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Students continue job, internship search

Notre Dame community offers career advice

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

As the spring semester rolls into its second month, students are intensifying their search for summer internships and full time jobs.

Kevin Monahan, associate director of the Notre Dame Career Center, said if students looking for summer internships have not begun the application process, they should do so immediately. He said landing a job or internship in today's economy takes more effort than simply filling out applications.

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KATIE GREENSPON/The Observer

Students pack the Joyce Center Fieldhouse at the fall Career Fair in September. This semester's fair will host 120 different companies and organizations.

Winter Career Fair to feature 120 companies

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

To provide students an on-campus opportunity to meet potential employers, Notre Dame's Career Center will host the Winter Career and Internship Fair Wednesday at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse from 4 to 8 p.m.

The fair will feature representatives from 120 different companies and organizations, Kevin Monahan, associate director of the Career Center, said.

"Last year, 133 organizations attended the Winter

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Former University professor dies at 80

Ralph McNerny taught at ND for more than 50 years, directed Medieval Institute

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

Former Notre Dame professor and renowned author Ralph McNerny, who taught at the University from 1955 until his retirement this past June, passed away Friday morning at the age of 80.

McNerny was a professor of philosophy and Medieval Studies and, for many years, directed Notre Dame's Medieval Institute. He held degrees from the St. Paul Seminary, the University of Minnesota and Laval University.

Shortly after beginning his

career at Notre Dame, McNerny began to write fiction, and after at first receiving numerous rejections, he eventually published his break-



McNerny

through work, "The Priest," in 1969, which would go on to become a bestseller. The fiction work for which he was best known, however, was his Father Dowling series, which is composed of 29 books and was adopted by NBC as a

television mystery series.

McNerny also wrote several murder mysteries which took place on Notre Dame's campus, and in total penned over 80 novels.

McNerny was also well known for his nonfiction work, which included translations of Thomas Aquinas' commentaries for Penguin Classics, and was regarded by many as one of the top experts on Aquinas' work.

In addition to his written work, McNerny was a public intellectual who appeared on William F. Buckley's "Firing Line" and was a member of President George W. Bush's Committee on the Arts and

Humanities.

A devout Catholic, McNerny's works always contained strong religious overtones. Along with Michael Novak, McNerny founded "Crisis," a journal of lay Catholic opinion that he hoped to use to reach a wide audience.

Towards the end of his career, McNerny was very critical of some University policies he felt devalued Notre Dame's Catholic identity. A strong pro-life advocate, McNerny wrote an essay criticizing the University's decision to invite President Barack Obama to be last year's Commencement

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Observer elects new top editor

Observer Staff Report

The Observer General Board elected Sports Editor Matt Gamber as the 2010-11 Editor-in-Chief Sunday.

Gamber, a junior finance and American Studies major with a minor in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy, is a native of Mt. Prospect, Ill.

Gamber, a former resident of Sorin College who currently resides off campus, has led several sports beats, including football, men's basketball, hockey, baseball, women's lacrosse and Saint Mary's cross country.

"I'm honored to assume the role of Editor-in-Chief, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with so many of the people that make the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community such a unique and special place," Gamber said.

Gamber became Sports Editor in the spring of 2009 and led coverage of the Notre Dame football coaching change, producing special editions on both the fir-

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New bishop says Siegfried Mass

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

Siegfried Hall welcomed the newly installed Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to say weekly Mass Sunday night.

After Bishop John D'Arcy stepped down last year, Rhoades was selected from the Diocese of Harrisburg as his replacement. He was installed as bishop on Jan. 12.

Three students from Rhoades' former diocese arranged the Mass in an effort to welcome him to his new position.

"David Rudy, Kevin Ortenzio and I drafted a letter welcoming Bishop Rhoades to the diocese and asking if he wanted to say Mass at Siegfried anytime this semester," junior Brian Patterson said.

"He was very active in our Harrisburg [Penn.] diocese and everyone seemed to like him there. He even spoke at my high school's graduation," Rudy, a junior, said. "We weren't surprised he was willing to take on new challenges and say Mass here at Notre Dame."

Rhoades spoke about his connections to Notre Dame and gave a homily focusing on

love and charity.

"I was struck in the letter I got from David, Kevin and Brian by one sentence. It made this my first commitment as a new bishop, coming to this hall. I made this before my commitment to come to [University President] Fr. [John] Jenkins big Mass in the Basilica," Rhoades said in his homily. "It was a letter about the dorm Masses saying something like, 'At our dorm Masses we connect to Christ and it helps us to grow in faith, hope and love.' I thought if that is what going to these dorm Masses does, I have to participate."

Siegfried Hall extended a warm welcome with a packed chapel and held a reception after Mass in Rhoades' honor.

"Students seemed very excited for his visit, and not only did we have a high turnout of Siegfried residents but also we even had a few people from other dorms attend," Patterson said.

"We're very honored to host Bishop Rhoades to celebrate his first dorm Mass at Notre Dame with the Ramblers of Siegfried Hall," Siegfried President David Surprenant said. "We're looking forward

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INSIDE COLUMN

Back in the day

Feeling stupid and spoiled, I recently asked a professor how they produced newspapers “back in the day,” or in the Paleolithic ages before the Internet. How did writers send in their stories if not by e-mail? How did editors fact check obscure figures without Google? How in the world did they check weird spelling?

The answer I received was shocking.

They submitted their articles either hard copy in person or over the (naturally) landline telephone.

Fact checking was done by searching archives or encyclopedias and dictionaries were used to spell check. Webster’s big red brick dictionary, not Dictionary.com.

None of this really has any bearing on how we do things now, but it really got me thinking about how this technological revolution thing has made us feel so entitled, and in a way, totally spoiled.

I curse the fact that I cannot electronically page lost items like keys. I feel naked without my BlackBerry. I cannot do my homework without Internet and if I don’t check my e-mail for an afternoon I feel utterly disconnected from the entire world.

None of this was around when, for example, my parents were in school here. People used typewriters. To get in contact with someone, you could call his or her dorm room phone. It seems like everything was way more personal and arduous and you couldn’t arbitrarily flirt with someone by a vague text, BBM or Facebook chat message.

(How on earth did they promote causes, become fans of MTV reality shows, poke or know people’s birthdays without Facebook?)

While I obviously cherish my electronic gadgets as well as the fact that everything I need in college is virtually at my fingertips, I am terrified for the advancements from which generations to come will benefit.

I am afraid I will have one of those sassy 9-year old daughters who insists on getting a iPhone for her birthday and an iPad (or whatever those things are) to do her homework.

I bet kids in the future will be so lazy and tech-dependent that if the power goes out they will be completely powerless to do anything at all (pun intended).

I remember when I was little we played outside until it was so dark we couldn’t see each other. These days when I babysit and tell the kids to go outside and play, they ask if they can bring their Nintendo DS with them.

What is there to be done about this phenomenon?

Obviously nothing. I do think though that as virtually everything becomes more readily available to us and we essentially don’t have to work as hard as before, the bar is raised and performance is expected to be better.

It’s now a lot harder for little grammatical or spelling mistakes to seep into the paper. We have machines to do busy work for us. We as a whole should be doing things a lot better.

And obviously never forget that with the pull of a plug we could lose it all.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Katie Peralta at kperalta@nd.edu



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CORRECTIONS

The authors of a guest column that appeared in the Jan. 29 edition of The Observer, titled “Concerns and recommendations,” should have been attributed as past members of the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students as well as the former Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Their views are not necessarily those of the current Core Council. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you were an infomercial product, what would you be?



Meagan Teague
freshman
Lewis

“A Snuggie, I guess.”



Jeremy VandeBosche
junior
Keenan

“I don’t know ... a ShamWow?”



Allison Jones
freshman
Lewis

“The Bumpit ... it defies gravity!”



Danielle Arthur
freshman
Lewis

“Something for cleaning ... like a special mop.”



Valeria Mejias
freshman
Lewis

“Something to lose weight.”



Elizabeth Bush
freshman
Lewis

“I’d be a gardening hoe.”

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



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Senior alternate hockey team captain Kevin Deeth signs his game-worn jersey for one of the winners of the “Giving The Shirts Off Their Backs” auction after the hockey team’s win against Nebraska-Omaha Saturday night. The auction, which Deeth helped spearhead, earned \$16,604.60 to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

OFFBEAT

Truck driver chokes on chili and crashes into home

LOWELL, Mass. — Police said a Massachusetts lumber truck crashed into a home after the driver was knocked unconscious by a small chili from Wendy’s. Lowell police said Eric Gremm reported that he choked on the chili when the truck hit a bump, causing him to pass out as the flatbed truck veered off the road and slammed into the home. The man, 59, said emergency workers at the scene told him that he had passed out, but he could not remember losing consciousness.

Police said the truck hit the foundation of the home, and authorities were worried that the home might collapse when the truck was pulled out.

Gremm was taken by ambulance to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Police said he could be cited for eating while driving.

Mo. grandmother accused of drugging granddaughter

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — A Missouri woman is accused of drugging her

1-year-old granddaughter, hoping that the child’s divorcing parents would get back together if they had a sick child.

Jefferson City police allege in a probable cause statement that 41-year-old Terri Chilton fed her granddaughter blood thinner on Jan. 12, causing the girl to bleed uncontrollably from her mouth, nose and two minor scratches. The girl survived, but it’s not yet known if there was long-term organ damage.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Architecture critic Paul Goldberger, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, will give his lecture, “Why Architecture Matters,” today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. A book signing will follow.

A “Haiti — What You Need to Know about the Nation on the News” lecture will be held today at 8 p.m. in the lower level of the Geddes Hall auditorium.

The Winter Career and Internship Fair will take place Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Admission is free and all students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross College are welcome.

The Richard Alston Dance Company will perform Thursday at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s Decio Mainstage Theater. Tickets may be purchased online or by calling the Notre Dame Ticket Office.

The film “The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo” will be shown Thursday at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s Browning Cinema. Tickets are free but must be obtained from the Notre Dame Ticket Office.

AcoustiCafe, which features live musical performances by students, will take place Thursday from 10 p.m. to midnight in the LaFortune Basement.

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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Seminarians compete in basketball tournament

By LAUREN KNAUF
News Writer

The Irish men's basketball team wasn't the only traveling hoops team from Notre Dame this weekend. A group of Holy Cross seminarians from Old College and Moreau Seminary traveled to Illinois this weekend to compete in an annual inter-seminary basketball tournament.

The team, which consisted of 14 seminarians, won one of its three games in the "Mundelein Seminary Shootout."

They placed sixth overall in the tournament, which included nine teams from seminaries across the Midwest.

"Even though we didn't do as well as we had hoped, the atmosphere there was pretty incredible whenever we stepped on the court, and our fans and bench guys were going crazy during every game," junior Mike Palmer said.

The tournament was highly competitive and each team was

intent on winning, Palmer said, but it offered more than just a chance to compete on the court.

"A huge part of it was also meeting other seminarians and bonding with our brothers in Holy Cross," he said.

Coach of the Holy Cross team, Michael Seidl, said he enjoyed the sense of community that the tournament created.

"This weekend was an opportunity for all of the young men in seminary formation to be together, to join in a common cause and to have some fun," he said.

Holy Cross lost its first game to the host team and eventual tournament champions, Mundelein Seminary. The two teams were neck and neck throughout the first half, but in the second half Mundelein pulled away, Seidl said.

The second game, against Mount Saint Mary's Seminary of Cincinnati, resulted in an easy win for the Holy Cross team.

A victory in the third game, against Kendrick-Glennon Seminary, would have sent Holy Cross to the semifinals. They

couldn't, however, pull through in the second half, Seidl said, and another loss prevented the team from advancing further.

Chris Rehegan, in his candidate year at Moreau Seminary, junior Bob Dunsmuir, and seniors Tim Mouton and Anthony Stachowski were among players that gave noteworthy performances this weekend, Seidl said.

In the months leading up to the tournament, the team prepared by holding practices each Sunday.

"This year our team had hopes of improving on last year's 3-1 record and playing for the championship," Seidl said. "Since returning from Christmas break, we've had more formal practices several times a week. We spent time working on fundamentals and learning our offensive and defensive schemes," he said.

To prepare, the team also held a scrimmage against a team of graduate students and local residents.

Despite the outcome of this year's tournament, the team looks forward to competing



Photo courtesy of Michael Palmer

Seminarians from Moreau Seminary and Mount Saint Mary's of Cincinnati gather to pray after Moreau Seminary's victory Saturday.

again next year, Palmer and Seidl said.

"As long as they keep inviting us back and as long as we have enough vocations to put five players on the floor, we'll be sending a team," Palmer said.

Seidl and the Holy Cross team are already planning for a more successful tournament in 2011.

"We'll make sure to get plenty of practice time. We also plan on talking to Luke Harangody, to see if he might have a vocation to Holy Cross," Seidl joked. "That should improve our chances."

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College holds fifth annual weeklong French film festival

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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Saint Mary's Department of Modern Languages and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) will be hosting their fifth annual weeklong French Film Festival beginning today and running through Friday.

The films will be shown in Vander Vennet Theater in the basement of the Student Center every day at 7 p.m.

Mana Derakhshani, associate director for CWIL and a professor of French at Saint Mary's, put together the film list with senior French major Jenny Becker.

"Our choice was based on the positive reviews and awards the

films had received as well as the interest of the films' topics and plots," Derakhshani said.

The festival is made possible because of grants from The Tournées Festival, which encourages French film festivals on college campuses, something Derakhshani learned about when she decided to start the festival five years ago.

"I started it because I learned about a great grant opportunity through the French Cultural Services. These are recent films and the price of screening them is rather high," Derakhshani said.

The Franco-American Cultural Exchange sponsors the grants that allow colleges across the country to hold events like this week's film festival and they also provided a list of films for

Derakhshani to choose from.

She said she chose the film "Les Amours d'Astrée et Céladon" because it is based on a 17th century novel, which coincides with a class on 17th century French literature being taught this semester.

"It's always great to be able to complement classroom learning with these extra-curricular opportunities," Derakhshani said.

She said students who are French majors might take particular interest in the list of films.

"The films could be of interest to

students in Film Studies or Popular Culture," Derakhshani said.

She also said the festival could help students who haven't been able to experience traveling abroad to learn more about another culture.

"They are also a great way to learn about the world without necessary traveling. Films open windows on different cultures and experiences," Derakhshani said.

The films include "Entre les murs" (The Class), "Les Amours d'Astrée et Céladon" (The

Romance of Astrée and Céladon), "Azur et Asmar" (Azur and Asmar), "Graine et le mulet" (The Secret of the Grain) and "Un Secret" (A Secret).

The movie plots range from high school dramas to romance to a post-World War II Paris.

All of the movies will be shown with English subtitles and are free and open to the public, Derakhshani said.

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Theft reported in McCandless Hall

Observer Staff Report

An e-mail sent to students last week by Dave Gariepy, director of Saint Mary's Security, reported that a theft occurred on campus, warning students to keep their residence hall doors locked.

According to Gariepy, the theft occurred last semester, but was only recently reported by the student who had the items stolen.

The items were taken from a room in McCandless Hall.

"Only one room was reported to have been victimized that we know of," Gariepy said.

He said a few personal items were stolen and he advised students to be careful of their belongings.


"Always lock your room if you are leaving it unattended, no matter how short your anticipated absence," Gariepy said.

If students do have anything taken from their room, Gariepy said the student should report it to campus security before calling the police.

"Contact campus security first," Gariepy said. "Campus security will investigate the incident and contact police authorities if warranted or should the victim desire."

Most importantly, he said, students need to report any issues they may have on campus.

"Report all suspicious activity or criminal behavior immediately to Security," Gariepy said.



Coffee at the Como


For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Questioning Students at Notre Dame

Tuesday, February 2
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
316 Coleman Morse

The Core Council invites gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning members of the Notre Dame family, along with their friends and allies, to an informal gathering at the Co-Mo.

Everyone is Welcome and Confidentiality is Assured

Coffee and Refreshments Will Be Served



Call for Presentations



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

13 students killed at Mexico party

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Armed men stormed a party in this violent Mexican border city, killing 13 high school and college students in what witnesses said they thought was an attack prompted by false information.

About two dozen teens and young adults were hospitalized after the late Saturday assault in Ciudad Juarez, a drug cartel-plagued city which is one of the deadliest in the world.

Grieving witnesses and family members told The Associated Press on Sunday they thought the victims, mostly residents of the housing complex where the attack occurred, had no ties to drug traffickers.

