levine said prosecutors agreed to drop the charges against Michael Tillman after concluding that without the coerced confession there was not enough evidence to convict him.

"I'm just glad justice finally prevailed," said 43-year-old Tillman who was convicted of taking part in the 1986 rape and murder of Betty Howard who lived in a building where he had worked as a handyman. The Chicago woman's attackers tied her to a radiator in her apartment building, sexually assaulted her then shot her to death.

LOCAL NEWS

Airline moves to Indianapolis

MINNEAPOLIS — Republic Airways Holdings Inc., which bought Frontier Airlines and Midwest Airlines last year, says it will move all of its executives to its base in Indianapolis as it further consolidates its two new airlines.

When they were independent carriers, Frontier was based in Denver and Midwest was based in Milwaukee.

Republic spokesman Carlos Bertolini said roughly 3,000 workers will continue to be based in Denver, mostly flight crews and reservations workers. About 1,200 work in Indianapolis and roughly 1,500 will work in Milwaukee, once all the transitions are done, he said.

HAITI

Desperate Haitians find relief

Aid starts to arrive to area destroyed by Tuesday's 7.0-magnitude earthquake

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Desperately needed aid from around the world slowly made its way Thursday into Haiti, where supply bottlenecks and a leadership vacuum left rescuers scrambling on their own to save the trapped and injured and get relief supplies into the capital.

The international Red Cross estimated that 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's magnitude-7.0 earthquake.

President Barack Obama announced that "one of the largest relief efforts in our recent history" is moving toward Haiti, with thousands of troops and a broad array of civilian rescue workers flying or sailing in to aid the stricken country — backed by more than \$100 million in relief funds.

To the Haitians, Obama promised: "You will not be forsaken."

The nascent flow of rescue workers showed some results: A newly arrived search team pulled U.N. security worker Tarmo Joveer alive from the organization's collapsed headquarters, where about 100 people are still trapped. He stood, held up a fist in celebration, and was helped to a hospital.

There are easily hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of people trapped, living or dead, in collapsed buildings. No one knows for certain. Friends and relatives have had to claw at the wreckage, often with bare hands, to try to free them.

Many dead bodies that were recovered still lay in the street, often covered by a white cloth, in 81-degree heat.

Some people dragged the dust-covered dead along the roads toward the morgue, where people came to hunt for relatives in a macabre sea of hundreds of bodies just a few feet from where



A man looks for a body among hundreds earthquake victims at the morgue in Port-au-Prince yesterday after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti Tuesday.

badly injured victims awaited a doctor from the neighboring hospital.

Planes from China, France, Spain and the United States landed at Port-au-Prince's airport, carrying searchers and tons of water, food, medicine and other supplies — with more promised the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation. The Red Cross has estimated 3 million people — a third of the population — may need emergency relief.

The flow into the capital's damaged airport was so great that the Federal Aviation Administration halted all civilian flights from the United States to Port-au-Prince for a time

Thursday because there was no room on the ground for more planes and not enough jet fuel for planes to go back, an official at the FAA said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk publicly. Civilian relief flights were later allowed to resume.

It took six hours to unload a Chinese plane due to a lack of equipment — a hint of possible bottlenecks ahead.

"We don't have enough handling equipment or the people to run it," said U.S. Air Force Col. Ben McMullin, part of the team handling traffic at the airport. "We're trying to control the flow of aircraft."

In Geneva, Red Cross spokesman Jean-Luc Martinage said the Haitian Red Cross estimated 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed, based on reports from its volunteers in Port-au-Prince.

There seemed to be little official Haitian presence in much of the capital — or at the airport, where the U.S. Southern Command was controlling flights from a fenced-off building at the end of the runway. The facility's usual tower had collapsed.

McMullin said about 60 planes carrying 2,000 people had landed between Wednesday, when the airport reopened, and noon Thursday.

IRAQ

Prime Minister warns against intimidation

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's former prime minister said Thursday that a recommendation to bar some political parties from March elections because of suspected ties to Saddam Hussein's outlawed Baath party amounts to intimidation.

Ayad Allawi, who served as Iraq's first postwar prime minister from mid-2004 to April 2005, said in an interview with The Associated Press that the de-Baathification process designed to root out supporters of Saddam's ousted regime is being used for political gain in the run-up to the March 7 parlia-

mentary election.

"This is a process of severe intimidation and threats," Allawi said. "It's clear that they want to get rid of their opponents."

A parliamentary committee tasked with vetting political candidates for ties to the former Baath party regime recommended last week to Iraq's electoral commission that 14 political parties and one individual be barred from the vote because of alleged Baathist ties.

Among those named was prominent Sunni leader Saleh al-Mutlaq, a political ally of Allawi's in the Iraqi National Movement, a coali-

tion challenging Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in the vote.

The recommendation to bar the parties — most of which are Sunni — potentially threatens the country's fragile security because it risks leaving Sunni voters feeling targeted and disenfranchised.

The de-Baathification policy was created under the U.S.-run Coalition Provisional Authority, which ran the country after the 2003 invasion and stripped senior Baathists of their jobs. In 2008, the policy was relaxed and thousands of former Baathists who were not involved in past crimes were allowed to take government jobs.

Haiti

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the director of the orphanage. FOTO supports and runs several hospitals and clinics in the slums of Haiti.

"Just thinking about the poverty I saw there when it was 'normal,' I can't even fathom the problems now with all the destruction," Daly said.

FOTO is working with the fundraising efforts of student government and is hoping to hold a benefit concert featuring campus groups such as The Undertones and the student contemporary brass band M.O.B.B.

"We're trying to raise as much money as possible for these people," he said. "When I was there, there were no resources. Now they have no way of getting those resources shipped in. There's going to be no way to get necessities of life to these people."

Daly said gang violence, poor health care and large-scale unemployment plagued the country when he shadowed Frechette this summer. Now, those problems are magnified.

"It's going to be hell," he said.

When Daly worked in the Haitian hospitals, he said the resources were scarce and people could not afford basic health care.

"There was a woman dying of breast cancer, and the cancer was eating away at her chest so you could see inside her chest," he said. "But there was nothing they could do but put a bandage on it."

Clean water is generally unavailable, but Daly said a water truck would drive through the streets daily playing a song similar to that of an ice cream truck.

"Naked children would literally run out into the streets to try to get clean water," he said.

Daly said he is hoping to schedule the benefit concert to raise money for the relief effort in the next two weeks.

The University released a statement Wednesday assuring the Notre Dame community that faculty members who are working with the Notre Dame Haiti Program in the country are all safe.

Faculty member Sarah Craig, program manager, Logan Anderson, assistant program manager, MarieDenise Milord, a post-doctoral student and Fr. Thomas Streit, the program director, were in Haiti at the time.

A Notre Dame student participating in a service program in Haiti is also safe, the release said.

The University's program in Haiti focuses on research and elimination of lymphatic filariasis, also known as Elephantiasis, a disease that afflicts more than 26 percent of the Haitian population.

The program is based in Léogâne, about 30 kilometers west of the Port-au-Prince, and there is no information yet about the damage to the facilities.

The University is organizing a Mass and a relief fund. The details have not yet been released.

Crowley

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we take it so much for granted," she said.

Crowley talked about valuing life in his remarks, sharing vignettes from his soon-to-be-released memoir titled "Chasing Miracles: The Crowley Family Journey of Strength, Hope and Joy," that he co-authored with Aileen.

"Ours is not a sad and heavy life," Crowley said, noting the film captures the spirit of the family "incredibly well."

He said if there was anything the family learned from the film, it was about

chasing miracles.

"For us, chasing miracles has a double meaning," Crowley said. "Yeah, it's about chasing the miracle and the cure and the treatments to extend and enhance people's lives, but it's more than that, and this took a while for us, it took while for me, to realize that the kids are a miracle, that life is a miracle."

He said he hopes the audience takes away from the film that life is not about what happens but how one lives and how one

responds.

The Crowleys' lessons in strength, hope and joy came mostly from their three children.

"We've learned more from them than we've ever taught them," Crowley said.

Ours is not a sad and heavy life.

**John Crowley
'92 ND Law Alum**

The three vignettes reflected those themes and described the children's resilience and determination and how the battle against rare and untreatable disease is bigger than any one person.

The largest section in the book, however, is about joy, Crowley said.

"We learn to live life every day," he said, and the family has come to value spending time with each other and not feeling sorry for themselves.

Both speakers addressed the devastation in Haiti following this week's earthquake, and Haldar asked for a moment of reflection and prayer for the country and for the Notre Dame Haiti program in its battle with disease there.

The two Thursday evening screenings of "Extraordinary Measures" at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center were sold out.

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ND to sponsor events honoring MLK

Special to the Observer

Martin Luther King Jr. Day will officially be observed nationwide Monday, and Notre Dame will present a number of events to mark the occasion.

An ecumenical prayer service will be held Monday at 4 p.m. in the rotunda of the University's Main Building. University President Fr. John Jenkins and Rev. Hugh R. Page, dean of the First Year of Studies and associate professor of theology and Africana studies, will offer prayers in memory of Dr. King. The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will provide sacred music for the event, and a reception will follow.

The Martin Luther King

Jr. Series, sponsored by Notre Dame's Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS), also will honor the memory of the nation's foremost civil rights leader with two events.

A weekend workshop for Notre Dame students, faculty and staff on "Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training" will be held today from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall.

"While the workshop involves a serious time commitment, it provides a great opportunity for understanding and analysis of institutionalized racisms in America, and to provide professional

strategies for eliminating them," Tobias Blake, assistant director of MSPS, said. Blake said MSPS will waive the workshop registration fee for students, faculty and staff who wished to attend.

Interested participants may sign up by contacting Blake at 574-631-8503 or tblake@nd.edu.

Tim Wise, activist and

author of four books on racism, including, most recently, "Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama," will give a lecture Jan. 26 (Tuesday) at 7:30 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library. Wise's lecture, which will draw on his book, is free and open to the public.

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IN BRIEF

World's cheapest car comes to U.S.

DETROIT — The world's cheapest car is being readied for sale in the U.S., but by the time India's Tata Nano is retrofitted to meet emissions and safety standards, it won't be that cheap.

Tata Technologies Ltd., the global engineering arm of the Tata group conglomerate, brought the tiny car to Detroit as a publicity stunt for the engineering group.

Tata officials, while maintaining that they couldn't speak for Tata Motors, maker of the \$2,500 Nano, said they were involved with the Nano from concept until it launched last July in Mumbai.

They wouldn't say when the Nano might arrive in the U.S. or how much it might cost here, although Ratan Tata, chairman of the group of Tata companies, has said it should be ready for U.S. distribution in about three years.

Tata Motors already has made a European version of the four-seat car that will cost about \$8,000 when it debuts in 2011, and a Tata Technologies official said privately that the U.S. version is expected to have a comparable price. The official did not want to be identified because the price has not been made public.

Warren Harris, Tata Technologies president, would only say that the price would be more than the roughly \$2,500 charged in India.

Wisconsin plans to clean up Chrysler

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin lawmakers have approved plans to clean up pollution at the site of the Chrysler engine plant in Kenosha.

Supporters said the plan could help transform the 100-acre site of the plant that is closing into a viable location for future economic development.

The plan calls for cleaning up a dozen areas on the site contaminated by leaking underground tanks that stored petroleum and other chemicals.

The Legislature's budget committee on Thursday voted 11-3 to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to work with the city of Kenosha to begin the cleanup. The plan relies on \$1 million in federal stimulus funds.

Opponents said the state should first try to get the money for cleanup from Chrysler during its bankruptcy proceedings.

Google threatens to leave China

Co-founders of popular search engine break ties with China in defense of free speech

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. co-founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page have always said they put their principles before profit, even to the point of using their control of the company to take a stand.

The billionaires' idealism underlies a potentially expensive decision disclosed this week: Google's threat to leave China's rapidly growing Internet market in defense of free speech and its users' privacy rights.

It's a bold move unlikely to be made without the explicit support of Page and Brin, given the possible fallout. Departing the world's most populous country could slow Google's earnings growth and weigh on its stock.

Although Google has thousands of shareholders, it has two classes of stock, giving Page and Brin veto power over everyone else, including the company's chief executive, Eric Schmidt. Combined, Page and Brin hold 58 percent of the voting power among shareholders while Schmidt has less than 10 percent, according to the company's disclosures.

Google said this week's China bombshell was the result of an "incredibly hard" decision, but the company declined to elaborate on the internal debate. Google declined requests to interview Page, Brin and Schmidt.

Page and Brin, both 36, pledged to strive to do the right thing in a manifesto that they distributed just a few months before Google took its stock public in 2004.

"Don't be evil," they wrote, evoking the phrase that has become Google's motto. "We believe strongly that in the long term, we will be better served — as shareholders and in all other ways — by a company that does good things for the world."

Critics contended Brin and Page broke that promise in 2006 when Google created a



AP
Google co-founders Sergey Brin, left, and Larry Page, shown in September 2008 at Google Inc. headquarters in California, have always said they put their principles before profit.

Chinese version of its search engine, at Google.cn, to be in a better position to profit from China's booming economy. To gain the toehold, Google complied with the Chinese government's demands for censorship of Internet search results about political dissent and other hot-button issues.

Human rights groups and even some Google shareholders have been urging Google to pull out of China for the past four years, only to have Schmidt diplomatically reject the idea. He has maintained that Google needs to be in China to protect its franchise as Chinese becomes the Internet's predominant language — a transition that Schmidt thinks could occur within five years.

Brin, though, has never been completely comfortable with Google playing by the Chinese government's rules.

In each of the last two years, Brin abstained from voting on shareholder proposals demanding that Google defy China's censorship policies. The symbolic act was designed to show he shared some of the concerns outlined in the measures, according to Brin.

Some of Brin's misgivings can be traced to family's own experience under Communism. He was born in Moscow in 1973. He and his family fled the Soviet Union when he was 6 years old, but he has said the oppressive policies of the government and the anti-Semitism directed at his

family and other Russian Jews have helped shape his thinking on political and social issues.

Page, born in Michigan, voted against the shareholder proposals that tried to get Google to change its ways in China.

But those votes occurred before Google became a target of computer attacks originating in China.

In a blog posting about the assault, Google said hackers broke into the e-mail accounts of human rights activists who challenge China. The chicanery led Google to conclude "we are no longer willing to continue censoring our results on Google.cn." That act of defiance might be the first step toward leaving the country completely.

