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# **Poet Dana Gioia awarded Laetare Medal**

Mary Ann Glendon rejected highest honor for an American Catholic last year; award was last bestowed in 2008

By SARAH MERVOSH News Editor

Dana Gioia, poet and former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), will receive the Laetare Medal, during the 2010 Commencement ceremony May 16, the University announced Sunday.

The Medal is the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics and is awarded annually to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

The Medal has not been

awarded since 2008, when actor Martin Sheen accepted the honor. Former U.S. Ambassoador to the Holy See Mary Ann Glendon initially accepted the Laetare Medal last year. but



Giola

University spokesman Dennis Brown said last year's events did not affect the selection process this year. University President Fr. John Jenkins commended Gioia's commitment to both faith and culture.

"In his vocation as poet and avocation as arts administrator, Dana Gioia has given vivid witness to the mutual flourishing of faith and culture," Jenkins said in the press release. "By awarding him our University's highest honor we hope both to celebrate and participate in that witness."

Gioia is the second poet to receive the Laetare Medal. The University presented poet Phyllis McGinley with the medal in 1964.

Gioia has published three collections of poetry, including "Interrogations at Noon," which won the 2002 American Book Award. He also published eight smaller collections of poems, two opera libretti and many translations of Latin, Italian and German poetry.

He also has edited over 20 literary anthologies and has written essays and reviews in magazines, such as The New Yorker, The Washington Post Book World, The New York Times Book Review and Slate.

Gioia served as chairman of the NEA from 2003 to 2009. During his tenure, he sought to strengthen bipartisan support for public funding of arts and art education, to champion jazz as a uniquely American art form, to promote Shakespeare readings and performances nationwide and to distribute NEA grants more widely.

In a lecture he delivered in 2000, Gioia said art and Catholicism work together because "the Catholic, literally from birth, when he or she is baptized, is raised in a culture that understands symbols and signs." "[Catholicism] also trains you

"[Catholicism] also trains you in understanding the relationship between the visible and the invisible," he said. "Consequently, allegory finds its greatest realization in Catholic artists like Dante."

A native of Hawthorne, Calif., Gioia graduated from Stanford University in 1973. He earned a master's degree in comparative

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# Mendoza takes top spot in rankings



Obama.

By JOSEPH McMAHON Associate News Editor

The Mendoza College of Business was named the top undergraduate business school in the nation for the first time in Bloomberg BusinessWeek's fifth annual rankings, which were released March 4.

Notre Dame, which was ranked second in 2009, finished ahead of the business schools of University of Virginia, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of Pennsylvania. The criteria include students' response to teachers, SAT scores, recruiters' responses to students and studentfaculty ratio.

'Students boasting about the school's commitment to ethics, Catholic beliefs and passionate professors helped land Mendoza in first place," the BusinessWeek article said. "During an economic crisis that has left many young people unemployed, Mendoza also managed a strong showing in career placement, with 95 percent of grads landing a job offer within three months of graduation.'

Carolyn Woo, dean of the Mendoza College of Business, said the University's top spot was

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### Students volunteer on Mexico border

#### By AMANDA GRAY Assistant News Editor

While many students were vacationing or relaxing at home, some Notre Dame students saved lives along the U.S. and Mexico border this Spring Break, senior Joan Swiontoniowski said.

Swiontoniowski helped lead a group of 15 students who traveled to Arizona to work with No More Deaths, a national organization providing humanitarian aid to migrants along the U.S.-Mexico border.

"No More Deaths provides basic humanitarian assistance [in the form of food, water, and medical aid] to those migrants who cross the desert in search of a better life," Swiontoniowski said. "To me, this humanitar-Swiontoniowski ian aid is something we can all stand behind — in spite of what our political and other beliefs may be — as it simply serves to keep people alive.' No More Deaths began in 2004 at the Multi-Faith Border Conference, according to the organization's Web site. The group seeks to monitor U.S. border practices and lower the number of migrant deaths by providing water, food and medical

Brain Awareness Week to stimulate dialogue

Organizers hope that week will increase awareness of neuroscience at Notre Dame

#### By KRISTEN DURBIN News Writer

After the much-needed mental relaxation of Spring Break, the Psychology Club is sponsoring the first annual Brain Awareness Week to get students more interested and involved in the field of neuroscience and how it applies to daily life.

Fifth-year student and Brain Awareness Week coordinator Bryce Chung said a growing number of students on campus are interested in neuroscience. In response to this growing interest in the subject, juniors Kevin Mickey and Annette Ruth are founding Notre Dame's first neuroscience club, the Society for Mind, Brain and Behavior.

The idea for Brain Awareness Week came from the Dana Foundation, an international organization that spreads knowledge and awareness of the arts, the brain and immunology research, Chung

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BLAIR CHEMIDLIN | Observer Graphic

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#### **INSIDE COLUMN**

## What the heck is a Hoosier?

I suspect that for many transplanted Domers, the state of Indiana is a weird place in which to spend four years. The weather is impossible to predict, it has no topography to speak of and the state nickname — "Hoosiers" — makes almost as much sense as the mission of the Indiana

Excise Police. A demonym is the name given to the inhabitants of a certain region. For many locales, the demonym is a straightforward transmutation of a place's name. Europeans call the continent of Europe their home, Canadians are from Canada, Floridians live in Florida, Chicagoans come



**Jordan Gamble** 

Scene Editor

from Chicago. It's all quite commonsense, until you get to places like Indiana. What the heck is a "Hoosier,' anyway? Is it a tire? Gene Hackman? A redneck hick? Indiana University doesn't even know - they just settle for an amorphous mascot and the colors cream and crimson. So does that mean a "Hoosier" is a pitchfork-shaped monogram?

Not really. While we were studying Indiana history, my fourth grade class actually had to make up our own stories because no one else had much of an idea anyway. As inspiration, Mrs. Goodrich told us about other people's theories. The most colorful explanation came from James Whitcomb Riley, Indiana's most famous poet. He said the term came out of frontier barrooms, where there was enough brawling and knife fights to hear "whose ear?" on a regular basis. Another story has less vicious Indiana residents calling out "whose here?" to travelers approaching their cabins

The most likely and boring answer is that Indiana residents appropriated "Hoosier" after migrating from the southern states and Appalachia, where "hoosher" and "hoosier" meant hillbilly or backwoods (literally, the Anglo-Saxon root "hoo" means hill or high ground). Into the 1850s, poor Southern whites were called "hoosiers" and "crackers." Yet in the state's infancy, the people settling in the Indiana wilderness gave the old slang new connotations. As more and more people set down roots in the Indiana wilderness and made the land their own, "Hoosier" took on a meaning of respect, not ridicule. Towards the end of the nineteenth century, the word lost its negative connotation in Indiana, and by 1900 was simply accepted as the state demonvm.

But for me, "Hoosier" doesn't really entail any of this history. I think of the Oscar-winning movie with Gene Hackman and Dennis Hopper, or Indiana's basketball culture summed up simply in the image of a makeshift hoop and court in a barn lot. Or, you know, it's my hometown college, Purdue University, being the sworn nemesis of the Indiana University Hoosiers, But I can't draw a picture of a Hoosier or tell you it's the state tree, like they can in Ohio. Sure, I'll explain the James Whitcomb Riley lost-ear story to my Nicaraguan roommate for the heck of it, but sometimes it's fun to have a state mascot that's so mysterious.

#### **QUESTION OF THE DAY:** What was the highlight of your Spring Break?



**Brian Wysocki** 

junior Fisher

"Irish women's basketball in Hartford, Conn.!"



**Pat Mines** 

sophomore Keenan

"Picking up trash in southwest Little Rock with my cousin Jacob"



Gavin Do

sophomore Siegfried

"I stayed on *campus so there* really was no highlight."



**Alejandro Sigala** 

freshman Keenan

*"The migrant experiences* seminar and soaking up the Florida sun!"

#### IN BRIEF

The exhibit "Yin Yu Tang: A Chinese Home" will be shown today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art. The exhibit will run until April 25. Admission is free.

Daily Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. today in The Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

A lecture titled "Living the Dead Sea Scrolls? Medieval Jewish Sectarianism and Qumran" will begin at 5:15 p.m. The lecture will be held in 126 DeBartolo Hall today.

The 16th Annual Hesburgh Lecture in Ethics and Public Policy: "Education as a Tool in Preventing Violent Conflict: Suggestions for the International Criminal Court" will be held at 4:15 p.m. today at the Hesburgh **Center Auditorium**. The event is free and open to the public.

A children's storytime reading of "The Curious Polka-Dot Present" will be presented at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today. The reading will be held at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. The event is free and open to the public.

colloquium titled "Applying Nuclear Physics to Address Challenges in National Security" will begin 4 p.m. tomorrow. The event will be held in 118 Nieuwland Science Hall.



Leprechaun Dan Collins cheers on the Notre Dame faithful at Madison Square Garden during Notre Dame's 68-56 win over Seton Hall in the Big East Championship March 10th.

#### **O**FFBEAT

#### Woman allegedly hits sister with toilet tank lid

IOWA CITY, Iowa – Iowa City police arrested a woman who allegedly attacked her sister with the lid of a toilet tank. Nitasha Johnson, of Iowa City, was arrested early Sunday and was charged with domestic abuse assault causing injury and interference with official acts. According to police, Johnson removed the lid and nit ner sister during a fight. Authorities said the sister suffered an injured foot and finger.

remained in jail on Monday on a \$1,500 bond. Jail officials did not know if she had hired an attorney.

#### **Determined bulldog chews** officer's tires, bumper

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. -What happened to a Chattanooga police officer's car was certainly under the radar. A city police spokeswoman said Sunday that Officer Clayton Holmes had been checking traffic speeds shop. The owner was cheu with radar and stopped to and the dogs were fill out a report when he felt his car shaking. He found a bulldog chewing on the tires. After the dog

attacked two passing cars and a second police car, officers used pepper spray and a Taser on it, but the animal wasn't deterred.

By the time McCamey Animal Center staffers captured that dog and two others, it had chewed two tires and the entire front bumper off Holmes' patrol car.

Officer Rebecca Royval said the dogs got out of a fence at a nearby welding

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Johnson was taken to the Johnson County jail. She removed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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# Actress Glenn Close speaks at Saint Mary's

Oscar nominee discusses childhood, college years, professional life; cites family for inspiration for successful career



Getting Acquainted with Catholic Charities



Fr. Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA will discuss:

- The mission of Catholic Charities
- Getting involved in Catholic Charities
- Professional and entry-level positions



Glenn Close poses with students following her lecture Monday at Saint Mary's College.

By ALICIA SMITH Associate Saint Mary's Editor

As a 12th generation Connecticut Yankee, actor Glenn Close found her inspiration and strength in her two grandmothers and her mother to pursue her dreams.

Close visited Saint Mary's College Monday as the Margaret Hill Endowed Lecturer. In "An Evening With Glenn Close," Close spoke about her journey as an actor in the College's O'Laughlin Auditorium. She shared stories from her life and told tales of past auditions, her childhood and her family.

Close introduced herself with an anecdote about a woman who spotted her at the airport and mistook her for Meryl Streep.

"Your perception of those characters have deeply influenced your perception of me," Close said.

Close said she based some of her characters after her grandmothers' strong personalities. Both of her grandmothers were talented — one dreamed of being a famous singer, and the other longed to become an actor.

Close said neither of her

at."

When she was seven years old, her mother and father decided to join a cult. Close said she remained faithful to the group for 15 years and struggled to conform to the expectations of the cult. Finally, Close said she left the cult and was accepted to William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Va.

Close said college was a way of freeing herself.

"It was in the theatre department that I spent most of my time," she said.

At William and Mary, Close was inspired by one of her professors, Howard Scammon. Close said Scammon came to all of her plays in her early professional career up until his death.

After working in several professional productions, Close decided to work with a professional acting coach to improve her audition skills.

"For a long time, I was really bad at auditioning," Close said.

Working with acting coach Harold Guskin, Close learned several important lessons, which she said she's applied to her career as well as her life. Close said one such lesson was to remember to breathe.

Close said that in order to continue to learn her trade she went to every rehearsal. "I saw that acting companies brought together to achieve a common goal are chemical," Close said. Close has played a variety of characters on stage, in film and on television series. "All these characters represent a lot in my life and the learning curve in my career," she said.

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grandmothers was allowed to pursue their dreams, so Close said she knew her grandmothers were watching over her while she chased her goals.

Close said she was also inspired by her mother's intelligence and strength, even though she never graduated from high school or attended college.

She said her mother is "the most well-read, strongest and compassionate women I will even know."

Close described her childhood as "magic." She said she spent her childhood playing outdoors with her siblings and also spent hours on her own in the woods.

"Our catch phrase was 'let's pretend," Close said. "I just never wanted to stop playing. Living in my imagination was something I never had to work Though she has been successful in her career and has been awarded many of the parts she wanted, Close said she was greatly influenced by others.

"I've had so many brilliant people constantly whispering in my ear," Close said.

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#### CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

## Group continues debate on student handbook

#### By MEGAN DOYLE News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) debated potential recommendations for changes to the du Lac student handbook — including the creation of a student medical amnesty policy and the handling of discipline for firsttime alcohol offenses in residence halls — at its meeting Monday.

"The whole process in my opinion is very difficult because we are just giving recommendations instead of voting on policies," student body president Grant Schmidt said.

The need for an established medical amnesty policy has recently gained traction in student government, he said. CLC is struggling with how to balance its desire for a medical amnesty procedure with the Office of Residence Life and Housing's (ORLH) need for flexibility to deal with exceptions to the policy.

"In order for this to be effective, we do need it to be in du Lac and be clear to students," student body vice president Cynthia Weber said.

CLC did not approve a specific recommendation for ORLH, but Monday's draft will be clarified and presented again to the Council members.

"We need to clarify that assisting students would not be held liable except under extenuating circumstances," Schmidt said.

Council members also recommended that in the case of a first time alcohol offense in a residence hall, the student's rector would be responsible for discipline, instead of sending the case to ORLH.

Schmidt said this recommendation arose from a standard that is "already in place but should be stated clearly."

The current du Lac policy allows for in-house discipline when the offense takes place within a student's own residence hall, but the council wants to include offenses that occur elsewhere on campus in the language of this policy.

"One of [Associate Vice

tor handle discipline before ORLH takes action.