The young adults had gathered to watch a boxing match, Lujan said, when two trucks pulled up loaded with armed men who opened fire.

Russian police break up protests

MOSCOW — Russian police broke up anti-Kremlin protests in Moscow and St. Petersburg on Sunday, and detained more than 100 demonstrators, including several opposition leaders.

In Moscow, several hundred demonstrators gathered in a central square, defying a ban imposed by authorities. The protesters said their rally was banned in violation of the Russian constitution's guarantee of the right to gather.

They denounced the policies of President Dmitry Medvedev and his predecessor and mentor Vladimir Putin, who continues to wield broad powers as Russia's powerful prime minister.

Police spokesman Viktor Biryukov said about 300 people took part in the Moscow rally and about 100 were detained.

NATIONAL NEWS

Police bust crash victim for pot

TUCUMCARI, N.M. — Tracks in the snow leading from a crashed car to the nearby bridge overpass on New Mexico's I-40 just didn't look right to officers.

State police say that officers patrolling the stretch near Tucumcari Saturday found that 40-year-old Henry Alan Lowe of El Paso, Texas, had lost control of his sedan and crashed into a snow pile.

Then they noticed tracks leading back and forth from the trunk to the bridge.

They allege that partially hidden under the overpass were large plastic wrapped bundles and inside was about 238 pounds of raw marijuana with an estimated street value of more than \$642,000.

Police say Lowe was arrested after treated for a gash to his head.

More states offer lottery tickets

DES MOINES, Iowa — Dozens of states have begun selling Powerball and Mega Millions tickets in what could be a step toward an eventual national lottery.

Margaret DeFrancisco, co-chair of a committee for both lotteries and president and CEO of the Georgia Lottery Corp., says tickets for both games began selling on Sunday.

Twenty-three of the 33 jurisdictions where Powerball has been played are now selling tickets for the Mega Millions drawing on Feb. 2. Ten of the 12 states where Mega Millions has been played are selling tickets for the Feb. 3 Powerball drawing.

DeFrancisco says lottery officials want to see how cross-selling goes before focusing on establishing a national lottery, which they hope to have running by spring 2011.

LOCAL NEWS

Woman survives house explosion

INDIANAPOLIS — Neighbors helped an Indianapolis woman escape her home after an explosion rocked it.

Indianapolis Fire Department spokeswoman Rita Reith said no one was injured in the blast about 5 a.m. Sunday but seven exotic birds died in an ensuing fire.

Reith says neighbors helped pull the only person in the home at the time, 52-year-old Alice Helterbrand, to safety through a hole in a wall after they found her disoriented and trying to exit a locked door.

The house collapsed a short time later. Firefighters estimate the damages at \$160,000.

HAITI

Food, aid lines focus on women

New approach targets primary caregivers, helps ease chaos at handouts

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — The 79-year-old woman with a 55-pound bag of rice perched on her head gingerly descended concrete steps Sunday and passed it off to her daughter-in-law — who quickly disappeared behind the faded leopard-print sheets that are the walls of their makeshift home on the crowded turf of Haiti's National Stadium.

That personal victory for Rosedithe Menelas and her hungry family was a leap forward as well for the United Nations and aid groups that have struggled to help 2 million people who need food aid after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Under a new targeted approach to aid, Menelas and thousands of other women across Haiti's capital no longer have to battle with men at food handouts that in recent days have been chaotic and dangerous scums.

"Every time they give out food there's too much trouble," said Menelas, collapsing into a small wooden chair as two grandchildren quickly scrambled into her lap. "Today, we finally got something."

U.N. officials say they are still far short of reaching all of the quake victims estimated to need food.

The U.N. World Food Program and its partners, including World Vision, borrowed an approach that has worked in other disaster zones. The agencies fanned out across Port-au-Prince, distributing coupons to be redeemed for bags of rice at 16 sites. The coupons were given mainly to women, the elderly and the disabled.

Men could redeem coupons for women who were busy taking care of children or who otherwise could not make it.

"Our experience around the world is that food is more likely to be equitably shared in the household if it is given to women," WFP spokesman Marcus Prior



Women carry sacks of rice during a women-only food distribution watched by U.S. soldiers in Port-au-Prince Sunday. Relief workers hope the new system will be less dangerous.

said at the stadium, now a sprawling encampment of families left homeless by the quake.

Officials targeted women because they are primary caregivers in most households and are less likely to be aggressive in aid lines.

Many Haitians agreed. Chery Frantz, a 35-year-old father of four who lives in a ravine near one distribution center, said men are more likely to try to sell the donated rice.

"Women won't do that because they're more responsible," Frantz said.

Bags of rice will be given out daily for the next two weeks to hold the city until longer-term food efforts can take hold. Workers are handing out 1,700 rations daily at each location. Each

bag is intended to help feed a family of six for two weeks with about half the calories they need each day.

Also Sunday, the White House said it was resuming the military airlift of critically injured earthquake victims, having received assurances that additional medical capacity exists in U.S. hospitals. The flights had stopped four days earlier, worrying doctors in Haiti who said hundreds would die without specialized care. Since then, relief groups were forced to use expensive private jets.

The Boston-based aid group Partners in Health arranged for one such plane Sunday to fly a 5-year-old tetanus victim, a 14-month-old boy with pneumonia and a baby boy

with third-degree burns to Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

The White House said the airlift would resume in hours. "Patients are being identified for transfer, doctors are making sure that it is safe for them to fly, and we are preparing specific in-flight pediatric care aboard the aircraft where needed," spokesman Tommy Vietor said.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been asked to build a 250-bed tent hospital to relieve pressure on the U.S. Navy hospital ship Comfort and on Haitian facilities where earthquake victims are being treated under tarpaulins in hospital grounds. Several Port-au-Prince hospitals were damaged or destroyed.

Palin's shadow hangs over ethics debate

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — The fallout from Sarah Palin's hasty retreat as governor is being cleaned up by the man she appointed attorney general in her waning days in office.

Attorney General Dan Sullivan has proposed broad changes to Alaska's ethics rules that Palin complained helped drive her out. One Sullivan recommendation that might sound familiar: Setting ethical standards for spouses and kids to travel with the governor or lieutenant governor at taxpayer expense.

Another would implement an opinion he issued in August, that the state could pay legal fees executive branch officials

rack up fighting ethics complaints, if the official is exonerated by an attorney general, independent investigator or by the state Personnel Board, whose members are appointed by the governor.

Sullivan's proposals are on track to take effect after a review of public comments unless the legislature passes superseding law. The prospects for that happening — in an election year, with many Alaskans worried about job losses and energy prices — appear dim.

While ethics is an important issue, "It's not going to be very high on my laundry list of state issues to address," said Rep. Jay Ramras, R-Fairbanks, whose Judiciary Committee would be where any ethics bills might land.

"I think a lot of these issues ... would benefit from the passage of time, and likely are better issues for the (next) Legislature to take up," said Ramras, who often found himself at odds with Palin. He said he wants to focus his limited committee time on anti-crime measures.

But at least one lawmaker believes any change to the ethics code should come from the Legislature, rather than from a political appointee.

Rep. Max Gruenberg, D-Anchorage, has introduced legislation with some provisions similar to Sullivan's for travel and legal fee reimbursement. He would like the state to put off implementation of Sullivan's plan, pending legislative action.

Professor lectures on St. Thomas Aquinas

By CAROLYNN SMITH
News Writer

Angela McKay Knobel, assistant professor of philosophy at Catholic University of America, discussed Aquinas' views on marriage in a lecture called "Marriage as a Friendship of the Good" in Saint Mary's Student Center Lounge Thursday night as a part of the 13th annual Symposium on St. Thomas Aquinas.

The lecture took place on Aquinas' Feast Day.

"If we're still celebrating a man who lived 800 years ago, then it stands to reason that he must have done something truly spectacular," Knobel said.

She said Aquinas was a great thinker and saw both reason and faith. He had two main arguments about marriage and believed it should be monogamous and permanent.

"Aquinas wants to use Aristotle to argue for a conclusion that Aristotle himself never argues for, namely that men and women should enter into monogamous, indissoluble unions," Knobel said.

Knobel explained how Aristotle's views on friendship, more specifically friendship between a man and a woman, help to guide Aquinas' beliefs on marriage.

Aristotle believed no one would choose to live without friends and spoke of true friendship and false friendship, she said.

According to Knobel, Aristotle believed there is a "natural friend-

ship" between men and women. Aristotle thought men and women need each other for procreation but also to get through life, she said.

"Men and women are suited for different activities and hence naturally come together," Knobel said of Aristotle's views.

Aquinas expanded Aristotle's idea of "natural friendship" to relate to marriage. Men and women share activities and responsibilities including childrearing, she said.

According to Knobel, Aquinas said that the proper education of children requires that the association so formed be indissoluble.

Therefore, she said, Aquinas believed once a couple has entered into a marriage and had children, there can be no divorce because childrearing is a life-long process that is never finished.

She said one of Aquinas' main arguments stated marriage should be permanent for the child's sake.

"Aquinas acknowledges that the married friendship should be a friendship that is solid and lasting, that it is the kind of friendship that cannot be shared with many people, and even that there should be equality between husband and wife," Knobel said.

Aristotle described true friendship as lasting, solid and not shared with many people, Knobel said. Aquinas believed these same traits should be applied to marriage.

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Timp appointed to joint position

Special to the Observer

Gregory Timp has been named the Keough-Hesburgh Professor of Electrical Engineering and Biological Sciences at Notre Dame.

The first joint appointment between the College of Engineering and the College of Science, Timp's position is indicative not only of the interdisciplinary nature of his work, but it also signifies the start of a new University program in synthetic biology, which is part of the biomedical initiative on campus. The program seeks to mimic biology on the nanometer scale with man-made constructs for applications in tissue engineering, epigenetics and DNA sequencing, and will be featured within the University's Advanced Diagnostics and Therapeutics Initiative.

Timp is a recognized authority on nanotechnology, which he has used to produce everything from nanometer-scale transistors with world-record performance to synthetic nanopores for sequencing DNA. Over the last ten years, he has focused his efforts on the nanometer-scale machinery in living

cells. For example, he rewires gene networks to co-opt the molecular biology of living cells for applications such as biocomputing. Specifically, Timp assembles genetically programmed bacteria that act like biochemical signal transmitters, receivers and logic gates, using a combination of microfluidics, which function like capillaries conveying the cells to an assembly area. He uses arrays of optical tweezers to precisely organize the programmed cells with nanometer-scale precision into a simple computer.

Most recently, Timp served as a professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, the Center for Biophysics and Computational Biology and the Institute of Genomic Biology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

He previously worked as a member of the technical staff of Bell Laboratories on a number of projects, including using light as a lens for atomic-scale lithography, nanometer-scale transistors

and quantum mechanical transport through wires so small that they act like electron waveguides.

Among the frequently cited scholars in the field of nanotechnology, Timp has published more than 100 articles in refereed journals, given more than 100 invited and plenary seminars and co-authored several books on nanotechnology. He also holds several patents.

Timp is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Physical Society and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. In addition, he is a fellow and founding member of the American Academy of Nanomedicine, as well as a member of the American Biophysical Society, the American Vacuum Society and the Electrochemical Society.

He received his doctorate and his master's in 1984 and 1980, respectively, in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and his bachelor's degree, also in electrical engineering, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1978.

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to inviting him back to our hall and Notre Dame in the

future. We also wish him the best of luck at his new appointment as Bishop in Fort Wayne."

This was Rhoades' first event at the University since becoming bishop. Next

Tuesday Notre Dame will welcome Bishop Rhoades to the diocese with a Mass at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica.

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NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10,166.04	-32.90	
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IN BRIEF

‘Avatar’ nears box office record

NEW YORK — “Avatar” is on the cusp of toppling the domestic box-office record after leading all movies for a seventh straight week.

James Cameron’s 3-D epic earned \$30 million over the weekend, and its domestic total reached \$594.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. That puts the film only about \$6 million behind the domestic record set by Cameron’s “Titanic” in 1998 with \$600.8 million.

Earlier this week, the 20th Century Fox blockbuster passed “Titanic” for the worldwide box-office record. It has now crossed the \$2 billion worldwide mark with \$2.039 billion, easily beating the \$1.8 billion made by “Titanic.”

“You have to do a double take when you see these numbers,” said Paul, Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com, marveling that “Avatar” decreased only 14 percent from the previous weekend. “James Cameron is the king of the box office hold.”

So close to the domestic box-office record, “Avatar” could pass “Titanic,” interestingly enough, on Tuesday — when Oscar nominations are announced. The film is expected to be nominated for best picture, as well as numerous other categories.

Ford partner continues making buses

NEW YORK — A joint venture partner of Ford Motor Co. said Sunday it has resumed making buses in China after determining that the gas pedal assembly doesn’t have the same problem that forced a recall of millions of Toyota vehicles.

Jiangling Motors Co. uses the same supplier, CTS Automotive of Elkhart, Ind., that made pedal assembly parts for some Toyotas.

Jiangling makes a diesel-powered commercial bus, the Transit Classic, for the Chinese market. The vehicles went into production in December and only about 1,600 were made before assembly was stopped.

Ford has said there have been no reported problems with the Transit Classic, and that none of its other vehicles use gas pedal parts made by CTS.

Accelerators made by CTS are at the center of a large recall and halt in production by Toyota over fears that the gas pedals can become stuck and lead to uncontrolled acceleration.

Obama’s budget goes to Congress

Proposed \$3.8 trillion plan would provide billions to pull country out of recession

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama’s proposed budget predicts the national deficit will crest at a record-breaking \$1.6 trillion in the current fiscal year, then start to recede in 2011 to \$1.3 trillion, a congressional official said Sunday.

Still, the administration’s new budget to be released Monday says deficits over the next decade will average 4.5 percent of the size of the economy, a level which economists say is dangerously high if not addressed, said the congressional official. The official was not authorized to discuss the budget before its public release.

Details of the administration’s budget headed for Congress include an additional \$100 billion to attack painfully high unemployment. The proposed \$3.8 trillion budget would provide billions more to pull the country out of the Great Recession while increasing taxes on the wealthy and imposing a spending freeze on many government programs.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the administration believed “somewhere in the \$100 billion range” would be the appropriate amount for a new jobs measure made up of a business tax credit to encourage hiring, increased infrastructure spending and money from the government’s bailout fund to get banks to increase loans to struggling small businesses.

That price tag would be below a \$174 billion bill passed by the House in December but higher than an \$83 billion proposal that surfaced last week in the Senate.

Gibbs said it was important for Democrats and Republicans to put aside their differences to pass a bill that addresses jobs, the country’s No. 1 concern. “I think that would be a powerful signal to send to the



AP

President Barack Obama delivers his first State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on January 27. Obama discussed his new budget in the address.

American people,” Gibbs said in an appearance on CNN’s “State of the Union.”

Job creation was a key theme of the budget Obama was sending Congress on Monday, a document designed, as was the president’s State of the Union address, to reframe his young presidency after a protracted battle over health care damaged his standing in public opinion polls and contributed to a series of Democratic election defeats.

Obama’s \$3.8 trillion spending plan for the 2011 budget year that begins Oct. 1 attempts to navigate between the opposing goals of pulling the country out of a deep recession and dealing with a budget deficit that soared to an all-time high of

\$1.42 trillion last year.

The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting that the deficit for the current budget year will be only slightly lower, \$1.35 trillion, and the flood of red ink will remain massive for years to come, raising worries among voters and the foreign investors who buy much of the country’s debt.

On the anti-recession front, congressional sources said Obama’s new budget will propose extending the popular Making Work Pay middle-class tax breaks of \$400 per individual and \$800 per couple through 2011. They were due to expire after this year.

The budget will also propose \$250 payments to Social Security recipients to

bolster their finances in a year when they are not receiving the normal cost-of-living boost to their benefit checks because of low inflation. Obama will also seek a \$25 billion increase in payments to help recession-battered states.

Obama’s new budget will set off months of debate in the Democratically controlled Congress, especially in an election year in which Republicans are hoping to use attacks against government overspending to gain seats. Obama has argued that he inherited a deficit of more than \$1 trillion and was forced to increase spending to stabilize the financial system and combat the worst recession since the 1930s.

Apple’s iPad could confuse consumers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even as Apple’s iPad will likely energize electronic reading, the new device is undermining a painstakingly constructed effort by the publishing industry to make it possible to move e-books between different electronic readers.