Gay marriage ban costs San Francisco

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A state ban on gay marriage is costing the city of San Francisco millions of dollars a year in lost revenue and increased services, an economist testified Thursday in a lawsuit aimed at overturning the prohibition.

Chief city economist Edmund Egan said married people accumulate more wealth and have more to spend on property and consumer goods, which bolsters tax revenue.

He also said the city must spend more on health care for uninsured workers because same-sex couples are not always covered under their partner's employee health care plans.

"It's clear to me that Proposition 8

has a negative material impact on the city of San Francisco," he said. "These are impacts that are hard to quantify, but over the long term they can be powerful."

Egan testified during the fourth day of a federal trial on a lawsuit challenging Proposition 8, the ballot measure approved by statewide voters in 2008.

The city was allowed to join the suit to demonstrate that governments bear some of the costs of the ban.

Peter Patterson, a lawyer for Proposition 8 sponsors, challenged Egan's methodology and had him acknowledge during cross-examination that he based many of his estimates on assumptions drawn from the spending habits of opposite-sex couples.

Egan also said San Francisco has

seen higher mental health costs because of discrimination against gays and now spends \$2.5 million a year on specialized services for them.

"I believe that the prohibition of marriage of same-sex couples is a form of discrimination, and it's reasonable to assume that if that prohibition were removed there would be over time a lessening of the discrimination those individuals see in their daily lives," he said.

Egan acknowledged he could not quantify many of the potential revenue and savings benefits San Francisco would realize if same-sex couples could marry. The most solid estimate he cited was \$2.6 million the city was losing in hotel and sales tax revenue every year from weddings that can't take place.

U.S., U.N. officials hope for agreement

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The nonbinding Copenhagen Accord is at a critical moment that will decide whether it becomes a mandatory treaty for cutting greenhouse gases, the top U.S. climate official said Thursday.

It will only happen, Todd Stern told a gathering of Wall Street leaders and investors, if the "major players" provide the United Nations by the end of January with their promised plans for reducing carbon emissions by 2020.

"We have an accord that's kind of lumbering down the runway, and we need it to get enough speed so it can take off," Stern said. "The best way to make progress toward a legal agreement is to get the Copenhagen Accord implemented."

Stern, the U.S. State Department's special envoy for climate change, struck a hopeful note about the uncertain outcome of the U.N. climate conference in the Danish capital in December, in his first public remarks since returning from Copenhagen.

The Copenhagen agreement fell short on specific steps to cool the planet, but urged deeper cuts in emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases blamed for warming the globe. It also set up the first significant program of climate aid to poorer nations and adopted a goal of holding the rise in global temperatures below 2 degrees Celsius. A \$30 billion fund over the next three years, scaling up to \$100 billion a year by 2020, was a key element.

But a U.N. draft document showed emissions cuts pledged at U.N. climate talks would put the world on "an unsustainable pathway" toward average global warming 50 percent higher

than industrial countries want. The document forecast the average global temperature would rise in coming decades by 3 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels. The world has already warmed a bit, so that would mean an additional 2.3 degrees Celsius warming from the present day.

The last-minute deal emerged principally from President Barack Obama's meeting with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and the leaders of India, Brazil and South Africa. Afterward, it was put to the entire 193-nation meeting for adoption, but the accord was merely "noted" in the end by most of the world's nations.

"We now need to have countries step forward and say, 'I want to be part of it,'" Stern told the high-profile business crowd, which collectively controls some \$13 trillion in assets. "The best way to make progress toward an ultimate legal agreement is to get this Copenhagen Accord implemented."

The focus of the U.N. gathering Thursday was on using investors' financial assets to encourage the use of cleaner energy sources and fuels.

Stern said no one should underestimate the importance of what he called "a breach in the firewall between developed and developing countries. What happened here was that, for the first time, major developing countries ... have agreed to list the specific actions that they're going to take to mitigate, to reduce their emissions."

Robert Orr, a U.N. assistant secretary-general for policy, said many investors asked him at a dinner Wednesday night about the jumbled result of an exhausting negotiating marathon to end the Copenhagen conference.

PAKISTAN

Taliban chief believed alive after U.S. strike

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — The leader of the Pakistani Taliban was apparently targeted in a U.S. missile strike on a meeting of militant commanders close to the Afghan border Thursday, but he escaped unhurt, Pakistani officials and militants said. Twelve insurgents were believed killed.

The death of Hakimullah Mehsud would be a major victory for both Washington and Islamabad in their fight against Islamist militants. Mehsud appeared on a video released last week sitting next to the Jordanian militant who killed seven CIA employees in a suicide attack in December in Afghanistan.

Mehsud's Tehrik-e-Taliban movement, which is linked to al-Qaida and the Taliban across the border in Afghanistan, has also claimed responsibility for scores of bloody suicide bombings in Pakistan in recent months

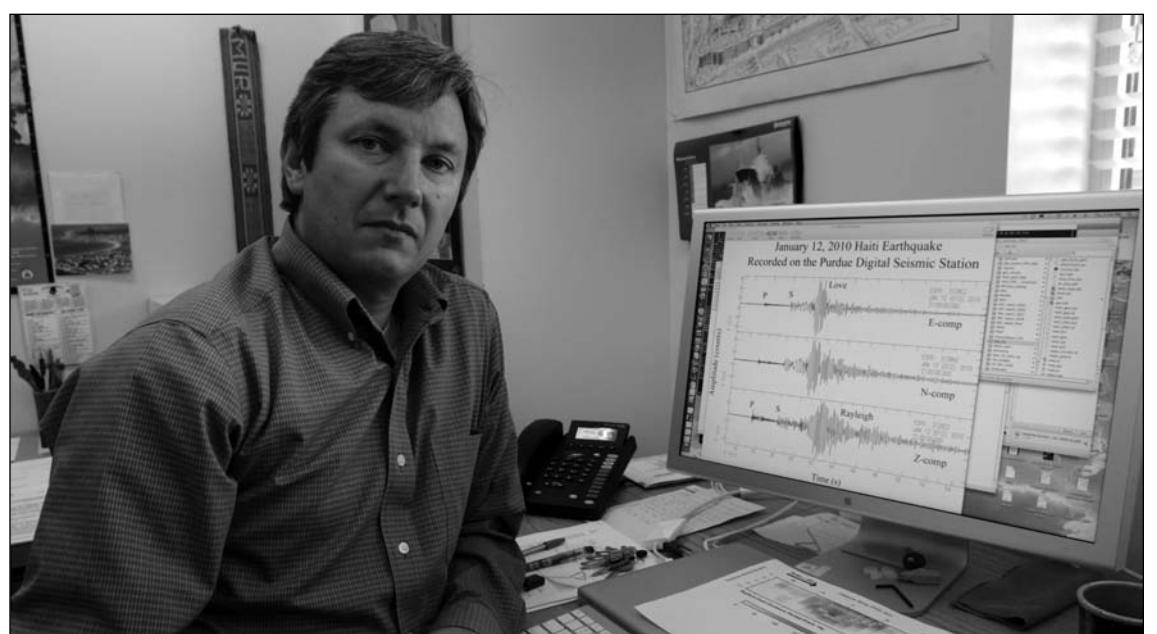
against military, civilian and government targets.

The U.S. missile strike was the eighth such attack in two weeks in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region, an unprecedented volley of drone attacks since the CIA-led program began in earnest two years ago. The surge signals the Obama administration's reliance on the tactic despite official protest from Islamabad.

One or more unmanned U.S. spy planes fired at least two missiles into a large complex that had been used as a religious school in the past in the Pasalkot area close to the border with South Waziristan soon after dawn broke, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

The dead militants included two foreigners, while at least eight others were wounded, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to the media on the record.

Scientists warned Haiti in 2008



Eric Calais, a geophysics professor at Purdue University, is shown with seismic readings from Haiti during Tuesday's earthquake. Calais presented findings in May 2008 to Haiti's government.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Scientists who detected worrisome signs of growing stresses in the fault that unleashed this week's devastating earthquake in Haiti said Thursday they warned officials there two years ago that their country was ripe for a major earthquake.

Their sobering findings, presented during a geological conference in March 2008 and at meetings two months later, showed that the fault was capable of causing a 7.2-magnitude earthquake — slightly stronger than Tuesday's 7.0 quake that rocked the impoverished country.

Though Haitian officials listened intently to the research, the nearly two years between the presentation and the devastating quake was not enough time for Haiti to have done much to have prevented the massive destruction.

"It's too short of a timeframe to really do something, particularly for a country like Haiti, but even in a developed country it's very difficult to start very big operations in two years," said Eric Calais, a professor of geophysics at Purdue University.

Their conclusions also lacked a specific timeframe that could have prodded quick action to shore up the hospitals, schools and other buildings that collapsed and crumbled Tuesday, said Paul Mann, a senior research scientist at the University of Texas' Institute for Geophysics.

At the time of the earthquake, which the international Red Cross estimates killed

45,000 to 50,000 people, Haiti was still trying to recover from a string of catastrophes. In 2008 alone, it was hit four times by tropical storms and hurricanes. The country also suffers from a string of social ills including poverty, unstable governments and poor building standards that make buildings vulnerable in earthquakes.

"Haiti's government has so many other problems that when you give sort of an unspecific prediction about an earthquake threat they just don't have the resources to deal with that sort of thing," Mann said.

In March 2008, Calais and Mann were among a group of scientists who presented findings on the major quake risk along the Enriquillo fault during the conference in the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. Their conclusions were based both on geologic work Mann conducted along the same fault and recent findings by Calais.

Calais had detected rising stresses along the fault using global positioning system measurements that showed that the Earth's crust in the area where the fault traverses southern Haiti was slowly deforming as pressure grew within the fault.

That pressure, paired with Mann's work and the fact that the last major quake in the area was in 1770, led to the prediction that the fault could produce a 7.2-magnitude tremor.

Calais said he also presented the findings to officials in Haiti during a series of meetings in May 2008 that included the country's prime minister and

other high-ranking officials. He said he stressed to the officials that if they did nothing else they should at least begin reinforcing hospitals, schools and key government buildings to weather a strong quake.

"We were taken very seriously but unfortunately it didn't translate into action," he said. "The reality is that it was too short of a timeframe to really do something, particularly for a country like Haiti struggling with so many problems."

Calais said Haiti has no seismic stations for monitoring quake activity, while adjoining Dominican Republic has a small seismic network.

Although the specific risks of the fault zone near Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, may not have been known until recent years, the region has a long history of major earthquakes, said Carol Prentice, a U.S. Geological Survey research geologist based in Menlo Park, Calif.

Those include earthquakes that destroyed Jamaica's capital, Kingston, in 1692 and 1907, that also occurred along the Enriquillo fault, which extends hundreds of miles through the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Jamaica.

She said Calais' GPS studies were the first along the fault to quantify the potential quake risk in the heavily populated Port-au-Prince area.

Prentice said she, Calais and Mann had sought U.S. government funding over the years for detailed excavations in southern Haiti to document evidence of past quakes in soil layers along the fault but that work has not yet been funded.



Young men dig through debris as they attempt to recover bodies buried underneath a collapsed church in Port-au-Prince, Haiti Thursday.

Ariz. may close state parks

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona is on the verge of permanently closing more than half of its state parks to ease its budget woes — the most drastic such proposal in the nation and one that could mean shutting down some iconic Old West locations.

The plan would close the Tombstone Courthouse and the Yuma Territorial Prison, and shut down parks that draw tens of thousands of tourists a year such as Red Rock State Park in Sedona.

"We don't have a choice. It's either shut them all down right now or shut them down in phases, and we're picking the ones that cost the state money," said Reese Woodling, head of the Arizona Parks Board, which plans on Friday to take up a staff recommendation to close 13 parks by June 3. State officials closed five parks last year.

If the additional closures are approved, two-thirds of the state parks in Arizona will be shut down.

Arizona is not the only place where lawmakers are targeting parks, but it is taking the most aggressive action, said Phil McNelly, executive director of the National Association of State Parks Directors.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger last year proposed closing 220 of California's 279 parks in the face of a multi-billion-dollar deficit. But the governor backed off four months later after protests from park

activists.

Schwarzenegger returned to the issue this month by proposing to expand oil drilling off the Santa Barbara coast to provide \$140 million for state parks.

Officials in Louisiana, Iowa and Idaho have said they may close all or parts of state parks in response to budget problems. Other states have transferred parks to local control.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter hopes to disband the state parks agency, saving \$10 million by selling the headquarters building and moving management of 30 state parks to other agencies. Opponents have raised potential legal issues, but Otter's office hopes to find a way around them.

In Arizona, cities are fretting about losing the tourists who visited because of the state parks. Some communities are trying to find ways to run the parks themselves, but they too have money problems.

Arizona lawmakers cut parks and other expenses last year as they tried to fill a nearly 30 percent gap between revenues and spending in a \$10.7 billion budget. The budget year that begins on July 1 has similar gaps.

Since last July, the Legislature has cut 61 percent of the parks department's \$19.3 million budget, including taking revenue from entry, tour and event fees, as well as camping permits and cabin rentals. The agency now needs cash to replenish the drained account so it can continue operating in the next fiscal year.

Doing so requires closing most of the unprofitable parks, officials said.

With that threat looming, some rural communities are digging deeper into their already tight budgets. Governments in Payson and Camp Verde contributed money to help cover operational

costs at Tonto Natural Bridge and Fort Verde state parks.

But those parks are again on the proposed closure list, and city officials have told parks administrators that they want to find new ways to keep them open.

John McReynolds hopes they're successful. He estimates he gets about five Fort Verde visitors on an average day at Babe's Round-Up, the restaurant he owns in nearby Camp Verde. It doesn't sound like many, he says, but "in this economy, one person is a lot."

Visitors to Fort Verde spent nearly \$1.7 million on food, lodging and other services in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007, according to a report last year by the Arizona Hospitality Research & Resource Center at Northern Arizona University.

The report also found that parks around the state generated \$163 million in direct spending.

Other communities are finding partners to put up money and share some of the operating costs. When the Parks Board voted to close Yuma Quartermaster Depot last year, the city of Yuma worked out an agreement that moves the city's visitors center to the park.

Charles Flynn of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area hopes to make another deal that would keep open the historic prison, which housed hundreds of Old West outlaws and was portrayed in the film "3:10 to Yuma."

The proposal before the Parks Board spares some of the system's most popular and profitable parks, including Kartchner Caverns, Slide Rock and Lake Havasu. Parks officials hope the profitable parks can quickly replenish the raided funds and allow them to reopen other parks.