"We are asking education to happen at a more localized level, which we consider to be more effective," Weber said.

The issue of how discipline is handled is particularly important for students hoping to apply to graduate schools, Weber said.

Some of the rectors on the Council cautioned that setting up a policy with only loose definitions could cause confusion for students.

"If I were a student, I would want more structure on this," Fr. Pete McCormick, rector of Keough Hall, said.

Weber said because rectors have a strong connection to the average student, she thinks they should be allowed to handle discipline whenever possible.

"We can keep it at the level where it's appropriate so as not to unnecessarily tarnish a student's reputation or record," Professor of Army Science Jon Crist said.

Discussion of this recommendation will continue at the Council's next meeting. Other issues for upcoming CLC debate are recommendations on the undergraduate tailgating policy and drinking games.

Contact Megan Doyle at mdoyle11@nd.edu When sophomore Colleen Coley's uncle was diagnosed with cancer, she wanted to do something special to show her

**By EMILY SCHRANK** 

News Writer

support. During Spring Break, Coley, a native of Greenwood, Ind., shaved her head at an event sponsored by the St. Baldrick's Foundation, an organization that raises money for childhood cancer research.

"I'm not graduating or getting married and I don't have anything major coming up in my life," she said. "It's a really good cause and my hair was more than long enough, so I just decided to go for it."

St. Baldrick's has raised more than \$74 million since the organization was founded in 2000. More than 130,000 volunteers, including nearly 10,000 women, have shaved their heads in that time.

Coley said 75 percent of the money St. Baldrick's collects goes directly to research.

"I'm planning on going into nursing once I graduate, so this is a cause that I'm really passionate about," she said. Coley quickly surpassed her

Coley quickly surpassed her initial goal of raising \$1,000. As of Monday, she had received \$1,384 from family and friends.

"In the United States, more children die of cancer than any other disease," she said. "And the money that I have raised is critical in reversing that trend."



Sophomore Colleen Coley shaves her head at a Saint Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser.

#### Coley's biggest reason for shaving her head was to be in solidarity with her uncle and others who have lost their hair undergoing cancer treatment.

Student shaves to aid research

Coley shows support for uncle, participates in St. Baldrick's Foundation

"No one should have to go through cancer, especially kids," she said. "And losing your hair is just adding insult to injury."

Coley said both friends and family were supportive of what she was doing.

"I met another girl who was a freshman in college and we kind of bonded over the fact that we were both college students shaving our heads," she said. "It was a really cool experience for me."

While no one has said anything to her about her recently shaved head, Coley said she has gotten a lot of stares.

"There was a moment where I kind of freaked out when they put the ponytail in my hand," she said. "But after that, there was no looking back."

Coley said she feels good about shaving her head and has absolutely no regrets.

"I try not to think about it too much," she said. "It's just hair it will grow back."

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#### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

#### Irish cardinal refuses to resign

DUBLIN — Ireland's senior Roman Catholic, Cardinal Sean Brady, said Monday he would not resign despite admitting he helped the church collect evidence against a child-molesting priest — and never told police about the crimes.

Brady, as a priest and Vatican-trained canon lawyer in 1975, said he interviewed two children about the abuse they suffered at the hands of the Rev. Brendan Smyth. He said both children were required to sign oaths promising not to tell anyone outside the church of their allegations.

#### Cuba criticizes U.S. ruling

HAVANA — Cuba says a U.S. ruling that makes it easier for companies to provide Internet communications services on the island is meant to destabilize the country, not loosen Washington's 48-year economic embargo.

"The government of the United States has said clearly that its objective is to use these services as a tool of subversion and destabilization," Josefina Vidal Ferreiro, director of the Cuban Foreign Ministry's North American affairs office, said Monday in a written response to questions from The Associated Press.

Last week, the U.S. Treasury Department announced it would allow the export of Internet communications services and software such as instant messaging, e-mail and Web browsing to Iran, Sudan and Cuba to help people in those countries communicate.

#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### Pro-pot measure fails to make ballot

LOS ANGELES — Medical marijuana advocates have failed to gather enough signatures for a ballot measure challenging a new Los Angeles law that will shutter hundreds of pot dispensaries.

Lead organizer Dan Halbert said Monday his coalition had gathered about 15,000 voter signatures. The group needed more than 27,400 by Monday to put the measure on a ballot.

Halbert's dispensary, the Rainforest Collective, is one of hundreds that would have to close under the new ordinance that caps the number of pot dispensaries at 70.

About 128 dispensaries that registered before 2007 would be exempt.

Kris Hermes, spokesman for Americans for Safe Access, says the group will seek an injunction to block the ordinance from taking effect.

#### Toyota questions Prius driver's claim

SAN DIEGO — Toyota cast doubt Monday on a man's claim that his Prius sped out of control, saying the report is inconsistent with the findings of the company's preliminary investigation.

Toyota said in a statement that the accelerator pedal was tested and found to be working normally and a backup safety system worked properly. The automaker said the front brakes showed severe wear and damage from overheating, but the rear brakes and parking

## Democrats count down to reform

President expresses optimism that Congress will approve modified health care plan

#### Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats triggered the countdown Monday for the climactic vote on President Barack Obama's fiercely contested remake of the health care system, even though the legislation remained incomplete and lacked the votes needed to pass.

Obama expressed optimism Congress would approve his call for affordable and nearly universal coverage as he pitched his plan on a trip to Ohio, and congressional leaders showed signs of progress in winning anti-abortion Democrats whose votes are pivotal.

At the same time, Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., among the bill's sharpest opponents, said he was "less confident" than before that it could be stopped.

stopped. "They'd have to be remarkable people not to fall under the kind of pressure they'll be under," he said of rank-andfile Democrats.

Some of the pressure was aimed at Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, who flew aboard Air Force One with President Barack Obama during the day, then walked into a senior citizen center with the chief executive in time to hear a voice from the audience yell out, "Vote yes."

A smiling Obama turned to the liberal lawmaker and said, "Did you hear that, Dennis?" Then, turning back to the audience, he added, "Go ahead, say that again."

"Vote yes!" came back the reply.

Kucinich, who said later he remains uncommitted, is one of 37 Democrats currently in the House who voted against Obama's legislation when it cleared the House last fall.

In addition, the White House is laboring to hold the support of several other Democrats who voted for the earlier bill, but only after first supporting strict anti-abortion limits that would be altered the second time around.

At least two have signaled

they are open to supporting the president when the vote comes. One of them, Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, is "in the leaning yes column," said a

spokesman, John Schadl. "When we bring the bill to the floor, then we will have

the votes," said Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Obama sounded similarly confident in an interview with ABC News. "I believe we're going to get the votes, we're going to make this happen," said the president, who has traveled to three

states and lobbied numerous lawmakers in recent days. Outside interests on both sides sought to prevail on

wavering lawmakers. The National Right to Life Committee, which opposes abortions, wrote to lawmakers that support for the Senate bill would be a "career-defining pro-abortion vote."

President Obama pushed reform Monday in Strongsville, Ohio, where he met with Rep.

Dennis Kucinich, who previously opposed Obama's plan and now holds a pivotal vote.

Union groups and other supporters announced a \$1.3 million advertising campaign urging 17 House Democrats to vote for the measure, and officials at the Service Employees International Union threatened to withdraw support from Democrats who vote against the bill if it loses.

The lobbying came as the House Budget Committee, on a 21-16 vote, took an essential first step toward the House vote, which could come by the weekend.

It was more than a year ago that Obama asked Congress to approve legislation extending health coverage to tens of millions who lack it, curbing industry practices such as denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions, and beginning to slow the growth of health care nationally. His plan would require most Americans to buy health insurance, fine most who fail to do so and provide government subsidies to help middle-income earners and the working poor afford it.

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Sweeping legislation seemed to be on the brink of passage in January, after both houses approved bills and lawmakers began working out a final compromise in talks at the White House. But those efforts were sidetracked when Republicans won a special election in Massachusetts — and with it, the ability to block a vote on a final bill in the Senate.



brake were in good condition.

The motorist, James Sikes, said his car raced to 94 mph (150 kph) on a freeway near San Diego last week. The March 8 incident ended when Sikes stopped the car with help from a California Highway Patrol officer.

#### LOCAL NEWS

#### Rep. urges citizens to examine ads

INDIANAPOLIS — U.S. Rep. Baron Hill is urging his constituents to listen carefully to the claims made in advertising for and against health care reform that Congress hopes to vote on this week.

The Indiana Democrat says both sides of the debate are spending millions of dollars on television, radio and print advertising in his southern Indiana district.

Hill issued a statement recommending people check the ads' claims with his office or Web sites like FactCheck.org and PolitiFact.com. He also urges people to pay attention to who is paying for the ads.

#### MEXICO

### Aztecas street gang blamed for murders

#### Associated Press

CIUDAD JUAREZ — Suspected drug gangsters chased down and opened fire on two white SUVs carrying families of U.S. consular employees from a children's party, killing three adults and and injuring two children in this violent border city, officials said Monday.

An infant in a car seat survived a burst of bullets that killed her American parents.

The FBI announced it was aiding Mexico's federal Attorney General's Office in probing the slayings that alarmed both the White House and Mexico's presidency as the surging bloodshed along Mexico's border struck the families of U.S. government employees.

Mexican authorities put suspicion on the Aztecas street gang — a group allied with the "La Linea" enforcement arm of the Juarez drug cartel. They said that was based on "information exchanged with U.S. federal agencies." But the reason for the attacks

remained unclear. All three victims had attended a children's party hosted by another consular employee shortly before the

attacks, said the FBI spokeswoman in El Paso, Andrea Simmons.

"There is no information that the victims were specifically targeted" because of their work with the U.S. Consulate, she said, though the investigation is continuing.

Both the American couple and the Mexican man who was killed were traveling in similar vehicles — white sport utility vehicles.

The U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez, shut for Monday's Mexican national holiday, also will be closed on Tuesday as "a way for the community to mourn the loss" of the victims, said consulate spokesman Silvio Gonzalez. It was the second U.S. border consulate closed because of violence in the last month. The consular office in Reynosa, across from McAllen, Texas closed for several days in late February because of gun battles in the area.

### **Brain**

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said. The week is the largest Dana Foundation event in Indiana.

Although the week is an extension of the Dana Foundation's international mission, Chung stressed the importance of making neuroscience more accessible to the Notre Dame community as a whole.

"The mission of this week is to provide students with the opportunity to get their feet wet in neuroscience and explore what the field is all about," Chung said. "We want to increase interest, introduce the field and make this week a pilot event for the future.'

In order to achieve this goal, Brain Awareness Week offers 12 different events over five days. Each day centers around one of four themes. Monday's focus is the mind and Tuesday's is the body, while Wednesday highlights the self and society and Thursday emphasizes constructive dialogue.

Chung said these themes highlight the cognitive, biological and sociological aspects of neuroscience.

Senior Lauren Schmitt coordinated Tuesday's events around the theme, "Health and Medicine.'

"Tuesday is meant to extend beyond the normal functioning



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literature from Harvard University in 1975 and returned to Stanford for his master's of business administration in 1977.

The Laetare Medal is named in honor of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent and the day the University announces its recipient each year. The award was first given in 1883.

Past recipients include operatic tenor John McCormack, President John F. Kennedy, Catholic Worker foundress Dorothy Day and jazz composer Dave Brubeck.

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often forgotten peripheral nervous system as well as what happens when functions of the brain go awry, as in autism and schizophrenia, Schmidt said. The week's events include lectures by

of the brain and go into the

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neuroscience."

**Bryce Chung** 

organizer

**Brain Awareness Week** 

professors from the Psychology, Sociology and Biology Departments, and by Dr. Robert Spinner of the Mayo Clinic. In Mind" will be shown Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The week's main event is Thursday's forum entitled, "Are We Designed with

God In Mind?" "The forum will allow us to discuss where reli-

gion comes from and what's in it for us," Chung said. "It will also relate neuroscience with the God debate in terms of science versus faith, not just atheism versus theism.'

The culminaaddition, the film "A Beautiful tion of Brain Awareness Week will be Saturday's fundraiser, "Brainanza," which offers performances by the Juggling Club, Troop ND and other campus performers.

"Through this event, we can look at how the brain processes the different types of activities presented," Chung said.

In addition to spreading awareness and knowledge to students, Chung hopes the event will continue to make the University administration more aware of the growing student interest in neuroscience on campus.

Although Notre Dame does not currently have a department of neuroscience, the University has hired two new neuroscience professors, Dr. Jessica Payne and Michelle Wirth. A faculty neuroscience group also exists on campus. 'The closest thing we have to

neuroscience is the psychology department," Chung said. "Neuroscience is difficult because it's inherently interdisciplinary and consumes a lot of resources.

Although neuroscience is usually connected with biology and the hard sciences, Chung hopes to see the field at Notre Dame connected with philosophy and theology because of the strong ties those subjects have with campus life. He said he hopes Thursday's forum will help foster the connections between those subjects.

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U.S. car owners sue Toyota MIAMI — A group of Toyota owners sued the Japanese automaker Monday, demanding a full refund for their recalled cars and seeking a payout that could exceed several billion dollars.

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Dozens of Toyota owners in Arizona and Washington claim the vehicles recalled over incidents of sudden acceleration are so unsafe they should be able to return them immediately. Attorney Steve Berman said many of the owners no longer trust their vehicles.

"When we talked with Toyota owners, they all voiced the same desire - to drive the car back to the lot, hand them the keys and pick up a check,' said Berman, who is based in Seattle. "Fortunately, we think the law allows for exactly that solution, and we are asking the courts to make it happen."

The new lawsuits seek class-action status, which if expanded nationwide, could mean a settlement covering about 6 million recalled Toyotas in the U.S

Dozens of other potential class-action lawsuits have also been filed against Toyota since it began recalling millions of vehicles to fix floor mats the company says can snag on the accelerator in some models and gas pedals that can get stuck in others. Critics and lawsuits contend the real

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#### Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new Democratic Senate bill to tame the financial markets firms that threaten the economy, force the industry to pay for its failures and create an independent consumer watchdog within the Federal Reserve.

Legislation unveiled passed in the House.

small-town mortgage brochange several of its features.

In announcing his bill at a news conference, Dodd stood alone, a sign of the difficult task ahead of him in forging a bill that can pass the Senate. None of the 10 Republicans on his committee endorsed his plan. Several Democrats ĥave voiced dismay at Dodd's decision to reject a plan for a freestanding consumer agency, an Obama regulatory centerpiece.