The slim, 1.5-pound “tablet” computer unveiled last week will be linked to Apple Inc.’s first e-book store when it goes on sale in a few months. The books, however, will not be compatible with Amazon.com Inc.’s Kindle or with the major alternative e-book system.

Apple’s creation of a third choice is likely to further frustrate and confuse consumers if they accumulate e-books for one device, then try to go

back to read them later on a different one. The effect could be akin to having to buy a new set of CDs every time you get a new stereo system. It could also keep people from buying new e-readers as better models come out if they aren’t compatible with the books they already have.

This could cool consumers’ enthusiasm for e-books, the way sales of digital music downloads were hampered by a variety of copy-protection schemes.

“There are going to be some potentially painful lessons” for consumers when they try to move e-books they already own to new devices, said Nick Bogaty, senior manager of digital publishing business development at Adobe Systems Inc., which provides the major alternative e-book

system.

Before the iPad’s debut, there have been two main camps in the e-book industry.

The e-books that Amazon sells work only on the Kindle and on Amazon’s software, which can be loaded for free on PCs and some smart phones. Everyone else, including Sony Corp., Barnes & Noble Inc. and public libraries, have gathered around Adobe’s system.

Adobe doesn’t sell books itself, but provides software to booksellers and libraries so they can sell and lend books that can be opened on multiple devices. Like the Kindle store, the Adobe system uses a copy-protection system that prevents buyers from reselling the books or distributing them online.

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“Students should be identifying potential employers, they should be applying for those opportunities, they should be reaching out and networking for additional opportunities with smaller companies,” Monahan said.

Monahan said one of the most helpful things students going through the application process can do is reach out to young alumni who are working in the same company or field. These alumni, Monahan said, are almost always willing to give students specific tips about the company’s hiring process.

Monahan said career fairs like Wednesday’s Career and Internship Fair are great opportunities for younger students to identify what characteristics employers look for in their applicants. He said before this year’s fair, students should make sure that their résumés, cover letters and any other necessary documents are finalized and presentable.

“Go in with a game plan, don’t set high expectations and make a good impression on the employers,” he said.

Career fairs never translate directly into a job or internship offer, Monahan said, but they do allow students to make connections with employers.

“I’ve never met a student who walked out of a career fair with a job or internship in hand,” Monahan said. “There’s always a face-to-face part of hiring process ... what you can accomplish is gathering information and you can also make a good impression with an employer. That personal interaction does count quite a bit.”

Senior Lindsay Ruhling, who signed with Deloitte earlier this year, encourages students to familiarize themselves with the Go IRISH page on the Career Center’s Web site before attending the fair.

“The Go IRISH site was a great tool for me to see what companies would be at the fair so I could research them beforehand and get an idea of which jobs I was really interested in before talking to their recruiters and applying for positions,” Ruhling said.

Sophomores and juniors often fear that with fewer jobs open for seniors and recent graduates, internships once offered to younger college students will no longer be available. Monahan said decreased internship opportunities are not usually a result of older students filling the positions.

“The number of internship positions is down a little bit,” Monahan said. “A company that would normally take one hundred [interns] is now maybe taking 80. Let’s say with advertising, they will look at a recent graduate for an internship, but other industries won’t. It’s not tougher because of [seniors and graduated students], it’s tougher because there are fewer positions,” he said.

Some companies, Monahan said, have traditionally offered only unpaid internships. Others under financial pressure have been turning paid internships into unpaid internships. Many students are not limiting themselves this year by applying only to paid internships.

“I feel that with the current job market it’s necessary to be flexible and apply to both paid and unpaid internships,” soph-

omore Molly Hunter said. “Even if an internship is unpaid, it will still be a valuable opportunity. I’m also considering other options, such as summer study abroad programs.”

Monahan encourages students to narrow down their internship choices and not to apply to certain positions simply because they feel they should.

“Start at the beginning and identify what are your interests and where are your strengths,” Monahan said. “I’ve seen students who just applied and applied and experience quite a bit of frustration ... when they get into the interview process. When they do apply for opportunities [in which they are interested], they can speak with passion about why they want a certain field or sector.”

While some seniors have had jobs lined up for months, oth-

ers are still waiting to hear back, depending on the company’s hiring process.

“People are still looking for jobs because, for example, advertising recruits in the fall, but journalism recruits in the spring,” Monahan said. “Anything communications-oriented ... [is] much more of a second semester recruiting process. There are different recruiting schedules.”

Ruhling said accounting firms usually hire early in the fall, but other companies, especially consulting firms, do their hiring much later in the year.

“The company I ended up signing with, Deloitte, did things differently [than most other companies],” Ruhling said. “At the end of September I had my first round interview at the Inn at Saint Mary’s one day, a second round interview

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associate director
Notre Dame Career Center

McInerny

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speaker in the online forum “The Catholic Thing.” McInerny was also critical of the decision to allow the “Vagina Monologues” to be performed on campus and of the firing of former Irish football coach Tyrone Willingham.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held for McInerny today at 9:30 a.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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Fair so the numbers are slightly lower,” Monahan said. “The Career Center was very proactive in its outreach to employers and I believe this effort shows in the strong numbers of employers who are coming to campus.”

Monahan said the reason most often given by employers not attending the Career Fair was a reduction in recruiting budgets.

“Landing a job or internship in this type of economic climate takes more effort. It is not enough to just apply online — students who have been experiencing the most success have been reaching out to employers, networking with alumni, attending career events and preparing for interviews — in addition to applying to jobs or internships,” Monahan said. “These steps require a fair amount of time and so patience and persistence are important in the search.”

In light of the competitive nature of the job and internship search, Monahan said that preparation is key. Students should have their résumés reviewed by Career Center staff and consider what sets them apart from other applicants.

Monahan emphasized the need for setting expecta-

tions for the fair. He said they also should identify and research eight to 12 employers and their job or internship openings. To prepare for talking with recruiters, he said students need to create a 20-second introduction, including name, major, year, interests, skills and questions for the recruiter.

“Every interaction with a potential employer will form an impression. That being said, dress and act professionally,” Monahan said. “Students should bring several copies of their résumés and notepad for jotting down information, recruiter’s names and e-mail addresses.”

Monahan said the Career Center is experiencing higher traffic in preparation of the Career Fair.

“The office’s scheduled and walk-in appointments have been busy,” Monahan said. “It is good to see students using the Center’s resources for interest assessments, career exploration, alumni networking, job shadowing and externships, internship funding needs, in addition to the internship and job search assistance.”

In preparation, the Career Center and several other groups have hosted workshops to prepare students for networking, interviews and other aspects of the job hunting process.

“The Career Center has hosted Career Fair preparation workshops for the various colleges and several student clubs, 14 evening preparation sessions in residence halls, office hours in Fitzpatrick, Jordan, LaFortune, Mendoza and O’Shaughnessy and finally, we will hold a ‘Last Minute Career Fair Prep Workshop’

on Tuesday evening in DeBartolo,” Monahan said. “There will be several employers in attendance on the Tuesday evening program to offer tips and advice. These efforts are in addition to our usual walk-in and scheduled appointments.”

Kristine Yuen, Notre Dame senior and double major in Information Technology Management and Chinese, created “Mastering the Art of Networking,” a workshop that was held on Jan. 16. The program consisted of student and alumni panel followed by a networking session.

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Kristine Yuen
senior

“Diversity is an all-inclusive concept, and many employers will be on hand to discuss the role diversity plays in their organization.”

LaTonia Ferguson
career counselor
Diversity Career Programs

“We had 18 alumni representing 14 companies,” Yuen said. “We also had over 200 students. We didn’t anticipate 200 students. We planned to have around 75 to 100. It’s neat to see that number of students wanting to network. The alumni response was also amazing.”

Yuen was offered a job from the Fall Career Fair at Deloitte Consulting.

“The career fairs are one of the best ways to get a job,” Yuen said. “I started going freshman year. It gives you a lot of exposure.”

Yuen said the career fairs can be intimidating, but coming prepared helps.

“Do a lot of research on companies,” Yuen said. “Everybody’s trying to find a job. Companies want to see you’re genuinely interested

in them, otherwise they won’t be interested in you.”

Yuen said composure and a calm attitude will go far with recruiters.

“Find time to relax in long lines. Eavesdrop

and pick up things not to say. You’ll see the recruiter grimace and know not to say that,” Yuen said. “The recruiters have two piles of résumés: good and bad. You want to stay out of the bad pile.”

Before the Career Fair, the Career Center will also host a Diversity Fair Reception, LaTonia Ferguson, a career counselor in the Diversity

Career Programs said.

“The Diversity Reception is an excellent opportunity for students to network and speak more in-depth with employers about their opportunities before the career fair,” Ferguson said.

The reception will be held on Wednesday from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Monogram Room. Ferguson said the reception is open to all students.

“Diversity is an all-inclusive concept, and many employers will be on hand to discuss the role diversity plays in their organization,” Ferguson said.

Monahan said that there are more programs available through the Career Center of which job or internship seeking students can take advantage.

“Although the fair is phenomenal way to meet employers and further individual internship or job searches, students should not limit themselves to just the fair,” Monahan said. “There are several resources the Career Center can use to assist students in their career and internship efforts.”

Monahan said students pursuing unpaid internships still could receive money for their work through the University.

“The Career Center has funding programs to help students afford internships,” he said. “There are six separate funds, each is designed to support different areas. For example, the Rogers Arts & Letters Majors Fund could sponsor 50 unpaid interns this summer.”

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The new club proposal process timeline has been updated! There are now two times per year when students may propose a new club. The Spring 2010 proposal period is:

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ing of former Irish coach Charlie Weis and the hiring of Brian Kelly as his replacement.

“Matt has gone above and beyond expectations this year as Sports Editor, specifically in football coverage and multimedia Web extras,” outgoing Editor-in-Chief Jenn Metz said. “I have full confi-

dence he will be a great leader and continue to help the paper improve over the next year.”

Gamber said he is confident he can build on The Observer’s “strong foundation and tradition” in working with the rest of the Editorial Board during his tenure.

“I am excited to take on the added responsibilities this position entails,” he said.

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VIEWPOINT

A not-so-new war

Thanks to Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's — also known as the underpants bomber — attempted Christmas gift, the United States is beginning to take a much keener interest in Yemen. The poorest Arab country, it is also the base for Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula which likely trained and supplied the now infamous underpants bomber. According to CNN, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met with other world leaders last Wednesday to discuss ways to help Yemen improve its economy and fight terrorism.

To date, the United States has supplied Yemen with a great deal of money, arms and military support over the past several years. This support began under Bush but has continued unabated under the Obama administration.

Unfortunately, years of military backing has done very little to improve the security situation or increase government control of the country. In fact, many analysts agree Yemen is a country teetering on the brink. The current government led by President Ali Abdullah Saleh faces an armed Houthi rebellion in the north and a secessionist movement in the south. Additionally, the government only holds limited sway outside of the capital city, Sana'a, as a result of the very fractal tribal system.

To compound the country's political problems, Yemen has few natural resources and very little water. The little oil the country has is rapidly diminishing and so is the water. According to several news agencies including the Washington Times, Sana'a will run out

of water within the next 10 or 15 years. The prospect of nearly two million people without access to safe water is a frightening one indeed. But the problem is not only in the capital — access to water is quite limited throughout the country. The minimum amount of water to which a person is supposed to have access is 1,000 cubic meters but on average, any Yemeni is estimated to have access to no more than 200 cubic meters a year.

Though it is scary to think parts of the country outside government control — which actually constitutes much of the country — offers safe havens to terrorist organizations plotting against the United States. However, no simple reaction — whether economic or military — to the recent failed attack will solve the situation. Yemen has been a political basket case for the better part of the last half of the twentieth century. Attacks on U.S. personnel is not exactly uncommon in the country; nor is it uncommon for Yemeni citizens to be found fighting Americans in Iraq or Afghanistan. Roughly 100 of the remaining detainees at Guantanamo Bay are Yemeni. This most recent attack should be put into perspective.

Knowing there are dangerous people operating a country is not the same as knowing how to neutralize the threat. This is not to say military operations are pointless but that they are of limited value. Military strikes and training should be carried out when feasible but should not be the centerpiece of U.S. foreign policy towards Yemen. Also, giving hundreds of millions of dollars to an extremely corrupt government with limited accountability is generally a very bad idea.

A successful policy must include dia-

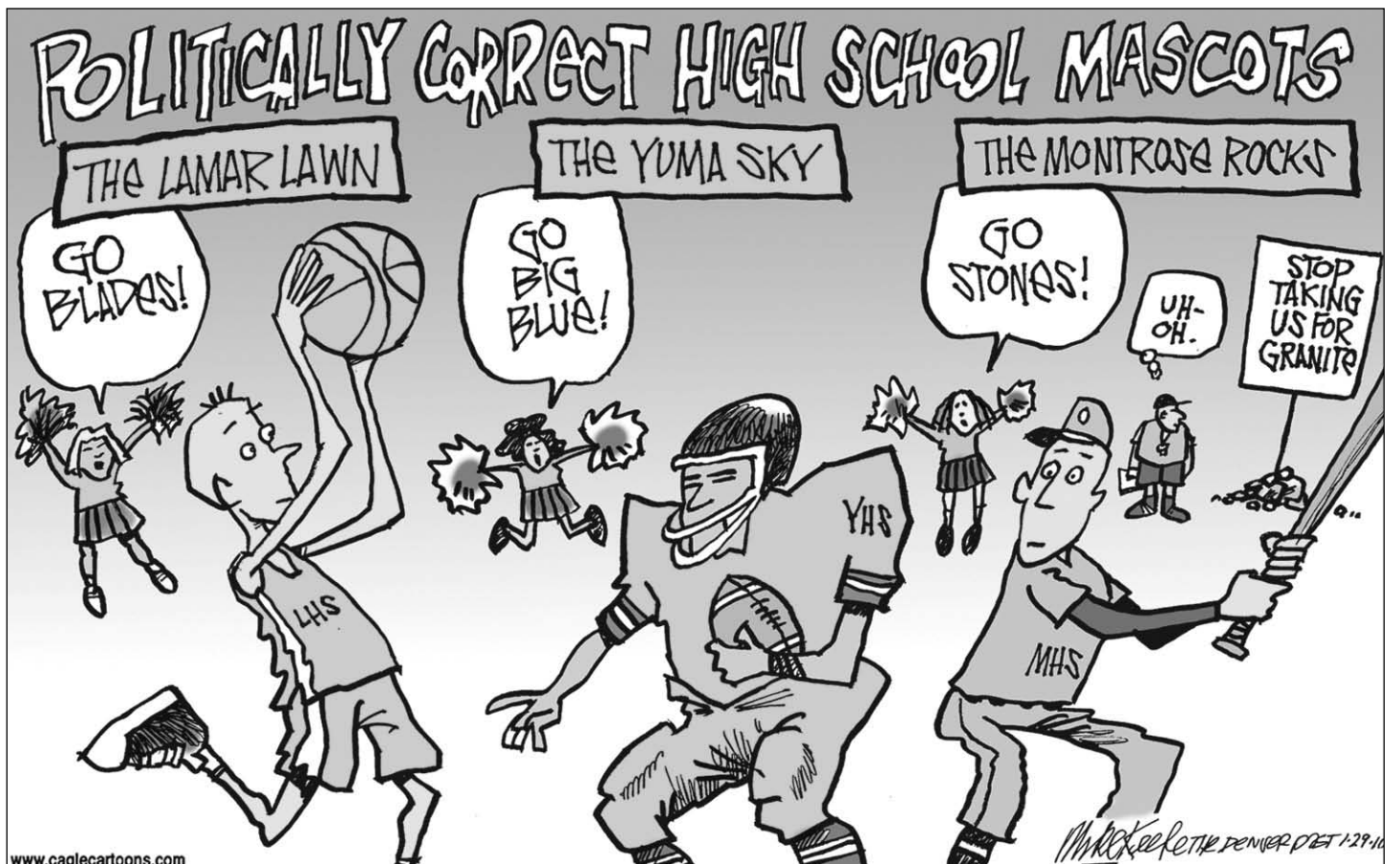
logue with the tribes and a solid economic component. While it can be argued that dialogue with anyone other than the official government will undermine stability, many of the world's greatest problems have been caused or exacerbated by a lack of communication. If the tribal areas are where Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is hiding then that is where America must go. Taking Iraq as an example, the insurgency was dealt a significant blow when American commanders began talking to local leaders and actually listening to them. There is no reason a similar approach will not work in Yemen. As for the economic situation, this is too complex to be dealt with in depth in such a limited space but a good place to start is to secure safe drinking water and begin instituting sustainable development practices.