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Report: 'choking game' popular with rural kids

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A new report suggests a large number of eighth-graders in Oregon have taken part in the "choking game," the dangerous practice of choking each other to get a feeling of euphoria.

As many as 2,600 eighth-graders may have risked injury, long-term disability or even death by trying the so-called "game" that also carries nicknames such as "Pass-Out," "Space Monkey," "Flatliner" and "Blackout."

"That's a lot of kids," said Dr. Mel Kohn, the state public health director.

The results of the Oregon Public Health survey released Thursday by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta were compiled from responses from nearly 8,000 eighth-graders at 114 schools in Oregon.

The survey, conducted in 2008, also showed that more than a third of those eighth-graders had heard about the choking game.

Almost 3 percent of those responding said they had helped someone, while about 6 percent said they had participated themselves.

The survey also indicated that teens in rural areas and those with increased mental health risk factors or involved in substance abuse were more likely to take part in the risky game.

Sarah Ramowski, lead author of the report on the survey

results, said researchers were not sure what accounted for the differences between rural and urban eighth-graders but it merits further study.

"At this point, all we know is that rural youths had higher rates of participation," said Ramowski, who is an adolescent health policy specialist at the Oregon Public Health Division.

Kohn said most of the eighth-graders likely heard about it from their peers rather than outside sources, including television or other media.

He also noted it was different from autoerotic asphyxiation.

"It's really not a sexual thing at all," Kohn said about the teen choking game. "It's more of a euphoria and getting high kind of goal."

But Kohn urged parents to watch for warning signs of the practice, including:

u Unexplained marks on the neck.

u Bloodshot eyes.

u Ropes, scarves, belts tied to bedroom furniture or doorknobs.

u Unexplained presence of leashes or bungee cords.

u Pinpoint bleeding spots under the skin on the face, especially the eyelids.

u Discussion or mention of the activity.

u Disorientation, especially after spending time alone.

In 2008, the CDC identified 82 deaths occurring in 31 states from the choking game from 1995 to 2007. In Oregon, an Eagle Point sixth grader died in 2006 from it.

Ohio pediatrician gets 13 years in abuse case

Associated Press

HAMILTON, Ohio — A pediatrician charged with sex crimes against former patients pleaded guilty Thursday to two counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor and was sentenced to 13 years in prison.

Scott Blankenburg, 54, also pleaded guilty to compelling prostitution, illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, complicity to deception to obtain a dangerous drug and two counts of bribery.

He agreed to the 13-year term in a plea deal made with Butler County prosecutors in exchange for his pleas. The only guilty plea involving one of the doctor's former patients was one count of bribery.

He will begin serving the sentence Feb. 15. He also must pay a \$7,500 fine and agreed to pay a \$27,500 fine levied against his twin brother in a similar case.

The brother, Mark Blankenburg, a fellow pediatrician, was sentenced last week to 21 to 27 years in prison for sex crimes involving former patients, money laundering and drug charges.

Scott Blankenburg, who lived in Hamilton with his brother, had offices in nearby Fairfield while his brother mostly practiced in Hamilton. They were indicted in March.

Scott Blankenburg remained calm and composed throughout

the hearing. His sister was in the courtroom and could be seen crying as he was entering his pleas.

He had initially been charged with 28 counts, including sex counts involving two of his patients and two of his brother's patients.

Assistant Prosecutor Jason Phillipabaum said the community will be safer with both doctors behind bars.

"Today concludes a two-and-a-half-year investigation and prosecution of two doctors that preyed on innocent victims and teenage boys," he said.

Defense attorney Greg Howard said the plea agreement seemed the best conclusion to the case.

"After considering the charges, we thought this was the best option," he said.

Authorities say the unlawful sexual conduct involved a 15-year-old boy, now in his 20s, who came forward after the original indictment. Prosecutors said Scott Blankenburg performed sex acts on the teen between 2002 and 2003 and bribed him to keep quiet. Prosecutors did not give additional details on those allegations.

Additional charges, including drug crimes, occurred as recently as last year, prosecutors said.

Mark Blankenburg still faces trial in May on pornography charges stemming from photos the brothers took of high school athletes during games. Prosecutors said some pictures, although not illegal, focused inappropriately on certain body parts.



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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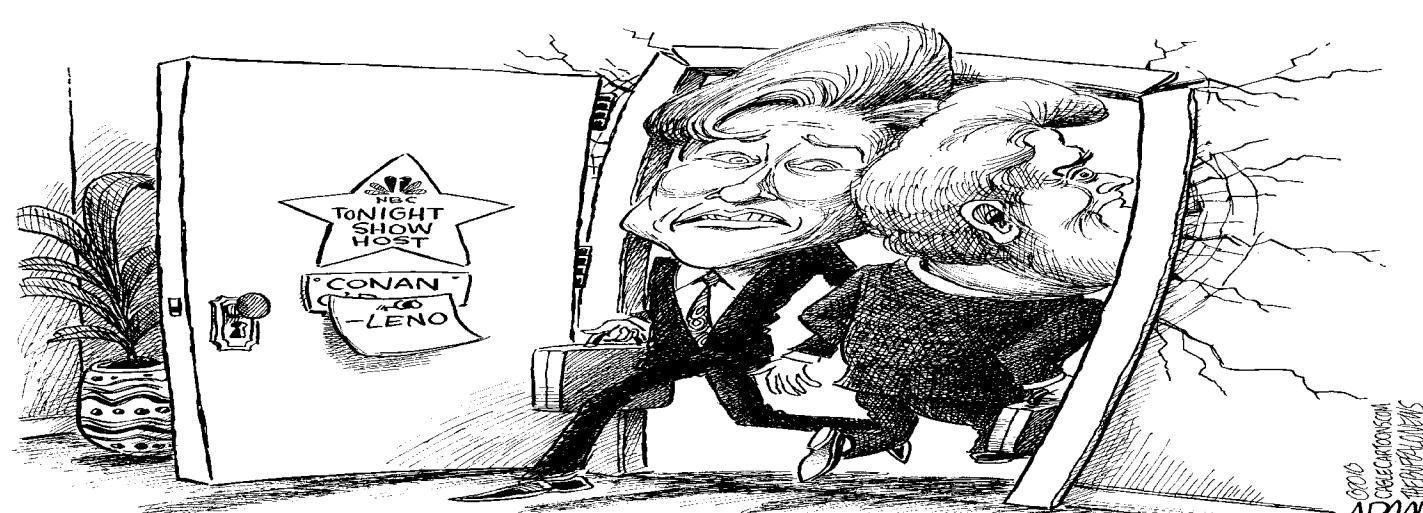
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase."

Martin Luther King Jr.
U.S. civil rights leader



The Observer apologizes for offensive comic

The editors of The Observer would like to publicly apologize for the publication of "The Mobile Party" in the Jan. 13 edition. The burden of responsibility ultimately lies on us for allowing it to go to print.

There is no excuse that can be given and nothing that can be said to reverse the damage that has already been done by this egregious error in judgment.

The Observer, though an independent newspaper, is representative of the community of the University of Notre Dame and the values it so cherishes: family, understanding, service, respect and love.

Allowing this cruel and hateful comic a place on our pages disgraced those values and severely hurt members of our Notre Dame family — our classmates, our friends. For this, we sincerely apologize.

Unfortunately, the language of hate is an everyday reality in our society. Earlier this week, surprising comments made by Sen. Harry Reid about President Barack Obama's accent and skin color were made public and caused uproar. Now, at Notre Dame, a comic strip including hurtful language was printed in this publication, also causing — and rightly so — serious concern. It becomes clear that hurtful language is still present among some circles, and, too often, it's not until comments like these become public that their true hatred is acknowledged.

The truth is, these comments should not be made at all, and we will not allow our pages to be a forum for such hatred. Publishing commentary that seems to encourage or support hate against fellow human beings is inexcus-

able.

We must, however move forward, and look to promote instead a culture of acceptance and support for all.

The Office of Student Affairs and the Gender Relations Center, as well as student groups like the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, have worked tirelessly to foster an educated community and an environment of acceptance and love. We would ask that those currently working toward ending discourses of hate on campus continue to do so. We greatly thank you for your tireless effort.

On our part, we must practice more responsible journalism and editing. That this comic was published reveals holes in our editing practices, which are currently being addressed.

In reevaluating our policies, we hope to ensure The Observer will be able to recover from this low point in its almost 50-year history and once again be able to serve the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community with the dignity it deserves.

We would like to thank all of those who have called, emailed, written and visited our offices this week in outrage.

The content of "The Mobile Party" is in no way representative of the views and opinions of The Observer or the Editorial Board. We hope that as we work together to address this serious issue, we will be able to regain your trust.

We vow to continue to represent the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College in a way that is respectful and accepting of each member of our community.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'The Mobile Party' response

We want to apologize for the offensive, distasteful and completely humorless joke that was made and acknowledge the grave error in its production. We cannot begin to express how apologetic we are for everyone who has been hurt by our comic and its implied message.

We do, however, believe that something positive can come from this ugly mistake and hope that we, as members of the Notre Dame community, can take this as an opportunity to readdress the complex issues surrounding homosexuality and its treatment on our campus. Intolerance of homosexuality is a major problem on Notre Dame's campus. We tried to address it in our comics — using the tool characters to emphasize a mindset that we simply find ridiculous. In our last comic, we had the human character, our voice of reason, not understand the

joke because of its absurd nature. Reasons, however, are not excuses. We consistently try to write comics that rely on shock value and now that we have gone too far, we realize that we have abused the privilege and responsibility of contributing to The Observer, and therefore, the Notre Dame community as a whole. This is not a joke that should have been made either in private or public. Poking fun at someone's identity in such a discriminatory manner is not funny. We wholeheartedly apologize for our comic and are aware of and truly sorry for the hurt that it has caused.

Colin Hofman, Lauren Rosemeyer and Jay Wade
seniors

"The Mobile Party"
Jan. 15

EDITORIAL CARTOON



How we know our university has failed

I'm not a big fan of mission statements. They usually either just state something that everyone already knew or are so meandering and vague they couldn't possibly guide anything. But a good one can actually tell us something about our aspirations for the outcomes of our work. In the case of this university, one of the most important outputs is the character of our students — and our mission statement says so:

"The University seeks to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings, but also a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice, and oppression that burden the lives of so many. The aim is to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice."

Note especially the phrases "a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice

and oppression" and "a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good." If students walk away from Notre Dame without these, we have failed. Those failures should both sadden us and strengthen our resolve to work toward a better outcome, especially when confronted by blatant evidence of our failures.

Case in point: Wednesday's comic "The Mobile Party." In case you missed it, the comic poses the question "What is the easiest way to turn a fruit into a vegetable?" And answers, "A baseball bat." The strip can be viewed on the strip's blog as well (themobileparty.blogspot.com). Can the authors (students here at our beloved university) explain how this comic is an expression of a disciplined sensibility to injustice and oppression, or reflecting human solidarity, or concern for the common good?

What's worse is that the blog also posts a version that was apparently rejected by The Observer in which the response isn't "a baseball bat," but "AIDS." Again, soli-

darity? Concern for the common good? The post also includes a gmail chat in which the Observer staffer rejects the AIDS version because they "prefer not to make light of a fatal disease." They don't mind, however, making light of beating another human being with a baseball bat until that person becomes a "vegetable."

This is no isolated incident on our campus. Last year, for example, during the Bookstore Basketball tournament, there were two teams whose names referenced Chris Brown/Rihanna ("Unlike Rihanna, we get our hands up on defense" and "Chris Brown's Greatest Hits"). It's no surprise that these kinds of cultural references come up in team names, but it is appalling. Even worse, the organizers chose these names as members of their "Top 10 Team Names" list and presented them at the Captains meeting as if they were exemplary — ones we should think are funny, or appreciate, or, God forbid, emulate! Is this really funny: "The Los Angeles County court affidavit alleges that Mr. Brown, 19, repeatedly punched

'Robyn F.' [Robyn Rihanna Fenty] — in the face and arms, bit her, held her so tightly in a headlock that she almost lost consciousness and threatened to kill her..."?

On this campus many students, faculty and staff work hard to combat violence. Getting a cheap laugh at the expense of the abused, bashed, disabled and even murdered not only belittles these horrific experiences but encourages more violence. Instead, our student leaders — elected leaders, organizers of campus activities and the editors, writers and cartoonists in our main public forum — ought to also be leaders in supporting our mission. If we can't even get these people on board with our core values, then we truly have failed.

Daniel Myers is a professor of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance

To Colin Hofman, Jay Wade, Lauren Rosemeyer and Jenn Metz, Editor-in-Chief:

I am writing on behalf of the Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance and all students standing for human dignity. Your comic strip from Jan. 13 was offensive for two very serious reasons. It encourages violence against fellow Notre Dame and Saint Mary's family members and it shows a complete lack of knowledge or understanding of Catholic teaching on the issue of homosexuality.

Whether or not you realize it, when you write such a comic, or in the case of the editor, allow it to be printed, you are responsible for the message it carries and what it implies. On Oct. 7, 1998, a young man outside of Laramie, Wyoming was found bloodied, tortured and beaten into a coma. The two young men who committed this crime did so because Matthew Shepherd was a gay man. A few days

later, he died from the injuries he sustained to his head from being beaten with the butt of a pistol. You may not like it but Notre Dame and Saint Mary's is a home to lesbian, gay and bisexual students. Your call as both a Christian and as a human being is to respect them. Making light of the very real threat of homophobic motivated hate crimes is a poor excuse for humor and a despicable action. I completely support and defend a person's freedom of belief, expression and speech. However, when expressing that belief takes the form of language which encourages violence against a group of people, you have crossed a professional and ethical line. As journalists, you are expected to maintain a certain level of integrity. As Christians, you are called to truth.

This brings me to my most important point; that this comic opposes what the Catholic Church teaches surrounding the

issue of homosexuality; Notre Dame is a Catholic school and therefore respects the dignity of all humans as the crown of God's creation. According to the document from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in its pastoral letter Always Our Children, the Catholic Church teaches that, "Nothing in the Bible or in Catholic teaching can be used to justify prejudicial or discriminatory attitudes or behaviors ... We call on all Christians and citizens of good will to confront their own fears about homosexuality and to curb the humor and discrimination that offend homosexual persons" (emphasis my own). Further, Jesus preached a gospel of tolerance and acceptance. Our Christian faith can be summarized in a single word: love. Regardless of your personal stance regarding homosexuality, you are called to love your gay and lesbian brothers and sisters as children of God. Calling something a "comic" when it suggests beating

a homosexual into a permanent vegetative state with a baseball bat is a far cry from Jesus' radical call to love.