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by the treasury secretary, to look out for the systemwide health of the financial sector and to stop financial firms from becoming "too big to fail." The council could place large, interconnected financial institutions under the supervision of the Federal Reserve. And it would have the authority to approve the breakup of large complex companies if they pose a threat to the nation's financial system. Dodd partially embraced

Obama's call for a so-called Volcker Rule. Named after former Fed Chairman Paul Volcker, the proposal would limit the size of some of the largest financial institutions and ban commercial banks from conducting certain trades on their own accounts. Dodd's bill sets a

goal for ending risky trading and hedge-fund investments by depository banks but calls for a study before any regulations are written and enforced.

Like the House bill, Dodd's proposal would create a mechanism to shut down large, failing firms, with shareholders and unsecured creditors bearing the losses. Management also would be removed. The costs of such a shutdown would be covered by a \$50 billion fund financed by the largest financial firms.

The Federal Reserve, under Dodd's plan, emerges as a leaner institution with new powers to regulate the size and the activities of the nation's largest financial firms. The Fed, once threatened with the loss of all its regulatory powers, will now oversee all bank holding companies with assets of \$50 billion or more. But it would also be given power to regulate and even break up large interconnected companies, such as the insurance conglomerate American International Group, whose failure could pose a risk to the economy.

The bill creates restrictions for previously unregulated exotic products and financial instruments. It requires hedge funds that manage more than \$100 million to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission. And it gives shareholders the right to cast a nonbinding vote on executive compensation packages.

# Democrat Dodd presents biggest overhaul of financial controls since New Deal

would give the government new powers to break up

#### Monday by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd falls shy of the ambitious restructuring of federal financial regulations envisioned by President Barack Obama or contained in legislation already

But the 1,336-page bill, which includes provisions negotiated with Republicans, would still be the biggest overhaul of regulations since the New Deal. It comes 18 months after Wall Street's failures helped plunge the nation into a deep recession.

In its sweep, the bill would touch all corners of the financial sector, from kers to the highest penthouse office suites on Wall Street. Lobbyists were already mobilizing to

"Americans are frustrated and angry, as we all know," Dodd, D-Conn., said. "They've lost faith in our markets, and they wonder if anyone is looking out for them.'

The bill would create a powerful nine-member Stability Oversight Council, chaired



problem is Toyota's electronic throttle control, which the company has denied.

#### AIG closes Transatlantic offering

NEW YORK — Insurer American International Group Inc. said Monday it closed a secondary public offering of Transatlantic Holdings Inc. for about \$452 million.

The nearly 8.5 million shares of common stock were owned by American Home Assurance Co., a subsidiary of AIG.

As previously announced, Transatlantic Holdings bought 2 million of the shares owned by American Home Assurance in the offering.

Goldman Sachs & Co., Wells Fargo Securities and BofA Merrill Lynch served as the underwriters of the offering. They have a 30-day option to buy up to 725,969 additional shares, or the remaining Transatlantic shares held by American Home Assurance.

The offering by AIG comes as the insurance giant looks to repay billions of dollars in federal bailout money. The U.S. government has about an 80 percent stake in AIG as part of a loan package during the meltdown.

### Jobs bill advances past GOP filibuster

#### Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan bill that would provide tax cuts for businesses that hire unemployed workers cleared a GOP filibuster in the Senate Monday, opening the way for final congressional approval.

The Senate voted 61 to 30 to end debate on the measure. The Senate is expected to vote on final passage Tuesday or Wednesday, sending the bill to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The \$35 billion bill blends \$15 billion in tax cuts and subsidies for infrastructure bonds issued by local governments with \$20 billion in federal transportation money.

The Senate passed a similar version of the measure in February. The House made minor changes when it passed the bill, requiring its return to the Senate for approval.

Passage would give Obama a muchneeded victory while highlighting Democratic efforts in Congress to address unemployment in the run-up to midterm elections this fall.

"We need to help people to get jobs," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "We need to do more to help businesses to hire more workers.'

The bill contains two major provisions. First, it would exempt businesses hiring the unemployed from the 6.2 percent Social Security payroll tax through December and give employers an additional \$1,000 credit if new workers stay on the job a full year. The Social Security trust funds would be reimbursed for the lost revenue.

Second, it would extend highway and mass transit programs through the end of the year and pump in \$20 billion in time for the spring construction season. The money would make up for lower-than-expected gasoline tax revenues.

The Senate vote came the same day House Democrats unveiled a new bill designed to help small businesses that could be voted on as early as this week.

The House bill would exempt longterm investments in certain small businesses from capital gains taxes, and would expand the Build America Bonds program, which subsidizes interest costs paid by local governments when they borrow for construction projects.

### Mendoza

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"not a sudden event," noting that the school had been ranked high in the past.

"We never set out to excel in the rankings," she said. "We were doing what we were doing before the rankings. The goal was not to win according to the criteria of the rankings.'

Woo said commitment to undergraduate education was the motivating factor for the College's rise.

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**Carolyn Woo** 

Dean

**Mendoza College of Business** 

serious about the education of our students," she said. "If our students do their part we will do our part." W o 0

offered the example of the new Junior Research

Challenge: Foresight in Business & Society course, which became a part of the required curriculum last year.

painful as the "As Foresight course is ... it is really to give our students the skills to look at future issues and trends," she said. 'Our eye is always on the preparation of our students.'

Woo said the College's effective and hardworking faculty, challenging curriculum and devotion to Notre Dame's core principles helped the school receive high marks from students and recruiters.

"When recruiters rank us highly, they probably look at a couple of different things such as how well our students are prepared academically, people skills and ethi-

cal judgment, she said. In addition, Woo credited the entire Notre D a m e experience, ranging from First Year of Studies to dorm life. as factors. "We're not trying to be different, she said.

lower salaries for faculty members. Woo said many of these statistical issues stem from

Mendoza's policy of admitting anyone who was originally admitted to Notre Dame. "We found that students

flourish as business majors," she said. "Their skills and education background are highly valued.

Woo has resisted the temptation to cap the number of students admitted to Mendoza, largely because freshman year GPA and SAT scores are not adequate measures of long term suc-

cess. "We are not going to change our policy of how we accept students just so we can be higher in the rankings," she said. "Our mission is to serve people." Woo said she

had more faith the in BusinessWeek rankings then

similar systems largely because they exclude peer evaluations and are more objective.

No rankings are perfect, but I have to say that the BusinessWeek rankings have more legitimate items than other rankings," she said.

Nonetheless, Woo said she would never tailor Mendoza's curriculum to the rankings.

"We were not trying to be number one," she said. We're glad to be recognized as number one, but we have certain principles and commitments that we're going to always keep.<sup>3</sup>

Woo said she doesn't believe Notre Dame's top ranking will lead to a glut of students applying to Mendoza.

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assistance. The first group of Notre Dame students worked with No More Deaths in 2008.

'Originally I was interested in the trip because I thought it would be a good opportunity to learn about more immigration issues,

Swiontoniowski said. "As a result of my experiences along the border and the people that I met there though, what began as a mere effort to

learn more about immigration has turned into a passion for border issues and immigrant rights.

'It's been important to me to get others involved in No More Deaths so that more people could learn about the realities migrants face in their attempt at a better life.

"No More Deaths is the demand that immigration must be a human rights issue," junior David Rivera said. "No matter what your politics are on the issue, that doesn't change the fact that people are dying on the border basically every day.

'Our policies attempt to hide the human side of the issue but families are being broken up and people are

We visited the dying. memorial site for a 14-yearold Salvadorian immigrant who died alone in the cold waiting for someone to find her.'

Junior Elizabeth Furman also experienced life at the border.

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Beverly Ozowara said she learned more about immigration and border issues on the trip.

"It was amazing to be surrounded by so many other individuals eager to learn more and eager to spread the word about the immigration of undocumented individuals and individuals who were genuinely invested in the efforts to end migrant deaths," Ozowara said.

Rivera said that he had fun, but it was not a vacation.

"It's humanitarian aid. and more than anything it left me feeling angry and a little depressed. I'm definitely not hopeless, but I'm just angry about the inaction on the issue and how it's become so politicized so as to mask the human element behind it," Rivera said. "We hope to raise awareness here on campus this semester, possibly raise money for the organization and focus on immigration issues here in the community that other groups are already involved with.

Swiontoniowski said the experience helped bring the issues presented to the forefront for those students who

attended. "Living in South Bend, Ind., it is easy to be ignorant of or forget about the realities migrants face when they cross the border,' Swiontoniowski said. "Border

issues really is one of the most important social justice issues of our time though, so I encourage everyone to, at the very least, learn more about it."

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"We did this because we want to be faithful to the Notre Dame mission.'

Woo said the commitment of director Lee Svete and his entire Career Center team were also vital in helping the College claim the top spot, as were the alumni who helped students find jobs.

"The alumni stepped up," she said. really

However, Notre Dame is still behind its peers in a few of the items, including a high student to faculty ratio of 19 to 1, lower SATs and

more interest." Woo said Mendoza's top spot was representative of the University's overall constant striving for excellence.

"This is a school to honor the Blessed Mother, and [University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh] once said, mediocrity is not the way we honor the Blessed Mother." she said. "Everything we do, we should do it as well as we can. We did what we did because it is our mission."

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No doubt many of you are reading this column while munching away on the delicious cuisine offered at North or South Dining Hall. What is it that you are eating? Cereal? Fries? Pizza? Some fro-yo, perhaps?

Moreover, as an independent, intelligent young adult, you consciously chose certain foods from the various options available based on criteria such as taste, nutritional value, fresh-

Christie ness, etc. You prob-Pesavento ably did not rely on *Right-Winging* others to make the It decision for you.

Like the majority of restaurants and grocery stores in the United States, Notre Dame's dining halls and restaurants offer foods ranging widely in health benefits. Some health-conscious people choose to eat only foods that are high in nutritional value and limit their calorie intake, while others disregard their health and consume whatever they desire in unlimited quantities. Still others try to find some sort of balance between the two extremes.

The important point to take away from the circumstances outlined is that we are all given a choice in regard to what and how much we consume. Furthermore, these choices have consequences, and since the individual is responsible for what he or she decides to eat, the individual is also largely responsible for the health consequences that result from these cumulative decisions. Although genetic makeup and predispositions also play a significant role in one's health, the individual has a considerable capacity to increase or decrease the likelihood of developing certain health problems through dietary choic-

Not everyone, however, is content with this state of affairs. Pointing to increasing trends in a number of preventable conditions, most notably obesity, health advocates are ratcheting up their rhetoric in order to foster a sense of urgency among the public that something must be done to protect people from themselves.

One such advocate is former U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona, who contends that obesity is the "fastest-growing cause of illness and death in the United States." His statistics indicate that obesity

# The food police

has reached epidemic proportions, with nearly two-thirds of Americans being classified as overweight or obese, represents a 50 percent increase from just a decade ago.

"Unless we do something about it," says Carmona, "the magnitude of the dilemma will dwarf 9/11 or any other terrorist attempt.'

Dr. Clyde Yancy of the American Heart Association elaborates on the public impact of the epidemic.

"Obesity is depleting our nation's pocketbook and devastating the health and wellness of millions of Americans. Left unaddressed, the obesity epidemic will undermine our country's health, reduce our productivity and threaten our economic security," he said.

First Lady Michelle Obama, who has adopted the cause of ending childhood obesity, even linked Americans' expanding waistline to national security.

'This [obesity] epidemic," she stated, "also impacts the nation's security, as obesity is now one of the most common disqualifiers for military service.

With health experts and political figures alike warning of dire consequences that will befall the nation if nothing is done to curb the rising obesity rate, it should come as no surprise that some government officials have all but declared a war on obesity. Activists and bureaucrats have proposed various solutions to the problem that range from relatively harmless educational campaigns and mandatory nutritional labels to more invasive proposals like taxing sodas, imposing zoning restrictions on fast food restaurants and prohibiting the marketing of junk food to children.

The most recent tactic politicians have employed to fight the battle of the bulge involves banning certain food additives that are thought to contribute to obesity.

In California, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a law in July 2008 that prohibits food manufacturers and restaurants from frying foods using oils, margarines and shortenings that contain more than 0.5 percent trans fat per serving. Those that violate the law face up to \$1,000 in fines.

Earlier this year, New York City Mavor Michael Bloomberg revealed the National Salt Reduction Initiative, consisting of a set of guidelines for restaurants and food processors to reduce the amount of sodium in their foods by 20 percent over the next five years. While these guidelines are currently voluntary, efforts have already been made to make them mandatory. State

Assemblyman Felix Ortiz introduced legislation earlier this month that would "prohibit restaurants from using salt when preparing customers' meals," and levy a \$1,000 fine on restaurants each time one of its chefs uses salt to cook.

The knee-jerk response of many political leaders to perceived social crises, as these examples demonstrate, often involves implementing more laws, more control and more coercive force. As a result, individual choice and freedoms are permanently eroded while the government's intrusion into our daily lives steadily increases.

Politicians have no business dictating what we can and cannot eat, and limiting our choice of food ingredients does exactly that. Yes, obesity is a problem, and yes, it does contribute significantly to the overall cost of health care. But paternalistic policies are not the answer. When the government can control something as elementary as the food we choose to consume, there is virtually no aspect of our lives left that remains out of its reach. And that, my friends, leads to what C.S. Lewis once referred to as the worst sort of tyranny, "a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims."

Instead of relying on government-run solutions, Americans should turn to education and the free market in order to fight obesity. Dieting and nutrition cookbooks are widely available at bookstores everywhere. Many restaurant chains and food manufacturers have introduced healthier options into their menus and range of products. McDonald's, for example, now offers yogurt parfaits and salads. Campbell's has created a line of Healthy Request soups that are low in fat, cholesterol and sodium.

In January, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released data indicating that obesity rates have encountered a plateau, with numbers remaining relatively constant for at least five years for men and close to 10 years for women and children. While hardly representing definitive proof of progress, these figures offer a sign that the obesity epidemic has halted its expansion without government intervention.

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"There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness.

> **Friedrich Nietzsche German philosopher**

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#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"We never understand another"* human being and to think we do is the most dangerous illusion of all."