Last year, America gave the Yemeni government nearly \$80 million — the most recent investment in the past several years — and from this money America has seen little return. If a better and more peaceful future is desired for both America and Yemen then our officials in government must start considering long-term solutions and not political gambits. Too often, America's foreign policy has been fueled by short-sighted policies. Allowing Yemen to be added to this long laundry list of failures would prove disastrous for all interested parties.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Happiness lies neither in vice nor in virtue; but in the manner we appreciate the one and the other, and the choice we make pursuant to our individual organization."

Marquis De Sade
French writer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reasons to celebrate

To my fellow lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer persons in the Notre Dame community,

I have to admit, I'm still a little shocked about this whole cartoon controversy: I had no idea people still called us "fruits." (Are gays also still accused of being light in their loafers? If so, please let my uncle know: he loves that one.)

This letter is addressed to you specifically in response to this university's uncanny ability to have a discussion about gays without ever actually acknowledging our flesh-and-blood existence here, much less inviting us into the conversation. When I was still a student at Notre Dame, about three years ago now, I engaged in countless debates about gays and homosexuality and Church teaching as if it were some theological case study and not the story of my life. So, in the understanding that we are not talking about issues so much as individuals, I want to suggest some ways that you might address this situation on campus, in the hope of transforming it from an offense to an opportunity.

First, be brave. If you are able to be out, to insist that homophobes address you directly when they use dehumanizing slurs and violent jokes, please do. If you can't be out right now, then at least refuse to take part in homophobic culture. Long after you've forgotten that guy's name who called everybody fags, you'll remember that you never laughed.

Second, be loud. Wear that fabulous outfit, swing your hips and punctuate each sentence with a snap. We deserve way more than tolerance. This is a question of our

very right to exist — not as lonely souls with disordered tendencies, but as full humans with brilliant ideas and loud mouths. And, for God's sake, don't wear a shirt that asks, "Gay? Fine by me." If anything, "Gay. Really don't care who it's fine by."

Third, be inclusive. If you think you're the only group of people at that school who feels feared, excluded and unwanted, you're not. Go talk to racial minorities, low-wage workers, non-Christians and others. Perhaps more than hearing a demand for a true "Spirit of Inclusion," the University needs to see one in action.

Finally, be happy. Believe it or not, Notre Dame is making progress. When I first saw The Observer article about the protest over the cartoon, I was inexplicably happy. Then I realized why: "No Home Under the Dome." That's saying something; it's a sad point, but the fact that people (200 of them, to be exact, including 40 faculty members) made it, loudly and in public, is supremely encouraging. I'm willing to guess that that's a record turnout for a gay rights rally on this campus.

Undeniably, "The Mobile Party's" illustrated hate crime gag was as depressing as it was shocking. And The Observer's tepid response was hardly redemptive. But if all it takes is a puerile cartoon to mobilize hundreds of people in support of LGBTQ rights, then let's keep this party moving.

Patrick Wall
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Jan. 29

Jenkins disappoints

As an ally of the LGBT community at Notre Dame, I was extremely enthused to see and experience the participation by students, faculty and community members during Wednesday's "No Home Under the Dome" silent protest and march. The amount of support that was shown by the Notre Dame community was inspiring and those who participated should be commended for their courage, respect and convictions. This positivity, however, was clouded by the unwillingness of the administration to hear the voice of their students.

The five students who wished to deliver a letter expressing the discontent of their community were denied access to the Main Building. Furthermore, eight times as many faculty and staff members were also denied access. It was not until much later that a representative showed up to take the letter without much more than a single word to the group awaiting a response. Fr. Jenkins should be ashamed. Outside of his administration building, he had well over 200 people who cared enough to bring him a letter. He has students who are willing to engage in a conversation and open a dialogue regarding an issue that is often too taboo to discuss on this campus. Rather than accepting the letter and agreeing to open this dialogue, the administration set obstacles in the way of a group that was offering nothing more than a peaceful, silent protest.

If Jenkins wants us to believe that the "Spirit of Inclusion" encompasses all that the LGBT

community and its allies need at this school, his unwillingness to hear from them acts as a slap in the face and in direct opposition to what the "Spirit of Inclusion" is supposed to mean. Don't get me wrong; Wednesday's events were a huge step, and I do not mean to diminish the work done by anyone. It is embarrassing to me, as a student at this university and as an ally to the LGBT community, that no stronger effort was made to hear from the students. This university exists because of its student body and a blatant blind eye to their intentions and needs is going to perpetuate the homophobia, bigotry and "other-ness" that has been seen over the past decade, and more recently in letters from Sean Mullen and the cartoon from The Observer.

I didn't expect to hear a decision on the spot. I didn't expect an immediate rewriting of the non-discrimination clause. I expected a level of decency and respect from the administration regarding the quality of life of the student body. I am inspired by the steps taken by the students and faculty on Jan. 27, and extraordinarily disheartened by the sluggish and non-responsive administration. Regardless of the issue, the administration should never actively seek to silence the voices of their students, especially when they have already had to silence themselves.

Will Haley
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Jan. 28

Understanding homosexuality

Although I hope people like Tom Neild are in the minority at Notre Dame with their narrow-minded bigotry, I become skeptical of this hope when I pick up The Observer and read viewpoints like Tom's. What Tom does not seem to understand in his letter "Legally bound to Catholic teachings" (Jan. 28) is that homosexuality is not a choice. To suggest that homosexuality should not be tolerated like stealing is not tolerated in the Catholic doctrine is to suggest that homosexuals choose to engage in morally deviant behavior like stealing.

I cannot stress this enough. Homosexuality is not a disease. It is not a "lifestyle" that people choose to live. Homosexuals are human beings. They are not social deviants. They share this university with us, this country with us and this world with us. I think Tom —

and any other person who shares Tom's sentiments toward homosexuals — should first of all meet a homosexual so they can come to know one. If that is too frightening of an experience for people like Tom, they should watch Gus Van Sant's 2008 film "Milk." Harvey Milk, portrayed by Sean Penn, reminds us at the end of the film that the movement for homosexual rights is "about the 'us's' out there," and that "without hope, the us's give up." I indeed hope that people like Tom can reform their outlook on homosexuals and that the homosexual movement, especially on this campus, can continue to push forward.

Anthony Matthew Durkin
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Innsbruck program will be missed

There has been no shortage of letters concerning the cancellation of the Innsbruck program, but we believe that, as current students, we have a unique perspective. While we hope the program does somehow reemerge, we think that this letter would be better served praising the program, instead of questioning OIS' decision.

The opportunities and experiences we have this year may be unparalleled by any other study-abroad program. We begin the year with a month of intensive German (six hours a day) in Salzburg, the home of Mozart, Silent Night, Stiegl and, of course, The Sound of Music. It could be the quintessential European city. We were able to go on a weekend trip to Vienna with our program director and, for many of us, visit locations like Stefansdom or Café Sacher which we learned about in our German classes. It was a great way for us to bond, to be eased into life in a foreign country and to refresh our German skills.

Our classes in Innsbruck are all held with professors who have spent ten years or more with the program. These are teachers who understand the struggles non-native speakers have and they are also teachers who genuinely care about the students and the program. Every one of them has expressed how much they will miss teaching Notre Dame students. This is a relationship that few, if any, other students studying in Innsbruck receive. It is very clear that at Austrian universities, neither the professors nor the university is concerned with the students. This isn't a shot at their system, but it should be known that it is a radically different system from what we have at Notre Dame.

The greatest appeal of the Berlin program appears to be the "prestige" or the opportunity for "elite learning opportunities." However, one must consider what kinds of language skills are required for this. To take a course where the professor neither knows nor cares that German is a second language is to say that you have the same language skills as the students sitting around you. Students who themselves are in the very top of their talent pool and who have been speaking the lan-

guage their entire lives. The language skills required to succeed in this environment cannot be developed at Notre Dame — a student would practically need to have lived in a German-speaking country before they could achieve this level. Unfortunately, judging from the way the Berlin program was presented to us, none of us would have been at the level required.

Finally, we have our wonderful program director, Gernot Guertler, and his wife Anita, who put in hours upon hours to make this program the best it can be. We are personally matched up with guest families with whom we eat, visit and learn how Austrian families live. In the student dorm we live in, we are completely surrounded by native Austrian, German and European students. In one hallway we have students from Austria, Germany, Italy, Romania, Bosnia, Poland, Luxembourg, Sweden, Spain and Taiwan. And we think students from every year will agree that German is better learned in a communal kitchen than in a classroom.

We would like to thank the Guertlers, our professors, our guest families and all of the returnees who helped us to make this semester so personal and so enjoyable. Fourteen more students arrive for the semester in less than two weeks. It is a shame that we will be the last 22 students to have this opportunity.

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Don't just leave this paper on the table. Go on and recycle it.



Documentary ‘End of Poverty?’ Comes to DPAC

By TATIANA SPRAGINS
Scene Writer

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center hosted a showing of the documentary, “The End of Poverty?” a film directed by Philippe Diaz about poverty primarily in Latin America and Africa, on Saturday.

Filmed in less than eight months by a two-person crew of only the director and producer, “The End of Poverty?” is about the alarming increase in poverty around the globe despite a worldwide growth in wealth.

By talking to professionals about the matter in several different countries as well as conducting interviews with people and families who live on less than \$1 a day, the film highlights important issues about poverty, namely how it began, where and why it exists, and what are the implications of this for our lives in the future.

A distinctive feature about Diaz’s approach to poverty is to explain the reasons why it began. The economists, historians and scholars interviewed discussed the history of colonialism and the imprint it leaves until this day in most third world countries where poverty is predominant. By providing an insight into the history of a culture and of the colonial-imperial relationship — which prevailed throughout the 17th, 18th and even 19th centuries — the viewer can understand that the reasons for poverty in these countries is so rooted in its country’s historical background and that poverty

is far from being an easy fix.

Natives to a country discussed the loss of culture, and how the white European would arrive with “a Bible in one hand, and a weapon in the other.” However, the three issues highlighted as a consequence of colonialism and which, ultimately, are what prevent a country from climbing out of its conditions are trade, debt and monopoly. For example, it was mentioned that sub-Saharan Africa is paying \$25,000 a minute in international debt. The film asks, how many schools and hospitals could be built with that money?

The focus soon shifted from the historical reasons for colonialism to what the consequences of this history are, from international debt to the poor individual’s view of his or her placement in society. Finally, the documentary took a turn towards discussing how a similar structure to imperialism still exists today

between countries of the north and of the south. Namely, at how the United States is the new superpower dictating the rules for underdeveloped countries to abide by.

With a documentary on poverty, the possibilities are endless. In “The End of Poverty?” a unique feature is its very clear and instructive explanation for why poverty exists and that its origins are deeply rooted in historical issues. As well as instructive, the people interviewed included a perfect balance, from a well-educated scholar (in a comfy couch and a fancy desk lamp) to father of six who works 15 hours a day to make \$6.

However, “The End of Poverty?” lacks in one simple aspect. It does not create any hope nor is it very emotionally appealing. It provides a background and hard facts, but does not instruct the viewer on what he or she can do their part to fix the situation. As it reached the end, the documentary began to focus more on pointing fingers at who is preventing things from getting better than actually suggesting a way in which the viewer can do his or her part in aiding this global issue.

It seems that the film simply sank into its comfortable seat as it sadly said that there isn’t anything we can do unless the northern superpowers change the way they handle capitalism, which is neither an effective nor an inspiring conclusion to such a devastating and powerful theme.

Interesting at first, instructive without a doubt, but, unfortunately, “The End of Poverty?” fails to live up to its expectations, and to what it could have been.

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Freshman's

GoodMusicAllDay.com
Emerging as Internet Music Hit

By PATRICK GRIFFIN
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For young entrepreneur and Notre Dame freshman Tim Weber, music is more than just a passion or a hobby.

“I absolutely love music. I believe that college students listen to the best music.” Weber, a resident of Knott Hall, has turned this personal credo into a rapidly growing web-site called GoodMusicAllDay.com geared toward the musical interests of young adults.

Hailing from Wilmington, Del., Weber has always gravitated towards a musical calling. Formerly a guitarist and vocalist, he began doubting his ability to advance as a performer. The trajectory of his passion thus shifted from performance to sharing. More recently, Weber developed an inclination toward producing music of various genres such as hip-hop and alternative. Weber’s exploration of the production side of music led to the genesis of his Web site.

GoodMusicAllDay’s mission is simple: to publicize and share the music that interests college students. The site’s interface closely resembles a blog, with daily entries featuring artist descriptions, videos, links, and published opinions. For music savvy fans, the site may resemble other music advocacy Web sites such as nahright.com, aurgasm.us, and even Kanye West’s official blog. The distinction, of course, is a focus towards collegiate interests.

As founders and operators of the Web site, Weber and fellow Notre Dame freshman Tim Ryan of Siegfried, were careful to consult Notre Dame’s Office of Information Technologies’ rules, as well as copyright laws, when developing the site to ensure that all content on the site is legal. GoodMusicAllDay does not allow peer-to-peer sharing. However, all content may be previewed and even downloaded free of charge. Downloaded music is iPod ready immediately upon completion.

GoodMusicAllDay.com officially launched on Dec. 1, a little more than a month after its conception in late October. Originally restricted to the Notre Dame community, the site has expanded largely without advertisement. Word of mouth exported the news of the Web site beyond the Notre Dame bubble, and now GoodMusicAllDay.com boasts roughly 1,000 views a day.

The Web site’s popularity was also boosted by exclusive interviews with emerging artists, and later, the sponsorships of various mixtapes submitted expressly by musicians. GoodMusicAllDay.com has been officially recognized by the likes of Chip Tha Ripper, the Incomparable Shakespeare, DJ Trackstar and even Kid Cudi.

Though Weber claims a wide variety of musical interests, he admits that country music and metal are turnoffs. A distinct hip-hop flavor is palpable in the entries of the web-site. Visitors to GoodMusicAllDay will encounter plenty of underground rappers, DJ’s, and some indie and jam

bands. Weber collects submissions from up-and-coming artists as well as fan submissions. Though each submission is reviewed and rated, Weber contends that irtually all suggestions submitted to the site are posted, provided that the music is worthy of the attention and praise of college students.

Weber boasts that his Web site’s most appealing feature is its recently completed list of 2009 top fives. Visit this section of GoodMusicAllDay to hear the top five mash-ups, covers, beats and more from last year. Like all other submissions, each track may be previewed and downloaded.

Though GoodMusicAllDay is still in its infantile stages, Weber has high hopes for the site and his own career. He is optimistic that the Web site will continue to receive more views and submissions. In fact, GoodMusicAllDay is scheduled to drop its first official mixtape on March 1 of this year. The mixtape, which will feature exclusive tracks available only through GoodMusicAllDay, is expected to feature seven to eight artists and roughly 15 tracks.

As for his own career, Weber says that his dream is to become the CEO of a major record label. Certainly he is on the right path with his unwavering love of music and attention to new and exciting trends. However, given the swift success of GoodMusicAllDay, he may soon find his hands full with the requests and attention of a quickly growing fan base.

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52nd Annual Grammy Awards

BREAKDOWN



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The 52nd annual Grammys took place last night at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Heading into the night Beyoncé led the nominations with 10 followed by Taylor Swift with eight, and the Black Eyed Peas, Maxwell and Kanye West with six each.

The night began early on the red carpet with a plethora of stars from The Jonas Brothers to Paramour to T-Pain. Justin Bieber jammed to Rock Band while Russell Brand and Katy Perry talked about their recent engagement. Other notable couples that strutted their stuff together included Seal and Heidi Klum, Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban, and Josh Duhamel and Fergie.

But who let in Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino and Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi? Or the guy from "American Idol" who sang "Pants on the Ground?"

As far as fashion is concerned some stars shone, while others disappointed.

Katy Perry wore a Zac Posen dress inspired by her recent trip to India, but it was a bit lackluster. Lady Gaga did not hesitate to wear something outrageous, and turned up in a white Armani dress that was reminiscent of a piece of modern artwork. Black Eyed Peas' member Taboo wore a horrible space-suit outfit, but Fergie's tight, bright blue mini dress was beautiful and made up for his failure.

