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Anti-theist and Christian debate religion

Hitchens and D'Souza argue the merits of evolution, faith and the existence of a supernatural power

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

Anti-theist Christopher Hitchens and Christian Dinesh D'Souza may initially appear to have nothing in common.

Hitchens argues the merits of evolution, while D'Souza argues for the existence of a supernatural power. In the absence of evidence, Hitchens doubts, while D'Souza defers to faith.

But despite their opposing views, both figures had one thing in common — they approached religion from a purely logical, factual perspective when speaking to a sold-out audience in Wednesday's debate at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Hitchens said religion is merely a man-made attempt to make sense of the world.

"Religion was our first attempt to make sense of our surroundings. It was our first attempt at health care, in a way," Hitchens said. "It was our first attempt at psychiatric care, at dealing with terrible loneliness of the human condition.

"It is the worst attempt, but partly because it was the first."

Hitchens said evolution and the big bang theory should be used to explain the world and human existence. Meanwhile, D'Souza pointed out flaws in evolutionary theory and said religion is the best explanation for essential human questions.

"Evolution doesn't explain the presence of life on the planet," D'Souza said. "Evolution merely explains the



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Anti-theist Christopher Hitchens, left, debates Christian apologist Dinesh D'Souza, right, during the event titled "Is Religion the Problem?" in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Wednesday.

transition between one life form and the other."

D'Souza said evolution also fails to explain human evil, rationality and in particular, morality.

"Think of a couple of moral facts. Think of simple things. Getting up to give your seat to an old lady in the bus. Giving blood," he said. "Now if we are evolved primates who are programmed to survive and reproduce, why would we do

these things?"

Hitchens said humans do good deeds because they wish to.

"I'll tell you why. It gives me great pleasure to do so," he said. "I enjoy the sort of people it makes me come in contact with. And I like giving blood."

But D'Souza said these moral characteristics exist because humans were made in the likeness of God.

"Those are the characteris-

tics of the creator who made it that way," he said.

D'Souza also said he favored religion simply because it was the more likely explanation.

"If we see a fine tuned universe, what's more likely? Someone fine tuned it or it fine tuned itself?" he said. "Let's go with the best explanation," D'Souza said. "If you go to a village and 95 percent of the

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Hall first to receive LEED certification

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Geddes Hall recently became the first building at Notre Dame to achieve LEED Gold Certification and will pave the way for future environmentally conscious efforts that build upon the University's emphasis on ethics and sustainability.

"What this means is that the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), a non-profit company that established the LEED certification system, has confirmed that the building has met a certain standard of sustainable design and construction practices," University architect Doug Marsh said.

According to the USGBC Web site, LEED certification is based on building strategies that emphasize energy savings, water efficiency, carbon dioxide emissions reduction and sensitivity to environmental impact.

Geddes Hall houses both the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) and the Institute for Church Life (ICL).

CSC director Fr. Bill Lies said Geddes Hall is a place that offers "a much more gracious welcome" to the community.

"The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future genera-

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Archbishop discusses Catholic globalization

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Catholic Church must find new ways to integrate social action in order to help build a better global society, Archbishop of Munich and Freising Reinhard Marx said at the Terrence R. Keeley Vatican Lecture Wednesday.

Marx, one of the most recognized thinkers in the German Catholic Church, delivered the annual speech to a large crowd including University President Fr. John Jenkins and President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh.

"One of the benefits of being a Catholic university is that we are part of the universal Church and often the universal Church comes to us," Jenkins said in his opening remarks. "Bishop Marx will add to our thoughts about the conflicts of the modern world and the Church."

Marx recently published a book titled "Das Kapital," which he used as a framework for his talk about the value of Catholic social teaching and tradition in today's globalized world.

"When I speak about social

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ROTC holds Iron Irish contest

By AMANDA GRAY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame's Army ROTC Iron Irish competition tested more than physical strength Wednesday.

The second year of the annual competition placed the four army platoons against each other, racing across campus to complete tasks, Cadet Second Lieutenant and senior Scott Vitter said.

Platoon B1 won after performing well through several of the events, Vitter said.

"We did very well on the swimming portion," he said. "Overall, we came out on top."

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MACKENZIE SAIN/The Observer

A ROTC cadet swims during the Army ROTC Iron Irish competition Wednesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Bryant is better

I've been waiting to do this for a while now so here goes. Kobe Bryant is better than LeBron James. Despite the recent attempts by Nike to sell more shoes, LBJ shouldn't even be in the same conversation as Kobe, let alone puppet commercials that depict the two as best friends.

Don't get me wrong. LeBron is probably the most athletic player in NBA history. He can jump higher, drive faster, and dunk stronger than any player in the league. He can virtually score at will, and his backside block-from-behind has become a trademark.

I'm just not ready to crown him as the league's best player, or even the best scorer.

James is 25 years old. In his seventh year in the league, he has one MVP award and has only appeared in the NBA Finals once. Bryant had three titles by his sixth year.

But what about the undisputed-greatest-of all-time, Michael Jordan?

Jordan didn't get his first NBA Championship until he was 28 years old in his seventh year in the league. But by that age, he had played three years at North Carolina, led the league in scoring four consecutive years, and had two MVP awards while missing most of his sophomore season with a broken foot.

For LeBron to be considered greater than either Kobe or Jordan, he would have to win the next three NBA titles, lead the league in scoring at least two of those years, and win at least one more MVP award.

Given his success this season, the MVP and scoring title are probably a lock. But the game has changed. With the exception of the Spurs' recent run, dynasties are becoming less and less common. Even if he did win the next three titles, he would still have to shake off the "Shaq-effect" like Kobe did last year.

I haven't even mentioned the weaknesses in his game. LeBron still can't hit an open 25-foot jumper to save his life. Most of his points come in the paint, half of which come off the "crab-dribble" that refs are too intimidated to call traveling.

Bryant's game is complete. He can shoot the ball lights out up to 40 feet. He can bust off dribble-drives, pass, and play lockdown defense. Most importantly, you can trust him to take the lost shot. He's made seven game-winners this season alone.

If I've offended any Cleveland fans in this process, just relax. Take comfort in the fact that LeBron will probably be wearing a Knicks jersey next year anyway, so if he doesn't win it all this year, he never will.



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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?



Hallie Brewster
sophomore
Walsh

"Going home to California and spending lots of time on the beach, but hopefully having an internship."



Bobby Sullivan
sophomore
Sorin

"Ask me in August."



Hugo Lozano
sophomore
Duncan

"I'm just going home to Mexico, but maybe an internship."



Chris Mork
freshman
Sorin

"I'm doing an internship in Chicago."



Katie Mastrucci
senior
Pasquerilla East

"I'm going to be working at my mom's law firm and going to Disney Land for the Harry Potter park."



Deepali Doddi
law student
Fischer Grad

"I'm studying for the Bar exam because I'm a law student."

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



JAMES DOAN/The Observer

His Excellency Archbishop Reinhard Marx of Munich and Friesing, Germany speaks to a group of students and faculty Wednesday at the annual Terrence R. Keeley Vatican Lecture at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

OFFBEAT

8-year-old attempts to fill up family van with gas, crashes

BETHEL, Ohio — An Ohio man says his 8-year-old son was just trying to do him a favor and get gasoline when the boy drove the family's minivan and crashed it. James Crouch says he didn't even realize his son, Jordan, was out of the house Friday morning until a Clermont County sheriff's deputy came to the family's home in Bethel and woke him up to let him know what happened.