> Jo Beverly American writer

# **VIEWPOINT**

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

## Moral consistency on the issue of life

I first want to congratulate The Observer for allowing me the opportunity to juxtapose the Conservative ranting that goes on in this paper with some fresh ideas from the liberal perspective. Now, let's get down to

business. The University's Right to Life group

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Anthony Matthew Durkin

A Confederacy of Dunces

question. For this group, the issue of what life is to be sanctified appears rather clear cut; once you are conceived, you are a human being and, thus, cannot be killed under any circumstances. The Right to Life group is one of the larger groups at Notre Dame and it makes its voice felt in various ways, most visibly through the "Cemetery of the Innocents" on South Quad. The group also makes an annual trip to Washington to walk in the "March for Life" protest where their goal is political. They hope to reverse the Supreme Court's decision of Row v. Wade by endorsing and campaigning for congressional members that are pro-life.

The University, in response to the con-

troversy surrounding the Commencement invitation to President Obama, also took the initiative this fall to convene a "Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life.' This Task Force, co-chaired by Professors Margaret Brinig and John Cavadini, submitted a list of recommendations in response to the charge of University President Fr. John Jenkins "to consider and recommend to [him] ways in which the University, informed by Catholic teaching, can support the sanctity of life." The Task Force then formally recommended that the University "formulate and adopt a policy statement" on issues such as abortion and torture, and to continue to promote Catholic "pro-life" teachings across the campus.

Noticeably absent from the Task Force's recommendation, and all of the rhetoric of the Right to Life group, is any recognition of one major injustice in our country that likewise breaches the sanctity of the life question, the death penalty. "Right to Life" to its credit states on its Web site that in addition to abortion, it "also work[s] for legislation that bans embryo-killing stemcell research, assisted suicide and capital punishment." Yet, in my four years, I have yet to see or hear this group do anything to oppose capital punishment, especially in the state of Indiana where two men have been executed in Michigan City (a 40-minute drive) since I began here as a freshman. Worse yet, the University's Task Force utterly fails to address the death penalty whatsoever. Rather, it blandly states only that the University should consider "the spectrum of life issues," a vague and ambiguous statement that uncourageously avoids the issue of capital punishment, notwithstanding crystal clear Church teaching in opposition.

It does not take one long to find support for the inclusion of the death penalty as a "life" issue in statements and encyclicals by both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. Pope John Paul II stated in 1999 that "a sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil." (Pope John Paul II, St. Louis, Mo., January 1999) Pope Benedict XVI announced in 2009 that "The right to life must be recognized in all its fullness. In this context, I joyfully greet the initiative by which Mexico abolished the death penalty in 2005." (Pope Benedict XVI, July 2009) Further support can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the campaign of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) against the death penalty. Surely the task force could not have missed these profound and unambiguous statements.

This University, of all places, is in a unique position to join other Catholic leaders in opposition to this archaic, inhumane, and morally unacceptable practice. The execution of a criminal defendant by lethal injection or electrocution is not a "natural death," and equally violates the sanctity of human life. If you believe in the right to life, you ought to favor the abolition of capital punishment in the thirtyeight states in this country in which it remains lawful. Too many people at Notre Dame turn their backs on this sanctity of life issue because it seems lost in the constant debate over the lawfulness of abortion. I call upon Right to Life and the Task Force to be morally consistent by addressing this issue and taking the right stance in the name of Catholic teaching.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Need for reconciliation

While at home for a week, I heard more about my local bishop's initiative to bring more people to Reconciliation during this Lenten season.

Reconciliation is the foundation for coming into greater unity with Christ. For those who have been away from the Church for many years, receiving this Sacrament can help them begin a new journey to more actively participate in their faith. For those who have followed the weekly routine of going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion, a strong examination of conscience and participation in Reconciliation can revive one's desire to act out the words heard on Sunday mornings that often fade from mind in days or hours. The Catholics who hesitate to participate in Reconciliation because they do not feel the need to confess their sins to another person, preferring to deal directly with God on their own, miss the point of the Sacrament.

Before his ascension into Heaven, Jesus commanded his apostles to preach the Good News of his salvation and gave them the authority to forgive sins in his name. Reconciliation is a continuation of Jesus' words as fulfilled by the priests throughout the world. While many people may fear Reconciliation because of a disapproving reaction from the priest, they should view the Sacrament in a different way: Priests are obliged to look with kindness on those who have been compelled to confess their sins. Those who have had uncomfortable experiences of Reconciliation before should still try to find it in their heart to pledge a renewed commitment to God, even it if means taking the time to find a priest that they are comfortable with. While priests may be human, their ordination has granted them the authority to act as examples of Christ who seek to bring people back to God and bestow the forgiveness to those who seek it. The center of the Mass, the Eucharist, is enhanced when Catholics participate after receiving Reconciliation. The entire Catholic community benefits from an increased push for more confessions.

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### **Organ markets**

Hundreds of thousands of Americans and millions of people across the world need an organ transplant right now. They live with the fact that if they don't get that organ in time, they are going to die a premature death. That is the longest wait anyone can undertake, and especially painful for family and friends if things don't work out. The system we have is wrong and there is no reason it shouldn't be fixed by solutions that have been tried and tested. Now I'm not against anyone donating their own organs to save another person's life, it is a noble and selfless act, but we would be lying to ourselves if we didn't recognize that money talks. Why can't I sell my kidney to somebody that needs it? Why can't my family benefit from the organs I give up after I die?

There is a stigma out there about giving a part of yourself for free. I have no problem with it, especially if I have already passed on, but my parents have made it clear to me that they don't want me to be an organ donor. There is misinformation about the process, and no reward to soften steely hearts of loved ones. Having a market where it is legal to trade organs can make the process easy, open, and natural. We have the technology and processes to implement such an idea, but our lack of action has created an organ shortage that has wrought misery to those who need immediate help.

Currently the only country that allows legal organ trade is Iran, which has no waiting list for organs. As the United States of America, we can set the example for doing organ trade the right way. We can use regulation to ensure dignity and integrity to all parties involved, create oversight to ensure correct donor matches and safe organ transportation, and avoid exploitation of the poor and disabled. The best part is nothing really has to change. If you don't want to donate or sell, feel free to keep what your mother gave you.

Time and time again markets have created efficiencies where it is needed most. There is already a thriving international black market that is profiting off those that are desperate for help. Illegal procedures are very expensive and dangerous, which is why we need to start a legal system so people can get the help they need. Everyone says you can't put a price on a life, but if we don't set some kind of bar, we will continue to let our neighbors and friends die for lack of available organs.

### To Tim

#### Dear Tim Abromaitis,

I'm not writing to you because I happen to think you have a smile that could run the Permacloud permanently out of town, although I do, or because over the course of the past few months you have made my heart stop, my grades drop and my allegiance to the Fighting Irish deepen to the point of obsession. Since the basketball season began you have taught me what burn offense and basketball IQ are and made me wish I could spend my spring break in Madison Square Garden instead of Mexico, playing Bracketology with ESPN commentators instead of Monopoly with my family. But most importantly, you have shown me that it's possible for a varsity athlete in one of the most competitive programs in the country to be both an outstanding scholar and, by all accounts, a true

gentleman.

And so although you've already been honored by the Big East as Scholar-Athlete of the Year, I think you deserve another round of congratulations from us, your peers. Although I see you in the dining hall all the time, I know I will never have the nerve to say this to your face, so here it is in print. Know that it's delivered with full respect and total sincerity, and not just because I happen to think you have that dreamy smile. I know I won't be the only Irish fan who'll be hoping to see it this week as you knock down the 3-pointers that are almost as impressive as your 3.72. Sincerely,

> Kathleen Hull freshman Ryan Hall March 15

Mark Easley sophomore Keenan Hall March 15

# Get in the St. Patty's sprit. Be green. Please recycle.

# SCENE SCENE

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

SCENE GRADES

THIS SPRING'S MOVIE TRAILERS

By NICK ANDERSON, JORDAN GAMBLE, MAIJA GUSTIN, MARY CLAIRE O'DONNELL and ADRIANA PRATT Scene Writers

The movie trailer is a complex specimen. Marketers have about three minutes to sum up a movie, flash some star power and convince viewers they should shill out more cash to see the whole thing.

With 2010 summer movie season fast approaching and the Christmas box office on the horizon, the studios are flooding the Internet and theaters with new trailers. Some of these are exquisite masterpieces in the art of teasing, while others are just plain lazy and uninspiring.



Parents and their single 30-yearold daughter show up to a hotel. Hot guy greets girl as she leaves the ele-

vator. They fall madly in love, then it becomes evident that he's on the run from hit men and she must join him on his crazy quest for freedom. Katherine Heigl and Ashton Kutcher star in what promises to be an entertaining summer flick, but the trailer doesn't garner this movie a "must-see" label. There's plenty of action, pretty shots of Heigl and full-on views of Kutcher's abs (which earned this trailer a shamrock in and of itself), but the only motor propelling this two-minute clip along is the star power of its two good-looking leads.

June 4, 2010



When 28 years pass between a movie and its sequel, there had better be an extremely good reason for the

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second installment. The "Tron Legacy" trailer smolders for almost a minute and a half before presenting its argument. After a meager backstory, the stereotypical teenage protagonist with an absent father figure is pulled into the computer and the audience follows closely. Epic music, tense but unrushed cuts and the awesome special effects finally show a beautifully realized computer world. It's everything the original promised. In its final seconds, the steely gaze of an Oscar-winning Jeff Bridges beckons you into the Tron world.

December 15, 2010



Apparently Summit Entertainment is re-releasing last fall's "The Twilight Saga: New Moon." This trailer has all

the hallmarks from November's blockbuster: moody music, swirling clouds, Pacific Northwest scenery, Robert Pattinson's earnest declarations of love, Kristen Stewart's eyebrow acting and gratuitous shots of Taylor Lautner's abs. But the title card at the end says it's "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse." What? It's like the people behind this trailer aren't even bothering to be creative anymore, since they know people will still flock to the theaters anyway. June 30, 2010



This trailer for this reimagining of "Beauty and the Beast" starts off creepy and visually stunning, not to

mention Mary-Kate Olsen in some Goth get-ups. The makeup for the "Beast" himself is an intriguing design which looks like a cross between a Neo-Nazi and a bad case of acne — truly ghastly. But the main character's cursed skin condition must have led these trailer editors to model the preview on a ProActiv ad. About a minute in, it takes a turn for infomercial territory, halting the suspense and drama for an awkward string of micro-interviews with the cast and director. June 30, 2010

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The trailer for new action movie "Kick-Ass" has all the makings of a great preview — plenty of action scenes, a little romance and a lot of hilarious dialogue. (It also stars Nicholas Cage and Christopher "McLovin" Mintz-Plasser.) The movie about a group of everyday folks who turn vigilante by night is based off a popular comic of the same name. From the looks of the trailer, the film has kept the spirit of the comic alive. It is fast-moving but leaves plenty of time for a little character development and a lot of one-liners. It's basically the perfect draw for a bizarre movie that looks totally awesome. April 16, 2010

# **Clash of the Titans**

Every action movie cliché? Check. Special effects? Check. Greco-Roman mythology reference? Check. Extremely attractive male lead showcasing a short, Roman centurion-like uniform? Check plus. Liam Neeson as a god? Check. The shot of Liam Neeson in all his god-like glory declaring, "Release the Kraken!" is alone enough to warrant this trailer at least three shamrocks. Combined with Sam Worthington, the Kraken and an epic clash of divinities, the trailer sends a shiver down the spine of its viewers and has them ready to purchase their ticket for the movie in 3-D. April 2, 2010

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#### By MAIJA GUSTIN Assistant Scene Editor

Tim Burton's new film "Alice in Wonderland" is not the "Alice" that fills your childhood memories. Thirteen years after the events in Lewis Carroll's book "Alice in Wonderland" (and the Disney movie adaptation), Alice, played by newcomer Mia Wasikowska, returns to Underland, which she mistakenly called Wonderland on her last visit. Although she has dreamed of her visit to Underland since childhood, she thought it was merely that — a dream — and is convinced she is once again dreaming her fantastical surroundings.

But the inhabitants of Underland, many of whom are familiar from the animated film, remember her quite well and guide her through trials and tribulations so that she can fulfill her destiny and save Underland from the tyrannical rule of the Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter).

These characters include the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), the White Rabbit (Michael Sheen), Absolem the caterpillar (Alan Rickman) and the White Queen (Anne Hathaway).

Burton brings his stunning vision to life in "Alice." The scenery is lush and gorgeous, the costumes are bizarrely beautiful and the makeup perfectly emphasizes the zany features of each character. The CGI animation blends well with the live-action characters to create a totally immersive world. "Alice" can be viewed in 3D, and while Burton is less dedicated to creating an all-encompassing 3D experience than James Cameron was in "Avatar," the dimensionality of "Alice" is still mesmerizing. Paying the extra \$3 for 3D isn't necessary, but it's worth it.

Unfortunately, the rest of the film doesn't hold up to its stunning visuals. The acting is good all-around, but it could have just been so much better. Wasikowska seems perfectly cast as Alice, who, with age, has developed a bit of attitude, and has lost some of loe-eyed naïveté

hilarious and vindictive, and her giant head merely adds to the character. She becomes the real star of the film.

In the smaller roles, Rickman's voice fits perfectly to Absolem's hookah-smoking caterpillar and Stephen Fry is hilarious as the Cheshire Cat.





Hathaway is debatably creepier as the benevolent White Queen than Carter is as the Red Queen, but she takes her character a little too far, making her unbelievable.

Overall, it's a good movie. Those who like Burton's typical unconventional storytelling will probably feel right at home in his "Alice," although it is definitely not designed for children bred on the Disney classic. Burton's rendition is

dark, twisted and scary. All the elements for a great movie are there. Generally good acting, awesome visuals and an interesting story all work well on their own, but in this case, the whole is not greater than the sum of its parts. When put together, everything gets a little mashed up, and, at the end of the day, there is just something missing in "Alice." It could have been great, even truly awesome. But, sadly, "Alice" just falls a little flat.

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However, her dialogue is dry and dull and it seems as if something is missing in the direction she was given. Her enormous potential is there on screen, but she is left as only that an actress with staggering potential.

Depp was advertised as the main draw of "Alice." While his eccentricity seems perfectly at home in the character of the Mad Hatter, he seems a tad too weird, even for a quirky Burton film. Although enjoyable to watch, he is at times difficult to believe. That being said, he is full of energy and lights up the screen.