It may be a joke to you, but to members of the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) community, it is a constant reality that there are people out there who would harm us for who and what we are. Something like this would never be allowed to be published if it was directed at a religious, ethnic, racial or cultural minority. What makes this any different? Advocating violence toward a group of people and passing it off as a joke demeans the inherent dignity of all people created in the Divine loving image of God.

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Saint Mary's Gay and Straight Alliance
Jan. 15

Finding the good in finals

Oh, syllabus week. It's an indisputable fact that syllabus week, the first week of classes, is the best week of each semester. Labs are canceled, no one really learns anything, the idea of homework is laughable and teachers mostly just hand out course packets

Andrew Ziccarelli

Moment of Inertia

explaining what you are going to do when you actually, you know, start learning. It's such a stark contrast from the last memories I have of Notre Dame coming back from break, which were obviously from finals week. Everyone is stressed out, burned out and frustrated during finals week. People worry about their grades, their projects and wonder why they didn't even attempt to learn during the previous 14 weeks.

I, however, have a different view of finals week. I wouldn't go so far as to say that I like it, but I certainly don't loathe finals week as the bane of my existence the way that seemingly everyone else does (I know, I'm weird like that). Personally, I was way more stressed out the last week of class, mostly due to the unending list of projects that were due that week (ask any other junior CE major). However, even if I could coast during the last week of

class, there are a number of opportunities that finals week affords that makes it different from all other weeks of the semester.

Finals week is the easiest conversation starter in the world. You can go up to any person, stranger or not and just huff, "Ugh, I hate finals" to which the other person will, no doubt, agree enthusiastically and then proceed to bombard you with their remaining schedule for the rest of the week and a countdown until they are done. Seriously, try it sometime. And, like a lot of other people, I allow myself to eat whatever makes me feel good during finals, which is typically a steady diet of Chipotle, Recker's pizza and care package chocolate.

When it comes to wardrobe, the entire world of style comes to a screeching halt. Nobody judges what you wear. If it were up to me, I would love to walk around in sweatpants or flannel pants, a t-shirt and moccasins every single day. Normally, though, I make an attempt to look presentable, at the very least, sometimes even classy. But finals week is not one of those times. I walk all over campus looking like I just rolled out of bed and nobody so much as even looks twice and that's because they don't look any different. Finals week is the most

comfortable week of the year, if nothing else.

More than anything, though, finals week provides me and every single other college student in America the opportunity to find new and creative ways to procrastinate. With the rise of Internet video sharing, it is possible to watch essentially any television show that you want, whenever you want. And when I want to watch TV the most is when I should be studying. The worst part of this year was that I actually ran out of episodes of "How I Met Your Mother" to watch to distract myself from doing actual work. Between fall break and finals week, I somehow managed to watch almost 100 episodes, a fact of which I am not sure whether to be proud or disgusted (maybe a little of both).

And while TV is great, the best way to procrastinate is to Sporcle. Constantly. What's Sporcle? Simply put, it is the best Website on the internet and certainly the most addicting. Sporcle is simply a collection of quizzes, set to a timer. Each quiz is a list of blanks and a clue is given to the player to fill in each item on the list, which all follow a common theme, before time runs out. It is an incredibly simple idea that has unlimited potential for creativity and entertain-

ment. Some of them have to do with television shows, some have to do with movies, some have to do with sports and some can't be classified into any one particular category (like words that begin and end with the letter T). There is something for, literally, everyone to do.

The reason I like Sporcle so much is that I actually feel like I am doing something productive with my brain while I am procrastinating, rather than letting it rot by watching YouTube videos. If you like reminiscing about old movies, songs or TV shows, Sporcle is full of quizzes that will test your memory and will keep you hooked for hours at a time. And, most importantly, playing involves typing on your computer, so it looks like you are typing a paper to anyone who cares to look or judge you. So when you go back and brag about how you spent eight straight hours at the library, you have on your conscience that you were doing work the whole time. Kind of.

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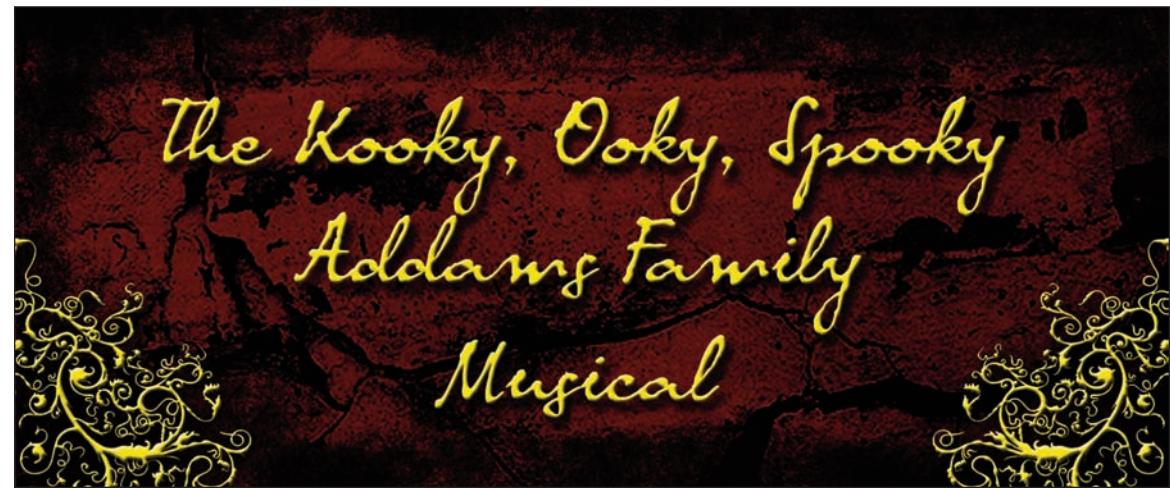
The New Year's Resolution Playlist



by Adriana Pratt

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| 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Give It Up to Me" - Shakira (feat. Lil Wayne) |
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| 14 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Please Forgive Me" - David Gray |
| 15 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Party in the USA" - Miley Cyrus |

The New Year is still new and at this point, so are the promises to make a new you! At hand is a fabulous playlist that promises a feel-good vibe and a mix of rhythms to keep your heart pumping as you run those tedious miles, study those extra hours or sit on the couch and twiddle your thumbs instead. Some might roll their eyes at the song selection, but with one listen the eye-rolls will end and those broken New Year's promises will begin to mend!



By MAIJA GUSTIN
Assistant Scene Editor

They're creepy and their kooky, mysterious and spooky, they're all together ooky, the Addams Family! And so it goes for the new Broadway-bound musical, which just finished its preview run in Chicago, based on the infamous kooky, spooky and ooky family first created in comic strips by Charles Addams. "The Addams Family," with music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa ("The Wild Party") and a book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice ("Jersey Boys"), takes those original cartoon characters to craft a new story about Gomez, Morticia, Uncle Fester and the rest of the gang. Anjelica Huston (star of the 1990s films) and John Astin (Gomez in the original television series) are long gone, but have been fondly replaced with a group of seasoned Broadway veterans and a few promising newcomers.

Nathan Lane, star of both the Broadway musical and the film "The Producers," stars as Gomez Addams, the tango-loving patriarch of the family, while Bebe Neuwirth ("Fame," "Cheers") plays Morticia, the sultry first lady of the Addams clan, who feels she has lost her edge with the onset of wrinkles. When their daughter Wednesday, played by Krysta Rodriguez ("Spring Awakening"), invites her boyfriend, Lucas Beineke (Wesley Taylor), over for dinner, shenanigans ensue. Unlike the bizarre Addams family, the Beinekes, including father Mal (Terrence Mann of "Les Miserables") and mother Alice (Carolee Carmello of "Urinetown"), are just too normal. And while the love struck Uncle Fester (Kevin Chamberlin of "Seussical") just wants to spread the love, scheming little brother Pugsley (Adam Riegler of "Shrek") gets into some trouble with a mysterious potion, and the dinner party goes awry.

"The Addams Family" starts off a little slow and really doesn't seem to click. But, after a few more scenes and a bit more time for the actors to get into character, the show finally hits its stride when the whole Addams family appears on stage and snaps along to the memorable television theme song. You know the one. The infectious snaps signal the start of something awesome, riddled with innuendos, connotations and cultural references (such as "This little piggy had swine flu"), plus some great music and a few funny twists and turns.

The story is unexpected, perhaps a little too upbeat for typical "Addams Family" fare, but is lead by such an exciting cast of characters, that

the change seems just right. Lane's comedic timing is perfect, as always, and he plays Gomez with a little less swagger, but a lot more wit than his predecessors. And while Neuwirth's voice sounds a bit odd as Morticia, she plays the character with enough conviction that you can't take your eyes off her. Their chemistry is palpable and their scenes together are some of the best.

The supporting characters are great as well. Mann and Carmello channel Brad and Janet from "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and never fail to surprise and impress the audience. Chamberlin makes a great Fester, really standing as the centerpiece to the whole show. Rodriguez proves to be a talented young performer and certainly has a big career ahead of her.

A testament to the potential that this show has to be a big Broadway hit, the chorus numbers are just as infectious and entertaining as the songs centered solely on the family. The overall ensemble atmosphere is excellent.

What's more, the set might be the most staggering part of the show. It's beautifully crafted and the special effects are stunning and seem hardly possible.

While admittedly flawed, "The Addams Family" is a truly entertaining musical that keeps the audience in stitches without sacrificing emotion or poignancy. There are plenty of flukes to be cleaned up before the show hits Broadway in April, but, mostly in part to a truly great ensemble, it has the potential to take Broadway by storm. However, only time will tell if it can hold its own and please the crowds on the Great White Way.

"The Addams Family"

Creators: Marshall Brickman & Rick Elice

Starring: Nathan Lane, Bebe Neuwirth, Krysta Rodriguez, Kevin Chamberlin



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DETERMINED DAD DEFIES ODDS IN 'EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES'



By CAITLIN FERRARO

Assistant Scene Editor

Art imitated real life last night at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center where the film "Extraordinary Measures" premiered a week early to audiences. The film centers on the story of John Crowley and his fight against a rare illness known as Pompe Disease. Crowley, who graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 1992, worked together with Dr. Robert Stonehill to discover a cure and save his two youngest children.

The film stars Brendan Fraser as Crowley, Harrison Ford as the brilliant but underappreciated Dr. Stonehill, and Keri Russell as Crowley's wife Aileen. Ford is also an executive producer of the film.

Notre Dame had the honor of premiering the film a week earlier than the nationwide release date due to their collaboration with Crowley and the Notre Dame Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases. The Center was also featured this past year in the Notre Dame "What Would You Fight For?" ads during football games.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Geeta Anand wrote a profile of Crowley in The Wall Street Journal, which she eventually expanded into a book. The 2006 work, entitled "The Cure: How a Father Raised \$100 Million — And Bucked the Medical

Establishment — In a Quest to Save His Children" helped to inspire the film. Now, Crowley himself is writing a personal memoir about his experiences.

"Extraordinary Measures" is an appropriate title for the film as it follows the journey of Crowley in his pursuit of a "special drug," the name he affectionately gives medicine

when explaining it to his children, to prevent the potentially fatal enlargement of their organs. And Crowley truly does go to extraordinary lengths. Fraser, who tends to play ridiculous, goofy characters, instead succeeds at the serious role of the determined father who will literally stop at nothing to save his children's lives.

When his daughter Megan (Meredith Droege) nearly dies, Crowley suddenly decides to give up his hard-earned and successful career to do everything he can to save his children. He seeks out Dr. Stonehill, a difficult scientist who has never actually created a drug, only theories, but his research is far more advanced than anyone else in the field. Crowley must be quite persuasive in order to convince Dr. Stonehill to work with him, but they quickly form a formidable duo.

The two men must work together to overcome many different obstacles that take shape in the form of staggering costs, powerful pharmaceutical companies and their difficult executives. But the largest hurdle of all is the race against time since the life expectancy for children with Pompe Disease is 9 years. When the film starts, Megan has just had her 8th birthday.

The film is being promoted as similar to other inspirational dramas like "Erin Brockovich" and "The Pursuit of Happyness," but unfortunately it does not quite live up to those films. While the story is



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John Crowley introduced the film "Extraordinary Measures" at DPAC Thursday night.

an incredible one that is indeed inspiring, it can also be a bit over the top at times. The daughter brings a few laughs, but almost every other moment is filled with high drama. This is understandable, since the film centers on a life or death situation, but it can be daunting to the viewer. Luckily, due to the quality of acting of the three stars and the adorable child actors, the film is safe from being just another Hallmark movie.

"Extraordinary Measures" is a well-produced film that displays the astonishing determination and perseverance of not only the characters of Crowley and Dr. Stonehill, but also all families and children affected by Pompe Disease. If you can appreciate the absolute dedication of a father who wants to save his children, then this film is for you.