The boy says he used keys that he found in his mother's purse and backed the car out of the driveway.

He started going down the road at about 5 mph but could barely reach the pedals and lost control, crashing into a telephone pole. He wasn't hurt.

Crouch says Jordan was still in his pajamas and just wanted to do something nice. He says he's going to watch his son more closely now

Man accused of stealing vacuum with kids present

FRAMINGTON, N.Y. — An upstate New York man was accused of stealing a vacuum cleaner from a department store on Friday — with his children

there. State police said Richard Dekenipp was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and robbery. After the 42-year-old man allegedly stole the vacuum cleaner, police said he struck a security guard with his car in the parking lot.

The guard wrote down his license plate and Dekenipp was later arrested at his home. His car was found abandoned at the Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack parking lot.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"All Art is Propaganda" will be displayed at 8 a.m. today. The exhibition will be available in the Hesburgh Library.

The "2010 BFA/MFA Candidates' Theses Exhibition" will open at 10 a.m. today in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries in the Snite Museum of Art.

"Yin Yu Tang: A Chinese Home" will be on exhibit at 10 a.m. today in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery in the Snite Museum of Art.

The SMC Tostal Carnival will begin at noon today. Inflatables and a mechanical bull will be available on the Library Green at Saint Mary's College.

"Rethinking Rwanda, 1994" will be held at 12:30 p.m. today in C103 Hesburgh Center.

A seminar titled "Structural Topology Optimization" will begin at 3:30 p.m. today in 118 Niewland Science Hall.

The "Catholicism at the Crossroads" Spring lecture series will begin at 7:30 p.m. today in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

The SMC Tostal will hold a concert featuring Josh Kelley and Jon McLaughlin at 8 p.m. today in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

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Bonfire to raise funds for Haiti

Students remember earthquake, continue to collect monetary donations

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

The 7.0-magnitude earthquake that devastated Haiti might have occurred three months ago, but several campus organizations are refusing to let the tragedy be forgotten.

“Forgetting what happened is the worst thing that we could do to our brothers and sisters in Haiti,” said Paul Jindra, International Development Research Council (IDRC) president. “The rebuilding effort will likely continue for years, so it’s crucial that we keep Haiti and its citizens in mind even now, months after the earthquake.”

The IDRC and the Kellogg Institute’s Haiti Working Group will sponsor a Haiti Bonfire Party on Holy Cross Hill on the shore of Saint Mary’s Lake Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The event will feature a celebration of Haitian culture, from traditional music to authentic cuisine.

Jindra said IDRC has

assembled a playlist of Haitian music and will be using a student DJ.

“If you’ve never heard Haitian hip-hop before, it really is incredible,” he said. “A lot of these artists on the Haitian music scene could be radio-ready even here in the U.S.”

The food, he said, is from the University catering service, Catering By Design, but will be prepared using authentic Haitian recipes.

Jindra said the event aims to shed a positive light on Haiti.

“All we saw on the news [after the earthquake] was destruction, but that didn’t reflect Haiti’s truly brilliant culture,” Jindra

said. “We wanted to give students an opportunity to experience the customs and the history and the heritage of the Haitian people.”

Tickets for the event, which are \$10 in advance and \$15 Friday night, will be sold in front of the dining

halls. All proceeds, Jindra said, will go directly to the Notre Dame Haiti Response fund, which supports the Red Cross, Catholic Relief Services, Friends of Orphans, the Congregation

of the Holy Cross and the Notre Dame Haiti Program.

“[These are] all organizations doing incredible work in an unimaginably difficult setting,” Jindra said.

Sophomore Matthew Razzano, who will take over as IDRC president in the fall, plans to continue events on campus that raise awareness and funding for rebuilding efforts in Haiti.

“We are planning more Coffee and Conversations early next year to get students thinking about the aftermath of the earthquake and the developmental issues that were unearthed by the disaster,” he said.

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Hilfiger offers words of business wisdom

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

He may be the king of a global fashion empire, but there is one dream that Tommy Hilfiger never saw through.

“I thought I should be a professional

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“Tommy Hilfiger: A designer for the consumer”

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football player,” Hilfiger said to an audience of Notre Dame faculty and students as he began a presentation in the Eck Auditorium Wednesday afternoon to share his business experiences and successes. Hilfiger entered the auditorium carrying a Notre Dame football helmet while and told the story of his failed football career, which ended, he said, after an unsuccessful tryout for the high school team in his hometown Elmira, N.Y.

“As a result of that failure, I decided to do something else,” Hilfiger said. “I decided to become a businessman.”

Hilfiger began selling jeans out of the trunk of his car in a high school parking lot at age 18. Hilfiger’s parents preferred he go to college and focus on a more practical career than his updated business venture, a newly opened clothing shop called People’s Place, Hilfiger said.

“They said, ‘You’re crazy. There’s no way you’ll ever be able to do that.’” Hilfiger said. “But I said, ‘This is what I want to do.’ I said, ‘I will do this.’ I took the path of resistance.”

A self-taught businessman at the age of 19, Hilfiger wanted to bring big city fashion from New York City to his local community in upstate New York and began designing his own ideas when the trends of the late ‘60s left him and his customers unsatisfied, Hilfiger said.

“I wanted to build a different mousetrap,” Hilfiger said. “I wanted to reach back into my roots when I wore preppy clothes in grammar and early high school and redesign them. So I took every single one of those items out of my closet and redesigned every detail.”

Looking back, Hilfiger said his biggest regret was skipping out on college.

“I opened up my store and I said, this is my education,” he said. “But if I had been smart enough to go to business school, I would have avoided some major pitfalls.”

Hilfiger said today, he considers hitting bankruptcy at 22 his greatest learning experience.

“That was my master’s degree,” he said.

Hilfiger said his subsequent successes after introducing his trademark red, white and blue logo can be attributed to

his first private collection in 1985.

“I was at the right place at the right time, but I had the right product,” he said. “I was studying business myself, trying to figure out what was this role in business that would set us apart from competition. I wanted to understand what it was that would really push the buttons on the consumer and I figured it out.”

Yet while still flourishing overseas, the American base of Hilfiger’s empire appeared to be headed for ruin in the late ‘90s after he seemed to have a monopoly over men’s, women’s and children’s casual fashions for the greater part of the decade, Hilfiger said. He said he blamed his business team’s faux pas of oversupplying the demand — a “business no-no.”

“Boiled down to its simplest form, business is simple arithmetic ... really a simple philosophy. It’s about supply and demand,” he said. “That’s something they teach in every business school, but we learned it ourselves and we learned it the hard way.”

Today, Hilfiger said his recipe for success remains true to his original philosophy: right quality, right product, right price, right marketing, right technical fit, right people wearing your clothes and right stores selling them.

“It’s all about finding a niche,” he said. “Many people ask me why I think we’re so successful and I have one standard answer — It’s always about the people. I have been fanatical about surrounding myself with great people. A great team will bring you great success.”

In 1995, he established the Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation to help empower America’s youth and as his fashion trends gain global esteem, his charitable endeavors follow. The Foundation recently announced its \$2 million donation to Millennium Promise, a non-profit organization founded in 2005 to combat extreme world poverty.

“We’re becoming much more responsible as human beings and that is very meaningful to me,” Hilfiger said.

While Hilfiger’s presentation resonated with business lessons to “be creative ... never stop learning, never stop exploring,” in his discussion of the company’s philanthropic successes, a stronger message prevailed.