Helena Bonham Carter, as the evil Red Queen, is the real highlight of the film. Her lines are mostly limited to "off with his/her head!" but she is both

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#### **NBA**

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# **Brooks' final shot secures victory for Rockets**

Knicks continue road winning streak; Celtics get ahead to rest starters; Jazz come back after back-to-back losses

#### **Associated Press**

HOUSTON — Aaron Brooks swished a jumper with 2.9 seconds left and scored 31 points to help the Houston Rockets rally for a 125-123 victory over Denver on Monday night, snapping the Nuggets' six-game winning streak.

Carmelo Anthony scored 45 points for the Nuggets, but missed a 3-point try at the buzzer. Luis Scola grabbed the final rebound and finished with 23 points and 11 boards.

Scola was coming off a career-high, 44-point game, and converted a key threepoint play with 41 seconds remaining to put Houston ahead 122-121.

Brooks sank a free throw before Anthony drove past Shane Battier for a layup to tie it at 123. Brooks then dribbled around Anthony Carter and hit the go-ahead shot from the right of the free throw line, giving Houston its first three-game winning streak since December.

Kevin Martin scored 29 points for Houston. Chauncey Billups and J.R. Smith added 17 apiece for the Nuggets.

The Nuggets led 104-93 with 10 minutes left in the game after trailing by as much as 16 in the first half. Battier's corner 3 with 8:05 left capped a 7-0 spurt to draw the Rockets within four.

The Rockets couldn't crack the four-point deficit until Scola swished a jumper from the wing with 3:25 to go to cut it to 115-113.

Denver stretched the lead to five, but couldn't put away Houston. Trevor Ariza's 3-pointer with 1:09 left made it 121-119, Arron Afflalo missed a 3 and Scola rebounded. He got the ball to Brooks, then charged down the lane for a tying layup. Billups fouled out on the play and Scola hit the ensuing free throw to put the Rockets ahead.

Until then, Anthony and the Nuggets seemed to have the game in hand.

Houston led by 11 at the half, but Billups sank consecutive 3-pointers early in the third quarter to get the Nuggets going. His tip-in with 4:36 left tied it at 83-all and

ed a 17-6 run at the start Anthony scored 11 in the ed on two free throws for an six seasons, missed 26 games ĸe third quarter, then knocked 89-82 advantage with 2:03 early this season with a back turned the game into a rout. turnovers. down a 3, a baseline jumper remaining. injury.

and a straight-on jumper in the first two minutes of the fourth to stretch Denver's lead to 104-93.

The Rockets shot 59 percent (23 of 39) in one of their best first halves of the season to lead 68-57 at the break.

Houston hit 13 of its first 17 shots, many of them layups, and generated 10 fast-break points in the first nine minutes to lead 32-20.

Denver rallied after Houston coach Rick Adelman went to his bench early in the second quarter. The Rockets gave away three turnovers in the first three minutes, and J.R. Smith scored six quick points to cut the Nuggets' deficit to six.

Martin returned with 9:37 left in the half and scored seven points during a 16-6 spurt to push the lead to 58-42. Denver botched simple layups early and Nene missed a one-handed dunk try with 4:24 remaining in the half.

Anthony had 19 points at the break, despite going 7 for 16 from the field. Billups had only two points at halftime.

Knicks 94, 76ers 84 Danilo Gallinari scored 21 points, Toney Douglas added 20 and the New York Knicks won their second straight on the road by rallying past the struggling Philadelphia 76ers, on Monday night.

Al Harrington contributed 15, Tracy McGrady scored 14 and Wilson Chandler had 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Knicks (24-43), who snapped the Dallas Mavericks' 13-game win streak with a convincing 128-94 victory last Saturday.

David Lee grabbed 16 rebounds as the Knicks improved to 2-2 on this fivegame road trip.

Jrue Holiday scored 18 points, Willie Green added 17 and Andre Iguodala had 14 points and a career-high 17 rebounds for the Sixers (23-44), who have dropped five in a row and 10 of their last 11. The Sixers are just 10-22 at home.

Samuel Dalembert had 11 points and 18 rebounds for Philadelphia.

After Holiday made a layup victory over the Washington to get Philadelphia within 85assistance. Wizards on Monday night. Anthony made a 3-pointer 30 82 with 3:47 left, Douglas He did not return. Williams finished with 17 seconds later to give Denver knocked down a 19-foot Prince, who played 82 points and 11 assists, and time. jumper and Gallinari connectgames in each of the previous its first lead of the game.

Iguodala missed a runner in the lane and Gallinari responded with a 3-pointer for a 10-point lead. The 7-0 run sealed New York's second consecutive win in Philadelphia for the first time since 2004.

Iguodala shot only 5 of 22 and missed all seven of his 3pointers. Over his last four games, Iguodala is 1 for 19 from 3-point territory.

Trailing by nine points midway through the third quarter, the Knicks went on an 11-0 run to take a 67-65 lead 2:31with remaining. Harrington scored five points during the spurt.

Dalembert kept the Sixers close with nine rebounds in the third, giving him 16 total. But Philadelphia fell behind 73-69.

In the first half, Green scored 15 points on 7-for-15 shooting as the Sixers took a 55-44 lead into the locker room.

#### Celtics 119, Pistons 93

Paul Pierce, Ray Allen and Michael Finley scored 15 points apiece, and Kevin Garnett had 14 points and eight rebounds on Monday night to help the Boston Celtics coast to a victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Boston rested its starters in the fourth quarter while beating up on a non-contender for the second straight home game. But in between was a 104-93 loss at Cleveland that could be a more important measurement of where the Celtics stand in the playoff hunt.

Will Bynum had 16 points and seven assists, and Jason Maxiell had 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons, who lost their second straight game and their ninth out of 11.

Rookie Jonas Jerebko scored all 10 of his points in the third quarter.

Detroit lost starting forward Tayshaun Prince with 4:53 left in the first quarter when he was kneed in the back by Maxiell. Prince fell backward into Maxiell's knee, then remained on the floor for several minutes, holding his back, before limping off with



Rockets' guard Trevor Ariza goes up for a shot as Nuggets' Carmelo Anthony looks on during their game Monday night.

Pierce scored 12 points in the first 6:39 of the game and helped the Celtics open an 18-point lead in the first quarter. He played just 30 seconds in the second quarter, when the Celtics used a 19-5 run to open a 29-point lead, before picking up his third foul.

He wasn't needed much in the second half, either.

Boston led by as many as 33 points, 82-49, but the Pistons cut it to 19 at the end of three.

#### Jazz 112, Wizards 89

Carlos Boozer scored 23 points, Deron Williams notched his 35th double-double of the season, and the Utah Jazz ended a two-game losing streak with a 112-89

Andray Blatche scored 24 points and Mike Miller added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Wizards, who lost their eighth straight game.

Washington shot just 3 of 22 from the field and was outscored 31-15 in the third quarter as Utah built a 90-60 lead. The Wizards shot 36.9 percent for the game.

Mehmet Okur scored 14 points for Utah, which had seven players score in double figures and won for the 11th time in 16 games.

The Jazz moved one game ahead of Oklahoma City for the No. 4 seed and homecourt advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Blatche is averaging 22.6 points in the Wizards' eight games in March. Alonzo Gee scored 10 points in the second half for Washington, which trailed 59-45 at half-

Utah blocked six shots and of the third quarter that forced 15 Washington

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#### NCAA Men's Basketball



Kansas celebrates winning the Big 12 Championship Sunday against rival Kansas State. The Jayhawks, who also won the Big 12 in the regular season title, earned the top overall seed in the NCAA Tournament and will play Lehigh Thursday.

### Kansas receives top overall seed in NCAA tourney

#### Associated Press

An injury hurts as much as a loss in the days before the brackets are drawn up for March Madness. Syracuse endured both and will have to rack up some major airplane time to make a run to the Final Four.

Kansas, Kentucky and Duke won their conference tournaments and the top seeding that went with them when the selection committee rolled out its 65-team NCAA tournament bracket Sunday.

The Orange, meanwhile, also got a No. 1 seed, but was ranked fourth of the four top teams and sent West the result of an early loss in the Big East tournament

IN BRIEF

in which center Arinze Onuaku injured his right quadriceps.

Onuaku, who averages 10 points, five rebounds and 1.1 blocks a game, isn't expected to play Friday when Syracuse opens against Vermont.

Syracuse's road to the Final Four, set for April 3-5 in Indianapolis, will have to go through Salt Lake City, a 2,100-mile trek from home.

"We're proud to be a No. 1 seed," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "This team has worked extremely hard, been consistent all year. Obviously, the tournament is always going to be challenging. It'll be challenging right off the bat.'

America's largest, three-

week office pool starts getting sorted out Tuesday with an opening-round game between Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Winthrop. The tournament goes into full swing Thursday, with Kansas the overall No. 1 seed.

The Big East led the field with eight teams, tying its own record and marking the third time the conference has put that many teams in the tournament.

But winning the toughest conference's regular-season title wasn't the accomplishment it might have been for Syracuse. The Orange (28-4) lost to Georgetown in the Big East tournament quarterfinals. That pushed Syracuse down, below Duke, which was expected to vie with West Virginia for the final No. 1 spot.

Winning the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament helped Duke vault over Syracuse and the Mountaineers.

"Once again, we're talking about the entire season," selection chairman Dan Guerrero said. "We place value on that. Obviously, the big center for Syracuse got banged up. That's an issue to some degree."

Before the committee even met, there was no question there will be a new national champion.

Defending titlist North Carolina was on a long list of traditional powerhouses that didn't receive spots in this vear's tournament.

#### **Men's Division I Baseball USA Today Poll**

	team	previous
1	LSU	. 1
2	Florida State	3
3	Arizona State	4
4	Virginia	4
5	Georgia Tech	7
6	Texas	5
7	Clemson	9
8	Florida	6
9	TCU	8
10		10
11	••••••	13
12		12
	UCLA	18
14		11
15		22
16	•	17
17		19
18	Oregon State	15
19		20
20	Vanderbilt	NR
21		21
22		NR
23		25
24	UC Irvine	16
25	Alabama	NR

#### Men's Division I Baseball **Baseball America Poll**

	team	previous
1	Virginia	1
2	LSU	2
3	Texas	3
4	Georgia Tech	4
5	Florida State	6
6	Florida	5
7	TCU	7
8	Coastal Carolina	8
9	Rice	9
10	Louisville	10
11		12
12	Clemson	13
13	East Carolina	14
14	Arkansas	17
15	UCLA	19
16	UC Irvine	11
17		20
18		21
19	South Carolina	15
20	Miami (FL)	16
21	Oregon State	22
22	Kentucky	23
23	Stanford	24
24	Vanderbilt	NR
25	Oklahoma	NR

#### **Men's Swimming CSCAA** Standings

	team	points
1	Arizona	529
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NEW YORK — Two-time MVP Alex Ovechkin was suspended Monday for the Washington Capitals' next two games because of a reckless hit. The forward drove Chicago's Brian Campbell into the boards from behind in the first period Sunday and received a major penalty and a game misconduct. With Ovechkin, who is leading the league in points with 96, kicked out of the game, the Capitals later came back from a 3-0 thirdperiod deficit to win 4-3 in overtime. There's nothing I can do right now. He just fell and this happens,' Ovechkin said after the game. Because he also was suspended for two games earlier this season, Ovechkin is now considered a repeat offender under the collective bargaining agreement. He'll forfeit more than \$232,000 in salary based on the number of games in the season instead of the number of days.

Ovechkin suspended for two Mariners' Lee ejected after Raiders acquire Wimbley hit throwing Snyder TUCSON, Ariz. — Seattle Mariners ace Cliff Lee was ejected from a spring training game Monday against Arizona for throwing at Diamondbacks catcher Chris Snyder. With two outs in the bottom of the third inning, Lee threw an inside pitch to Snyder, then tossed one just over the batter's head.

OAKLAND, Calif. - The Oakland Raiders bolstered their pass rush Sunday by acquiring former firstround pick Kamerion Wimbley from the Cleveland Browns for an undisclosed draft pick. Oakland senior executive John Herrera confirmed the deal, saying Oakland gave up a pick it had acquired in a previous deal. The Raiders had acquired a third-round pick from New England last summer in a deal for Derrick Burgess.

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4	California	471
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6	Auburn	455
7	Michigan	415
8	Virginia	392
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Snyder walked toward the mound, and the dugouts and bullpens emptied. No punches were thrown.

Plate umpire Brian Knight tossed Lee but let Snyder stay in the game.

In the first inning, Lee tripped over Snyder while trying to back up a play at home plate. But the left-hander denied throwing at Snyder intentionally and said he wasn't trying to retaliate.

"I was trying to go inside and a couple got away from me and the guy hitting got mad and came close to the mound and I got thrown out of the game in the process," Lee said.

"This gives us a guy who has been a strong presence as a pass rusher,' Herrera said. "He has been very productive."

The Browns traded two former firstround picks Sunday, confirming a deal that sent quarterback 2007 firstrounder Brady Quinn to the Denver Broncos about two hours before Oakland announced it had picked up Wimblev.

Men's Swimming & Diving

# **Devils' three goals** in first set the tone

Blue Jackets see goals from five different athletes

#### Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — David Clarkson had a goal and an assist as the New Jersey Devils scored three times in the first period against Tim Thomas and held on for a 3-2 victory over the Boston Bruins on Monday night.

Clarkson took the shot that Rob Niedermayer deflected in and then scored on a breakaway — set up by goalie Martin Brodeur — to make in 2-0. Zach Parise finished the barrage that assured the Devils (41-24-3) their 18th straight .500-plus season.

Blake Wheeler scored for the third consecutive game to cut Boston's deficit to 3-1 at 43 seconds of the middle period, but the eighth-place Bruins failed to stretch their lead at the bottom of the Eastern Conference playoff race. Boston is one point ahead of the New York Rangers and has played one fewer game.

Patrice Bergeron made it 3-2 with 1:03 left after goalie Tuukka Rask was pulled for an extra skater.

New Jersey bounced back from a disappointing loss at the New York Islanders on Saturday and won its third straight at home. The Devils trail Atlantic Division-leading Pittsburgh by two points and will host the Penguins on Wednesday.

Brodeur made 34 saves for the Devils, 3-0 against Boston this season.