Travis Barker of Blink-182 fame did not even bother to dress up, but his son was an adorable accessory. Keri Hilson was stunning in a beige Dolce and Gabbana number with a beautiful jeweled waistband. Artists from her label Iyaz and Jason DeRulo escorted "American Idol" judge Kara DioGuardi. She looked great, but DeRulo did not even care to tuck in his shirt. Jennifer Hudson rocked some outrageous bangs, while the newly engaged Carrie Underwood looked beautiful even if her white gown had an odd geometric pattern.

Carey Hart and P!nk made a handsome couple, as the usually casual Hart dressed up in a great suit. She wore an absolutely stunning sparkling mer-

maid cut dress with a folded detailed bust. The multi-colored bottom added to a rocker edge to a classy dress.

Kidman wore a long, elegant black Prada gown. Both Swift and Beyoncé looked gorgeous in tight, form-fitting numbers. The former being a deep blue, and the latter a shade of beige. Ke\$ha failed to impress in a costume-like dress complete with fringe and over the top makeup. And Imogen Heap accessorized her already strange dress with an umbrella.

"Glee's" Lea Michele sported a one shoulder ruched black short dress that was a last minute decision after a fashion snafu. She was planning on wearing a white gown that she discovered last minute was see through. Rihanna's white dress was more successful, with oversized pockets, a feathered high neck collar, and open back.

Overall, the pattern of the evening seemed to be nude colored dresses. Ashanti, Klum, Beyoncé and Hilson all sported flesh-toned gowns.

The Grammys did not have a host this year, but perhaps Stephen Colbert should have received the job after opening the show with many laughs. He brought his daughter along to assess his coolness, made fun of Adam Lambert and even showed off his new iPad. Colbert later earned a Grammy for Best Comedy Album.

The Grammys were full of performances in which artists pulled out all the stops. Lady Gaga kicked off the night with help from Elton John, backup dancers, and a piano with arms jetting out of the top.

Green Day, who would later win Best Rock Album, also performed with cast of the new Broadway musical "American Idiot" inspired by their music. This will likely help promote the show, as the cast was fantastic.

Beyoncé performed in a fierce black outfit with SWAT team members dressed up as her back up dancers. Her song of choice was "If I Were a Boy" with a hint of Alanis Morissette's old hit "You Oughta Know." P!nk then performed in an odd outfit, in which her hooded silver robe eventually revealed a nude-colored bodysuit to which she hung from the air to perform aerial ballet.

The Black Eyed Peas started their performance with the fourth single of their latest record, "Imma Be" which eventually transitioned into their hit "I Gotta Feeling." The song won them Pop Performance by a Duo or Group With Vocals. Fergie sported a visor, and the group was backed up with robot dancers clad in all silver. Fans had previously sent in videos and pictures that flashed across screen in the background. The performance appeared to be a crowd pleaser. The group also won Pop Vocal Album.

Recently crowned Best New Artist winner Zac Brown Band took the stage to perform with legend Leon Russell.

Swift first performed her latest single "Today Was A Fairytale" from the upcoming film "Valentine's Day" in which she costars. She was joined onstage by one of her childhood favorites Stevie Nicks. The duo sang two songs together including a remixed version of "You Belong With Me".

One of the gimmicks of the evening was that fans could vote to choose what song Bon Jovi would perform. Choices

were "It's My Life," "Livin' On A Prayer," and "Always." It was Bon Jovi's first ever Grammy performance and after performing two other songs, the viewers chose "Livin' On A Prayer."

Lionel Richie presented the Michael Jackson 3-D Tribute in which Celine Dion, Hudson, Smokey Robinson, Underwood and Usher performed in conjunction with a recording of Jackson's "Earth Song." The crowd wore 3-D glasses to fully enjoy the performance. Then, Prince and Paris Jackson accompanied by their cousins accepted an award on behalf of their father.

Mary J. Blige and Andrea Bocelli also performed a powerful duet in honor of Haiti. The two sang beautifully together, with Bocelli integrating Italian into the piece.

Drake, Eminem and Lil Wayne performed together with Barker on drums. In the Rap arena, Eminem received two Grammys for Rap Album, and Rap Performance by a Duo or Group for his collaboration "Crack a Bottle," with Dr. Dre and 50 Cent.

Lady Antebellum, (winner of Country Performance by a Duo or Group With Vocals) Jamie Foxx with T-Pain (winner of R&B Performance by a Duo or Group With Vocals), and Dave Matthews Band, and Maxwell (winner of Male R&B Vocal Performance and R&B Album) also performed.

The queen of nominations Beyoncé was off to a great start when the show began and she won Song of the Year for "Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)." She would also win Female R&B Vocal Performance and R&B Song for the same song, Female Pop Vocal Performance for "Halo," Traditional R&B Vocal Performance for "At Last", and Contemporary R&B Album. In the end, she took home six trophies.

And the princess of nominations, Swift picked up a Grammy for Best Country Album. She also received Female Country Vocal Performance and Country Song for her single "White Horse." Swift also won the arguably most prestige Grammy of the night Album of the Year for Fearless. In her speeches Swift thanked her recording label for letting her write all her songs, and her family especially her brother and parents.

Best Record of the Year went to Kings of Leon for their song "Use Somebody." Rap/Sung Collaboration went to Jay-Z, Rihanna and West for "Run This Town." Jay-Z also won Rap Solo Performance. Male Pop Vocal went to Jason Mraz. The eclectic Lady Gaga won Dance Recording for "Poker Face," and Electronic/Dance Album for The Fame.

For a complete list of winners visit GRAMMY.com

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Murray falters, Federer cruises to 16th major

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer felt awkward for a moment, celebrating his 16th Grand Slam title while Andy Murray cried for Britain.

Federer timed his run to perfection at the season’s first major, beating fifth-seeded Murray 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (11) in the Sunday night final to collect his fourth Australian Open title.

A year ago, Federer was sobbing after a five-set loss to Rafael Nadal at Melbourne Park. He’d missed a chance to equal Pete Sampras’ record of 14 Grand Slams, compounding an emotional few weeks.

Since then he finally won on clay at the French Open to complete a career Grand Slam of all four majors and equal Sampras’ record. Then he triumphed at Wimbledon for his 15th record title. He also became a father of twins.

This time, it was Murray who was fighting tears after missing a chance to become the first British man since 1936 to win a major.

Federer, however, enjoys making history. This was his 22nd Grand Slam final, his 18th in the last 19, and he compared this triumph with last year’s Wimbledon win.

“This felt similar in a way, because all of a sudden it was over and it hit me,” he said. “It was very much a rollercoaster with the emotions. I guess the match point was over, and I was like, ‘Oh, my God, this is it. It was great.’”

Not so much for Murray, who drew deep breaths as he apologized for failing to end a 74-year-old drought for British men.

“Firstly, congratulations Roger, his achievements in tennis are incredible,” he said. “He was a lot better than me tonight.

“Hopefully, one time I can come back and win here,” he

added, his voice breaking. “I got great support back home the last couple of weeks. Sorry I couldn’t do it for you tonight but ...”

Murray could barely finish his thank you, explaining: “I can cry like Roger; it’s just a shame I can’t play like him.”

Both the crowd and Federer embraced Murray’s display of emotion.

“In a way it was hard to watch, but at the same time I like seeing players who care for the game,” Federer said. “It’s nice to see, you know. So you wish only the best for him.”

And Federer, who had to be consoled by Nadal last year, offered Murray some reassurance.

“Well done for your incredible tournament; you played it fantastic,” Federer said. “You’re too good of a player not to win a Grand Slam, so don’t worry about it.”

Federer dropped serve only twice in the match and hit 46 winners. He said he felt as good as ever.

“I’m over the moon winning this again. I think I played some of my best tennis in my life these last two weeks,” he said.

Federer saved five set points and wasted two match points in the tiebreaker with some uncharacteristic shot selection before clinching it when Murray netted a backhand after 2 hours, 41 minutes.

Murray was desperate to become the first British man since Fred Perry in 1936 to win one of the four tennis majors, but seldom had the answers to Federer’s unrivaled finals experience. He set a record for British men just by reaching two major finals in the Open era.

“I don’t feel great,” Murray said. “I think it was more the way the end of the match finished ... Obviously, it was pretty emotional end to the match.

“If it was a complete blowout,



No. 1 seed Roger Federer celebrates after beating Andy Murray of Britain to win the Men’s singles finals match. Federer was brought to tears after falling to Rafael Nadal in the 2009 finals.

if I lost 3, 4, and 2, you know, it probably wouldn’t have happened. But I had my chance to get back into the match. That was probably why I was upset.”

Federer also beat Murray in straight sets in the 2008 U.S. Open final, the only previous meeting between the pair at a Grand Slam.

Murray still holds a 6-5 advantage over Federer in career head-to-heads — one of only four players who can boast such an advantage — but has lost the last three.

Last year, Federer had just discovered — unknown widely at the time — that he was to be the father of twins.

The emotions bubbled over after his loss to Nadal. But he

recovered from that defeat to win at the French Open.

He won Wimbledon before his twin daughters were born. Federer reached his fourth Grand Slam final of the year at the U.S. Open, only to lose in an upset to Juan Martin del Potro.

Federer ensured no recurrence of the upset here, though, adding the 2010 title to his wins at Melbourne Park in 2004, 2006 and ‘07, becoming only the fifth man to win four Australian titles.

American Andre Agassi, who won the last of his four here in 2003, was the last father to win a Grand Slam title.

“It’s also very special the first Grand Slam as a father,” Federer said as his wife, Mirka,

smiled and clapped from the stands, almost crying herself. “You get the best out of me.”

Federer got on top early, taking a 2-0 lead. But Murray broke back immediately with consecutive passing shots — one which the Swiss star even had to applaud.

Federer had to save three break points in the fifth game before holding with back-to-back aces. He then broke Murray in the eighth game, lifting his intensity in perfect time so that he could serve for the set.

Federer dominated the second set after breaking Murray’s serve in the third game, but his intensity dropped slightly in the third.

MLB

Twins optimistic of contract extension for MVP Maur

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins started their annual winter gala with everything a baseball fan with cabin fever could want on a cold night: autographs from the players, batting cages and meat smoking on the grill.

Everything except that contract extension for Joe Mauer.

TwinsFest began on Friday

without an announcement of the Mauer megadeal Minnesotans have been hoping for, that sure-to-be-expensive guarantee of keeping the American League MVP in his hometown for the foreseeable future.

Mauer and the Twins have been steadfastly quiet about any negotiations, but manager Ron Gardenhire expressed optimism a deal will get done

this spring.

“I’m just letting it happen. I don’t sit and fret about it,” Gardenhire said earlier in the day at Target Field, where the Twins are moving this year. “I think the right thing is going to happen. I think we all know. I think we all know the ramifications if something were not to happen and it would go the other way. That wouldn’t be a good thing for

anybody. I don’t see who, other than maybe some clubs out east.”

Mauer is making \$12.5 million this season, the last year of his current contract. He’ll be eligible for free agency in the fall if no new deal is in place, a scenario that wouldn’t bode well for the Twins given the interest the soon-to-be-27-year-old would attract on the open market. But Gardenhire,

though removed from the process, wasn’t worried.

“I’ll be happy when he does sign. He can buy me a beer. Probably two. Maybe three,” he said, chuckling.

With Target Field blanketed in snow and the temperature near zero, TwinsFest was held at the usual Metrodome spot. Mauer was, of course, the center of attention wherever he wandered.

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Indiana Jones: Listen. Since I've met you I've nearly been incinerated, drowned, shot at, and chopped into fish bait. We're caught in the middle of something sinister here, my guess is dad found out more than he was looking for and until I'm sure, I'm going to continue to do things the way I think they should be done. [after commandeering a plane] Professor Henry Jones: I didn't know you could fly a plane. Indiana Jones: Fly, yes. Land, no.

Saavik: Permission to speak freely, sir? Kirk: Granted. Saavik: I do not believe this was a fair test of my command abilities. Kirk: And why not? Saavik: Because... there was no way to win. Kirk: A no-win situation is a possibility every commander may face. Has that never occurred to you? Saavik: No, sir, it has not. Kirk: And how we deal with death is at least as important as how we deal with life, wouldn't you say?

Red: [narrating] I find I'm so excited, I can barely sit still or hold a thought in my head. I think it's the excitement only a free man can feel, a free man at the start of a long journey whose conclusion is uncertain. I hope I can make it across the border. I hope to see my friend, and shake his hand. I hope the Pacific is as blue as it has been in my dreams. I hope.

NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Coaches Poll

	<i>team</i>	<i>previous</i>
1	Kentucky	2
2	Kansas	3
3	Villanova	4
4	Syracuse	5
5	Michigan State	7
6	Texas	1
7	Duke	6
8	Gonzaga	10
9	West Virginia	12
10	BYU	13
11	Georgetown	14
12	Purdue	9
13	Kansas State	8
14	Tennessee	17
15	Temple	19
16	Wisconsin	11
17	Pittsburgh	20
18	Butler	21
19	Connecticut	24
20	Mississippi	16
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NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Coaches Poll

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1	Connecticut	1
2	Stanford	2
3	NOTRE DAME	5
4	Nebraska	6
5	Tennessee	3
6	Ohio State	4
7	Duke	7
8	Texas A&M	9
9	Georgia	8
10	Xavier	10
11	West Virginia	11
12	Oklahoma	13
13	North Carolina	15
14	Florida State	16
15	Georgetown	18
16	Baylor	12
17	Oklahoma State	17
18	Iowa State	21
19	LSU	19
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22	Green Bay	14
23	Kentucky	25
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	<i>team</i>	<i>points</i>
1	Penn State	10
2	NOTRE DAME	9
3	Ohio State	8
4	Princeton	7
5	Columbia	6
6	Penn	5
7	Harvard	4
8	St. Johns (N.Y.)	3
9	Yale	2
10	Duke	1

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PGA



Phil Mickelson hits from the bunker on the sixth hole of the Farmers Insurance Open using the now banned square-grooved Ping-Eye 2 wedge. The wedges remain legal, because of a lawsuit filed against the USGA, settled in 1990.

Mickelson not taking 'cheating' accusation lightly

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Phil Mickelson hinted at legal action Saturday for being accused of “cheating,” saying that if the PGA Tour did not do something about him being “publicly slandered,” then he would let others handle it. Mickelson didn’t mention Scott McCarron by name in a series of interviews after his third round at Torrey Pines. McCarron was quoted in The San Francisco Chronicle on Friday as saying about Mickelson using the Ping-Eye 2 wedges with square grooves, “It’s cheating, and I’m appalled Phil has

put it in play.” The USGA has a new rule this year that irons have V-shaped grooves. However, the Ping-Eye 2 wedges that were made before April 1, 1990, remain approved for play through a Ping lawsuit that was settled 20 years ago and takes precedence over new regulations. Mickelson is using one of those wedges this week after reading about John Daly and Dean Wilson using them in Hawaii. When asked Friday about McCarron’s quote about him cheating, Mickelson declined to get into what he referred to as “name-calling.” Instead, he suggested that

McCarron was upset with the new rule on grooves. But after a 70 in the third round put Mickelson within four shots of the lead, he made it clear he would not go quietly. “We all have our opinions on the matter, but a line was crossed and I just was publicly slandered,” Mickelson said. “And because of that, I’ll have to let other people handle that.” Asked he was contemplating a lawsuit, Mickelson said, “I’m not going into specifics what that meant.” Still, it was clear that his message reached PGA Tour headquarters. The tour released a statement

during the third round explaining why the Ping-Eye 2 wedges with square grooves were approved for play. “Public comments or criticisms characterizing their use as a violation ... are inappropriate at best,” the statement said. Told about the tour’s statement, Mickelson paused before saying it was “cool if they put that out there.” “Again, everybody has their opinions and so forth, and it’s healthy to talk about it,” he said. “But when you cross that line and slander someone publicly, that’s when the tour needs to step in — or someone else.”

IN BRIEF

Bomb attempts prompt Super Bowl security change

WASHINGTON — The massive, multi-million-dollar security operations for the Super Bowl and Winter Olympics are being adjusted in light of recent breaches such as the attempted Christmas Day bombing of an airliner and the White House gatecrashers. Sports and government officials say such lapses — where individuals got past guards on the ground — are leading to increased screening efforts at major upcoming events, including the NFL championship game between the Indianapolis Colts and New Orleans Saints in Miami next Sunday, and the Vancouver Games starting Feb. 12. Extensive ticket-checking procedures also are being implemented for soccer’s World Cup, which begins June 11 in South Africa. Even entertainment awards shows are taking extra steps, like stricter monitoring of cars arriving at the Golden Globes Awards ceremony two weeks ago

Referee dies after being hit by puck

STOCKHOLM — A Swedish ice hockey referee has died after being hit in the back of the head by a puck during a junior game. A police spokesman said the 62-year-old man was refereeing an under-18 game in northern Sweden on Saturday and was struck by the puck when a player tried to lob it into the offensive zone. It was not immediately clear whether he died from being hit by the puck or from hitting his head on the ice when he fell. Police did not name the man, but local media identified him as Roland Hedberg. Police say the man received CPR by an off-duty ambulance driver within 10 seconds of the accident, but that he was pronounced dead upon arrival at a hospital.