“If I were to talk about what I’m proudest about as a businessman, I am proudest of the fact that we are a giving, loving company,” and that will probably go down in history as the company’s greatest contribution, Hilfiger said.

“At the end of the day, they’re just clothes really,” Hilfiger said.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Recently elected SGA officers meet for first time

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

The new Saint Mary's board of Student Government Association (SGA) began the 2010-11 term when it held its first meeting Wednesday night. The main purpose of the meeting was for the new officers to get to know one another and for them to discuss their goals and expectations for the next academic year.

SGA president Rachael Chesley and SGA vice president Laura Smith took over in office on April 1.

"Laura and I are fairly new to this," Chesley said to the other officers. "We have already learned a lot about SGA over the past month and we are looking forward to learning more from you and getting your help and input. We are very excited about getting started on this coming year."

Wednesday's meeting was the first for many SGA officers.

Chesley said her and Smith's goal was to integrate equal amounts of experienced students with new students who have fresh perspective. They said they feel that this was the best possible way to serve the student body.

SGA discussed that they want to get more involved with the student community. Among many other comments, the Board told

Chesley and Smith they thought it would be good if they were visible around campus and at campus events.

They also talked about how SGA meetings and offices are open to the student body and ways to get the students more interested in attending them. The board will attempt to increase attendance at the SGA meetings in order to hear what issues students care about.

"If I was in the SGA meeting or in the office, I felt like I was somewhere I wasn't supposed to be," Smith said. "We need to change that and make sure students feel welcome."

Patrick Daniel, director of Student Involvement, was at the meeting and told the officers they needed to get the student body behind issues they believed in strongly.

He also said the new Board needed to make sure when they choose issues, they are representing the average Saint Mary's student.

Some of the issues the Board intends to address in the coming year are networking between clubs on campus and the availability of service project opportunities for students.

The Board will continue to meet every Wednesday until the end of the year.

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STUDENT SENATE

Soler, Bell set tone for year

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Student body president Catherine Soler and vice president Andrew Bell, who took office on April 1, set the tone for the upcoming year's administration and welcomed the new senators to student government as they led their first meeting of the Student Senate Wednesday.

Soler, Bell and the senators swore to "preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the student body" as they officially assumed their positions.

The initial meeting of the new Senate established committee chairs and introduced new members to their responsibilities.

An executive order from Soler created a new committee to deal with off-campus concerns.

The new committee will compile many of the off-campus projects, such as Transpo, that were handled by various committees during the last administration, Off-Campus Concerns Committee chair Emily LeStrange said.

The agenda for the new committee includes continuing to improve the Transpo service for students, educating off-campus students about improving their relationships

with their neighbors in the local community and arranging student discounts at off-campus restaurants.

One of the committee's goals is to "expand beyond just the bubble of Notre Dame," LeStrange said.

The senators approved all nominations for committee chair positions. The nominees outlined the mission of their committees and their plans for the upcoming year.

The Community Relations committee, chaired by Claire Sokas, plays an important role in the upcoming Communiversity Day, and Sokas said she hopes to work on similar projects to engage students with the South Bend community.

Gender Issues Committee chairs Mariah McGrogan and Tim Castellini plan to address issues of gender, sexual orientation and the development of gender resources.

"The most important thing about this committee is trying to make [these issues] more accessible to the student body," Castellini said.

Social Concerns Committee chair Patrick McCormick said his committee would be working on the hunger initiative that was included in Soler and Bell's election platform.

Other approved committee chairs include Mick Mulhall for Academic Affairs, Casey

Cockerham for Campus Technology, Matt High for Residence Life, Chase Riddle for University Affairs, Brigitte Githinji for Multicultural Affairs and Paige Becker for Oversight.

The student senators unanimously passed resolutions bestowing emeritus status on former student body president Grant Schmidt, former vice president Cynthia Weber and former chief of staff Ryan Brellenthin. Veteran members of student government voiced their support for last year's administration.

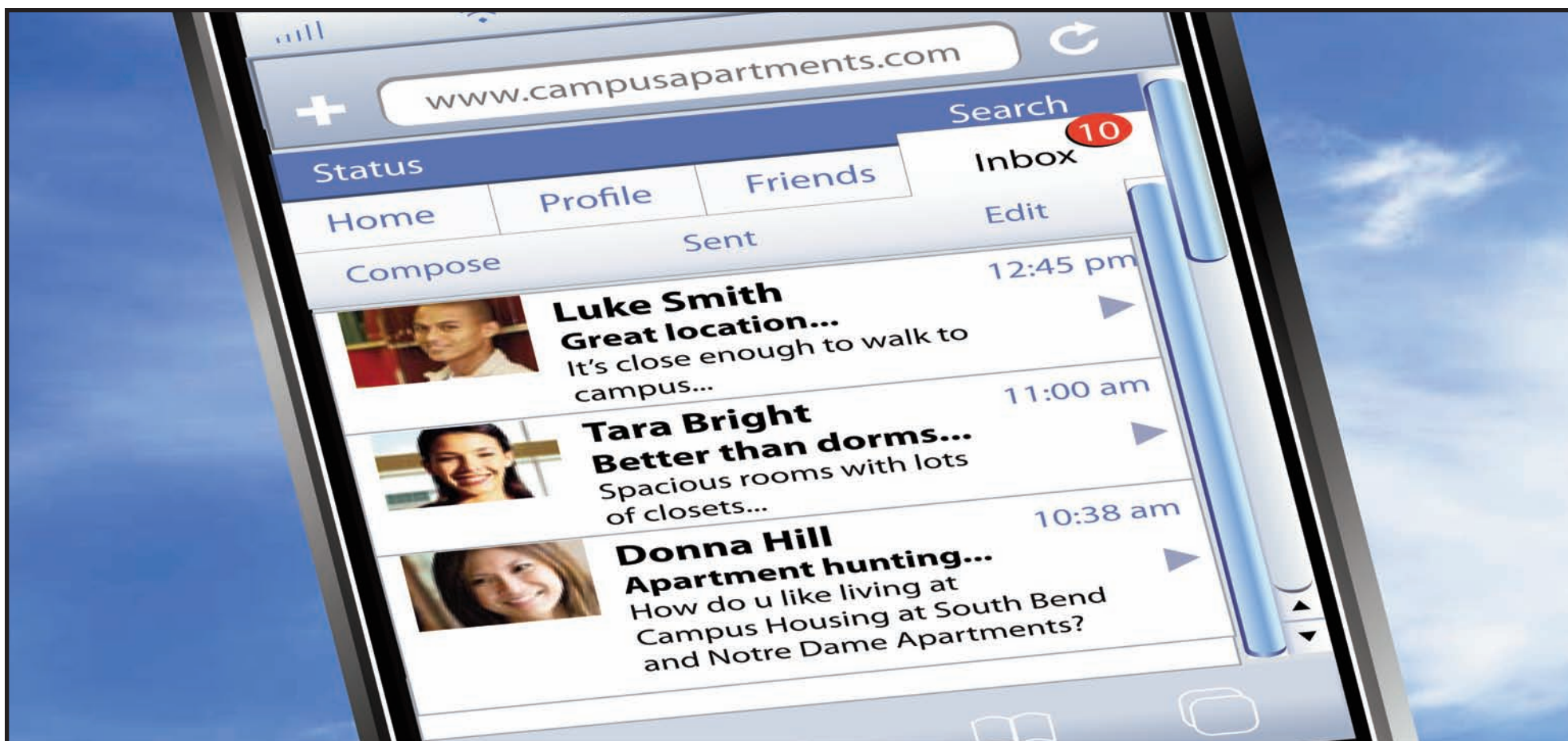
"The whole student body was able to feel like they got something from the administration under Grant," Becker said.