After a sloppy first 10 minutes that featured several turnovers and multiple stoppages, the Devils dominated the final half of the period and stormed to a 3-0 lead.

Niedermayer started it at 9:58 when he tipped in Clarkson's shot from the slot that was let go as he fell to the ice. Clarkson pushed the advantage to two with 2:47 remaining the period.

Brodeur fired a long pass from the crease past the red line and onto Clarkson's stick. Without breaking stride, Clarkson split a pair of defenders and skated in on Thomas. Shifting back and forth, Clarkson settled the puck on his backhand and slid in his eighth goal.

Clarkson, who missed 23 games from Dec. 31-Feb.13 due to a lower body injury, scored for the first time since Nov. 16. NHL-best 2.10 goals-against average last season in leading Boston to the top seed in the East. Thomas has only 15 wins with a 2.57 GAA in 40 games this season, a key reason why the Bruins are fighting for a playoff spot with 14 games remaining.

Rask stopped all 16 shots he faced.

#### Blue Jackets 5, Oilers 3

Antoine Vermette had two assists and scored the clinching empty-netter Monday night to lead the Columbus Blue Jackets past Edmonton, adding to the Oilers' road woes.

Kristian Huselius added a goal and three assists and Jake Voracek, Chris Clark and Marc Methot also scored for the Blue Jackets, who totaled only three goals in their previous two games. Derek Dorsett chipped in with two assists for the first multipoint game of his 91-game career.

It was a wild, wide-open game full of odd-man rushes. That wasn't a surprise, since the two teams rank near the bottom of the NHL in goals allowed.

Robert Nilsson and Aaron Johnson each had a goal and an assist and Dustin Penner also scored for the Oilers, who are just 1-14-1 on the road since mid-December.

Clark made it 2-1 at 4:30 of the second when he scored off a quick wrister from near the top of the right circle. It was his third goal since being acquired in a trade from Washington in December.

Methot turned a cross-ice pass from Vermette into a 3-1 lead in the opening minute of the third period.

But the rest of the game was in doubt until Vermette's goal with 55 seconds left.

Andrew Cogliano dug a puck off the short boards and then slid a pass through Huselius's skates to Penner for his 26th, cutting the lead to 3-2.

After Huselius pushed the lead back to two goals with a breakaway slap shot that handcuffed goalie Devan Dubnyk and then trickled across the goal line, the Oilers cut it to 4-3 when Johnson pounced on a rebound at 7:45 of the third.

There were momentum changes and prime scoring opportunities on both sides the rest of the way until the Blue Jackets took advantage when Dubnyk was pulled for the extra attacker in the final minute.

### Villaflor paves path for Irish at 12th

#### By ANDREW OWENS Sports Writer

Three Irish divers placed in the top 20 of the 1-meter and 3-meter events held at the Boilermaker Aquatic Center in the NCAA Zone Meet this past weekend.

Junior Wes Villaflor led the way for the Irish with a score of 614.55, as he finished 12th overall in the 1-meter event. He improved on the score of 239.50 that he recorded at the meet as a sophomore.

Juniors Eric Lex (592.05) and Nathan Geary (536.50) finished 15th and 18th, respectively, for Notre Dame in the event.

"They dive as a team and that is something we have been able to do for years," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "They are a unified group and they have had some great performances."

Villaflor also led the way in the 3-meter diving, finishing 13th overall with a score of 662.60. Geary finished just behind him in 14th with a score of 661.30. Lex finished 16th with a score of 646.90.

"We are pleased with their performance," Welsh said. "They have improved all year." The top two finishers at the meet in the 1-meter were both Purdue divers. David Colturi (762.30) and David Boudia (746.30) finished first and second, respectively.

Purdue also had the top two divers in the 3-meter competition, with Boudia setting the pace with a score of 849.70. teammate J.P. Perez finished second with a score of 792.35.

The NCAA Championships will be held March 25-27 in Columbus, Ohio.

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### Foote back to Steelers from Lions

#### Associated Press

NFL

PITTSBURGH — Larry Foote quickly realized how much he disliked losing.

The inside linebacker is returning to the Pittsburgh Steelers, signing a \$9.3 million, three-year contract Monday after a disheartening season spent with Detroit.

Foote started when Pittsburgh won the Super Bowl during the 2004 and 2008 seasons, but asked for his release and subsequently signed a one-year contract with his hometown Lions because he knew the Steelers planned to make Lawrence Timmons a starter.

Foote started in Detroit, but told friends with the Steelers last season that he wearied of losing as the Lions went 2-14.

"I'm begging — I want to get back to a winner," Foote said while visiting the Arizona Cardinals last week. "And I'm more comfortable in a 3-4 (defense)."

Foote knows the Steelers' system and provides flexibility at a position where defensive co-captain James Farrior is 35. If the Steelers incur any injuries, Foote could start inside and Timmons — a 2007 firstround draft pick — could move outside.

"I'm here for depth," Foote said Monday. "I'm here to back up those guys, James and Lawrence, and help contribute to the team. I accept that role." Foote, a former Michigan player who will be 30 in June, preferred to remain a starter and recently visited with the Redskins and Cardinals. He said he was ready to sign with Arizona, but did not work out terms and wound up back in Pittsburgh. He started every regular season game for the Steelers from 2004-08.

The Steelers almost never bring back players once they have left the organization but, this month, they have signed both Foote and wide receiver Antwaan Randle El. Randle El played for Washington from 2006-09 after spending his first four NFL seasons with Pittsburgh. "I didn't think it would

"I didn't think it would happen, but I'm glad to be back," Foote said.



His goal was still being announced when Parise made it 3-0 45 seconds later. Thomas stopped defenseman Mike Mottau's shot but couldn't control the rebound. Parise found the puck in front and backhanded in his 32nd goal. Parise was pointless in three of four games.

Thomas didn't make it out for the second period, marking the fifth time this season he has been pulled. The reigning Vezina Trophy winner made only his fifth start in 14 games and dropped his third straight decision (0-2-1). He stopped nine of 12 shots.

It has been a tough season for Thomas, who has lost his starting job to Rask. He also made just one mop-up appearance for the United States at the Vancouver Olympics.

Thomas had 36 wins with an

Steve Mason finished with 29 saves for Columbus.

Voracek got the Blue Jackets on the board first. A loose puck ended up on the stick of Derick Brassard near the point. He passed to the right dot where Voracek's one-timer beat goaltender Devan Dubnyk.

Columbus came in 18-12-5 when scoring first this season, while Edmonton was just 6-30-4 when falling behind 1-0.

Less than 2 minutes into the second period, the Oilers pulled even when Nilsson notched his ninth goal of the year, taking a pass from Taylor Chorney, deking a defender and then netting a hard, low shot from the left hash.

# **Sheedy Award**

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#### MLB

# **Righty Gallardo hopes to lead Brewers in future**

Marlins win depsite Volstad's poor pitching; pitcher Ortiz stays in Dodgers' rotation and shuts out Angels

#### **Associated Press**

PHOENIX — Yovani Gallardo wants to start on opening day for the first time. He's making his strongest argument yet.

Gallardo struck out five in four solid innings and rookie Alcides Escobar knocked in his ninth run of the spring, lifting the Milwaukee Brewers to a 5-4 win over the Cleveland Indians on Monday.

"I think about it, I would like to be it," Gallardo said. "I think it would be a great experience. Just being here two years and having that opportunity means a lot."

Gallardo is almost the forgotten starter in Brewers camp this spring. The 24-year-old righthander went 13-12 with a 3.73 ERA last season, but Milwaukee's rotation ended the year in shambles with a leagueworst 5.37 ERA among starters.

In the offseason, the Brewers signed left-handers Randy Wolf and Doug Davis. Jeff Suppan, Manny Parra, Dave Bush and Chris Narveson are battling for the final two rotation spots.

Brewers manager Ken Macha hasn't selected his opening day starter yet, but made it a point not to give it to Gallardo last year because he didn't want to put pressure on his budding star.

"If I get it, I get it," Gallardo said.

Macha said Gallardo has been very good this spring and that "glad to hear" his young he's pitcher wants to start on opening day.

Gallardo retired the first nine hitters he faced before allowing a hit and a run in the fourth. He finished his day by striking out former Brewers prospect Matt LaPorta.

Escobar, Milwaukee's rookie shortstop, has had a strong spring, too, as J.J. Hardy's replacement after Milwaukee dealt the All-Star to Minnesota for Carlos Gomez.

Escobar isn't supposed to be the hitter that Hardy was, but is 12 for 26 this spring with a home run and a team-high nine RBIs.

"I'm just trying to put it in play," Escobar said. "I'm hitting every day and working on my swing. I don't know if I'm going to stay that hot."

Indians starter David Huff never appeared to find a rhythm.

Huff, who is trying to win one of two unclaimed spots in Cleveland's rotation, allowed the leadoff hitter to score in every inning he pitched. He finished allowing five runs and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings.

"I left some pitches up and they definitely capitalized on it," said the left-hander, who went 11-8 last season. "All in all, it wasn't a very good outing. There were some good signs in there as far as certain pitches I threw to certain guys. There were more bad things than good things but it was a learning experience."

Huff said there's a fine line in trying to balance results and work on his mechanics while competing for a job.

"Leaving pitches up is not a good thing," he said. "Today was one of those days. Tomorrow's a



Milwaukee Brewers starting pitcher Yovani Gallardo warms up before the first inning of their spring training game against the Cleveland Indians Monday afternoon in Phoenix.

#### new day."

#### Marlins 5, Twins 4

Chris Volstad hurt his chances at solidifying a spot in the Marlins' rotation, allowing four runs in 2 1-3 innings in Florida's victory over the Twins on Monday.

Volstad allowed five hits and four walks. He has given up eight runs on 11 hits and five walks in his last two outings.

"The first few innings were good. After that a couple of pitches were up, the breaking stuff was not quite as good,' Volstad said. "I just need to finish it a little more.

"That's what happened last

outing. I need to keep remembering to finish everything.'

The right-hander was one of six candidates for three spots in the Marlins' rotation behind Josh Johnson and Ricky Nolasco. One of those spots, though, appears filled by Anibal Sanchez after his four scoreless innings against the Mets on Sunday.

"Anibal has looked really good and that's a good sign," manager Fredi Gonzalez said.

Marlins prospect Mike Stanton had his third homer of the spring, a two-run shot in the third off Twins starter Francisco Liriano. Liriano pitched three innings, allowing three runs on four hits. He struck out six.

Liriano said he was quick to the plate his final two innings after getting the side in order in the first.

"It didn't give time for my arm to catch up to my body leaving some pitches up," he said.

The Marlins rallied from a 4-1 deficit. Donnie Murphy drove in the winning run with a two-out single in the sixth.

Volstad allowed a leadoff single in the first and walked two, including the leadoff batter, in the second. He then allowed six of the seven batters he faced in the third inning to reach, including Jason Kubel, whose threerun homer gave the Twins a 3-1 lead.

Wilson Ramos' RBI double three batters later made the score 4-1.

"It was encouraging the first two innings so I'm just going to feed off that for right now,"

year and pitched in Japan in 2008.

Ortiz went 59-49 for the Angels from 1999 through 2004, including 15-9 with the 2002 World Series championship club. He credits his experience in Japan with teaching him a different approach to pitching.

"I'll take 93 or 94 (mph) on the corner rather than 97 right down the middle," said Ortiz, who said he adjusted to more of a finesse approach because of the tight Japanese strike zone.

"Japan helped me a lot." Ortiz said he drew interest from several major league clubs and mentioned the New York Mets, Philadelphia and Tampa Bay.

"I like California," he said. "The Dodgers have a great team.'

Dodgers manager Joe Torre returned to the Cactus League after a three-game stint in Taiwan.

Former Angels star Garret Anderson played left field for the Dodgers. He got a big ovation when he came to the plate with two runners on in the first and hit a soft RBI single to center field.

Scott Kazmir made his first spring start for the Angels and allowed two runs and five hits in 2 1-3 innings.

Working on a different grip on his slider, he walked two and struck out one. His spring had been delayed due to tightness in his right hamstring.

"It was tough not being able to do my leg work," he said. "It took a little more time because it was my landing leg." "There weren't too many solid hits - broken bats, bloopers,' Kazmir said. "I'll take that ... I was a little anxious out there." Kazmir went 10-9 overall with Tampa Bay and the Angels last season. He had a sparkling 1.73 ERA over six regular-season starts with the AL West champions. Angels right-handed setup men Fernando Rodney (shin pain) and Kevin Jepsen (shoulder tendinitis) also made their first spring appearance. Rodney walked two and did not allow a hit in two-thirds of an inning. Jepsen struck out two and walked one in one hitless inning. "It was good getting those guys out on the mound," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.







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#### Volstad said.

Volstad slumped to 9-13 with a 5.21 ERA last year after going 6-4 with a 2.88 ERA in 15 games as a rookie in 2008. He allowed three home runs in 84 1-3 innings in 2008 and 29 in 159 innings last season. He has surrendered two home runs in his last two outings.

#### **Dodgers 4, Angels 0**

Ramon Órtiz kept up his bid for the fifth spot in the Dodgers' rotation, pitching two-hit ball for four innings Monday in a win over the Los Angeles Angels.

The 37-year-old Ortiz has thrown nine scoreless innings this spring. He filled in for Vicente Padilla, who threw 77 pitches in a simulated game.

Ortiz has not pitched in the majors since 2007 with Colorado. He was in Triple-A last

#### ND SOFBTALL

# Upset victory energizes Irish to win 8 of 9 games

**By MOLLY SAMMON** Sports Writer

Notre Dame's upset of No. 14 Ohio State early in its Spring Break trip gave the Irish the momentum to win eight of nine games in a pair of tournaments in California.

"Playing nine games in 10 days is grueling, and I thought they did a great job," Irish coach

Deanna Gumpf said. "I am proud of the way we came out in Riverside to start things off, and I liked the way we finished in Long Beach versus some great teams."

For the first of the two tourna-

ments, the Irish traveled to Riverside, Calif. for the Aten Construction tournament where they defeated Ohio State, East Tennessee State, Cal State Northridge and host UC Riverside.

"A 10-day road trip is tough on anyone," Gumpf said. "To go in and beat a ranked opponent, beat three teams at their home field and finish with three strong wins is very impressive. I truly believe our team can beat anyone."