Kobe-Lebron print ad features gun language

NEW YORK — An advertisement featuring the NBA’s two biggest superstars includes a gun reference, the same week two players were suspended for carrying firearms to the locker room. The Nike ad, which appears in several publications including Sports Illustrated and ESPN The Magazine, has LeBron James on one page and Kobe Bryant on the other. Along with the slogan, “Prepare For Combat,” is a quote from each player showing how tough he is. Bryant’s blurb says: “I’ll do whatever it takes to win games. I don’t leave anything in the chamber.” The chamber in a gun is the compartment that holds the bullet before it is fired. “The Nike print ad featuring Kobe Bryant was intended to illustrate his all out play and commitment on the basketball court,” Nike said in a statement. “It is a commonly used reference for shoot

MLB

Pirates owner rejects offer from Lemieux

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pirates owner Bob Nutting declined to listen to separate proposals to buy the team last year, including a surprise bid from Pittsburgh Penguins co-owner Mario Lemieux, officials with knowledge of the talks told The Associated Press.

The officials spoke Saturday on condition of anonymity because the talks were private. The Pirates confirmed discussions with Lemieux and Penguins co-owner Ron Burkle took place, but said there was no talk about selling.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette first reported Saturday that Lemieux and Burkle made an unsolicited proposal for the Pirates four months ago — one that was substantial and serious, a person with knowledge of the offer told The Associated Press.

Previously, Nutting turned aside several sale overtures made by Pittsburgh lawyer Chuck Greenberg, who subsequently teamed with Nolan Ryan to purchase the Texas Rangers in a deal completed last week.

Several years ago, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban also was rebuffed in efforts to buy the team.

Nutting gave all the interested parties the same answer: The Pirates aren't for sale, and the discussions apparently went no further.

"No formal, substantive offer had been made at a meeting four months ago with Bob and Mario and Ron Burkle," Pirates president Frank Coonelly said Saturday at the team's fan festival. "But what I can confirm for you is, at that time, today, tomorrow, next week, the Pirates are not for sale. Bob Nutting is committed to making this organization a winner again."

While the Pirates acknowledge they are profitable, they aren't successful. They lost 99 games last year during a major league-record 17th consecutive losing season, then raised fans' ire by trimming their payroll below that of the 1992 Pirates, the franchise's last team to make the playoffs.

The Pirates' projected \$35 million payroll is only about half of the totals for NL Central rivals Cincinnati and Milwaukee, despite being in a similar-sized market, and is expected to be the lowest in the majors by at least \$5 million.

That Nutting wouldn't consider a proposal from the popular Lemieux, a Pittsburgh sports icon who has revived the Penguins twice — once as a player and again as an owner — is likely to generate further fan unhappiness.

The fan unrest was evident Saturday when Coonelly, general manager Neal Huntington and manager John Russell heard boos at times during a fan festival question-and-answer session, especially when queried about the payroll. Most answers were met with only tepid applause, according to bystanders.

The Pirates have said the payroll won't increase substantially until top prospects reach the majors and adding higher-salaried players might make the difference in winning a championship.

All of those interested in the Pirates have lengthy backgrounds in pro sports.

Greenberg has been a successful minor league owner, and his teams included the Pirates' Double-A affiliate in Altoona, Pa., that was partially owned by Lemieux until being sold two years ago. Greenberg also was a finalist for the Pirates' presidency before Coonelly was hired in 2007.

Lemieux, the Hall of Fame player, bought the Penguins in federal bankruptcy court in 1999 — a year later, he came out of retirement became pro sports' first owner-player — and has since seen them become one of the NHL's most successful franchises.

Burkle, a California billionaire investor and supermarket operator who joined Lemieux's group in 1999 by making a \$20 million investment, was interested previously in buying the Washington Nationals and Chicago Cubs.

"Mario and Ron are very smart business people. They've been very successful with the Penguins and have done a great job with them," Coonelly said. "What they see in the Pirates, I would think, is that they're interested in purchasing a team much like the Penguins earlier this decade: A team on the rise. A team that has a plan. A team that has financial stability."

Owning two of the Pittsburgh's three major pro sports teams might have allowed Lemieux and Burkle to launch their own TV sports channel. Because they would own the teams, Lemieux and Burkle could have kept all advertising revenues without paying expensive rights fees, once the teams' current rights deals with FSN Pittsburgh expired.

Lemieux and Burkle, according to people with knowledge of their interest, believe the Pirates could substantially hike attendance — recently among the lowest in the majors — with a more aggressive approach to player acquisition.

Nutting's family owns a Wheeling, W.Va.-based newspaper chain and first became involved in the Pirates' ownership group when California newspaper heir Kevin McClatchy bought the team in 1996. The Nuttings subsequently began to increase their shares by buying out partners of the once-large ownership group and now own a substantial portion of the shares.

Last season, Forbes estimated the Pirates' worth at \$288 million, less than that of any team except the Florida Marlins, who currently play in an NFL stadium.

Penguins vice president Tom McMillan declined Saturday to confirm Lemieux's interest in the Pirates, saying, "The Penguins don't discuss private business matters."

NHL

Phaneuf, Giguere to Toronto

Associated Press

TORONTO — The Toronto Maple Leafs shook up their struggling club, acquiring defenseman Dion Phaneuf from the Calgary Flames in a seven-player deal Sunday and swapping goalies with Anaheim to get J.S. Giguere.

Along with Phaneuf, Toronto received Keith Aulie and Fredrik Sjostrom from Calgary in exchange for Ian White, Matt Stajan, Nick Hagman and Jamal Mayers.

The Maple Leafs also traded goalie Vesa Toskala and Jason Blake to Anaheim for Giguere, who became an expensive backup after the Ducks signed No. 1 goalie Jonas Hiller to a four-year extension Saturday.

The shakeup comes after Toronto's 5-3 loss to the Vancouver Canucks on Saturday night to extend its winless streak to six games. The Leafs (17-28-11, 45 points) are tied with Carolina for last in the Eastern Conference.

"We've got to create tension where there's enough talent on the roster and a high enough battle level that the coach has decisions to make," Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke said. "Right now he doesn't have decisions to make. It's these guys who got to go on the ice. We're trying to change that. Today is an important part of changing that."

"We're still open for business, we're not done," he added.

The 6-foot-3, 214-pound Phaneuf has appeared in 55 games this season with Calgary, with 10 goals and 12 assists with 49 penalty min-

utes. The Edmonton native is in his fifth NHL season — all with Calgary — after being selected ninth overall in 2003.

Burke called Phaneuf an elite player whom he tried to acquire earlier in the season.

"This guy's a warrior. He's got a cannon for a shot. He plays the game hard ... I want players who play the game hard because they're hard to play against," he said.

The 24-year-old made the all-rookie team in 2005-'06 and has twice played in the All-Star Game.

"It was definitely a shock, but I'm very excited about going to Toronto and being a Maple Leaf," Phaneuf said.

"It's part of the business," he added. "It's a cliché. If Wayne Gretzky can get traded anyone can get traded. I was very surprised, but on the other hand I'm very excited to be going to the biggest hockey market in the world."

The trades remove a fair chunk of Toronto's offense, with the departing players accounting for 57 of the Leafs' 149 goals.

"We're just going to have to find other ways to manufacture

offense," Toronto coach Ron Wilson said.

"In one fell swoop, we've made ourself the youngest team in the league," he added. "Instead of looking back, we're looking forward."

The acquisition of Giguere will allow the Leafs to give Swedish rookie Jonas Gustavsson more time to learn.

Toskala has a 3.66 goals-against average over 26 games while Gustavsson — who twice has been treated for a heart problem this year — has a 3.03 GAA in his 31 appearances.

Sjostrom, taken 11th overall in the 2001 draft by Phoenix, has one goal and five assists in 56 games this season.

Stajan had 16 goals and 25 assists in 55 games while Hagman had 20 goals and 13 assists in 55 games. White had nine goals and 17 assists in 56 games and Mayers two goals and six assists in 48 games.


Blake had 10 goals and 16 assists in 56 games.


Giguere has a 4-8-5 record with a 3.14 GAA and a .900 save percentage this season. Hiller is 21-15-2 with a 2.75 GAA and a .920 save percentage.

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NBA

Kobe, Lakers win in Boston

Cavaliers score 46 points in first quarter, defeat Clippers 114-89

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Los Angeles Lakers are doing their best to forget all those awful memories of playing in the Boston Garden.

Kobe Bryant sank the go-ahead basket with 7.3 seconds left, and the Lakers won 90-89 on Sunday for their third consecutive victory over the struggling Celtics. Boston has not been able to make good on the traditional “Beat L.A.!” chant since winning 131-92 to clinch the 2008 NBA championship here in Game 6 of the finals.

“They smacked us two years ago,” Lakers forward Lamar Odom said. “It was a big game for us. This is a team that’s going to be battling to be coming out of the East.

Winners of 32 NBA titles between them—including the last two—the Lakers and Celtics have met in the finals 11 times, from Bill Russell against Elgin Baylor and Wilt Chamberlain, to Magic Johnson vs. Larry Bird and on to the current matchup of Bryant facing the New Big Three of Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen.

But while the Lakers’ superstar came through in the stretch for them, Boston’s couldn’t.

The Celtics led by as many as 11 points in the fourth quarter and nursed a one-point lead until Pierce was called for an offensive foul for pushing off as he jumped to shoot with 28 seconds left.

“At that point, I think it’s got to be unbelievable, but I didn’t see it so I really can’t give an opinion on it,” Boston coach Doc Rivers said. “You know, I do know Kobe pushes off a lot.”

Bryant complained of a stiff ankle after Friday night’s win in Philadelphia, and it seemed to bother him during the game. He shot just 8 for 20 but made the big one: making a move toward the basket

before stepping back from Allen’s defense and swishing the ball through the net to give Los Angeles its only lead of the second half.

“He had a couple of looks before that that were good looks, and he didn’t put them in. We were mystified by that,” said Lakers coach Phil Jackson, who tied Pat Riley atop the franchise coaching list with his 533rd win in Los Angeles. “He told me the next one was going to go in, so we went with him.”

Bryant finished with 19, Andrew Bynum had 19 points and 11 rebounds, and Pau Gasol had 11 points and 11 boards for the Lakers, who won their fourth consecutive game.

“I didn’t say give me one more chance. I said give me the damn ball,” Bryant said. “I never really give him much of a choice.”

Rajon Rondo had 21 points and 12 assists for the Celtics, who have lost six of their last eight games.

Pierce scored 15, Garnett had 10 with nine rebounds and Kendrick Perkins finished with eight points and 10 boards for the Celtics, who were coming off losses to Orlando and Atlanta—two of the top four teams in the Eastern Conference—that left them at 6-10 since beating the Magic on Christmas Day.

“It’s nothing to be happy about, I’ll tell you that,” Garnett said. “We haven’t been producing wins, but we’re a hardworking group.”

Garnett missed 10 of those games with a hyperextended right knee, and Boston was 4-6 without him. But Garnett’s return hasn’t solved all the Celtics’ problems.

Cavaliers 114, Clippers 89

When LeBron James hit his fourth 3-pointer of the first quarter — from 30 feet away — Los Angeles Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy sat silent in his chair while the sold-out

crowd roared around him.

There was little Dunleavy or his team could do to stop the Cleveland Cavaliers during their win Sunday night.

James scored half of Cleveland’s 46 points in the first quarter and the streaking Cavaliers tied an NBA record with 11 3-pointers in the opening period of their season-best eighth straight victory.

The whole spectacle left Dunleavy stunned.

“I’ve got money that I’ll put them in the gym naked, nobody else on them, and they probably can’t make 11 out of 13 again from the same spots,” Dunleavy said. “They hit some shots in that first quarter that I know in 30 years of being in the NBA that I’ve (never) seen a team make.”

The 46 points tied a franchise mark for most in a quarter, and Cleveland’s 16 3-pointers fell one shy of the team record for a game.

The leader, as usual, was James. He made his first seven shots and finished with 32 points and 11 assists. His five 3-pointers in the first equaled the team’s mark for most by a player in a quarter.

The hotter James got, the deeper he started firing — shots he playfully refers to as “heat checks.” By the end of the first quarter, the Q was sizzling with a 46-20 Cleveland lead.

James heaved baskets from 30 and 28 feet as the Cavaliers made 3-pointers on seven consecutive possessions in the period.

“There’s no description of a player getting into the zone like that. It just happens,” James said. “And when it happens, everything you put up, you feel like it’s going in.”

Early on, that was true. Anderson Varejao appeared to toss an alley-oop to Jamario Moon in the second quarter, but ended up making the basket when his lob sailed high. Varejao had 11 points and seven rebounds off the bench.

All of Cleveland’s first-quarter 3-pointers came within the flow of the offense — either Shaquille O’Neal passing out of the post or James passing out of double teams.

James had four 3s during the streak, Daniel Gibson added two and Anthony Parker started it with one four minutes into the game.

The long-range shooting extended a 9-7 lead to 30-11 in a little more than three minutes. The Cavaliers shot 16 of 21 in the quarter, including 11 of 13 on 3-pointers.

Baron Davis had 30 points for the Clippers, who have dropped four straight and are 1-5 on this eight-game road trip. Los Angeles was again without center Chris Kaman, who has missed consecutive games with a sprained left ankle. Eric Gordon had 12 points and DeAndre Jordan added 11 for Los Angeles.

O’Neal had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland, which kicked off a seven-game homestand with an easy win. Gibson had 14 points and Jawad Williams added 12 off the bench.

PGA

Crane wins at Torrey Pines with late par

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Ben Crane put his name back in the news for the best reason of all. He won another golf tournament.

Crane made two birdie putts longer than 45 feet to build a big enough cushion that missing a few short putts down the stretch didn’t cost him Sunday in the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines.

Crane knocked in a 30-inch par putt on the final hole for a 2-under 70 and a one-shot victory over Michael Sim, Brandt Snedeker and Marc Leishman. It was Crane’s third career victory, and first in nearly five years, and this one earned him a trip back to the Masters.

With a reputation for slow play, perhaps it was only fitting that Crane was the last one to know he had won.

He made it a point not to look at a leaderboard throughout the final round, and didn’t know the result until Ryuji Imada congratulated him on the 18th green. Even in post-round therapy for his back, Crane said he doesn’t talk about results, only the process.

But for his first victory since Milwaukee in 2005?

“I think it’s OK to get out of the moment for tonight,” he said, smiling.

The last time Crane made news, he was inadvertently swept up in the Tiger Woods scandal when a gossip magazine attributed quotes to him that he never made. Life & Style said it spoke to Crane at Q-school, even though Crane was never there.

Crane handled that situation with the same even hand he displayed on a cool, breezy afternoon along the Pacific bluffs.

Starting the final round two shots behind, he opened with three birdies in five holes, including one from just over 45 feet on No. 3. He expanded his lead to three shots with another 45-foot birdie putt on the 11th.

Then, it was a matter of hanging on.

He had plenty of challengers, although Phil Mickelson wasn’t one of them. Making his season debut, and only four shots behind, Mickelson bogeyed his first three holes and was never a factor.

Robert Allenby made a charge only to fall back by losing five shots in four holes, including a tee shot that vanished into the canyon. Sim, the 25-year-old Australian, kept with Crane the entire round and had his chances to the very end.

Trailing by two, Sim was certain he had made a 15-foot birdie on the 17th hole and stopped in utter sur-

prise when it ran over the right side of the cup. Crane then missed a par putt inside 3 feet to lose another shot off his lead.

Both laid up on the par-5 18th, and both put too much spin on their wedges that the shots rolled off the green — Crane’s against the

collar, Sim’s a yard off the front of the green, forcing him to chip. They settled for pars.

Sim had just under 250 yards to the hole, right on the edge of reaching the green with his 3-wood. Rather than cost him-

self the tournament with a shot he had to hit perfect, he did everything right except plan for the amount of spin.