Bridget Bredemann commended Weber on "an above-and-beyond job," and McCormick described Brellenthin as "a model of the servant leader."

The new senators will soon be settled into the various committees and liaison positions to other groups around campus.

"As senators, you are the number one source for student government and organizations on campus to keep everyone informed," Soler said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gitmo detainee set for trial in 2011

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A military judge at Guantanamo Bay on Wednesday said lawyers in the case of a Sudanese detainee don't expect to be ready for trial until early 2011, according to a military commissions spokesman.

Joseph DellaVedova, spokesman for the Pentagon's Office of Military Commissions, said in an e-mail from the U.S. base in Cuba that the judge said prosecutors and defense lawyers told her they could be ready by January or February 2011 in the war crimes case of Noor Uthman Muhammed.

He said the judge, Navy Capt. Moira Modzelewski, expects the discovery phase of the case to take up most of the court's attention for the remainder of 2010.

Boston man sentenced by North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea sentenced a Boston man to eight years of hard labor and ordered him to pay a \$700,000 fine for crossing into the communist country illegally earlier this year, state media reported.

Aijalon Mahli Gomes, 30, was the fourth American detained by North Korea for illegal entry in less than a year.

Gomes, who had been teaching English in South Korea before his arrest, acknowledged his wrongdoing at Pyongyang's Central Court on Tuesday, North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said in a brief dispatch Wednesday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man arrested for alleged Pelosi threats

SAN FRANCISCO — A California man angry about health care reform allegedly made threatening and harassing phone calls to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, including at least one call in which he got through and spoke to her directly, law enforcement officials said.

Gregory Lee Giusti, 48, was arrested Wednesday at his San Francisco home, said Joseph Schadler, spokesman for the FBI's San Francisco office. Schadler would not disclose the charges against Giusti, saying they were under seal until his first appearance before a federal magistrate, scheduled for Thursday.

The arrest came a day after a Washington state man was arrested for allegedly leaving threatening voicemails for U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, and as other Democratic lawmakers have faced vicious verbal attacks over their support of the historic health care overhaul.

Beached whale found on N.Y. shore

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. — A young humpback whale that became stranded on a New York beach is wallowing near death on the shoreline after experts decided the mammal was too sick to save.

The 25-foot-long whale was discovered Tuesday morning on the eastern Long Island shore of East Hampton, an exclusive beach used mostly by residents of the tony village. In the past two days, thousands of visitors have trekked there to see the beached whale lying in the shallow water as a heavy surf pounded the white sand.

Experts say the whale was already dying when it came to shore and cannot be rehabilitated.

LOCAL NEWS

Inability to compromise stops census

INDIANAPOLIS — U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts said Wednesday that the lack of consensus in many of the Supreme Court's decisions reflects its fundamental inability to strike compromises on laws, as Congress can when writing them.

Roberts' remarks came during a talk at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis. Responding to a question about remarks Roberts made during his 2005 confirmation hearings about wanting to build consensus on the court, Roberts said justices differing in their interpretations of law cannot act like lawmakers and strike compromises halfway.

Lapses found at mine before blast

Violations in West Virginia coal mine listed months before fatal explosion

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Federal inspectors found a string of safety violations at a sprawling West Virginia coal mine in the months and days leading up to an explosion that killed 25 this week, including two citations the day of the explosion. Miners were so concerned about the conditions that several told their congressman they were afraid to go back into the mine.

Records reviewed by The Associated Press paint a troubling picture of procedures at Massey Energy Co.'s Upper Big Branch mine, the site of Monday's explosion in the heart of West Virginia coal country. Safety advocates said the mine's track record, particularly a pair of January violations that produced two of the heftiest fines in the mine's history, should have provoked stronger action by the mine operators and regulators.

In the January inspection, regulators found that dirty air was being directed into an escapeway where fresh air should be. They also found that an emergency air system was flowing in the wrong direction, which could leave workers without fresh air in their primary escape route.

Terry Moore, the mine foreman, told officials that he was aware of one of the problems and that it had been occurring for about three weeks.

"Mr. Moore engaged in aggravated conduct constituting more than ordinary negligence in that he was aware of the condition," the Mine Safety and Health Administration wrote in fining the company a combined \$130,000.

While records indicate those problems were fixed the same day, the mine's operator, Massey subsidiary Performance Coal Co., continued to rack up citations until the day of the blast. MSHA inspectors ticketed the mine Monday



A sign is seen in support of the miners of Performance Coal Co. on a mailbox on April 7 in Eunice, W.Va. An explosion killed 25 this week.

over inadequate maps of escape routes and an improper splice of electrical cable on a piece of equipment.

Trouble had been building at Upper Big Branch for a long time. Violations in 2009 were roughly double the amount from any previous year, and the January citation involving Moore was one of at least 50 "unwarrantable failure" violations assessed there in the past year, the most serious type of violation that MSHA can assess.

The January problems could have triggered an explosion if they weren't corrected, said Celeste Monforton, who spent six years as a special assistant to MSHA's assistant director and is now an assistant

professor of environmental and occupational health at George Washington University.

"It's definitely a big, big, big, big signal — a red flag — about major problems in the mine," Monforton said.

The most serious violations could have warranted a criminal investigation, said Tony Oppegard, a Clinton appointee who served as the adviser to the assistant secretary of MSHA for 2½ years. Oppegard said regulators should have determined that the mine has a "pattern of violations," a rarely used distinction that can allow officials to shut down operations.

"Had it been on a pattern of violations, maybe 25 lives or more would have

been saved," Oppegard said.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall, whose district includes the mine about 30 miles south of Charleston, told the AP on Wednesday that he'd been hearing for at least two months from Upper Big Branch workers concerned about methane levels at the mine. Methane, a colorless, odorless gas common in underground mines, is suspected as the cause of the blast.

"I have talked to individuals who have been in coal mines or have loved ones who have been working in coal mines who will not be identified by name but will say that something is fishy here," Rahall said. "That there are corners being cut."

BRAZIL

Continuing rains cause flooding in Brazil

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Rodrigo de Almeida had dug for 15 hours through mud and debris, and he looked like it. Auburn mud covered his head, his ripped shirt, his torn jeans and his rubber sandals.

When asked Wednesday if he had been able to save anyone from the massive landslide in the slum where he lives, he silently shook his head. Of the 138 people confirmed dead from Rio's heaviest rains on record, at least 18 died in his shantytown, Pleasure Hill.

"Right there at least 15 people I know died," Almeida said, staring at a

massive mound of mud and debris. Wood planks — remnants of the shacks engulfed by the landslide — poked through the mud as 30 rescue workers gingerly dug at it with picks and shovels, still looking for survivors.

"We found a guy alive this morning, so we had hope," said Almeida, 28. "He didn't make it, we were told he died on his way to the hospital."

Because of the continuing rains, steep hillsides and loose earth, officials said there had been few successful rescues. One man, Carlos Eduardo Silva dos Santos, 24, was pulled alive from under a concrete wall in western Rio. Firefighters said they had no

count on how many people had been rescued.