The Irish took an early lead against Ohio State after junior infielder Katie Fleury hit a home run in the fifth inning. Though junior pitcher Jody Valdivia gave up a three-run homer in the sixth inning that threatened the Irish lead, she secured the win by shutting Ohio State down in the seventh inning as the Irish offensive rally decided the game. Five runs in the seventh rounded out

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> Deanna Gumpf Irish coach

> > b a s e m a n Christine Lux had a game for the record books in Notre Dame's 6-1 win over East Tennessee State as she hit her 37th career home run to break the Irish record. The record breaking continued for Lux as the first baseman also claimed the most putouts at first base in program history. "I am thrilled for [Lux],"

> > Gumpf said. "She deserves it. She is a great hitter who has most pitchers on their heels."

The Irish shut out both of their remaining opponents before leaving Riverside, beating the hosts 10-0 in 5 innings before finishing with a 3-0 victory over Cal State Northridge that was highlighted by Valdivia's one-hit- $\operatorname{ter}$ 

"Jody is performing like a leader and a veteran," Gumpf said. "She knows how to beat teams and is doing a great job controlling hit-

improved their overall record

to 16-5. A tough 2-1 loss against San Diego State

ended Notre Dame's 11-game

The Irish defeated Buffalo 1-0 in their first game of the

tournament as Valdivia pitched a two-hitter and

struck out seven batters.

Sophomore infielder Dani

Miller's sacrifice fly brought

in senior catcher Alexia Clay

for the win in the sixth-

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**Deanna Gumpf** Irish coach

> Valdivia struck out 10 batters and gave up three hits in Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over UNLV. Junior Sadie Pitzenberger's three hits accompanied with hits from Erin Marrone and Miller established the Irish win.

> freshman pitcher Brittany

O'Donnell received her first

collegiate loss against San

Diego State, a team that has

been flirting with the NCAA

rankings for the first part of

the season. A solo home run

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Johnson gave the Irish their

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The Irish beat Long Beach State 4-2 with pitchers Valdivia, O'Donnell and freshman Jackie Bowe all contributing to the win. Offensively, the Irish got an early start as an RBI from Johnson and a pair of RBIs from Miller gave the Irish a lead which they kept for the duration of the game. Though Long Beach State scored two runs in the sixth inning and had two runners on base in the seventh, the Irish defense was able to suppress any rally.

In their final contest of the break, the Irish defeated Purdue 3-0. Fleury had two hits and scored once, and Johnson had one home run, two hits and three RBIs for the Irish. Valdivia earned her 11th straight win on the mound, struck out nine batters, and pitched the first six innings of the game without letting up any Boilermaker hits.

"It's so crucial to have some great competition before Big East starts and I believe we have accomplished that," Gumpf said. "We are in a great position to begin Big East and the team is well prepared for it."

Next, the Irish will travel to Kalamazoo, Mich. to play Western Michigan on Thursday to squeeze in one more away game before their 2010 season home opener against Eastern Michigan on Tuesday at Melissa Cook Stadium on Mar. 23.

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Two copies of the submission must be delivered to the Art Department Office by 4:00 PM, Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to be eligible.

A student may only submit ONE entry.

### SMC SOFTBALL Borjorquez aids Belles to end strong

By TIM SINGLER Sports Writer

Saint Mary's split the final two games of its Spring Break tournament, losing the opener against Heidelberg (Ohio) 5-0 and concluding with an 8-0 trouncing of SUNY Potsdam in five innings in Florida.

The Belles (6-4) began the day with a loss to Heidelberg where they just could not get anything going. The Berg controlled much of the game, including thrashing the Belles defense with stellar smallball play.

The Berg took advantage of base hits and walks to score runs as they jumped out to a 5-0 lead and never looked back. Heidelberg utilized a combination of a single, a walk, then another single to drive in a run numerous times

Sophomore pitcher Angela Gillis suffered her first loss of the season against Heidelberg. She went the distance and ended up allowing two unearned runs while striking out two.

The Belles rebounded in the second game against SUNY Potsdam as they awoke their previously dormant bats to finish with an 8-0 win.

Junior outfielder Hayley Bojorquez led the Belles as she went 3-for-3 with two home runs, two runs scored and five RBIs.

"Hayley really stepped up as a veteran and picked us up after a game we shouldn't have lost earlier that day,' Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "She gave us great momentum with her bat and helped us have a successful finish on our training trip.'

Outfielders senior Ashley Peterson and sophomore Lauren Enayati also provided the Belles with offensive pro-

duction Peterson was 4-for-4 and added an RBI and a run scored while Enayati went 3-for-3 with a stolen base and also a run scored.

Sophomorepitcher Monica Palicki threw a stellar game, striking out six

and allowing just one hit to the game's first batter.

Saint Mary's hopes to continue its recent success as it next takes on Goshen in a game that will be the Belles' first outside of Florida, where they began the season. The trip allowed the Belles to make adjustments and learn about themselves for the upcoming games.

"I am so impressed with the progress we made," Sullivan said. "I want to see the whole team bring that energy and passion we found on our trip to our remaining games.'

The Belles will face a hot Goshen team that won four of its last five games in the Spring Break trip in Florida. The Maple Leafs (5-5) used two shutouts and 31 runs to propel them to break even at 500 to conclude the break. Goshen's record does not speak for how it has been

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**Erin Sullivan** 

**Belles coach** 

playing recently, and Belles the will need to jump out early to take command. "Our prepa-

ration for Goshen was more based on making adjustments from our games last week,

Sullivan said. "We spent some time on the things we needed to do better and I'm hoping to see us respond to these changes and jump to an early lead.

Saint Mary's hopes to continue their success against the Maple Leafs as they travel to take on Goshen in a doubleheader Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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### **ND WOMEN'S TENNIS** Irish begin outdoor season in Puerto Rico

#### By CHRIS ALLEN Sports Writer

The No. 3 Irish spanned two vastly different locales en route to a 2-1 record over Spring Break.

After defeating Indiana at home, the Irish (12-2) split a pair of matches in Puerto Rico, defeating William & Mary and losing to No. 7 Duke in the squad's first outdoor matches of the season.

The team opened the break with a dominating 7-0 victory over in-state rival Indiana in what will likely be the team's last indoor match of the season. The Irish dropped only one doubles match while still pulling out the doubles point. The Irish were propelled by a dominating 6-0, 6-1 victory in first singles from national No. 14 sophomore Kristy Frilling over Indiana freshman Leslie Hureau. Frilling won 10 straight games to start the match and the Irish never looked back.

"It's our last indoor match, so we're happy to finish with a win," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "We played much better in the doubles, and that really gave us a boost going into the singles. Indiana is a tough team. They beat a ranked team in Tennessee the week before so we knew they would be tough.'

Coming off the defeat of the Hoosiers, Notre Dame made a huge transition, traveling to Puerto Rico for the first outdoor matches of the season.

Louderback said the new playing environment challenged his team.

"The biggest thing about getting outdoors is that the rest of the schedule is outdoors," Louderback said. "There was a lot of rain, so there wasn't as much time for hitting as we wanted. It's important to get outdoors, but I feel like we were still adjusting as we left the trip.'

Notre Dame opened up strong by defeating William & Mary 5-2.

'Our first one is always the toughest one," Louderback said. "The sky was overcast, though, so we didn't have a lot of elements to deal with. We switched our doubles around and played much better. It didn't feel like our first match outside because we adjusted better than we did against Duke.'

Against the No. 7 Duke, the defending national champion, a defeat of Frilling in first singles set the tone in a 5-2 Irish loss. After sweeping the doubles matches, the Irish lost five of six singles matches. Senior Cosmina Ciobanu was the only winner.

"Playing a good team from the south outdoors when it's early in the season is tough," Louderback. "It was sunny and there was a lot of wind to deal with. I think we had some trouble with it.'

The Irish will look to get back in the win column when they travel to take on Vanderbilt Friday.

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Saturday night brought more scoring woes for the Irish, along with porous goaltending. Johnson gave up four goals in the first period, while only making five shots. Jackson said the freshman was hindered by a knee injury suffered the night before.

[Johnson] got hurt and I still started him on Saturday," Jackson said. "I probably shouldn't have started him. I don't think he was physically ready for that.'

Junior wing Calle Ridderwall cut the deficit to three early in the second period with his 19th goal of the season, but the Buckeyes added two more to their tally before the end of the period. Senior Tom O'Brien did his best to protect the net for Notre Dame over the last two periods, allowing four goals while making 12 saves.

"It was kind of tough because our team actually came out buzzing pretty good and had a number of scoring chances in the first 10 minutes," Jackson said. "Then they came down and scored on the first shot, which is pretty disheartening for a team.'

Senior wing Christiaan Minella added a goal for the Irish in the third period, but by then it was too little, too late.

In the two games, the Irish went a combined 1-for-12 on the power play, compared to a 2-for-5 performance by Ohio State.

"I don't care how good the goaltending is. At some point you have to finish," Jackson said. "You always have to credit the opposing goaltender, but the thing is, we have to find ways to score goals. It's been our M.O. all season long.'

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#### **TRACK & FIELD**

### Two runners advance to NCAA Championships

#### **By MEGAN FINNERAN** Sports Writer

The past two weekends brought much excitement for the Irish as six athletes became provisional qualifiers

for the NCAA Indoor Championships and two actually advanced to the championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Senior sprinter Jack Howard came into his first championship appearance ranked No. 15 nationally after winning

the Big East's 800-meter indoor title this year. He advanced to the finals after a fifth-place finish in the preliminaries with a time of 1:49.52. He ended the twoweek stretch of races with seventh place in the men's

800 final with time of 1:49.48, earning his first All-America award.

"Becoming

"Becoming an All-American has always been a big goal of mine."

> **Jack Howard Irish sprinter**

13:55.08, creating a new personal best by nine seconds. "This season has been my best so far. I am finally completely healthy

Senior long distance runner

Jake Walker finished third in

the men's 5000 with a time of

with injuries. Running the provisional time for a 5k meant a lot, but it meant a lot more for me to break fourteen minutes," Walker

said. The following day of the invitational brought four

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provimore sional qualifiers. Shultz finished fourth at 54.37 in the women's 400, and junior sprinter Kelly Langhans finished eighth in the women's 800 with a time of 2:08.58. Howard finished seventh in the men's 800 at 1:48.85 and senior long distance runner Daniel Clark finished fifth in

the men's 1600 at 4:01.57. As a team, he Irish ended

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### Brey

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the South region, and Notre Dame will play in New Orleans against Old Dominion.

"I think it was really power-ful how we finished," Irish coach Mike Brey said Sunday. We're really proud of that. I think it says a lot about what this group did to put us in that position.'

The team knew after its success at the end of the season that it would most likely make the Tournament, but getting a No. 6 seed was unexpected.

"I thought we were in the eight or nine range, but to see us get a six, that's tremendous," Harangody said. "It just goes towards what we did at the end of the season, what these guys did." The Irish made it to the

Big East semifinal before

losing 53-51 on Friday to West Virginia (27-6, 13-5), which earned a No. 2 seed in the East region. Notre Dame trailed for the entire second half but whittled down the deficit slowly. Irish senior guard Tory Jackson attempted a 3-pointer with five seconds left, but missed.

**Mike Brey** 

Irish coach

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"Boy, we made a run at it," Brey said after the game. "And to have a shot, it was kind of a weird game. We were in a hole. But to dig out and have a look, it was pretty good."

Senior Ben guard Hansbrough led the Irish with 17 points and hit four 3-pointers, and Harangody had 10 points off the bench.

Notre Dame never trailed by more than five in the first half. In the second half, West Virginia led by 10 with 5:23 to go, but two 3-pointers from Hansbrough helped cut the lead to three.

"I mean, we lost to the sixth-ranked team in the country by two points and had a shot to win it," Hansbrough said after the game. "It just shows how far this team has come.

Notre Dame fully utilized its new slow offense to beat Pittsburgh 50-45 in the quarterfinals Thursday. Notre Dame only led by two with 1:41 left, but Harangody drew a foul after he "I think it was really r e b o u n d e d Jermaine powerful how we Dixon's layup finished. We're really and sank both proud of that."

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free throws to extend the lead to four. He and Jackson both had 12 points

after the game that he liked the slow style of play Notre

Dame had adapted.

'It gives guys great shots, open shots. A lot of teams don't want to guard for the whole 30, 35 seconds," he said. "So it kind of wears them down. And if you are knocking shot after shot down like that, some teams will lay down."

After a first-round bye, Notre Dame dispatched Seton Hall, 68-56, in the second round of the tournament Wednesday. Harangody had 20 points and 10 rebounds, again off the bench.

The last couple of days of practice have been great for

me just to get back in the flow," Harangody said. "Kind of get my conditioning back up to where it has been.

The Irish missed the Tournament last season but earned bids each of the previous two years. This year, the team's confidence is high.

"I think the way we play, we can beat anybody in the country," Hansbrough said. "And I think we kind of proved that and it got us to where we were. I mean, we were not even in the Tournament and all of a sudden being a six seed in the matter of three weeks, two and a half weeks, stuff like that? It really bounced us back and got our confidence going.'

The gap between the conference and the selection was rough: Bad weather cancelled the flight to South Bend, so the team took a 13-hour bus ride back to campus.

"That's how we connect as a team, you know," Jackson said. "We teased each other. We played around with each other."

Because of the seed and region, Notre Dame was one of the last teams announced, allowing some tension to creep into the Purcell Pavilion where the team watched the selection show.

"To be honest," Jackson said, "if I would have took off my shirt and squeezed it out, I probably could have filled a bucket.

But the Irish made it, and now look forward to Old Dominion Thursday.

"You know, I think we're a very confident team that can't wait to play," Brey said. "I'm glad we play Thursday instead of Friday so we get back out on the court. We feel we're playing pretty well."

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American has always been a big goal of mine, so to finally be able to achieve that was a pretty special experience," Howard said. Senior

sprinter Joanna Schultz also

went to the preliminaries, where she finished 11th in

Prior to the preliminaries,

the Irish had six athletes

qualify provisionally, which

means they posted times or

distances that would have

qualified for nationals if others hadn't topped them. On

March 5, senior Eric Quick

came in first for the men's

long jump at 7.21 meters.

the women's 400 at 53.58.

finally completely healthy after dealing with injuries."

#### **Jake Walker Irish runner**

"This season has been

my best so far. I am

team this year has been in our depth. In the past, we relied on three or four people to carry the load," Howard said. "This year we have a whole bunch of people in just about every event who are stepping up and who can contribute.