“It was a perfect number (for the wedge), a perfect shot,” he said. “It would have been nice to have a putt at it.”

Crane finished at 13-under 275, a victory that changes the outlook on his season. He is going back to Augusta National for the first time in three years, and his victory should put him inside the top 60 and give him a good chance to qualify for the Match Play Championship.

“It’s really cool to know I’m going in the right direction,” Crane said.

Snedeker closed with a 69 after narrowly missing a 12-foot birdie on the last hole. Leishman had a 68, hitting into the bunker and the rough to take away chances of a good look for birdie on the 18th.

Michael Allen celebrated his 51st birthday with five straight birdies for a Sunday-best 65, moving him into a tie for fifth with Ernie Els (69), Rickie Fowler (70) and Alex Prugh (66), who earned a trip to Riviera next week for the Northern Trust Open.

Allenby was the first to make a move at Crane, pulling within two shots after his two-putt birdie at the 13th. But for the second straight tournament, he was a victim of the new V-groove regulation. His ball jumped out of the rough on the 14th with a 7-iron, well over the green and into the hazard. In Honolulu, another flier went through the back of the green on the last hole and he made par to lose by one.

Mickelson was four shots behind when he teed off to a hometown cheer. Within an hour, he was out of the tournament.

He pulled his bunker shot down a slope to the right of the first green, blocked by branches of a torrey pine from playing a flop shot. Using his Ping-Eye 2 wedge that has caused so much consternation this week, he flew it onto the green and it raced some 30 feet by the cup, leading to bogey.



Cavaliers’ LeBron James goes against Clippers’ Rasual Butler Sunday in the second quarter of Cleveland’s 114-89 win.

AP

NFL

Free agent DE Peppers likely to leave Panthers

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Snubbed by the Carolina Panthers since the end of the season, the agent for five-time Pro Bowl defensive end Julius Peppers is convinced his client will play elsewhere in 2010.

Carl Carey said Sunday night the Panthers have “not made a single inquiry this off-season” regarding the impending unrestricted free agent.

“And we don’t expect to hear from them,” Carey told The Associated Press in a phone interview, setting the stage for Peppers to become one of the top defensive players to hit the market in years ahead of a potential season without a salary cap.

Panthers general manager Marty Hurney didn’t immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

“Julius wants to thank the Carolina fans and know their support has meant a lot to him over the years,” Carey said.

Hurney and coach John Fox went to great lengths to keep Peppers in 2009, going against his public wishes to be allowed to leave as a free agent. The Panthers used the restrictive franchise tag and paid him an NFL-high \$18.2 million. That counts a \$1.5 million bonus for making the Pro Bowl after he recorded 10.5 sacks.

Using the tag again next season would cost about \$20.1 million, plus another \$1.5 million for the Pro Bowl and \$250,000 for each playoff win. Signing the 30-year-old to a long-term contract could likely cost in upward of \$15 million a year.

“I think most people who have looked at the situation have understood the complexity of it for the Panthers,” Carey said. “What I’m more surprised by is the silent treatment that they’re giving Julius at this time. We have had a very respectful relationship with the organization and this is very much unlike what I’m used to seeing from them.”

Carey said he talked with team officials on the day of the regular-season finale against New Orleans on Jan. 3, then initiated contact with the team shortly thereafter.

“They informed me they would make contact the following week,” Carey said. “They never did. To date, we have still not heard from them.”

The 6-foot-7, 283-pound Peppers, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2002 draft, has spent his entire eight-year career with Carolina. His 81 sacks are the third-most in the NFL during that span behind Miami’s Jason Taylor and Dwight Freeney of Indianapolis.

A freakish athlete with tremendous speed and agility for his size, Peppers can dominate games — and disappear at times.

He was so disruptive in a December game against Minnesota that left tackle Bryant McKinnie was benched and Vikings coach Brad Childress wanted to take out Brett Favre to avoid injury, leading to their on-field argument.

But Peppers seemed to lack energy in the 2007 season, when he had just 2 1/2 sacks in 14 games. He returned a year later to post a career-high 14 1/2 sacks. He had five forced fumbles and two interceptions in 2009 despite being limited in the middle of the season with a broken hand.

Peppers, who grew up in Bailey, N.C., and played in college at North Carolina, said last offseason that he wanted to leave his home state and play as an outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense. Peppers skipped all offseason workouts, but had little leverage with the franchise tag and signed the one-year tender before training camp.

He didn’t miss a game or practice and seemed to warm to new defensive coordinator Ron Meeks’ 4-3 system, lining up at different spots on the line. But in a brief interview after a Pro Bowl practice Saturday, Peppers acknowl-



Carolina Panthers defensive end Julius Peppers, left, talks with Washington Redskins’ Brian Orakpo at Pro Bowl practice last Thursday. AP

edged that, “I’m just trying to get on a team right now. I just want to get a contract.”

Carey said Peppers is willing to play in any type of defense next season.

“He has indicated to me that he is open to hearing from the remaining 31 teams in the league,” Carey said. “He is open to any defensive scheme at this point.”

Peppers took up 14 percent of Carolina’s salary cap this season. That meant the Panthers had to find cheap

labor in other areas and the special teams units suffered as Carolina finished 8-8.

The Panthers may not have to worry about a salary cap in 2010 if a new collective bargaining agreement is not reached. But Carey believes the Panthers “have moved on.”

“He feels like he is just now entering his prime,” Carey said. “He has an incredibly bright future ahead of him as he opens the next chapter of his life and his career.”

NHL

Capitals roll, win 10th straight

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It’s a perfect 10 for the Washington Capitals, whose superstar woke up in a sleepy game to score the goal that kept the winning streak alive Sunday.

Fittingly, it was Alex Ovechkin who found the net with 6:26 remaining in the Capitals’ 3-2 win over the Tampa Bay Lightning, giving Washington a franchise record-tying 10th consecutive victory.

“It’s kind of fun and it’s kind of good,” Ovechkin said. “But we don’t want to stop.”

The reigning two-time league MVP slid on one knee and into the boards to celebrate his 35th goal of the season, a shot from the slot that beat Mike Smith to the stick side. The score rescued the Capitals after Washington blew a two-goal lead with a rare third-period meltdown.

“It was a quiet game,” Washington coach Bruce Boudreau said. “Once they got the two goals, it got everybody’s blood going again. ... Ovie, you could feel on that shift that he sort of just said ‘OK, it’s time I did something.’”

Nicklas Backstrom and Brooks Laich also scored for the Capitals, whose double-digit run matches the team mark set Jan. 27-Feb. 18, 1984. Washington, which has outscored opponents 47-21 over the 10 games, can break the record Tuesday at Boston.

“The number 10 is pretty tough to get to,” Boudreau said. “I told the guys it’s something that you might go your whole career again without getting

again, and so enjoy it.”

The league’s top-scoring team has turned the Southeast Division race into a laughter and is within one point of San Jose for best record in the NHL. Seven of the 10 wins have been by two goals or more, but Sunday’s victory showed the Capitals also can win when they’re far from their best.

“Every team wants to come in a make a statement and say ‘We’re the team that knocked these guys off,’” Laich said, “so we’re getting teams’ best efforts every single night. We’re in special territory right now, and a chance to make history in our next game, so we’ve got to be prepared.”

Jose Theodore, returning after missing two games with a lower body injury, made 25 saves for Washington.

The Capitals were leading 2-0 when Martin St. Louis made a nice deflection to pull the Lightning within a goal with 15 minutes to play. Just 7 seconds later, Backstrom was whistled for tripping, Washington’s first penalty of the game.

Tomas Fleischmann compounded matters during the penalty kill committing a hooking penalty out of frustration seconds after losing the puck. The Capitals killed off 23 seconds of 5-on-3, but Steven Stamkos’ one-timer with Fleischmann in the box tied it with 12:18 remaining.

Tampa Bay’s rally proved fruitless when Ovechkin scored, an overdue breakthrough in a game in which the Russian forward had 11 shots blocked before they reached the net.

“It’s devastating, but we’ve got to grab some positive out of this third period, some momentum going into the next game,” St. Louis said. “I thought we showed a lot of character coming back like that.”

The Lightning’s final scoring opportunity was rebuffed when Vincent Lecavalier was kicked out of the faceoff circle in Washington’s zone with 2.4 seconds to play. Lecavalier argued the call and was sent to the penalty box for unsportsmanlike conduct, moving the faceoff to Tampa Bay’s end.

Lecavalier blamed the Capitals for influencing the linesman.

“Their guys basically intimidated him to kick me out,” Lecavalier said. “That’s what got me upset.”

The Lightning were the last team to beat the Capitals, a 7-4 victory on Jan. 12 during which Ovechkin challenged Lightning forward Steve Downie to a fight before Washington’s Matt Bradley intervened on behalf of his teammate.

For all the anticipation, Sunday’s rematch was on the dull side for two periods. The only early highlight was Ovechkin’s amusing pratfall behind the Tampa Bay net, the result of a problem with his left skate.

Backstrom got the game’s first goal in the second period by stuffing a rebound between Smith’s legs during a power play. It was Backstrom’s 23rd of the season — a career high — and gave the Capitals nine straight games with a power-play goal.



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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hopson leads No. 14 Vols

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee was down by a point with 25 seconds left when coach Bruce Pearl called a timeout to set up the Volunteers' final play.

Scotty Hopson figured the ball would be in the hands of go-to post player Wayne Chism. Instead, Pearl made Chism the decoy this time and told Hopson to take the shot.

"I'll get it if we're maybe down two and need a 3," Hopson said. "We obviously needed a big shot, and coach had the confidence to put it in my hands so I stepped up and knocked it down."

Well, first he had to shake Chandler Parsons, who didn't fall for Chism's decoy, and adjust the designed shot. He hit a fading jumper over Parsons' head just in front of the 3-point line with 21 seconds left to give No. 14 Tennessee a 61-60 win over Florida on Sunday.

"I thought he would be more open. He did not get much of a look, but he made a play himself," Pearl said. "It is a big shot."

Perhaps the biggest of his short career.

The basket gave the Volunteers (16-4, 4-2 Southeastern Conference) their sixth straight win over their East Division rival and fifth straight victory in Knoxville. It also kept Tennessee from dropping a third game in the row, which the Vols have only done once under Pearl.

It also ended Florida's four-game winning streak, the

Gators' longest in league play since opening the 2007 season 11-0.

"I have been on the (winning) end of two of those shots (this season) ... and Hopson really knocked down a big-time shot," Florida coach Billy Donovan said.

Alex Tyus, who led the Gators with 18 points, had a chance to grab the lead back for Florida (15-6, 4-3) but missed a jumper in the middle of a crowd under the basket with 5 seconds left, and Hopson came away with the defensive rebound.

"It felt good. Just kind of trickled out," Tyus said of his shot. "You just got to realize that wasn't the reason why we lost the game. We just need to learn how to play a full game."

After playing poorly in the first half, Chism led the Vols with 16 points and 11 rebounds and hit two key free throws with 42 seconds left. J.P. Prince scored 12, and Hopson finished with 10.

Hopson has been at his best against the Gators. He logged 20 points as a freshman last season against them in Knoxville and came up with a big block on a potential game-tying 3 by Erving Walker with 37 seconds left in Tennessee's win in Gainesville.

"He is going to have a lot more big shots," Pearl said of Hopson.

Tennessee overcame a slow, sloppy first half to dominate Florida in the second half. The Vols were scrappier on defense and put a strong effort on the boards, outrebounding the Gators 27 to 12

after halftime.

Florida's backcourt duo of Erving Walker and Kenny Boynton, who entered the game having combined for 37.2 of Florida's 75.3 average points in SEC play, finished with a total 13 points.

"I thought they had some pretty decent looks. They just did not shoot the ball particularly well," Donovan said.

Before the break, it was all Florida.

The Gators used a pressing defense reminiscent of one Tennessee has used against them in the past. They limited the Vols to 36.4 shooting and outrebounded them 20-14 before halftime while taking control of the paint on both ends.

Dan Werner hit a 3-point shot from the corner of the floor and the Gators hit two more in the paint to grab a 15-7 lead with 12:55 to go.

Florida led by 10 points in the first half thanks to 57.7 percent shooting, but the Gators cooled off considerably in the second half, hitting just 36.4 percent from the field.

Bruce Pearl is now 8-1 against Florida and Billy Donovan, who joined the Tennessee coach for a \$1,000-per-couple social on Saturday night to raise money for cancer screening as part of Tennessee's Outlive initiative.

"There aren't many coaches in the country the night before the game that would spend an hour and half away from their team helping the community raise money," Pearl said of Donovan. "There aren't many guys in the business like him."

NCAA FOOTBALL

WR Gilyard leads talented draft class

Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Mardy Gilyard once worked four jobs to stay in school after losing his scholarship.

The former Cincinnati star turned in an awfully strong audition for a much more lucrative career in Saturday's Senior Bowl, racking up 103 yards receiving and catching a 32-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter to help the North race to a 31-13 victory over the South.

"All my hard work just kind of came into one game," an exuberant Gilyard said. "I'm truly blessed. I worked my butt off and I played my butt off. I've been through so much in my career."

"This game sums up everything, because I've been through all the hard work, all the ups and all the downs, the peaks and the valleys. I've been through everything. I've been from the brown sticky stuff at the bottom of the barrel to the cream at the top of the coffee."

In 2006, an academically ineligible Gilyard lost his scholarship and had to take jobs ranging from cutlery salesman to construction worker to pay his steep out-of-state tuition bills. He eventually won back his scholarship.

Florida quarterback Tim Tebow, meanwhile, had a shaky outing running a pro-style offense against a sturdy defense.

He fumbled twice and finished 8 of 12 passing for 50 yards in the showcase for senior NFL prospects. Tebow's longest completion was 11 yards and he netted 4 yards on four rushes, but was never turned loose as a power runner as he often was with the Gators. He battled strep throat early but didn't miss any practice time during a week when he was trying to prove to skeptical NFL teams and draft analysts that he could be a starting pro quarterback.

"I think I'm definitely open to improving my fundamentals," Tebow said. "I think I definitely showed that by being here. If you just watched the way I played, you could see there is room for improvement and what I need to work on."

One of the nation's top all-purpose threats, Gilyard also set up a third-quarter touchdown with a 43-yard catch down the right sideline and had five receptions. Both that pass and the TD came from Central Michigan's Dan LeFevour.

Michigan defensive lineman Brandon Graham had two sacks and a forced fumble and was chosen the game's Most Valuable Player. The

South committed six turnovers.

"It shows that I'm going to go hard 100 percent of the time all day and whoever gets me is going to love me," Graham said.

Gilyard returned two kicks for 52 yards and gained 24 on two punt returns. He was chosen offensive player of the game while Mississippi State's Jamar Chaney earned defensive honors.

Tulane receiver Jeremy Williams had six catches for 82 yards, added a 27-yard run on an end around and was named the South's most outstanding player. That honor went to Central Michigan's LeFevour for the North. He completed half of his 10 passes for 97 yards and added a 1-yard touchdown run on a sneak, once again outdistancing the much more heralded Tebow.

LeFevour finished with more total touchdowns (150) than any other player in Football Bowl Subdivision, including Tebow (145).

Zac Robinson had the game's best passing numbers, throwing for 176 yards and a touchdown before getting intercepted late in the game.

Tebow played 11 snaps in the first half, and the South was down two scores by the time he re-entered the game to loud applause late in the third.

Dexter McCluster fumbled two plays into his first drive of the half, and his second began at the South's 1-yard line.

Tebow led the South to a couple of first downs before Koa Misi stripped the ball from him. He had another fumble on the next drive but lineman Jeff Byers fell on the ball.

The miscues didn't dampen his enthusiasm for the sport that has made him one of college sports' biggest stars.

"It's a game of football," Tebow said. "You're playing with a bunch of great players, a bunch of great coaches. I'm out here playing football. I love it."

Gilyard's teammate, Tony Pike, is considered the top-rated NFL prospect among the participating quarterbacks and he looked solid in a brief outing. He was 5 of 12 for 45 yards all in the first half. Gilyard caught two of those passes for 21 yards.

LeGarrette Blount had a 14-yard touchdown run for the North, while Lonyae Miller gained a game-high 44 yards on nine carries.

Alabama players accounted for all of the South's points. Robinson hit tight end Colin Peek for a 19-yard touchdown and Leigh Tiffin booted field goals of 43 and 33 yards.