The death toll could easily rise. An official with Rio's fire department said at least 60 people were missing Wednesday afternoon. And although the rain that poured down without interruption from Monday afternoon through Wednesday morning had finally begun to let up, it was raining again Wednesday night and more rain was expected through the weekend.

Nearly all the deaths occurred in landslides that engulfed the slums, yet another reminder that life in one of the world's most famous playgrounds is much different for the poor than it is for the rich.

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tions and towards humanity as a whole,” Lies said, referencing a quote from Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical “Caritas in Veritate.”

The Pope’s words and Geddes Hall are reminders that every choice we make has an impact on others, Lies said.

ICL Business Manager Brian Shappell said Geddes Hall is “a visible sign” of the connection between the resources at Notre Dame and the ICL’s mission to research, education and outreach.

“This is a teaching moment for understanding that sustainability is important in everyone’s lives and in the life of the church as well,” Shappell said.

In achieving Gold certification,

the facility has drawn visitors who are interested in seeing the University’s environmentally friendly efforts, CSC Director of Communication Paul Horn said.

Geddes Hall boasts a variety of sustainable design and construction features, including low-flow plumbing and recycled construction materials. A significant portion of the building materials were manufactured within the regional economy to reduce the impact of transportation and support the local community, a University press release said.

“One of the core principles that inspires our work is the understanding of solidarity, that we are all called to be responsible for all people in the world,” Horn said. “By making more sustainable choices here at Notre Dame we are enabling other people to have better and more equitable use of

resources.”

The architects behind the project did not achieve this certification without overcoming certain challenges.

“Because this was our first building planned, designed and constructed seeking LEED, we had to learn how to interact with the USGBC reviewers,” Marsh said. “It has been helpful that most of the professional staff within the Office of the University Architect have learned the LEED New Construction criteria and passed an examination to become LEED Accredited Professionals.”

Other buildings awaiting certification reviews include Ryan Hall, Stinson-Remick Hall, the Purcell Pavilion and Innovation Park at Notre Dame, according to a University press release.

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ROTC

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The competition is the culmination of a semester-long scored competition between the platoons, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel and senior Tom Capretta said.

“The main reason we run the Iron Irish Race is to build platoon cohesion through competition. Cohesion is important to the success of any unit in the military,” Capretta said. “As cadets, we try to improve ourselves and each other, and building a cohesive team is an important part of accomplishing that goal,” Capretta said. “The competition also affords leadership opportunities to our upperclassmen, which is important preparation for us as we look to become commissioned officers in the U.S. Army.”

The Iron Irish competition included five events. The platoons competed in a timed swim, rope climb, ruck run, simulated rifle competition and a “mystery event,” which was a paintball tournament on White Fields between the platoons that was postponed due to a thunderstorm warning.

“The weather was terrible, but it was a lot of fun,” Vitter said. “The storms added another dimension to the competition, making it more difficult, but people stepped up and worked.”

He said event planners hope to have the paintball tournament in future years.

“At the end of the day, all of the tasks are meant to be completed by everyone,” Vitter said. “There’s more to get out of the competition than who has the fastest time.”

Vitter said before the competition he was hopeful his platoon would perform well as a

unit.

“I hope we show the camaraderie and group mentality that we’ve developed over this semester,” Vitter said.

Cadet Corporal and sophomore Trevor Waliszewski, also a member of platoon B1, was also hopeful for a win.

“A win would increase the solidarity of our platoon and establish as the clear favorites for all battalion competitions next year,” Waliszewski said.

Waliszewski said the competition helped his platoon think together.

“The Iron Irish is an event designed to motivate us to work harder during Physical Training sessions throughout the year,” he said. “As we will be completing all of our challenges as a platoon, the event encourages teamwork and makes us look out for one another.”

Waliszewski said the event helps prepare for real-world combat experience.

“The Army teaches us a Warrior Ethos including the statement, ‘I will never leave a fallen comrade,’ and Iron Irish allows us to put that into effect as we complete all the challenges as a team. It’s a competitive environment where we can learn lessons that will make us better officers in a real-world combat environment,” he said.

Vitter said he attributes his platoon’s win to the group mentality.

“Our platoon has come a long way since last semester in terms of teamwork and cohesion,” Vitter said. “That was the biggest part of today. We may not be the biggest or strongest platoon out there but we worked together and that’s what the competition was about.”

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Bishop

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doctrine, it is necessary to see the whole, not just one part,” Marx said. “All parts of our doctrine are linked and they influence each other.”

Marx said the problem with social doctrine in today’s world involves conflicts with the deliverance of the message and the means in which it is communicated.

“We want to share an ideal with everyone and have found the way to speak in nominative sentences,” he said. “But the sentences must be compatible for all men of goodwill.”

Marx applied the Church’s social doctrine to the current economic crisis. He said he believes there is a distinct relationship between virtues and institutions and the two cannot be separated.

“We need to work within the system but the system must have the right organizations so that the virtues are underlined,” he said. “The financial crisis shows very clearly that there was a failure in both virtue and institution.”

Marx said he believes social doctrine can be used to help alleviate the crisis but it “is

not possible to build a society based on this current image of man.”

Pope Benedict XVI recently spoke about the new relationship between the market, state and society and the new implications this relationship has after the financial crisis. Marx thinks the crisis has provided the opportunity to pursue a new way of thinking in light of social teachings.

“We must now see that the whole is more than the sum of individuals, but good cannot be achieved without the state,” he said. “What is necessary is to ask the question of what it means to be living a good life in a good state.”

Marx believes in the power and application of the social teachings, but he said they cannot have global responsibility without political and institutional arrangements that would guarantee that guideline will be followed.

“We cannot just apply force to people because it’s not enough,” he said. “We must have a framework of the market and this is very dependent on civilization.”

Marx said there were many lessons learned in the aftermath of the financial crisis, but the most important lesson is that the global community

must rethink capitalism and “organize the market, state and society on a global level; it is very important for the Church to find a way to be in the civil societies in countries across the world.”

Marx said he thinks the mission of the Church in the 21st century should be to overcome separations and play a more significant role in developing a global consciousness.

“We must find new ways of integrating our social action with other dialogues to find a common language,” he said.

Marx said the Church’s social doctrine would not be embraced by everyone but that solidarity within the global community is attainable.

“Faith is not a means of exclusion, but a means of integration,” he said.

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Debate

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people in the village say we know this guy named Bill. Five of them say, ‘We’ve never met Bill.’ And three of them say, ‘There is no Bill.’

“Is it more likely that the 95 percent are right and the other three percent just don’t know the guy?”

But Hitchens said the position of faith “has to be discarded first.”

“The only respectable intellectual position is one of doubt,” he said. “[Atheism] is a refusal of faith and a refusal to use it as a method of reasoning. What we don’t know, we don’t claim to know.”

But D’Souza said the atheists and believers actually have more in common than one

might think.

“The believers position, no less than the atheist, is an attempt to grapple with the facts to make sense of the data,” he said. “Faith is not a substitute for reason. Faith only comes in when reason stops.”

The difference, D’Souza said, is in how believers and nonbelievers choose to apply their faith.

“The atheist who says there isn’t, just like the believer who says there is, is making a leap of faith,” he said.


But Hitchens said he is more comfortable not making assumptions.

“If there is any such judge [in the afterlife,] I will be able to say at least I never faked belief,” Hitchens said. “At least I wasn’t a hypocrite.”