"Extraordinary Measures"

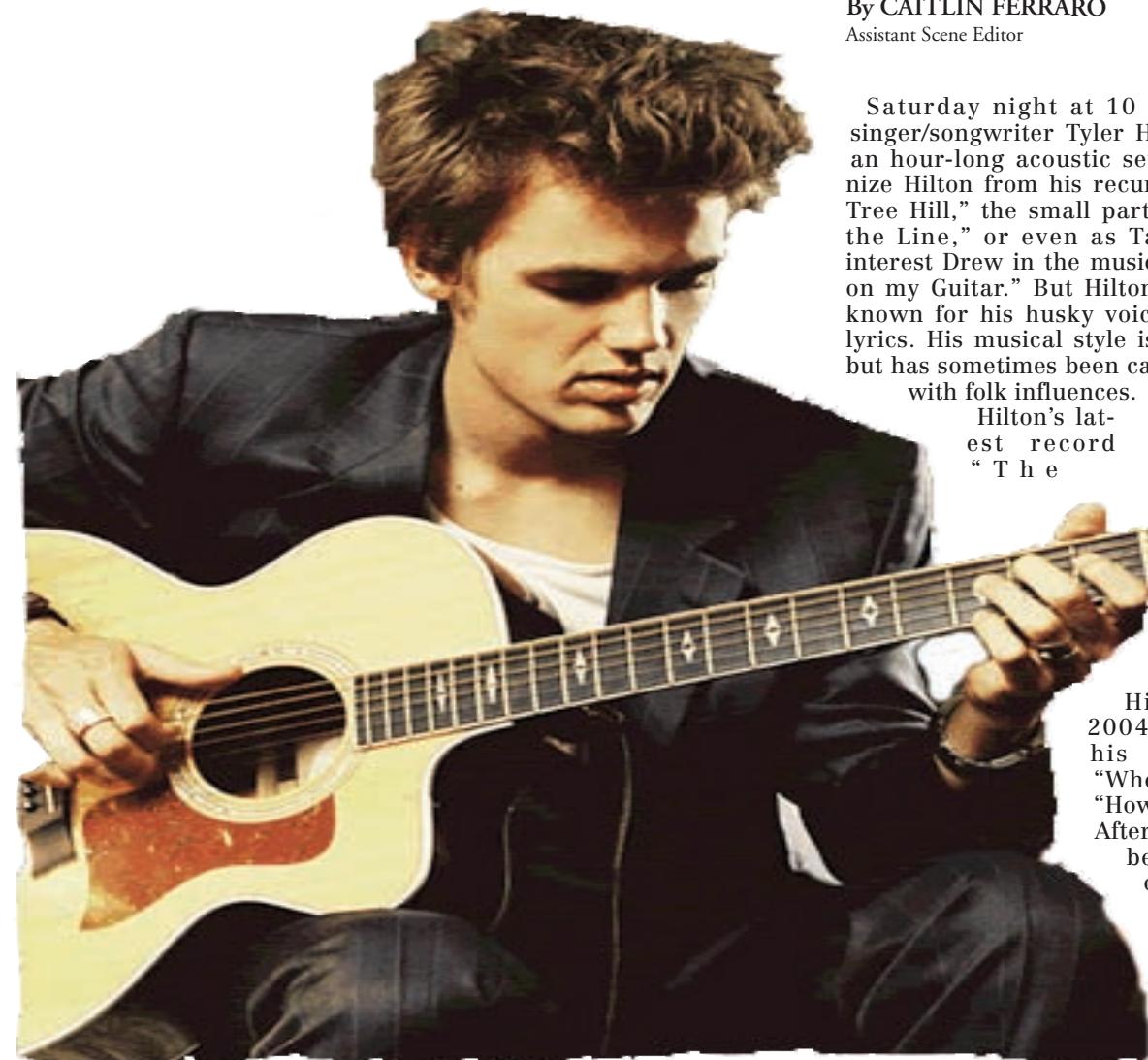
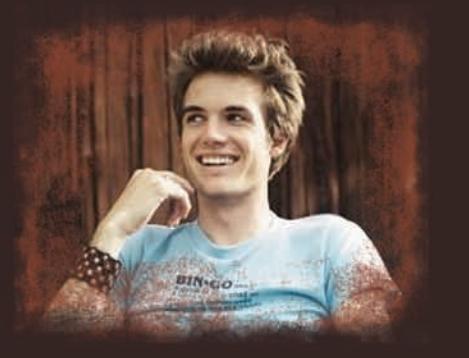
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Harrison Ford, Keri Russell



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TYLER HILTON TAKES LEGENDS

By CAITLIN FERRARO
Assistant Scene Editor

Saturday night at 10 p.m. at Legends, singer/songwriter Tyler Hilton will perform an hour-long acoustic set. You may recognize Hilton from his recurring role on "One Tree Hill," the small part of Elvis in "Walk the Line," or even as Taylor Swift's love interest Drew in the music video "Teardrops on my Guitar." But Hilton ought to best be known for his husky voice and memorable lyrics. His musical style is difficult to label, but has sometimes been called indie pop/rock with folk influences.

Hilton's lat-
est record
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Tracks of Tyler Hilton" debuted in 2004, which includes his Top 40 singles "When It Comes," and "How Love Should Be." After its debut, his fans began posting clips online of themselves performing his songs, subsequently creating an online fan base via YouTube and

MySpace. Hilton encourages this online community by posting his own videos of new songs, random adventures on the road, and even a silly cooking show. Further, Hilton updates his fans by writing a blog.

The 26-year-old California native has accomplished much in his career thus far. Besides his 2004 record, Hilton previously released an independent, self-titled album. In addition to his venture into acting, AOL, VH1 and MTV have recognized Hilton as an up-and-coming artist. He has performed many times on TRL, and even "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." Furthermore, he has toured on his own and with the likes of Michelle Branch, Gavin DeGraw, the Goo Goo Dolls and Rooney. Both his covers and original songs have been featured on all three "One Tree Hill" soundtracks.

Hilton, who began writing songs at age 14, has come a long way from his days in coffee shops and open mic nights, but he continues to aspire for more. He spent most of 2009 writing and recording songs in Nashville for a new album. Last year he also released an EP entitled "Better on Beachwood" featuring three new songs.

Hilton also has his own charity, "TH Books for Kids" in which books are donated to children in need. In the past, Hilton has performed charity concerts to fundraise and garner support for the organization.

Be sure to get to Legends on Saturday night in order to rock out and hear old favorites as well as enjoy new songs. Admission is free; simply bring your student ID.

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NHL

Toskala makes 38 saves in shutout victory

Senators take down Rangers in final minutes; Sabres win in overtime; Stars struggle to get on the board

Associated Press

TORONTO — Vesa Toskala made 38 saves for his first shutout since October 2008, Tyler Bozak scored his first NHL goal and the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-0 on Thursday night.

Nikolai Kulemin, Luke Schenn and Lee Stempniak also scored for the Maple Leafs.

The Flyers lost for just the third time in 11 games.

Bozak opened the scoring at 8:44 of the second period. The 23-year-old Bozak turned defenseman Ole-Kristian Tollefsen inside-out before beating Michael Leighton high to the glove side.

Bozak would later earn an assist on Kulemin's goal, giving him four points in three NHL games. The Leafs signed him as an undrafted college free agent last April and are hoping he develops into a top forward.

His good performance came at an ideal time.

Maple Leafs GM Brian Burke conducted a news conference earlier in the day to answer questions about his struggling team, giving coach Ron Wilson a vote of confidence in the process. However, he also expressed frustration about the team's recent performance.

"We've lost our way," Burke said. "We've got to get back on track."

It was clear right from the beginning of this game that Toronto had more energy than in recent defeats. The Leafs had three shots on goal in the opening minute of play and AHL callup Jay Rosehill even put a puck in the net - although it was disallowed because he knocked it in with his hand.

Philadelphia eventually started coming on after a slow start, but couldn't solve Toskala. His nicest save came in the opening minute of the second period, when he stretched his arm across the goal-line to stop what looked like a sure goal from Simon Gagne.

Toskala turned away another dangerous Gagne chance from the slot later in the period before Kulemin converted a nice 2-on-1 pass from Phil Kessel with 40.5 seconds remaining in the frame.

Schenn's second goal of the season came at 5:54 of the third period and gave Toronto all the breathing room it would need.

One thing that didn't really materialize was a so-called

fight night. Even though there was a brief melee after Stempniak made it 4-0 in the final 2 minutes, it was nothing like the scrap-filled game the teams played a week ago at Wachovia Center.

Senators 2, Rangers 0

Chris Campoli broke up a scoreless game with 1:14 remaining, and the Ottawa Senators snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over the punchless New York Rangers on Thursday night.

Mike Brodeur, a distant relative of New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur, made 32 saves in his second NHL appearance to earn his second career victory. The shutout came two days after Martin Brodeur beat the Rangers 1-0 in a shootout at Madison Square Garden.

Mike Brodeur was pulled off the ice during practice for Binghamton (AHL) on Thursday after being recalled by the Senators.

Henrik Lundqvist also stopped 32 shots but was the hard-luck loser for the second straight game. He made 45 saves against the Devils on Tuesday and came out on the short end after Patrik Elias scored the only goal in the shootout. Lundqvist hadn't allowed a goal in a career-best 127 minutes, 30 seconds - dating to the Rangers' 3-1 win at Boston on Saturday.

Now the shutout streak surrounding the Rangers is the one plaguing their offense. New York has gone 144:23 since its last goal on Saturday. This blanking cost the team its seven-game point streak (4-0-3).

Ottawa, outscored 22-5 during its skid, got an empty-net goal from Chris Kelly in the closing seconds for its first win since Jan. 3. The Senators are an NHL-worst 4-12-1 on the road since Oct. 29.

Former Rangers forward Alex Kovalev sent a cross-zone pass down to Campoli, who squeezed a wrist shot from the bottom edge of the left circle inside the left post for the winning goal.

The Senators got the jump on the Rangers in the first period, holding a 9-2 shots edge. Kovalev had the best scoring chance when he whacked the puck into Lundqvist's pads at the right point 4:46 in. That prompted New York coach John Tortorella to use his timeout.

Moments earlier, Zack Smith fired a shot off the post behind Lundqvist. Erik Karlsson also

struck a post with a drive from just inside the blue line with 6:51 remaining in the period. The Rangers picked up their play and closed within 15-10 in shots through 20 minutes.

The second period featured much of the same, a quick start by Ottawa and a second-half surge by New York. Ottawa held the Rangers to only one shot for a good chunk of the period, but the period ended with the Senators outshooting them only 12-10.

Marian Gaborik had New York's best scoring opportunity about 6 minutes into the second when a turnover by Ryan Shannon at the blue line created a breakaway. Gaborik made a move in-close, but Brodeur knocked the puck away.

Kelly tested Lundqvist with a quick shot that was met with a lightning-fast glove stab with 9:34 left in the second. At the other end, Brodeur made a juggling catch as New York's Vinny Prospal took at the puck in the air.

Nick Foligno nearly broke the drought in the opening minute of the third when his dump-in from outside the blue line took a funny hop and bounced in on Lundqvist, who needed to be quick with his glove to snag the puck. Mike Fisher fired a shot from the top of the left circle, during 4-on-4 play, that Lundqvist stopped with a lunging pad save.

Sabres 2, Thrashers 1

Derek Roy scored a power-play goal in overtime to give the Buffalo Sabres their seventh win in eight games over the Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday night.

With Zach Bogosian in the penalty box for elbowing and the Thrashers down to only three skaters, the Sabres had plenty of room to operate. Tim Connolly guided the power play from the center of the ice, just inside the blue line, sliding a pass to Roy all alone at the top of the right circle.

Roy ripped off his 11th goal of the season, a one-timer over Ondrej Pavelec's left shoulder to end the game at 2:27 of the extra period.

Buffalo got back on the winning side after losing 4-3 to Colorado in a shootout on Saturday, snapping a six-game stretch of victories. Ryan Miller made 32 saves for the Sabres, improving his record to 26-8-3.

Ilya Kovalchuk scored his 27th goal for Atlanta, which was coming off its first regulation win since Nov. 30, a 6-1 blowout of Ottawa on Tuesday. The Thrashers have gone



Maple Leafs center Phil Kessel (81) watches as teammate Nikolai Kulmein scores on Flyers goalie Michael Leighton Thursday. AP

exactly a month since putting together consecutive victories, their last winning streak a modest two-game stretch that ended on Dec. 14.

Patrick Kaleta put the Sabres ahead 3 minutes into the second period, taking advantage of a fortuitous bounce after an errant shot by teammate Toni Lyman.

The Buffalo defenseman missed the net with a shot from the point, but the puck ricocheted off the boards and straight to Kaleta standing on the opposite side of the crease. As Pavelec scrambled to get back into position, Kaleta flipped a perfectly placed shot just under the crossbar for his seventh goal.

The Thrashers, after failing to convert on their first five power plays, finally took advantage when they were a man-up the sixth time. Slava Kozlov guided a pass to Kovalchuk breaking in from the left point, and the Atlanta star had time to settle it on his stick, move inside the faceoff circle and rip one over Miller's glove.

The Buffalo goalie probably had trouble getting a good look at it with Buffalo defenseman Steve Montador and Atlanta's Bryan Little clogging things up in front of the net.

Canadiens 5, Stars 3

Brian Gionta scored twice in his 500th career game and Georges Laraque got his first goal in more than 21 months to send the Montreal Canadiens to a win over the struggling

Dallas Stars on Thursday night.

Gionta, who scored a power-play goal in the first period, got his second of the game with the man advantage 7:14 into the third to give Montreal its second and final lead.

Carey Price stopped 33 shots and Benoit Pouliot and Mike Cammalleri also scored for the Canadiens, who dealt Dallas its ninth straight road loss.

Mike Modano got his 550th goal in the second to draw the Stars even at 3.

Toby Petersen and Steve Ott also scored for Dallas, which has not won on the road since a 3-2 shootout win in San Jose on Dec. 11.

Marty Turco made 23 saves in the Stars' first appearance in Montreal since Jan. 16, 2006. Dallas has dropped six of its last seven games overall.

Cammalleri scored the Canadiens' fifth goal at 16:41 of the third to make it a two-goal lead.

Laraque scored 2:51 into the second to tie it at 2. Laraque, who had failed to score in his previous 62 games, put his own rebound past Turco from the slot for his first goal since March 28, 2008, when he scored for Pittsburgh in a 3-1 win over the New York Islanders.

Pouliot put Montreal ahead 3-2 with an unassisted goal at 6:44 after intercepting Stars defenseman Matt Niskanen's reckless pass from the right corner. Pouliot put a backhand past Turco for his fifth goal in eight games.

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Leah: How did you even generate enough pee for three pregnancy tests? That's amazing...

Paulie Bleeker: Like I'd marry you! You'd be the meanest wife ever, okay? And I know that you weren't bored that day because there was a lot of stuff on TV.

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| 5 Wisconsin | 82 |
| 6 Harvard | 72 |
| 7 Minnesota Duluth | 69 |
| 8 Northeastern | 34 |
| 9 Connecticut | 27 |
| 10 Syracuse | 12 |

NBA



AP

Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas was charged with felony gun possession in response to a Dec. 21 incident involving teammate Javaris Crittenton. Crittenton was not charged for the incident.

Wizards' Arenas charged with felony

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gilbert Arenas has a court date and an apparent plea deal is in place, signaling a possible quick resolution to at least one side of a guns-in-the-locker-room confrontation that stained the NBA and jeopardized the career of the three-time All-Star.

Arenas was charged Thursday with felony gun possession — one count of carrying a pistol without a license — a crime that carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison. The charges were filed in D.C. Superior Court in an “information,” a document that indicates a plea

bargain has been reached.

The charge came directly from prosecutors and not in the form of an indictment — even though a grand jury has been investigating — and Arenas was listed on the docket for a court appearance Friday afternoon.