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Saturday

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off to an early 3-1 lead with strong doubles play and wins at No. 1 and No. 5 singles.

“We could have competed better on Saturday against Tulsa,” Bayliss said. “After winning the doubles point I felt that we were in great shape, but they quickly turned into a war and four-hour match. I give some of Tulsa’s guys a lot of credit, but I am certain that a number of our players would like this opportunity back. We will surely need to be tougher if we are to meet most of the goals that we have set for ourselves.”

Junior captain Tyler Davis and Watt fell 8-4 at first doubles to Tulsa’s Ashley Watling and Phillip Stephens while the No. 2 duo of Havens and sophomore Niall Fitzgerald took down Alastair Barnes and Marko Ballock 8-4. Anderson and junior Dan Stahl kept Notre Dame’s lead growing as they won over Rusty Turpin and Grant Ive at No. 3 doubles.

The Golden Hurricane started cutting in on the Irish lead in the singles division. Although freshman Blas Moros, ranked No. 74, beat out Ive 6-2, 6-0 at No. 5 singles to give the Irish another point, Hurricane victories at Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 6 singles put them on top.

Watt dropped the first set of his singles match to Stephens 6-1, he rallied to win the second and third sets 6-3, 6-2. Havens fell 6-2, 7-6 (7-2) to Watling at the No. 2 position and Stahl fell 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 to Barnes at

No. 3. At No. 4, Fitzgerald lost 6-0, 6-4 to Ballok and freshman Michael Moore lost 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 to Tristan Jackson at No. 6 singles. Stahl’s battle against Barnes closed out the match and allowed Tulsa to advance.

Notre Dame started the morning off strong with No. 3 doubles of freshman Spencer Talmadge and Anderson defeating New Mexico’s Joe Wood and Conor Berg to jumpstart the Irish lead. No. 1 doubles of Watt and Davis paired up to take down Phil Anderson and Carl Ho, 8-6. Havens and Fitzgerald rounded out the doubles with another 8-6 win over Ben Dunbar and Jadon Phillips to finish the Irish sweep.

Watt led the Irish singles in the No.1 position with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Ho as Havens defeated Phillips 6-4, 6-2 at No. 2 singles. Anderson won at No. 5 over Wood, 6-0, 6-4 as No. 3 and No. 6 singles of Blas Moros and Samuel Keeton remained unfinished as Notre Dame won the match.

“We learned that we need to finish teams off when we get on top,” Bayliss said. “That cost us the Tulsa match. We also learned that we are pretty deep. Not many teams can replace two starters with no notice and be successful in both positions. We know that we are good enough to become a very good team, but that there is much work to be done before that happens.”

The Irish will return to the courts Sunday, Feb. 7, as they travel to Durham, N.C., to take on Duke.

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Lorenz

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period.

Freshman goaltender Mike Johnson held the lead for Notre Dame late into the third period as he denied 32 of 34 shots on the night.

“There is no question, [Johnson] was the difference maker tonight,” Jackson said. “I don’t think he was that sharp [Friday], but he is capable of playing like that all the time, and I’ll tell you what, if he can ever learn to do it on a consistent basis, he’ll be one of the best in the country.”

The Irish needed Johnson’s best as six players were out to injury, and junior Ben Ryan was held out due to a coaches’ decision.

Nebraska-Omaha finally put a goal on the scoreboard with less than six minutes left in the game as Notre Dame’s lack of depth started to show. With an extra attacker, the Mavericks scored once more with only 26 seconds left in the contest.

“Our depth is an issue right now with guys being out,” Jackson said. “We only dressed 19, and it showed up a little bit in the end. I think fatigue was a factor in the last 10 minutes.”

The win, combined with results across the rest of the CCHA, moved the Irish into a tie with Lake Superior State for fourth in the conference with 32 points. With two teams tied for sixth and another two for eighth, the difference between fourth place and



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Junior right wing Ryan Guentzel handles the puck Saturday during Notre Dame’s 3-2 win over Nebraska-Omaha.

ninth place is currently only two points.

Notre Dame wore special game jerseys over the weekend to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. All the jerseys were auctioned off over the previous week and the auctions tallied \$16,604.60. Further donations, including a \$10,000 contribution from Class of 1980 Irish hockey All-American Greg Meredith, brought in \$25,000 for a total of \$41,604.60.

Note:
♦ Notre Dame assistant coach Andy Slaggert was named the recipient of the Terry Flanagan Award by the American Hockey Coaches Association Thursday. The award honors an assistant coach’s career body of work. Slaggert has been an assistant coach at Notre Dame for 17 seasons.

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MEN’S SWIMMING

Iowa, Mizzou defeat Irish at Invite

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

In their final meet of the regular season, the Irish defeated Denver (245-124) but lost to Iowa (197-171) and Missouri (197-173) at the Shamrock Invitational at Rolf’s Aquatic Center.

“It was a really hard meet and a real challenge for everyone involved,” Irish coach Tim Welsh said. “The good news for us is that we swam better every session and our energy and competitiveness was solid throughout. Also, we are swimming faster than we were last year at this time.”

Iowa swept the event by defeating the Irish, Missouri and Denver. Missouri also defeated Denver.

Led by freshman Chris Johnson and junior Joseph Raycroft, Notre Dame (5-6) dominated the breaststroke events. Freshman Bill Bass beat the competition in the 200-yard individual medley in the only Irish win on Friday.

Heading into the second day of the tournament, the Irish trailed Iowa and Missouri but were ahead of Denver.

John Lytle was once again a top performer for the Irish. The senior finished third in the 200-yard freestyle and

second in the 100-yard freestyle.

“[Lytle] is quite a racer,” Welsh said. “He is extremely competitive and we hope that he’s not done. We’re very proud of him. He has done everything.”

Junior Wes Villafior finished second in the one-meter diving event for the Irish.

The Irish now prepare for the Big East Championships next month. Pittsburgh will host the events, with the diving portion taking place Feb. 12-14, while the swimmers will compete Feb. 17-20. A Big East Championship would give Welsh’s squad their fifth conference title in the last six seasons.

“Our next race will be at the Big East Championships,” Welsh said. “We need to clean up and improve some of our events.”

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Tim Welsh
Irish coach

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FENCING

Fencers improve at Northwestern

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

The Irish put on a show this weekend as they dominated challengers at the Northwestern Duals in Evanston, Ill. The men’s and women’s teams now stand at 18-0 and 17-0 respectively, improving their standing on both the national and regional stages.

“[It was an] excellent performance from the team,” Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. “It’s a confirmation that we’re in a pretty good position in the region.”

Only two weeks into the NCAA season, it is remarkable how much the team has improved since their last competition in New York. Junior Hayley Reese and sophomores Radmila Sarkisova and Darsie Malynn led a clutch overtime rally in the women’s foil, coming out in front of Ivy League leader Princeton.

Junior Avery Zuck had an outstanding performance

against Ohio State as well.

“What is very interesting is that we had some weapons from some matches we struggled such as in women’s foil,” Bednarski said. “Same with men’s sabre, we struggled in New York but today we beat them decisively. It’s about timing and so many factors that are hard to control but we had very good results.”

Sophomore Courtney Hurley fought through the pain of a foot injury early in the competition but came through and won all of her events.

“We have to be careful in building confidence. We don’t want to be overconfident.”

Janusz Bednarski
Irish coach

Top clubs from around the region will be converging on the Joyce Center next weekend for the annual Notre Dame Duals in which the Irish will have another chance to prove themselves before the conference championships in March.

“We have to be careful in building confidence,” Bednarski said. “We don’t want to be overconfident.”

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Senior Ferguson sets NCAA mark

By KAITLYN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The Irish put forth a strong effort this weekend at the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind., claiming multiple first-place finishes and setting one NCAA qualifying mark in the two-day competition.

Senior Lindsay Ferguson set an NCAA provisional qualifying mark with a time of 4:45:92 in the one-mile race. She is the third to set an NCAA qualifying mark this season, along with senior Joanna Schultz in the 400-meter race and sophomore Kevin Schipper in the pole vault.

Senior Jaclyn Espinoza finished first in the shot put with a throw of 14.26 meters.

Throwing coach Adam Beltran commented on Espinoza's talent and work ethic.

"Her ability to focus and stay in the zone never ceases to amaze me," he said. "Her positive attitude has really allowed her to work through any inconsistencies and overcome them much more quickly than the athletes who easily get discouraged."

The Irish claimed several more first place finishes on the first day of competition. These included sophomore Molly Hirt in the 3,000-meter race with a time of 10:07:91, sophomore Mitch Lorenz in the 600-meter contest with a time of 1:21, the Irish A squad in the men's distance medley relay with a time of 9:53:24 and sophomore Doug Onuscheck in the men's high jump with a height of 2.02 meters.

On the second day of competition, the Irish added to the four first-place finishes from the first day. Standout freshman Nevada Sorenson continued to prove her dominance in the 60-meter hurdles as she finished first with a time of 8.49, senior Eric Quick finished at the top of the men's long jump field with a mark of 7.46 meters and Schultz finished first in the 400-meter race with a time of 55.72.

In total, the Irish earned over 20 top-five finishes and will look to set more NCAA provisional marks at next weekend's meet.

The Irish will return to the Loftus Sports Arena for the Meyo Invitational next weekend.

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"[Senior Jaclyn Espinoza]'s ability to focus and stay in the zone never ceases to amaze me."

Adam Beltran
Irish throwing coach

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall to Alma in close match

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

The Belles fought down to the wire, but lost to MIAA opponent Alma 79-76 Saturday.

The Belles (10-9, 5-6 MIAA) played tough and had to fight back to gain ground, but fell short as the Scots (4-15, 3-7) held on by sinking free throws down the final stretch. Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney attempted a 3-pointer to tie the game at the buzzer, but the shot fell short.

The Belles fell behind early and had to play catch-up as the Scots scored nine straight points in the first three minutes to build a lead.

Saint Mary's fought back as usual and went into halftime leading 38-37. The Belles have

fought back from early deficits many times this season. However, were unable to finish.

The biggest factor that decided the game was the free throw shooting, especially for Alma. The Scots nailed five free throws in the final minute of the game, putting them ahead of the Belles for good.

Saint Mary's did have some positives from the offensive side of the ball, however. Sophomore forward Kelley Murphy led the team with 19 points and senior forward Anna Kammrath recorded her fifth double-double of the season by adding 18 points and 10 rebounds. To provide additional support, sophomore guard Maggie Ronan went 5-of-9 shooting to add 15 points for the team.

The Belles kept the game

close and the lead changed hands numerous times throughout the game. Freshman guard Annie Doyle made a layup to give the Belles a 62-55 lead with just under 10 minutes remaining in the game. This was the biggest lead Saint Mary's would hold during the game.

At this point in the game, Alma began to make their final drive to finish off the Belles. Although the game would be tied two more times late in the game, Alma held off the Belles' attempts to try to regain the lead.

Saint Mary's returns to action on Wednesday in a crucial conference matchup at home against Adrian at 7:30 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers fall to national teams

Observer Staff Report

No. 9 Notre Dame challenged two national teams this weekend in the Champion Challenge at the Disney World of Sports in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The Irish fell 23-7 to the U.S. National Elite Team Saturday and lost 15-11 to the U.S. National Development team Sunday.

Junior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney, senior attack Gina

Scioscia and junior midfielder Ansley Steward led the Irish Saturday with two goals each while freshman attack Betsy Mastropieri scored one.

Former Irish player Jillian Byers, who graduated in 2009, scored three goals and had three assists for Team USA.

On Saturday, Scioscia led Notre Dame with three goals and sophomore midfielder Maggie Tamasitis had two. Six other Irish players scored one goal each.

On the weekend, freshman goalkeeper Ellie Hilling made 17 stops.

The Irish will begin their regular season on Feb. 23 against Hofstra in Hempstead, N.Y. and will open at home on Feb. 27 against Duquesne.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Just enough

Irish escape as Orange comeback falls short

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The No. 3 Irish began their New York/New Jersey road trip on Saturday with a 74-73 nail-biting win against Big East foe Syracuse.

Senior guard and captain Ashley Barlow sank a 3-pointer with 34.2 seconds left in the game to seal the win.

"That 3 was so big," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said Saturday at the post-game press conference. "We ran a play for her to get it and we executed it well, screened it well. Despite my screaming the entire half to stop shooting the three, she just kept her poise and made it."

Notre Dame (19-1, 6-1 Big East) held a commanding 53-39 lead at halftime against the Orange (16-5, 3-5 Big East), before watching that lead slip

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Senior guard Ashley Barlow puts up a shot during Notre Dame's win over Providence. Barlow hit a 3-pointer in the last minute of play Saturday to give the Irish a win over Syracuse.

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish win, lose at OSU regionals

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The Irish rebounded for a 4-1 win Sunday against No. 51 New Mexico after dropping a 4-3 decision Saturday to No. 35 Tulsa at the Ohio State regional of the ITA Team Indoor Championship.

"After the tough loss to Tulsa it was gut-check time on Sunday against New Mexico," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "It would have been easy to pout and not show up on Sunday, but I am proud of the grit we showed today."

No. 30 Notre Dame (3-2) swept the doubles division Sunday. Singles wins from No. 18 sophomore Casey Watt, junior Stephen Havens and junior David Anderson to clinch the win Sunday and come out 4-1.

Saturday saw the Irish take

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HOCKEY

Squad moves into tie for fourth place in heated CCHA

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

After an ugly 5-3 loss Friday night, Notre Dame regained its form with a 3-2 victory over Nebraska-Omaha Saturday. The weekend split allowed the Irish to move into a tie for fourth place in the CCHA.

"We played the way we have been playing in the second half," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said after the win Saturday. "I

thought we played with more urgency, and we were executing our system much better [than last night]."

After goals from junior Ben Ryan and freshman Kyle Palmieri put Notre Dame (12-11-7, 8-8-6-2 CCHA) ahead 2-1 Friday night, Nebraska-Omaha (13-12-5, 9-11-2-1) scored four unanswered goals before senior Brett Blatchford scored one more for the Irish with less than a minute left in the game. The defeat ended a stretch of two

straight decisive Friday victories.

"I'm disappointed tonight because I thought we played especially well the last couple of Fridays," Jackson said Friday. "Tonight I thought we were exceptionally flat. I'm going to take responsibility for it, because I did not feel that we were not as energized as we were the last few Fridays."

Again bucking the trend of the last few weeks, the Irish were dominant on the second

night of a two-game series for the first time since mid-December.

A four-on-three rush less than seven minutes into Saturday's game put Notre Dame ahead to stay. Palmieri and junior Calle Ridderwall passed the puck back and forth on the break before Palmieri set Ridderwall up for a one-timer past the goalie.

"It's always important to get the first goal, especially when you have been struggling with

the goal scoring all season," Ridderwall said. "So getting out to a good start is key for us. It helps us build off of that and get momentum for the rest of the period and a little of the second."

The Irish did indeed have the momentum as freshman Nick Larson scored less than four minutes after Ridderwall and sophomore Sean Lorenz scored eight minutes into the second

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Struggling Rutgers beats ND

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In desperate need of a conference win, the Irish appeared to have a break in the schedule entering Saturday's game against a Rutgers team that was winless in Big East play.

Instead, Notre Dame dropped the fourth of its past five games to the Scarlet Knights, falling 74-73 on the road.

Senior forward Luke Harangody and the Irish struggled from the start, falling behind 21-11 in the first 10 minutes. Harangody had difficulty the entire game against 6-foot-11 Rutgers center

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Senior forward Luke Harangody goes for the basket during Notre Dame's 84-71 loss to Syracuse on Jan. 18.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team finishes second at first home tourney

By MOLLY SAMMON
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The Irish came in second place at their first home-hosted tournament Sunday, defeating No. 46 DePaul 6-1 on Saturday and losing 5-2 to No. 17 North Carolina during the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Kick-Off Weekend for the 2010 season.

"We competed well, but we still have a long way to go from where we can be at the end of the year," sophomore Shannon Mathews said. "People missed a lot of match play they could have had in the fall due to

injuries."

After topping each of the three teams in South Bend this weekend, including Notre Dame, DePaul and No. 33 Boise State, North Carolina was granted the opportunity to compete at the ITA National Indoor Championships at the University of Wisconsin in mid-February.

Competition started on Saturday as the Irish took on the Blue Demons. The No. 12 doubles team consisting of sophomore Kristy Frilling and senior Kali Krisik shocked the No. 9 first doubles pair from

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