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Dinesh D’Souza
Christian apologetic



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IN BRIEF

Talks of airline merger become serious

MINNEAPOLIS — United Airlines and US Airways are in talks about combining into what would be the nation’s second-biggest airline, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The person, who insisted on anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the talks, said the talks appeared to be getting more serious.

This person said a deal would be modeled on the Delta-Northwest combination, which was a stock swap without a cash component.

Shares of both companies jumped in after-hours trading after the news was reported by The New York Times and the Wall Street Journal. US Airways was up \$1.35, or 20 percent, to \$8.17, and Chicago-based United parent UAL Corp. rose \$1.53, or 8 percent, to \$20.48.

Calif. cracks down on middlemen

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California lawmakers took a step Wednesday toward cracking down on the middlemen that help private investment firms land lucrative contracts with the state’s giant pension funds.

The use of so-called “placement agents” has erupted into a scandal in California and New York, where allegations of cronyism and exorbitant fees have prompted investigations.

On Wednesday, the state Assembly’s Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee voted 4-1, with one member abstaining, to improve oversight of the way California public pension funds invest money.

The California Public Employees Retirement System is the nation’s largest pension fund, with about \$210 billion in assets under management.

The California bill would require placement agents to register as lobbyists and file quarterly reports stating any gifts or fees they received.

It also would prohibit the practice of allowing outside investment managers to pay those agents contingency fees for winning business with the funds. Placement agents typically earn 1 percent of the total investment they win for their clients, which can mean millions of dollars for landing a deal.

Conservatives to lobby for drilling

Agreement made to campaign for expansion of oil company’s offshore operations

Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Conservation groups on Wednesday unveiled a new version of an unusual agreement in which they will lobby for an oil company’s expansion of drilling off the coast of California in exchange for definite end dates to its local petroleum operations.

The revision attempts to address criticisms of the original 2008 agreement by making its terms public, granting the state the right to enforce it and strengthening provisions to ensure an end to operations offshore from scenic Santa Barbara County.

A week after President Barack Obama moved to open many federal waters to drilling — except along the West Coast — local environmental groups accompanied by area political leaders unveiled the revised plan at Shoreline Park on a bluff overlooking the blue Pacific with oil rigs in the distance.

“The bottom line is this plan puts in place a timetable to end existing oil drilling off our coast and prevent any future drilling,” said Rep. Lois Capps. “It’s transparent. It’s accountable. It’s smart.”

The plan, which needs government approval, would allow Plains Exploration & Production of Houston to slant drill up to 30 new shafts from an existing platform in federal waters into a formation in state waters.

The company, known as PXP, would shut down existing oil production from three offshore platforms in nine years and a fourth platform in 14 years. It would also remove two onshore support and processing facilities and hundreds of acres of onshore oil wells.

The environmentalist parties to the deal essentially do not view the plan as new drilling because it would use the existing Platform Irene.



In this May 1, 2009, file photo, a crew member is arriving by boat to an offshore drilling platform off the coast of Santa Barbara, Calif. The platform is operated by Venoco, Inc.

Currently, 27 platforms operate off the Central and Southern California coasts. They produced 13.3 million barrels of oil in 2009, a very small amount of the overall national production.

Environmental Defense Center attorney Linda Krop, who represents the environmental groups, said the revised agreement would allow the California attorney general to enforce its terms by making the state a third-party beneficiary.

Backers also pointed to provisions requiring PXP to surrender its federal oil leases to eliminate the possibility that the four platforms could continue to operate after the end dates, and to prevent PXP from being forced by the federal government to continue

producing.

Under the deal, PXP would also have to give up any profits resulting from a violation of the end dates.

Addressing another concern, the backers said there are no title or other issues to prevent PXP from turning over 3,900 acres on shore to the Trust for Public Land.

Despite such changes, some conservationists continued to doubt the proposal.

State Coastal Commissioner Sara Wan, whose board may eventually have to weigh in on the plan, had yet to read the new agreement but wasn’t sure it could bind the state into defending the deal.

“There’s no way you can tell the government 15 years from now that it can’t

change its mind and do what it wants to do,” she said.

Assemblyman Pedro Nava, D-Santa Barbara, who is running for state attorney general, said the agreement does not give the state any additional authority.

“Bottom line for me, in 2008 we were told that the deal was the deal of the century and it wasn’t,” he said. “Why am I going to believe this one is any better than the last one?”

Richard Charter, energy consultant to Defenders of Wildlife, said that even though it is a local proposal, it threatens to open up the entire state coastline and is opposed by “most of the mainstream conservation community.”

Videos display animal welfare violations

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Humane Society of the United States released videos Wednesday that they say show animal-welfare violations at four egg farms in Iowa, the nation’s top egg-producing state.

The videos, made secretly as part of the animal rights group’s ongoing push to get egg-laying hens out of cramped cages, show chickens caught between wires and others being pulled dead from cages that sit above piles of manure.

“I think by any reasonable standard this is wholly unacceptable and insufficient to account for the physical and behavioral needs of any animal,” said Wayne Pacelle, the Humane Society’s president and chief executive officer.

Pacelle said industry standards allow for 67 square inches per bird with hundreds of thousands of birds per building. He said hens kept in the cages — known as battery cages — are trampled by other hens, suffer broken bones and can’t reach food and water.

He also claimed hens are roughly handled and suffer from exposure to ammonia from the manure in pits below the cages.

“You cannot have good animal welfare by jamming six to eight animals in a small cage that doesn’t allow them to turn around, extend their wings or engage in any natural behavior,” Pacelle said. “And these facilities are so large and there are so many birds that when problems arise they’re almost impossible to address.”

Animal rights groups have used undercover video before to highlight practices at egg facilities, including last year when Chicago-based Mercy for Animals released video showing workers at West Des Moines-based Hy-Line North America tossing male chicks into a grinder. Industry groups say it’s common practice because male chicks can’t lay eggs or be raised quickly enough to be raised profitably for meat.

The latest videos were shot in February by an undercover employee at Rose Acre Farm facilities in Winterset and a Rembrandt Enterprises Inc. farm in Thompson.

K.Y. Hendrix, vice president for production for Rose Acres Farms, said his operation doesn’t “condone anything anyone saw in the video.”

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THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

Sex on the brain: The biology of sexual orientation

Editors note: This is the second installment in a series of columns by Notre Dame faculty members exploring current scholarly research in sexuality concentrating on sexual orientation and related issues.

What causes sexual orientation? What causes us to be attracted to and fall in love with the people that we do?

Almost all our behaviors and traits are a product of both nature and nurture. The "Nature/Nurture Debate" actually does not make much sense, because genes and environment have a constant interplay throughout the lifespan. However, whether through genes or learning, there is no doubt that sexual orientation is manifested somehow in our brains. This is because the brain is responsible for all our thoughts, behaviors, personality characteristics — everything that we are. The brain is not a fixed entity — learning changes your brain every day, whether very fleeting changes, like a phone number you forget immediately, or long-lasting behavior patterns, like being shy or outgoing — and, perhaps, like sexual orientation.

What is it that changes our brains to be straight or gay? There are probably many influences, but one may be the level of hormones that your brain was exposed to while developing in utero. One of the clues that androgens (testosterone-like hormones) influence sexual orientation comes from a disorder called Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH). In this disorder, the adrenal glands' hormone production goes haywire so that they make too much androgen. This doesn't seem to impact developing male fetuses, since the androgen levels are not much different than what their bodies would normally make. But female fetuses

with CAH find themselves swimming in much higher levels of androgens than they otherwise would. The disorder can be easily corrected with drugs once it's discovered at birth, and androgen levels for CAH girls are normal from there on out. However, was there an effect of the extra androgens on the brains of these girls as they were developing in utero?