The Irish begin the outdoor season at the Arizona State and Stanford Invitational meets March 26-27.

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defense, pulling the score as close as 21-20 late in the half. Notre Dame was able to keep it close by winning the turnover battle 17-11.

Notre Dame was only down 25-22 at the break, but the close game was not to last.

The Huskies dominated the boards down the stretch, winning the rebounding battle 44-34 over the course of the game.

Senior center Tina Charles paced Connecticut with 16 points and 17 rebounds, while senior guard Kalana Greene chipped in 15 points of her own.

The leading scorer for the Irish, and the only one in double figures, was freshman guard Skylar Diggins, who had 10 points and two assists.

The loss to Connecticut marks the third time this year the Irish have lost to the Huskies, with the previous losses coming with deficits of 24 and 25 points. This game was the closest thus far, with the deficit being only 15 points.

Placed on opposite sides of the NCAA Tournament bracket, Notre Dame and Connecticut would not play again this year unless they both made it to the national championship game. The Irish earned a No. 2 seed and will open the NCAA Tournament at home against No. 15-seed Cleveland State Sunday.

"I was joking with Coach, we're

probably one of the best prepared teams going into the tourhaving played nament Connecticut three times this year," Diggins said.

Despite the loss to Connecticut, the Irish still put up strong showings against Louisville (14-17, 5-11) and St. John's (24-6, 12-4), two teams they struggled against in the regular season.

In the win over Louisville in the second round of the tournament, Notre Dame got a very welcome contribution from senior center Erica Williamson, who chipped in for 16 points.

"The great thing was Erica Williamson," McGraw said. "Secondleading scorer in the Big East tournament. [Junior forward] Devereaux Peters, thirdleading scorer. That was exciting for me to see because it just means how much better of a team we are when you take your [senior guards] Ashley Barlow, Lindsay Schrader and [Melissa] Lechlitner and you know they're going to be ready, now you know more people are going to be ready.'

After defeating Louisville, the Irish took on St. John's in the quarterfinals, avenging a loss earlier this year with the win.

The Irish were led by Diggins' 21 points and 13 points from Peters, who had 11 points in the second half alone.

Notre Dame's NCAA-opener will begin Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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Schrage said. "When that happens, you get a lot of fly outs.' Notre Dame salvaged the final game of the tournament against host Stetson, junior  $\mathbf{as}$ pitcher Brian Dupra limited the Hatters (8-8) to just one earned run over

seven innings en route to a 4-2 victory. Senior outfielder Brayden Ashdown and freshman second baseman Frank DeSico each had a pair of hits, while junior catcher Cameron McConnell added a two-run

single. "I still think pitching is the strength of our team, so we need to start pitching more innings, pitch deeper into games so we don't have to tax our bullpen," Schrage said. "I think sometimes there's no control over that, but it's taxing on your bullpen if you're going to your bullpen in the fourth, fifth or sixth inning."

The Irish next traveled to Edinburg, Texas for a twogame series against Texas-Pan American, but were unable to carry the momentum. Notre Dame fell to the Broncos (7-3) 9-7 and 10-4 in consecutive days, as the starting pitching failed to keep the game within reach.

"We just need to get some of those guys to get us into the seventh inning," Schrage said. "Their arms are at a point where they should be able to do that, get up to around 90 pitches, and hopefully 90 pitches will be enough to get us through seven innings."

Notre Dame rounded out the

trip with a four-game set at the Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio, Texas. The Irish opened up the tournament with a 10-6 victory over Bradley (4-6). Senior leftfielder Ryan Connolly belted a solo home run and con-

the strength of our

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**Dave Schrage** 

Irish coach

tributed 3 RBIs to pace the *"I still think pitching is* offense. The Irish fell

to Pacific (10-5) the following day 8-4, but Dupra played the role of stopagainst per Gonzaga (7-7) once again to

propel Notre Dame into the title game. Dupra turned in a career

start and the best performance by a starter all season, holding the Bulldogs to two earned runs over 7 innings while fanning 8 in a 6-3 win.

Senior first baseman Casey Martin continued his torrid hitting, emerging as Notre Dame's biggest threat at the plate. Martin jacked a three-home run in the first to give the Irish a lead they would not relinquish.

Falling in the championship game in a rematch against Pacific 3-2, the Irish hope to improve their record to .500 in the home opener Saturday against Michigan State.

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over two minutes remaining sent the contest to overtime. The Dragons scored with just 22 seconds remaining in the first overtime, ending the game and handing Notre Dame its first loss of the season. The Irish dominance on the stat sheet was of little consolation.

"It's not about statistics, it's about finding ways to win,' Corrigan said. "We didn't make the adjustments we needed to make when playing a hot goalie."

Sophomore midfielder Max Pfeifer led Notre Dame with a career-best four goals. Senior midfielder Grant Krebs added one more, as did Earl. Hicks assisted on two goals, extending his point streak to 21 games, a run that leads the Irish.

During the trip, three Irish seniors — Krebs, defenseman Sam Barnes and goalkeeper Scott Rodgers — were named to the watch list for the Tewaaraton Trophy, given to the best collegiate lacrosse players.

After the tight loss at Drexel, the Irish had three days to travel Houston to face Fairfield in the first NCAA Division I game in that city in four decades. Though the weather was warm, Notre Dame's winning ways were cold, and the Irish dropped their second game in a row for the first time in just over two years by the score of 10-8. Notre Dame did itself no favors by allowing the Stags to jump out to a 4-0 lead in the first quarter. The Irish scored twice in the second quarter but allowed another three goals to face a 7-2 deficit at halftime. Hicks tallied two goals to open the third quarter, but Fairfield responded with two of its own to take a five-goal lead into the final period. Notre Dame, however, cut the lead to two with nine minutes left behind a goal from Earl and two from Krebs, but fell short as each team scored once in the final minute of the game. The Irish lost another 20-game

streak when Fairfield was the first team in 21 contests to score at least 10 goals against Notre Dame The Irish again dominated the

stat sheet but not the scoring line, taking 42 shots to the Stags 23 and winning 14 of 20 face offs in the game. Hicks' hat trick led the Irish offensively while Krebs and Earl each had three-point performances. The two losses revealed some weaknesses, especially on the offensive end.

We're in too much of a hurry and not selective enough. We've got to be consistent," Corrigan said. "Defense is a matter of minor adjustments."

Those adjustments were installed on Monday during the team's first practice in brandnew Arlotta Stadium on Monday in preparation for the team's clash with Denver (3-3) Wednesday. Notre Dame will have to convert more of its shots in order to win as well as find better team communication on offense. The Pioneers are coached by Bill Tierney, who won six national championships at Princeton.

They have a lot of very creative offensive guys and they're very well coached," Corrigan said. "They play solid defense and are all-around a very good team.'

Notre Dame has also slipped from No. 3 to No. 13 in the national rankings, providing one more motivator for the Irish.

The Notre Dame squad is also excited to play its first meaningful game in Arlotta Stadium, especially considering the relatively warm conditions, Corrigan said.

"It's a beautiful venue," Corrigan said. "I hope we get a lot of people out because it's a great place to watch a game."

The Irish look to snap their two-game losing streak and begin climbing up the rankings again when they face Denver this afternoon at 4 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Nothing is as it appears. Revealing your plans will work against you. Keeping secrets will be necessary if you want to avoid trouble. Believe in yourself and your abilities and refuse to make a short-sighted decision. \*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)): Expect to be questioned about personal matters. You don't have to reveal secrets but you will have to explain what you are trying to accomplish. Use your energy wisely by fixing up your place or making changes to your environment. \*\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Refuse to let anyone railroad you into taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Trust your instincts, not someone with big ideas and little backup Romance is apparent but steer clear of anyone using pressure to get you to do something you don't care to do.  $\star\star$ 

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An opening you've been waiting for will enable you to advance. Don't be afraid to speak up and let others know your intentions. Don't allow a personal responsibility to stand between you and your success. **\*\*\*\*\*** 

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love and romance are in the stars but you mustn't mix business with pleasure or you will end up in a precarious position. A change in your location will lead to uncertainty, personally and professionally. Focus on what you have to offer and how you can get ahead. **\*\*\*** 

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Nurture any partnerships you are involved in. A couple of changes implemented now can ward off a problem in the future. A kind gesture and greater understanding will go a long way. Protect your health. **\*\*** 

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are better positioned than you realize. Ask for what you want and go after your dreams. There is plenty of opportunity and good fortune heading your way. Travel will bring returns as well as pleasure.  $\star\star\star\star\star$ 

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tread carefully. It will be easy to offend someone or to misrepresent your intentions. Someone will take you up on an offer you don't want to honor Love is apparent but it can lead to trouble with relatives, friends or neighbors.  $\star\star$ 

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your past experiences can help you make the right choices now. Don't be too predictable when dealing with others. Your ability to size up a situation and make it work will grab the attention of someone worth getting to know better. **\*\*\*\*** 

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone you used to know may try to convince you to pick up old habits or to get involved in something that isn't right for you. Don't live in the past. It's important to stick to your own game plan and to keep your guard up.  $\star\star\star$ 

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#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Showing some swagger

Irish make it to Big East semis but lose to WVU

#### By BILL BRINK Senior Staff Writer

A month ago Notre Dame was 6-8 in conference play, senior forward Luke Harangody was in street clothes and another trip to the NIT seemed imminent.

But that was before Notre Dame beat Pittsburgh and Georgetown, both in the top 15 at the time, before it beat Connecticut on Senior Night, before junior forward Carleton Scott hit a game-tying 3 at the buzzer at Marquette to allow the Irish to win in overtime and before the Irish won two Big East tournament games last week.

The six-game win streak was enough to give Notre Dame (23-11, 10-8) a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Tournament, which begins Thursday. The selection committee placed the Irish in

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SPORTS

Senior guard Tory Jackson gesticulates after a score during the Irish's 65-56 win over Seton Hall in the Big East tournament. The Irish lost in the semi-finals to West Virginia 53-51.

#### BASEBALL

## Irish post six losses in road trip

By CHRIS MASOUD Sports Writer

While the rest of the student body dreads the end of Spring Break, the return to campus could not have come sooner for the Irish. Notre Dame compiled a 3-6 record during the ninegame road trip that featured seven different teams across two states.

The Irish (7-8) jumped to early leads against Harvard (3-4) and Kansas State (13-2), but were unable to maintain their consistency at the plate, falling to the Crimson 9-6 and the Wildcats 5-2 in the first two games of the Stetson Tournament in DeLand, Fla.

"We hit some homeruns early in the season and sometimes the team gets the tendency thinking they need to hit homeruns to score runs," Irish coach Dave

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#### **Men's Lacrosse**

### Squad loses two of three over break, look to earn coach 200th win

#### By ALLAN JOSEPH Sports Writer

Big crowds, overtime thrillers, player honors and warm weather — Notre Dame experienced all of the above over its Spring Break trip.

The Irish (3-2) dropped two of three on the trip, however, and look to avoid dropping to .500 on the season. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan has a chance to notch his 200th win at Notre Dame when the Irish host Denver tonight in their first regular-season game in brand-new Arlotta Stadium.

Notre Dame's Spring Break trip began with a trip to Baltimore to play in the third game of the Konica Minolta Face-Off Classic at M&T Bank Stadium, the home of the NFL's Ravens. Notre Dame defeated No. 10 Loyola, 11-9, before 19,742 fans to give the Irish their third consecutive victory to open the season. Junior midfielders Zach Brenneman and David Earl paced Notre Dame with three goals each, while senior attack Neal Hicks deposited two goals and an assist. Earl also had an assist in a career day.

The Greyhounds led 3-2 at the end of the first quarter before the Irish put forth a 3-0 second quarter. The Notre Dame lead did not last long, however, as Loyola scored three times in the first five minutes of the second half. The rest of the game was back-and-forth until the Irish went up for good with just under 10 minutes remaining in the contest on Earl's third goal. The performances of Earl and Brenneman earned both recognition; Brenneman was selected to Inside Lacrosse's team of the week, while Earl was named to the Big East honor roll.

"We actually made a lot of plays, but we didn't really play that well," Corrigan said. "We got a great win over a very good team."

After Notre Dame's 20th

straight regular season win, the then-No.3 Irish traveled to Philadelphia to take on then-No. 20 Drexel. In a tense overtime contest, the Dragons prevailed 7-6 despite being out-shot 42-30 by Notre Dame. The Dragons took the lead 16 seconds after the opening faceoff, but the Irish set the tone for a tight contest by answering four minutes later. The game was tied 4-4 at halftime and a Drexel goal with just

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#### ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Team falls to UConn in semis

### HOCKEY Notre Dame gets swept

By JARED JEDICK Senior Staff Writer

No. 6 Notre Dame made a strong showing in the Big East tournament, rolling over Louisville 89-52 and avenging a regular season loss to No. 17 St. John's with a 75-67 win before running into the brick wall that is the undefeated No. 1 Connecticut squad for the third time this year, losing 59-44.

"Defensively we played really well," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I was really happy with the defense, I thought we rebounded pretty well."

The Irish (27-5, 12-4) managed to play a close game with Connecticut (33-0, 16-0) during the first half thanks to that



TOM LA/The Observer Senior guard Erika Williamson lays the ball up over a Pittsburgh defender in the Irish's 86-76 win on Feb. 6.

### out of CCHA tourney

#### By DOUGLAS FARMER Sports Editor

A two-game sweep at Ohio State last weekend ended any Irish dreams of being Cinderella in the CCHA Tournament. The 3-1, 8-2 losses ended Notre Dame's season, the first time the Irish have not played in the NCAA Tournament since 2006.

Notre Dame (13-17-8, 9-12-7-2) finished ninth in the CCHA regular season, just four points behind the eighthplace Buckeyes (14-16-6, 10-12-6-4).

In the first game of the series on March 5, Ohio State

struck first with a goal early in the second period. Sophomore wing Richard Ryan evened the score seven minutes into the third period, but the Buckeyes got two more shots past Irish freshman goaltender Mike Johnson for the 3-1 victory.

"I thought Friday night we played fairly well early on, and we definitely had a lot of scoring chances," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Their goaltender played well, and they capitalized in the third period which we couldn't. When it's all said and done, we out-chanced them pretty well, and still couldn't score."

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