Arenas has acknowledged storing four unloaded guns in his locker at the Verizon Center, saying he wanted to keep them away from his young children and didn't know it was a violation of the city's strict gun laws. He says he took them out of the locker Dec. 21 in a “misguided effort to play a joke” on a teammate.

The criminal charge came on the same day that the teammate, Javaris Crittenton, had his northern Virginia apartment searched by police looking for a silver- or chrome-colored semiautomatic handgun with a black handle. The search warrant indicated police were investigating crimes that include brandishing a weapon. No evidence was seized, according to court documents, and Crittenton has not been charged.

Two league officials have said a spat between Arenas and Crittenton began Dec. 19 while players were playing cards and gambling on the team plane during a flight

home from a West Coast road trip. Their dispute became heated when the team reconvened for practice two days later. There have been conflicting published accounts as to whether Crittenton had a gun and whether he drew it on Arenas.

Arenas' lawyer, Crittenton's lawyer and the NBA had no immediate comment on the criminal charge. Crittenton has previously said he did nothing wrong, and his agent, Mark Bartelstein, said his client was there during the apartment search.

“It went as smooth as it could have gone,” Bartelstein said.

IN BRIEF

Giants hire Perry Fewell as defensive coordinator

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Buffalo Bills interim coach Perry Fewell has been hired as the New York Giants' defensive coordinator.

Coach Tom Coughlin announced the move late Thursday evening after Fewell spent the past few days weighing offers from the Giants and the Chicago Bears.

Fewell also interviewed for the vacant Bills coaching job but he has said for a while that he felt he was a long shot for that position.

Giants rookie defensive coordinator Bill Sheridan was fired the day after the regular season ended. The Giants gave up more than 40 points in each of their last two games and 427 points for the season, ranking third from the bottom in the NFL. Only the Detroit Lions and St. Louis Rams gave up more.

Fewell and Coughlin have known each other for years.

Garcon makes contact with family in Haiti

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts receiver Pierre Garcon was contacted by some family members in Haiti and received some good news.

U.S. national soccer team member Jozy Altidore was not so fortunate and planning to travel to Haiti to search for his relatives.

And two days after the island nation was devastated by an earthquake, donations to help relief efforts were flowing from around the sports world.

Garcon said Thursday he got calls earlier in the day from relatives, who let him know they had survived the earthquake that devastated Haiti two days earlier.

Garcon said his mother received a call from a relative on Wednesday night.

“I heard from some family, got some good information,” he said. “We're still looking for the rest of them.”

Mets upset with Carlos Beltran knee surgery

NEW YORK — The New York Mets are upset Carlos Beltran had knee surgery this week after the team asked him to wait while management discussed options with its medical staff.

Assistant general manager John Ricco said the All-Star center fielder had permission to be examined Tuesday by Dr. Richard Steadman, a knee specialist in Colorado who also looked at Beltran last summer. Steadman recommended surgery.

“We told the agent for the player that we wanted to have the ability to discuss the diagnosis and possibly have a third opinion because, you know, of the nature of this injury,” Ricco said during a telephone conference call Thursday. “We wanted to have the opportunity to digest the information, the diagnosis, and unfortunately we were never afforded the opportunity to do that.”

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Skip Holtz to coach at USF

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Skip Holtz is the new football coach at South Florida, taking over a program recovering from a scandal that led to the firing of Jim Leavitt.

The 45-year-old Holtz led East Carolina to the past two Conference USA championships. He inherits a talented but inconsistent team that's tasted the national limelight while also falling short of a goal of winning the Big East.

Holtz informed his old team of his decision during a meeting with players Thursday in Greenville, N.C. USF will introduce him as the second coach in the Bulls' 13-year history on Friday.

AOL FanHouse was first to report the hiring.

Holtz replaces Leavitt, fired last week after a school investigation concluded he grabbed a player by the throat, slapped him in the face, then lied about it. Holtz was 38-27 in five seasons with East Carolina, including wins in the past two C-USA title games and high-profile victories against Virginia Tech and West Virginia in 2008.

Holtz was under contract through the 2013 season and had only a \$100,000 buyout. He made \$605,000 in base salary this year, though that figure rose to nearly \$900,000 due to several incentives.

The son of former Notre Dame and South Carolina coach Lou Holtz has been an

annual fixture on the list of top candidates for coaching vacancies. He flirted with Cincinnati and Syracuse in recent years, but insisted he wasn't looking to leave the program he rebuilt from its miserable state earlier this decade.

East Carolina had lost 22 of 25 games — 19 by double-digit margins and seven by at least 33 points — when he arrived after the 2004 season. The Pirates steadily rose from there, reaching a bowl game in his second season and winning one the following year.

The consecutive league titles were the first conference crowns for the program since 1976, sending the Pirates to the Liberty Bowl each time. East Carolina was an independent from 1977-96 before joining C-USA.

South Florida has been one of the nation's fastest rising programs over the past decade.

Leavitt was hired in December 1995, launched the Bulls from scratch a little less than two years later, and compiled a 95-57 record in 13 seasons.

USF was ranked as high as No. 2 in 2007 before struggling in conference play and tumbling out of the Top 25.

Fast starts the past two seasons, carrying the Bulls into the Top 25, also were followed by puzzling mid-season swoons that undermined bids for Big East titles.

Leavitt, who just completed

the second season of a seven-year, \$12.6 million contract, was dismissed following a three-week investigation into an accusation that he grabbed sophomore walk-on Joel Miller and struck him during halftime of a game against Louisville on Nov. 21.

Although Leavitt told investigators he didn't strike Miller and was only trying to motivate the players when he grabbed Miller's shoulder pads, the school concluded the coach's account was not credible.

Miller, who also told investigators Leavitt did not hit him, said during a news conference Thursday that he attempted to cover up what happened because he feared it would harm his career and also cost Leavitt his job.

The player and his attorney called for a public apology, saying they may consider filing a lawsuit if he doesn't admit wrongdoing.

"We don't want to play hard ball," attorney Barry Cohen said. "We can, and we will, to protect the dignity of this young man."

USF athletic director Doug Woolard contacted Holtz last weekend and met with him Tuesday while Holtz was in Orlando for the American Football Coaches Association convention.

Holtz said at the time the South Florida opening was appealing for several reasons, including an opportunity to work in a BCS conference.

NBA

Wade working to have lawsuit dismissed

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida — An antitrust lawsuit against Dwyane Wade should be dismissed because the NBA star has the right to control licensing of his name and image, Wade's attorneys told a federal judge on Thursday.

But lawyers for Wade's former partners in a failed restaurant venture contended that the Miami Heat guard violated antitrust laws by walking away, and they want \$90 million in damages from Wade. They argue that when Wade withdrew permission to license his name, he illegally squelched competition for valuable personalized items such as signed basketballs, T-shirts and hats.

Wade's attorneys told U.S. District Judge Kenneth Marra that a celebrity has never been accused in a U.S. court of wrongly monopolizing his own memorabilia market. Wade's decision to terminate his deal with partners in the D. Wade's Place chain was within his rights to license his own image as he sees fit, attorney

Robert Turken said.

"If you have a right to give a license, you have a right not to give a license. If you have a right not to give a license, you have a right to take it away," Turken said.

Marra said he would rule on the request to dismiss the case "as soon as possible" but didn't specify when.

Bruce Fein, attorney for the former partners, said Wade's decision to abandon the project triggered the antitrust violation because it removed a competitor in the memorabilia business. D. Wade's Place was envisioned as a national chain of upscale sports restaurants that would sell Wade items at its locations and on the Internet. Only two Florida locations opened and they quickly closed.

Wade's contract gave the venture rights to use his name and likeness forever, Fein said.

Wade ranks fifth in the NBA with a scoring average of 27 points per game, and he has lucrative deals with Nike's Jordan Brand, T-Mobile and Gatorade.

NFL

Titan's Johnson the top choice for All-Pro team

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chris Johnson didn't get any votes for MVP. He didn't miss any for The Associated Press 2009 NFL All-Pro team.

The 2,000-yard rusher from the Tennessee Titans was the only unanimous choice for the squad, announced Thursday. He's joined in the backfield by Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, who won an unprecedented fourth Most Valuable Player Award last week, when only quarterbacks received votes.

"That'd be a good thing," said Johnson, who won the Offensive Player of the Year award Wednesday. "Because I feel like if you put a season out there, out of those dudes who got votes or the dudes who won, I wouldn't feel they had a better season than I had, and broke as many records in one season that I had."

For setting the league mark for yards from scrimmage and becoming the sixth 2,000-yard rusher in NFL history, Johnson got all 50 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers. One other player, San Francisco inside linebacker Patrick Willis, came close with, appropriately, 49. Cornerbacks Charles Woodson of Green Bay, the Defensive Player of the Year, and Darrelle Revis of the New York Jets each got 48, as did Oakland punter Shane Lechler.

"I just think Patrick is a very unique guy," 49ers coach Mike Singletary said. "He's a guy who's

always going to be around the ball. He has the instincts. He has the speed. He can be where he wants to be."

He's on the All-Pro team for the second time in his three pro seasons. The other inside linebacker, Baltimore's Ray Lewis, made it for the seventh time.

Other veteran All-Pros include Manning, chosen for the fifth time, as were Minnesota guard Steve Hutchinson and Vikings defensive tackle Kevin Williams, and Lechler.

The Vikings had the most players on the team with four — running back Adrian Peterson and defensive end Jared Allen also made it. Next was Indianapolis with three: Manning, tight end Dallas Clark, and DE Dwight Freeney.

New Orleans (guard Jahri Evans and safety Darren Sharper), Dallas (outside linebacker DeMarcus Ware and defensive tackle Jay Ratliff), the Jets (Revis and center Nick Mangold), Denver (tackle Ryan Clady and defensive end Elvis Dumervil) and Cleveland (tackle Joe Thomas and kick returner Joshua Cribbs) had two players.

"To be selected for the All-Pro team is really overwhelming to me," Clady said. "There are so many great tackles playing right now. To be recognized among them is truly a blessing. I would like to thank my teammates and coaches for this honor."

In all, there were 15 AFC players and 12 from the NFC selected.

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MLB

Owners and umps sign new contract

Associated Press

PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. — Baseball owners unanimously ratified a five-year contract with umpires on Thursday, wrapping up a decade of labor peace in a sport once plagued by work stoppages.

The deal, expected to be ratified by umpires on Monday, would remove a ban on umpires appearing in consecutive World Series, according to a person with knowledge of the agreement. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because umpires had yet to vote on the pact.

The agreement also would allow management to use of video to evaluate umpires and establish new programs for early retirement, a person at the meeting said. That person spoke on condition of anonymity because owners didn't reveal those details.

Ending the World Series restriction would allow the best umpires to work those games in repeated seasons. Removal of that provision would come after several blown calls in the 2009 series.

Baseball has not had a serious labor problem since 1999, when a dispute led to mass resignation by umpires, with 22 of them losing their jobs. There has been no works stoppage in the sport since 1994.

"Having lived through the work stoppages of '72, '76, '80, '81, '85, '90, '94, that you'd have 16 years of labor

peace, peace with the umpires, it's one of the things I'm very proud of," commissioner Bud Selig said.

The vote came at the end of two days of owners meetings that included general managers of most teams.

"It really was terrific," Selig said. "I would say it was long overdue."

Selig said general managers would be invited to the owners' next meeting in May.

Owners heard an economic report from conservative columnist George Will, among 14 men of a committee appointed by Selig to discuss on-field matters.

Among those items is whether video replay should be expanded.

Its use began in 2008 but is limited to determining whether potential home runs are fair or whether balls went over the fence.

Will believes the economy will hurt baseball but thinks there might be some benefit because it's a bargain for fans relative to other sports — if people don't take expensive summer vacations, they could show up at the ballpark.

Selig said it is too early to tell whether the economy will affect baseball in the coming season, although his expectations were "about the same, maybe a little better" than last year.

"Look, you can't get economists to agree on how things are going to be," he said. "I'm an optimist by nature so I think we'll do OK."

Selig also announced to the owners that baseball was giving \$1 million to UNICEF to help provide relief to victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

In the final session of their two-day meetings, owners heard an emotional report from representatives of Stand Up To Cancer, an organization that has received much help from baseball.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Chows turns down USC offer

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Norm Chow declined the chance to switch teams again in Los Angeles' fierce football rivalry.

Chow said Thursday he'll stay at UCLA for his third season as offensive coordinator, rebuffing overtures from Lane Kiffin to return to Southern California.

After a couple of uneasy days during which the Trojans openly courted Chow, UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel was grateful to learn his widely respected offensive mastermind had passed on a lucrative contract offer at USC.

"It's an exciting time to be at UCLA," Chow said. "I certainly understand the challenges, but I'm looking forward to what lies ahead at UCLA."

USC athletic director Mike Garrett acknowledged Wednesday he hoped to lure Chow to Kiffin's new staff, joining defensive guru Monte Kiffin and top recruiter Ed Orgeron. But the rumblings began to circulate through the media before USC had even made contact with Chow, who was on vacation in Florida when his imminent departure from UCLA was being reported

as fact.

"At that point I hadn't spoken to anyone, and to me, that was very, very unfair," said Chow, who was at a hospital with his wife to visit a sick friend when he first heard he was leaving UCLA.

Lane Kiffin left several messages for Chow, and USC eventually spoke with Chow's agent, Don Yee, and Chow's son, Carter, a lawyer who works with Yee. Chow is in the final year of his contract at UCLA, but USC's interest seems likely to spur progress on an extension.

USC's big contract offer didn't sway Chow, he said: "It's not always about the money."

During nearly four decades in college football, Chow has coached three Heisman Trophy winners while running some of the nation's most sophisticated passing games, starting with 27 seasons alongside LaVell Edwards with BYU and its innovative spread offense.

Chow was the Trojans' offensive coordinator from 2001-04, during the first four seasons of their remarkable nine-

year run under former coach Pete Carroll.

But Carroll replaced the longtime assistant with Kiffin and Steve Sarkisian in 2005 in a move still lamented by many Trojans fans. Carroll apparently wanted to shift Chow's responsibility primarily to coaching quarterbacks while turning over the offense to his two young assistants.

Chow said he had "no problem with Lane Kiffin," and the two have talked over the years.

"Lane Kiffin is going to do well at USC, and it's going to present an extremely formidable challenge for us all," Chow said. "He's an extremely bright young football coach, and he's putting together a great staff."