It seems that there is. When CAH girls grow up, 33 percent of them describe themselves as homosexual or bisexual, compared to six to 10 percent of the non-CAH population. So, androgens must play a role in sexual orientation, but they can't explain it completely. After all, 67 percent of CAH women identified as heterosexual. And most homosexual and bisexual women do not have CAH. So androgens in the developing brain play a role in sexual orientation (at least in women), but they're not the whole story.

Our next clue comes from differences between straight and gay people in tiny regions of the brain involved in sex and reproduction, found in post-mortem brains by Simon LeVay and colleagues. A region of the hypothalamus called INAH3 turned out to differ in size between straight men and women — men's INAH3 is about twice as large as women's. Gay men, however, had a smaller, straight-female-sized INAH3. Could INAH3 be the "sexual orientation area" of the brain?

It's possible. The hypothalamus is certainly an important area for sexual behavior, although what exactly INAH3 does is unknown. But another consideration is the chicken-and-egg problem: What causes what? One possibility is that the size of INAH3 causes sexual orientation: a larger INAH3 means you will be attracted to women, and smaller INAH3 means you will be attracted to men. But another possibility is that being attracted to women for years and years causes the size of INAH3 to increase. Remember

that your brain is changing and responding all the time in response to your experiences. And the brains being studied were adult brains, after the individuals had died.

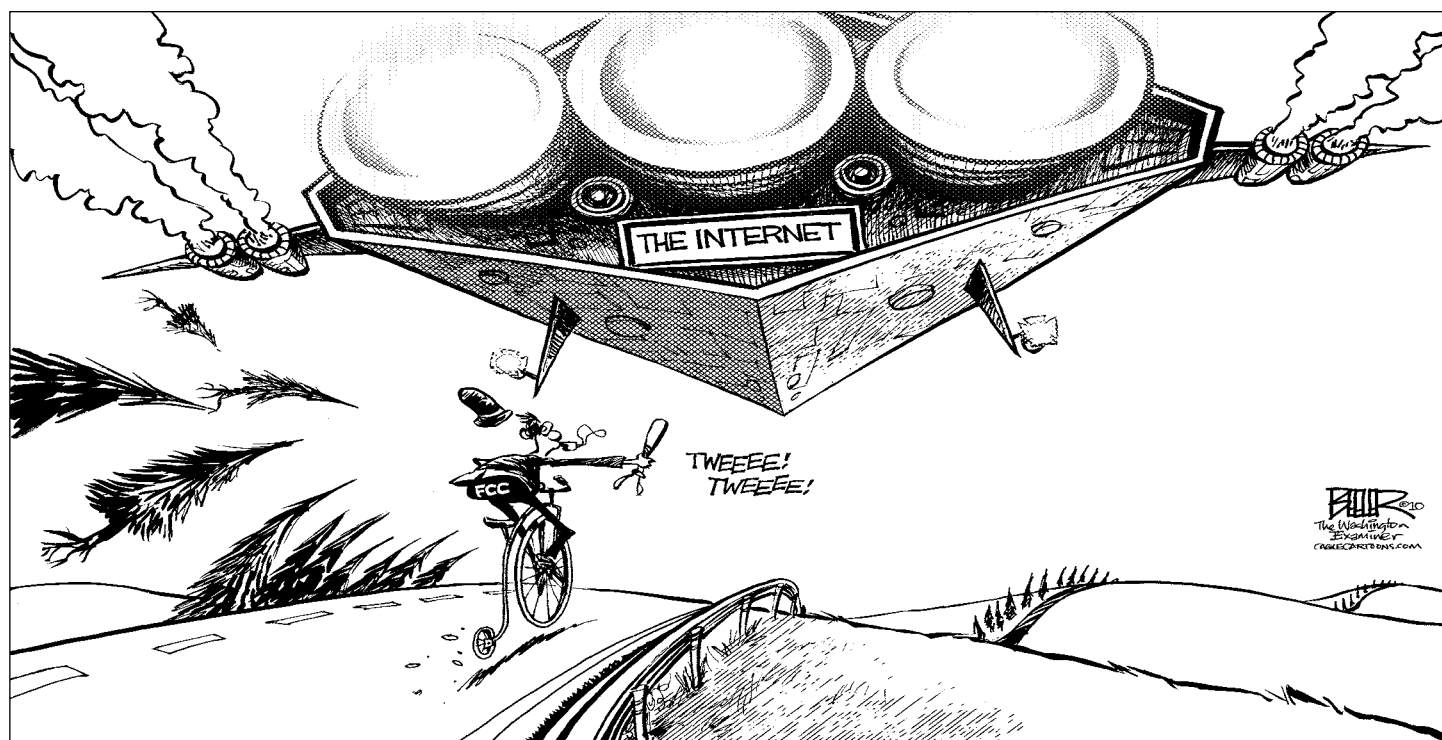
We can find out more by looking at sheep, a species which shares with us some reproductive traits. Interestingly, eight percent of rams (male sheep) have a sexual preference for other rams, rather than ewes (female sheep). It turns out that sheep also have an INAH3, and it follows exactly the same pattern as in humans: rams that prefer ewes have an INAH3 twice as big as the INAH3 of ewes, but rams that prefer rams have the smaller, ewe-sized INAH3. We still have the chicken-and-egg problem: Does being attracted to ewes or rams change the size of INAH3? Or does the INAH3 size control the attractions of the sheep? We don't know. But we do know that human cultural experience cannot explain the INAH3 results. Whatever the connection between this brain region and sexual orientation, it is something we share with other species.

These are just two studies among an ongoing body of research seeking to find out more about the biology of sexual orientation in humans. So far scientists think that, like most human behavior, sexual attraction is the result of a complex orchestration between genes, early hormone exposures and other environmental factors. There is probably no one thing that determines sexual orientation. But each clue gives us a little more information about human sexuality and how we each come to be who we are.

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

EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Swans sing before they die —
t'were no bad thing did certain
persons die before they sing."*

Samuel Taylor Coleridge
English poet

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"The men of the future will yet
fight their way to many a liberty
that we do not even miss."*

Max Stirner
German philosopher

A suit, a suitcase and a typewriter

When my father left his childhood bedroom for the Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College in the late summer of 1967, he possessed three things: a tailored suit, a luggage set and a typewriter. He had acquired all three at separate times immediately surrounding, but, more significantly, on account of his graduation from high school. So, when my time came to leave the lockers of senior hall behind, my father was insistent that I take careful time in securing my own versions of the three commencement items. My mother tried to explain why they were so important to him, but I just shrugged and rode shotgun on the way to Men's Warehouse. There were way too many graduation parties and salutatory addresses demanding my concentration.

Two years later, I find myself checking an over-sized rolling duffel at the airline counter, buttoning up the three-button pinstripe armor before braving formal events and spending a large

**William
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*Guest
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majority of time with my fingers on the keys of my computer. Look in my room and you will see that these have a special place among my other belongings: right there with my books and the picture of my family and my iPod and my speakers and my sneakers and my futon and my postcard collection and my camera and my snow boots and my posters and those energy-efficient bulbs I have yet to install and that strand of Christmas lights I grabbed off of a tree on the side of the road last winter break.