After leaving USC, Chow ran the Tennessee Titans' offense for three seasons before returning to Los Angeles when Neuheisel became UCLA's coach in 2008.

"As Norm said, we are building something very special at UCLA, and he is certainly an important part of the package," Neuheisel said. "We have unfinished business here at UCLA, and our coaches and players are very excited about our future. I'm glad Norm wants to finish what he's started. UCLA is a special place to call home."

UCLA (7-6) beat Temple 30-21 in the EagleBank Bowl last month to finish with a winning record for the first time since 2006.

PGA

Love among leaders at Sony Open

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Davis Love III went two months without competing, the last month without even feeling grass under his feet. He played Thursday at the Sony Open like he had never been away from the game.

Love played bogey-free in more wind than he was expecting at Waialae, making birdie on his last hole for a 5-under 65 that put him into a four-way tie for the lead among early starters with defending champion Zach Johnson, Ryan Palmer and PGA Tour rookie Troy Merritt.

"It's a nice way to start the year," Love said.

The relative calm on Oahu during practice rounds gave way to swaying of palm trees at sunrise along the shores of Waikiki, providing tough conditions for the morning.

Johnson, playing in the same group with Love, made seven birdies over his final 11 holes to join him atop the leaderboard.

The biggest surprise was Merritt, the wire-to-wire winner of Q-school last month who had never played in a PGA Tour event. Merritt felt the butterflies on the first tee, then played like a veteran.

"Things went way better than I thought," Merritt said.

Johnson had no idea that he inspired another player to get off to a calm start.

Palmer was looking for something to read earlier in the week when he came across an article about Johnson that dealt with taking golf one day at a time. He didn't look at leaderboards or worry about the weekend until he signed for his 65.

"Best start in my seven-year career," Palmer said.

Johnson followed his own advice. Asked if this was the start of an encore from a year ago, he quickly replied, "No."

"I'm trying to forget about those results from last year, but I'm trying to remember the positive vibes ... some of the feelings that I had with my shots," Johnson said. "But if I dwell in the past too much, I usually start backing up in the wrong direction."

Merritt is one of four players at the Sony Open who had never teed it up on the PGA Tour. He played alongside 21-year-old Rickie Fowler, who brought loads of expectations into his rookie season.

But it was Merritt who shined, plodding his way along and finishing with a birdie on the par-5 18th to join the leaders.

Fowler opened with a three-putt double bogey from 8 feet and wound up

with a 75.

Masters champion Angel Cabrera hit wedge into the par-5 ninth, with a strong breeze at his back, and finished with a birdie to join the group at 68 that included Pat Perez.

Love again needs another big start to the year to get into the Masters. He played so much last year that he felt like he was spinning his wheels, and the end came after he withdrew at Disney after one round.

With cold weather in Sea Island along the Georgia coast, and his vacation to the slopes, he couldn't wait to get on grass. After checking into the hotel at Waialae on Saturday night, he rushed out to the 11th green in twilight and began putting.

Of all the practicing he did in his garage, it was his putting that left him curious. Love, however,

decided to give each putt one read and hit it like it was a pro-am round, and he was pleasantly surprised to see so many of them go in.

"I was optimistic," Love said. "But I was anxious about competing. Once I got it going, once I got under par ... I've been out here a long time. You don't forget."

NCAA FOOTBALL

USF player looks for public apology

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The player who says fired South Florida football coach Jim Leavitt grabbed him by the throat and slapped him in the face wants a public apology.

The attorney for Joel Miller said Thursday that the sophomore walk-on is not interested in filing a lawsuit, but could if Leavitt doesn't "man up" and admit wrongdoing in the locker room incident that cost the coach his job.

Leavitt was fired last week after a university investigation concluded he grabbed Miller during halftime of a game, slapped the player twice in the face and then lied about it. The coach strongly denies the accusation and wants his job back.

"We're ready for a fight," said Barry Cohen, Miller's attorney. "We don't want a fight. We don't want a lawsuit. We don't want to pursue any criminal cases. We just want you to say, I made a mistake."

Speaking publicly for the first time since Leavitt's dismissal, Miller spoke briefly during a news conference but did not answer questions.

Miller, whose allegation was first reported by AOL FanHouse, said he attempted to cover up what happened because he feared it would damage his career, create problems for Leavitt and potentially become a distraction for the team.

"He grabbed me by the neck and he hit me twice," said Miller, flanked by Cohen and sitting in front of his parents.

"Everyone knows the truth inside that locker room. All the players know the truth. All the coaches know the truth. ... I covered it up, and then it got to be where it was too big for me to handle any more. All I want is for the truth to come out, and I want coach Leavitt to just admit that he did grab me and did hit me twice."

Miller has known Leavitt since the player was 12 years old and a regular participant in the coach's football camps.

"Playing football, growing up, you're taught that your head football coach is like a father figure. When he came over to me that day

and grabbed me and hit me, I was more stunned than anything. I didn't really know what to do. I wasn't going to lash out at my head football coach. You just don't do that as a player."

Leavitt launched South Florida's program from scratch in the mid-1990's and compiled a 95-37 record in 13 seasons.

The fired coach told investigators he has never struck a player and that he was trying to lift the spirits of a player who was "down" when he grabbed Miller's shoulder pads during half-time of a game against Louisville on Nov. 21.

The university investigation concluded the coach's account was not credible because it was not supported by statements obtained from others, who either witnessed the incident or were told of it by Miller.

"There's a difference in being tough with your players and being humiliating," Cohen said.

"Being pushed and being motivated is one thing. He's been motivated and pushed all of his life. But being grabbed by the throat and being slapped in the face is not being a football coach. It's being a bully. That's not part of the game."

Leavitt's attorneys contend the firing was unwarranted.

The coach just finished the second season of a seven-year, \$12.6 million contract extension that called for a base salary of \$800,000 in 2010.

The school says he was fired with cause, meaning he's entitled to one month's base pay — \$66,667.

If fired without cause, the university would owe Leavitt about \$7 million, which is 75 percent of the remainder of the contract.

Cohen said Miller retaining legal counsel is about the coach doing the right thing, not a lawsuit or money.

Looking into a row of television cameras, the attorney made a direct appeal to Leavitt.

"You tell these kids to man up. Manning up is about stepping up to the plate now," Cohen said. "I know you've got \$7 or \$8 million out there. But you know what, you're not going to win that case. There's too much evidence against you."

"We don't want a fight. We don't want a lawsuit."

Barry Cohen
Attorney to Joel Miller

"When he came over to me that day and grabbed me and hit me, I was more stunned than anything."

Joel Miller
USF football player

NCAA FOOTBALL

Devine and Sanders to return

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia running back Noel Devine and wide receiver Jock Sanders will return for their senior seasons instead of entering the NFL draft.

Devine, the team's leading rusher, and Sanders, the team's leading receiver, were the Mountaineers' co-offensive players of the year.

"It's all about unfinished business on the field and in the classroom," Devine said Thursday. "West Virginia University and my coaches are doing a great job of preparing me for the NFL and for life after football."

Devine and Sanders, both Florida natives, entered the program together in 2007 and Devine had dubbed the pair Batman and Robin.

Both are fathers and would be the first in their families to earn college degrees.

Quarterback Jarrett Brown exhausted his eligibility this season and if Devine left, West Virginia would have entered the 2010 season with its most inexperienced backfield in five seasons.

Devine and Sanders

made their decisions on the final day eligible underclassmen could declare for the draft.

"I have seen these two really mature and grow, not only on the football field, but

in their quest of life," coach Bill Stewart said.

"Obtaining their degrees and preparing for life after football is of utmost importance to them and to our program."

Devine became the focal point of West Virginia's running game in 2009 with the departure of Pat White,

the top rushing quarterback in college football history.

Devine rushed for 1,465 yards this season, ninth-best in major college football and the fourth-highest total in school history. He scored 13 touchdowns and was

an all-Big East selection. He ran for 168 yards and a score in a 33-21 loss to Florida State in the Gator Bowl. His 3,381 yards in three seasons are the fifth highest in school history.

He'll need 1,783 yards to break the school career record of 5,164 yards set by Avon Cobourne from 1999-2002.

Devine lost both of his parents to AIDS, witnessed a friend's murder and spurred attempts by former NFL star Deion Sanders to adopt him while in high school.

"Each year on the team has been important and each of us has given a little bit more. Now it's time for my senior season with my teammates — and I want it to be a special one, so I am going to give even more," Devine said.

I really enjoy playing in front of the greatest fans in America, but my ultimate goal is to earn my degree."

Sanders led the Mountaineers with 72 catches for 688 yards and three TDs. He would need 55 catches next season to break the school career record of 191 set by David Saunders from 1995-98.

"It's all about unfinished business on the field and in the classroom."

Noel Devine
West Virginia
running back

"There's a group of us that came in together, played together, grew up together, bonded together and want to leave together."

Jock Sanders
West Virginia
wide receiver



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FENCING

Irish head to San Jose for weekend tourney

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

The Irish men and women will go to San Jose, Calif. to compete in the NACD tournament from today until Jan. 18.

Competing in the epee tournament will be junior Chris Pfarr and freshman Jack Piasio. Sisters Courtney and Kelley Hurley will be competing in the women's epee competition.

Sophomore Nicholas Crebs, junior Steve Kubik, sophomore Gerek Meinhardt and junior Zach Schirtz will lead the mens' foil. The women's squad will be represented by freshman Grace Hartman, sophomore Darsie Malynn, freshman Phenix

Messersmith, junior Hayley Reese and sophomore Radmila Sarkisova.

Freshman Jason Choy, sophomore Keith Feldman, sophomore Marcel Frenkel, junior Barron Nydam will represent the men's sabre competition, while sophomore Beatriz Almeida, junior Sarah Borrman, freshman Abigail Nichols, as well as upcoming freshmen Lian Osier and Marta Stepien will represent the women.

Courtney Hurley is coming off a gold medal victory at the women's Junior World Cup in November while Kelley Hurley captured the USFA North American Cup in December.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 2 Stanford routs WSU

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Nnemkadi Ogwumike had 22 points and 13 rebounds, Kayle Pedersen added 13 points and 10 rebounds and No. 2 Stanford rolled to an 80-43 win over Washington State on Thursday night, though it might have been a costly victory for the Cardinal.

Jayne Appel added 14 points, nine rebounds and matched her career-high with six blocks for Stanford (14-1, 4-0 Pac-10), which lost guard Jeanette Pohlen to a right ankle injury early in the second half.

With J.J. Hones out with a sore left knee, the injury to Pohlen thinned Stanford's ranks but it didn't slow the Cardinal down against the smaller, slower Cougars (5-11, 0-5).

KiKi Moore scored 14 points

to lead Washington State, which has never defeated the Cardinal in 49 games in a series dating to 1983.

Ogwumike, who was selected Pac-10 Player of the Week on Monday, recorded her sixth double-double of the season despite playing with a sore right elbow she injured midway through the first half. The injury forced the Stanford sophomore sensation to the bench twice for treatment but didn't seem to affect her shot much.

The conference's leading scorer, Ogwumike went 11 of 15 from the field while topping the 20-point mark for the fourth straight game and the ninth time this season.

She had plenty of help while leading Stanford to its 37th straight win at Maples Pavilion.

Pedersen, who is second in the Pac-10 scoring race behind Ogwumike, had her

fourth double-double in five games while helping the Cardinal outrebound the Cougars 58-35. Pedersen showed her athleticism late in the first half when she grabbed a defensive rebound, dribbled the length of the court and scored on a layup while being fouled.

Her free throw gave Stanford a 40-16 lead with 2:56 to play and she later added a 17-foot jumper to cap a 22-4 run.

The Cardinal have won five straight since an 80-68 loss to No. 1 Connecticut on Dec. 23.

Washington State scored the first six points of the second half but got no closer than 20 points the rest of the game.

The Cougars, 0-25 on the road against Stanford, shot 18.4 percent from the field in the first half and went just 4 of 28 from 3-point range while losing their sixth straight.

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Palmieri

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take home gold at the World Junior Championships. He finished third on the team in scoring, with a goal and eight assists alongside a plus-eight rating for the tournament.

Palmieri's return is even more welcome as Notre Dame will be without the services of sophomore wing Billy Maday for at least six weeks. Maday, who leads the Irish with 19 points, is sidelined because of a separated shoulder.

"We're going to need somebody to replace Mayday for six to eight weeks," Jackson said. "With [Palmieri] coming back, I gave him some time off specifically to be able to come back

and not be tired. I know what kind of a drain that tournament is. The intention is that he comes back in and makes a difference immediately."

With things seeming bleak for Notre Dame, senior captain Ryan Thang recognized the importance of picking up some points this weekend.

"Our backs are against the wall," Thang said. "In the earlier parts of the season, you're trying to right the ship and mess with the system. We don't have that option anymore. We either win hockey games or the season is over."

Friday's game will begin at 8 p.m. at Notre Dame and Saturday's will begin at 7 p.m. in East Lansing.

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Break

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Returning from last year's squad are All-American seniors Jaclyn Espinoza in the throwing events and Joanna Schultz in the sprints. Expected to make a strong showing are returning Big East competitor Eric Quick in the jumps and NCAA decathlon performer Justin Schneider. Returning Big East competitor Jaime Minor in the jumps and freshman standout Nevada Sorensen in the sprints should also perform well.

Coming off strong performances in the Big East outdoor

championships last season with a championship for the men's squad and a solid fifth place finish for the women, expectations are high for the talented Irish on both sides.

"We want to make it to the Big East and win," Piane said. "That is certainly our goal in the short term. For the long term, we want to send as many individual men and women and relay teams as possible to the NCAA Tournament."

The Irish will begin competition today at 7 p.m. at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener in the Loftus Sports Center.

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Swim

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Northwestern, are hoping that the back-to-back meets will give them a chance to reap the benefits of their recent training in Puerto Rico over the holidays.

"This is a toughness test for us," Welsh said. "We want to see how well we've recovered from our training trip. Our team showed positive signs last week against Northwestern, but of course we would like to swim faster against Michigan State and Louisville."

"Our goal is to be present and contributing at the National Championships."

Tim Welsh
Irish coach

conference championship, we swim seven sessions in a row at that meet and we want seven good ones," Welsh said. "We're trying to build into that experience of saying, be tough every time out."

The Irish will look to ride the momentum of freshman Bill Bass and junior Steven Brus, who posted the team's second-fastest times of the season against Northwestern

in the 100-yard butterfly and the 1,000-yard freestyle respectively. Welsh, however, isn't getting complacent, setting high goals for his swimmers.

"Our goal is to be present and contributing at the National Championships," Welsh said.

The Irish will square off against the Spartans at 5 p.m. Friday and the Cardinals at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, both at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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"As we look ahead to the

Though the back-to-back meets, which will be followed up by the Shamrock Invitational at the end of January, will certainly put a physical strain on his team, Welsh is going into the weekend with a clear plan in mind.

The Comets (4-11, 3-3

MIAA), though seemingly an easy opponent due to their record, nevertheless will pose a unique set of challenges for the Belles (8-5, 3-2 MIAA).

"Olivet is playing very well right now, despite their record," Henley said.

"They have a lot of new faces this season and play very up-tempo basketball."

Leading the Comets is sophomore center Olivia Parrell, who has been averaging more than 11 points and six rebounds per game for Olivet. Parrell will face the

Belles' record-setting senior forward Anna Kamrath in the paint

Saturday. Kamrath averages 9.8 points this season while leading the Belles in

rebounds with 9.8

rebounds per game.

Kamrath and a strong

Saint Mary's defense will

be key to stopping Parrell's

second chances in hopes of

coming out with a win.

Along with stopping the

Comets in the paint, Henley

identified other weaknesses

from the team's recent loss

to Hope which the Belles

hope to improve.

"We need to reground

and concentrate on cutting

down our turnovers,"

Henley said. "On the defensive end, we need to find a

body to box out on the

rebound."

Currently tied for third in

the MIAA with Adrian, the

Belles are looking for a win

over Olivet to keep within

striking distance of top-

ranked Calvin and Hope as

they enter the second

round of conference com-

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles to face conference foes

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's is off to Michigan this weekend for two meets against MIAA rivals Hope and Olivet. With the championship meet only one month away, the Belles are looking to perform well both Friday and Saturday.

Unfortunately, the new semester marks the loss of one of the best swimmers for the Belles. Sophomore Audrey Dalrymple, who made it to nationals last year, is currently studying abroad in Ireland and will miss the end of the season.

Additionally, senior Meredith Lierz recently hurt

her knee and will not be swimming this weekend. But despite these absences, other girls have stepped up to fill in their places.

Senior captain Sara Niemann, who swims distance freestyle and backstroke, is looking for a strong weekend while missing Lierz. Niemann is joined by sophomore Barbara Beidler, who swims freestyle.

The strongest part of the Belles may be their freshmen class, including two young ladies who

have shone since the beginning of the season in October. Ellie Watson, a distance swimmer, and Katie

Griffin, who swims freestyle, butterfly and backstroke, have promising careers ahead.

"Being freshmen, I am not sure how far they will make it this season, but by senior year I can see a national cut eventually," Belles coach Alicia Dombrowski said.

This weekend holds the first meet for the Belles since break. During that time, the team was able to grow together as a team and to improve as individuals.

"Especially after they had winter training, they have grown really close. They were living here together with pretty much no one else and had double practices every day, so everyone is meshing pretty well together,"

Alicia Dombrowski
Belles coach

SMC BASKETBALL

Tough Olivet team awaits

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will travel to Olivet Saturday for a conference match that may prove to be a challenge for the Belles. Coming off a tough loss to top-ranked rival Hope Wednesday, Saint Mary's is working to recover before jumping into one of its busiest times of the season.

"We are preparing to play four games in eight days — and three of those games

are on the road," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said.

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"Olivet is playing very well right now, despite their record," Henley said.

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Leading the Comets is sophomore center Olivia Parrell, who has been averaging more than 11 points and six rebounds per game for Olivet. Parrell will face the

Belles' record-setting senior forward Anna Kamrath in the paint Saturday. Kamrath averages 9.8 points this season while leading the Belles in

rebounds with 9.8

rebounds per game.

Kamrath and a strong

Saint Mary's defense will

be key to stopping Parrell's

second chances in hopes of

coming out with a win.

Along with stopping the

Comets in the paint, Henley

identified other weaknesses

from the team's recent loss

to Hope which the Belles

hope to improve.

"We need to reground

and concentrate on cutting

down our turnovers,"

Henley said. "On the defensive end, we need to find a

body to box out on the

rebound."

Currently tied for third in

the MIAA with Adrian, the

Belles are looking for a win

over Olivet to keep within

striking distance of top-

ranked Calvin and Hope as

they enter the second

round of conference com-

petition.

Saint Mary's will battle

Olivet at 1 p.m. Saturday at

Olivet's Cutler Event

Center.

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"As we look ahead to the

Though the back-to-back

meets, which will be followed

up by the Shamrock

Invitational at the end of

January, will certainly put a

physical strain on his team,

Welsh is going into the week-

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A Call for Aid

The worst earthquake in over 200 years has caused death and devastation in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, adding to the misery of so many people who live in severe poverty.

All collections at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart this weekend and next will be forwarded in their entirety to provide assistance to the victims of this latest natural disaster.

Campus Ministry will continue to accept and forward donations all next week at 319 Coleman-Morse Center.

The Haiti Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which is composed of 75 Haitian priests and 22 professed seminarians, works with the poor through schools, parishes and social service ministries.



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When the two teams faced off last year, the Irish gave Connecticut one of its stiffest challenges over the course of their winning streak, losing 76-66, one of the Huskies' smallest margins of victory over the course of their streak.

The Irish and Huskies are two of just four remaining undefeated teams in Division I. Notre Dame's lower rank places the team in the unfamiliar position of underdogs.

"You look at your schedule, and you know, we've played some ranked teams but we have not really had to play a game where we were the underdog," McGraw said. "It's kind of a nice opportunity for us to look at this game as a game where we see where we are."

McGraw said she believes this year's additions to the roster will be able to make a difference in the game.

"We have three new players," McGraw said. "We have Brittany Mallory back, and I think she's playing great basketball. I think she's the best sixth man in the Big East. We've got Devereaux Peters back ... and then we've got Skylar [Diggins]. I think the addition of those three players

makes us a very different team than we were last year."

Though just a freshman, Diggins has been leading the Irish attack this year and averages 13.5 points per game. Overall, Notre Dame has a balanced attack, featuring five players scoring more than nine points per game.

One of the Irish's main concerns Saturday will be to corral Connecticut's center, Tina Charles. Charles averages 17.9 points per game along with 8.5 rebounds per game. Notre Dame is particularly low on big

post players this year, leaving the Irish to rely on strong team defense from junior forwards Becca Bruszewski and Peters.

"Tina Charles this year is even better than she was last year," McGraw said.

The Irish are also concerned about the Huskies' transition offense featuring junior forward Maya Moore, who leads the Huskies with 19 points per game.

"We don't match up with them very well," McGraw said. "They've got a great transition game because they're so good with rebounds."

The Irish players said they refuse to let the Huskies' impressive record distress them.

"They get some of their wins off of intimidating people," senior guard Ashley Barlow said. "No, we will not be intim-

idated. We will not back down. They will hit us and we will hit right back. We are not going to let anybody push us around."

The game will be the premier of ESPN's Women's Basketball College Gameday, putting added pressure on all the players, but McGraw does not want the team feeling any added stress to win with the hype.

"It's not a game with any pressure to win," McGraw said. "Every other game we've played we've been expecting to win. It's a different feeling going into the game."

McGraw still feels the team can rise to the occasion and snatch a big victory.

"The perception is that UConn has to play poorly and the other team has to play well," McGraw said. "I would say that's pretty true. I think UConn is an incredibly talented team, and if they play well they're going to win. I don't think there's anybody in the country that would disagree with that. I would say that yes, they've either got to shoot poorly or have foul trouble, or something has to go wrong for them, and we've got to play really well."

McGraw sees a light at the end of the tunnel if the Irish can focus on what they do best.

"I think we've got to play our game," McGraw said. "We've got to play the way that we've been successful."

Notre Dame and Connecticut tipoff at 9 p.m. Saturday in the Gamper Pavilion.

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victory over then-No. 8 West Virginia. The Irish led by 20 points at the half of that game.

Irish coach Mike Brey said he never expects to win conference games by large margins because he has been in the Big East for so long and knows how difficult the competition is.

"I think they really defended us well," he said. "We had a hard time getting what we got in the first half."

The Irish find themselves in a crucial point of the season: playing well but heading into the teeth of the Big East schedule. Brey said this team differs from previous squads in that it can continue to grow.

"I've always felt this team, more than many of my most recent teams, has the ability to improve all the way up to the end of February," he said.

First on the agenda: defense, guard Tory Jackson said.

"Any team can score," he said. "Who can defend 40 minutes?"

The Irish allow 70.5 points per game, just under last year's total of 70.7. The Irish finished 21-15 and 8-10 in Big East play last season.

One factor that helps the Irish mesh, Jackson said, is the personalities of the players. Some are subtle, some are outgoing, but all contribute to the atmosphere.

"Harangody's more of a

trickster," Jackson said right before Luke Harangody chucked a ball at Tim Abrormaitis while he was doing an on-camera television interview.

"It's a lot of fun on this team. When you're in college you got to have fun."

The rest the team got over the break may also aid the defense. Jackson said the rest he got was important, but Hansbrough missed his schedule.

"I don't like the break as much," he said. "I like getting into a routine. I don't like sleeping 'til noon."

Regardless, they're back in classes and the tough part of the schedule. Although the Bearcats are 10th in the Big East and are coming off two straight losses, they defeated Connecticut earlier this season and play tough inside.

"I think we want to carry over the West Virginia game plan. Can we not get shredded on the backcourt?" Brey said. "Cincinnati is one of those teams that gets to your lane and gets on the backboard. We're going to have to do a good job of eliminating second shots."

Six-foot-9 sophomore Yancy Gates will be a part of that presence. He averages 10.7 points per game and leads the team with 6.6 rebounds per game. Guards Lance Stephenson and Deonta Vaughn lead the team with 12.4 and 11.3 points per game respectively.

Tipoff is at 4 p.m. Saturday.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn Territory

Irish face biggest test of season in Huskies

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish will take the court Saturday in Storrs, Conn., for a clash with top-ranked Connecticut to determine who will maintain a perfect record and gain supremacy in the Big East.

"It's always a good measuring stick when you play UConn, to find out where you are and where you need to be," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

No. 3 Notre Dame (15-0, 2-0 Big East) and No. 1 Connecticut (15-0, 3-0 Big East) both enter the weekend undefeated. The Huskies are riding a 55-game winning streak, the second longest in NCAA women's basketball history. The Huskies also hold the longest streak, of 70 straight wins in the 2001-2003 seasons.

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Freshman guard Skylar Diggins defends against a Valparaiso player on Dec. 12. Diggins and the No. 3 Irish travel to Connecticut Saturday to take on the No. 1 Huskies on ESPN's College Gameday.

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HOCKEY

Team searches for wins in matches with No. 7 Spartans

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

In a desperate search for wins, the Irish hope they can stop looking this weekend.

Notre Dame (9-10-5, 5-7-4-2 CCHA) will play a home-and-home against No. 7 Michigan State (15-6-3, 10-3-3-0 CCHA), hosting the Spartans Friday before heading to East Lansing Saturday.

Wracked with injuries and sit-

ting in a three-way tie for seventh in the CCHA, the Irish will need to pick up at least a few points this weekend against a very tough Michigan State team to have any hope at making a run in the conference. While first place is out of reach, only six points separate Notre Dame and fourth-place Alaska.

Despite the pressure to win quickly, Irish coach Jeff Jackson maintains that his team is doing just fine.

"I approach every game the

same way," Jackson said. "I'm not going to change my approach because we're not as successful as we'd like to be from game to game. We've got time. Every game is important, but we've got to get that light switch to turn on somehow. Our backs are against the wall, especially with the injuries."

Those injuries have hit Notre Dame hardest on the blue line, with freshman Sam Calabrese and sophomore Eric Ringel dealing with lingering injuries.

Junior defenseman Teddy Ruth will also be out of the lineup as he serves a game disqualification penalty incurred during a fight against Ferris State's Travis Ouellette on Jan. 10. Ouellette checked Ruth from behind, earning a major misconduct penalty and game disqualification penalty in addition to a one-game suspension for the hit.

Jackson said he believes that a stiffer punishment was warranted.

"I think it was even more severe," Jackson said. "Watching that hit on film, there was intent there. What I saw, to me, that was intent. Add Ruth to the list of our defensemen who've been hit from behind this season."

The Irish will also be welcoming freshman wing Kyle Palmieri back to the lineup. Palmieri returns after helping the U.S. Junior National Team

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish to face more challenges

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has seen both how successful it can be and how tough the Big East is during the first four games in the conference season.

The Irish (14-3, 3-1 Big East) travel to Fifth Third Arena Saturday to face Cincinnati (11-6, 2-3) in a game senior guard Ben Hansbrough said would be as tough as any league game.

"You go on the road in Cincinnati, that's one of the toughest games to win in the country right now," he said.

The Irish have won two straight games by two points or less, a one-point win over South Florida and a two-point



Senior guard Ben Hansbrough leaps for the ball during Notre Dame's 84-73 win over UCLA on Dec. 19.

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Squad looks to begin season well in meet

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

After a long break, the Irish are in the same position as most other students: looking to get back into the swing of things. Today's meet at the Loftus Sports Center will give the Irish a chance to see how the athletes have been conditioning over the past semester.

In preparation for the scored meet next weekend, Irish coach Joe Piane is going to take a good look at all of his athletes to see what shape they are in heading into Big East competition.

"We've had good workouts

the last couple days," Piane said. "We're looking to see what kind of shape these men and women are in this Friday."

The Irish have standout performers across the board including the jumps, throwing events, sprints and distance events. The Irish can count on solid performances from each event heading into Big East tournaments.

In the pole vault, the Irish took all top five spots in the Blue and Gold Invitational in December. Leading the pack were standouts sophomore Kevin Schipper and his brother Matt, a senior.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Spartans, Cardinals come to ND

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Fresh off of a training trip in Puerto Rico, the Irish men will face a pair of tough tests in back-to-back home dual meets against Michigan State and the No. 16 Louisville Cardinals.

"These are two very big meets for us this weekend," Irish coach Tim Welsh told und.com. "This closes out our dual meet season, and by swimming back-to-back on consecutive days, we're inching closer in our preparations for the Shamrock Invitational and Big East championships. Both of the visiting teams are very competitive so we'll want to be at our best."

The Irish (4-2), who lost at home on Jan. 9 to

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