All right, so you wouldn't necessarily be inclined to notice them any more than anything else in my hovel of strange junk. And it would be safe to assume that, on most days, the suit or the suitcase or the computer doesn't strike me either. Truth be told, individually, they are no more than societal necessities, common objects to be found in any one of my neighbors' rooms. However, every once in a while, that little picturesque legend of my father, dressed up, suitcase in one hand, portable typewriter in the other, floats into my mind and I try to understand what those things meant to him.

For centuries, higher education has represented a furthering and intensification of individual, intellectual instruction. To a certain extent, this remains and will always remain its function: assimilation of information, profession of the knowledge by some and the demonstration by others of comprehension of such knowledge.

Yet, the longer I am here at this University, the more I feel that an equally important (though perhaps implicit or even overlooked) role of college is the social formation of the individual. For most, the university acts as a catalyst for our transition from adolescence into adulthood, a catalyst for independence and autonomy. We (or at least some of us) are pushed from the nest of our parents and made nomads for a time, allowed to roam. We are asked to interact with adults more as peers than as authorities. We are encouraged to develop our own thoughts and worldview. Curse ResLife or the latest assignment for a paper from Philosophy, but college is our society's way of making us responsible for our own thoughts and actions. College forces us to recognize our own person:

individual, free and capable.

My father steps onto the Louisiana State University campus. He wears a suit, a sign of his age and of his newly earned status as a man, no longer a boy. He carries a suitcase, symbolic of his having no tethers to home, fettered to nothing and no one, able to settle in any land he may choose. And he punches out letters on a little, tan Brother typewriter, the keys that can unlock his means to expression and materialize his thoughts or pin down the world he sees onto fields of 20-pound white.

Perhaps this image allows me to better appreciate the profundity of those three gifts with which I left home. Perhaps distinguishing their significance among my room of superfluties allows me to distinguish my necessary significance among this world of banalities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

One book, one Michiana — one Notre Dame

I am writing to share exciting information in response to the March 31 Letter to the Editor titled "One book, one Michiana" (Caitlin Wilson, Rachel Hamilton). I am pleased to announce that Hesburgh Libraries has joined the One Book, One Michiana project. Hesburgh Libraries will host a presentation by Notre Dame Law professor Thomas Shaffer scheduled at Geddes Hall from 4-5:30 on April 14.

The presentation is titled "Atticus Finch: Not Only Gregory Peck But Also Southern Gentleman and County-Seat Lawyer

Whose Daughter Is a Whiz-Bang."

We are in the process of adding our campus event to the St. Joe Public Library's website. In the mean time, we are asking you to help us spread the word.

Thanks for helping us make our first "One Book, one Michiana" project a success.

Felicia A. Smith

faculty
April 5

Butler gets remembered, but legends never die

Gordon Hayward was channeling Bobby Plump, the last-second hero of the 1951 Indiana Men's Basketball Championship and the inspiration for the film Hoosiers, Monday night when he shot that jumper over Duke's Brian Zoubek. That last-second shot should have arched over the 7'1" center, bounced once on the rim and rolled in. It should have been the greatest NCAA Men's Championship game in our generation. Instead, the ball went long and bricked off the far side of the rim. It was rebounded by Zoubek, handing a perennial dynasty and its insufferable fans yet another championship (yes, I recognize the irony in me, a Notre Dame student, calling other college fans insufferable, but I am writing as a Butler fan).

Sports these days don't seem as magical as they used to be. I grew up on a steady diet of classic inspirational movies like Rudy (obvious), Remember the Titans, Miracle, Seabiscuit and Space Jam. They taught me that if you are plucky enough and the situation is just perfect, even I could pull off the upset of a lifetime. What are they going to make movies about in 10 or 15 years when we need to teach our children that the world is a just place where the good guys coached by a lovable — if slightly damaged — mentor always

win?

Are they going to watch a movie about a plucky Saints team that finished with the NFL's second-best record and top passer finally winning a Super Bowl or how a grossly overpaid Yankees organization purchased a World Series team to beat on a small market team that made it to the World Series? Maybe they can watch the story of two non-BCS teams that went undefeated during the year only to be paired together in a bowl game matched only by class on St. Patrick's Day in its futility.

My point is that the magic in sports is dying. When was the last time a true underdog story translated into a championship? The answer should have been last Monday. You could not script the sequel to Hoosiers any better than Butler's journey through the tournament this year. If those mystical forces that create truly great sports stories couldn't allow Butler to finish the greatest story in men's basketball of the past 25 years, then what hope do my Cubbies have this season?

Peter Elliott

sophomore
Siegfried Hall
April 6

Being 'anti-union' perfectly legal

I want to respond to one of the assumptions that appears to underly Sarah Furman's March 31 column about the HEI hotel company ("HEI: Still an issue"). She criticizes HEI for being "anti-union." She seems to assume that being anti-union is either illegal or immoral. It is neither.

An employer, at least under current law, has every right to encourage its employees not to form or join a union. An employer is well within its rights, both legally and morally, to think that a union will not be in the best interests of the company or of its employees. While there are those who wish to deny employers the right and ability to communicate with their employees about unions organizing, employers in the U.S. have long been at liberty to speak with their employees about these matters.

If an employer goes beyond exercising his constitutionally protected right of free speech, and instead

engages in actions that violate federal labor laws, then of course he should be held accountable for those violations. Whether HEI violated such laws is a matter to be decided by the NLRB — though I would caution anyone from assuming guilt merely based on allegations by NLRB staff.

My point is that encouraging employees not to join a union is not synonymous with denying them the right to do so. If, after hearing both sides of the argument, employees freely choose to unionize, then that is their right. However, we should not assume that employers who are "anti-union," in the sense that they actively communicate with their employees and encourage them to not join a union, are acting either illegally or immorally.

Mark Goodman

alumnus
class of 1983
April 6

Fall of a power

In my four years at this wonderful university, I have witnessed many great things. Unfortunately I have also seen the complete fall of a once-powerful baseball program. While I will admit that my coming to the university coincided with the loss of one of the top five coaches in the nation (Paul Mainieri), there is no reason our program should have gone from a Big East dynasty that was a perennial player in the NCAA Tournament to a Big East afterthought that has not made the tournament in four years.

While I will admit that baseball at Notre Dame doesn't receive the same amount of attention as basketball or football, there is no reason a team which made the College World Series in the past

decade should currently stand at 9-17.

From everything I have heard about him, Manager David Schrage seems to be a great man. However, I do not think our university should accept mediocrity in a sport that we had dominated for well over a decade. If Mr. Swarbrick does decide to make a coaching change at the end of the year, I think he should look no further than Brian O'Connor, a former Notre Dame assistant and manager of the No. 4 Virginia Cavaliers.

Jordan Carey

senior
off campus
April 7

By DECLAN SULLIVAN
Scene Writer

In less than a week's time — April 13 to be precise — MGMT's follow-up to their 2007 hit album "Oracular Spectacular" — suitably named "Congratulations" — will officially be released and available to download legally. That's not to say that it's not available now — a well-publicized leak of the album in mid-March prompted the band to release the album in a stream-only format on March 20.

Although members of the group have described the album as a "no-singles album," one song, "Flash Delirium," has been released, although it has been described as more a taster for the album than an actual single. Basically, if you like "Flash Delirium," you'll like "Congratulations," and vice versa. Either way, it's easy to see that "Congratulations" has little stylistically in common with "Oracular Spectacular."

Many tracks in

MGMT 'Congratulations'

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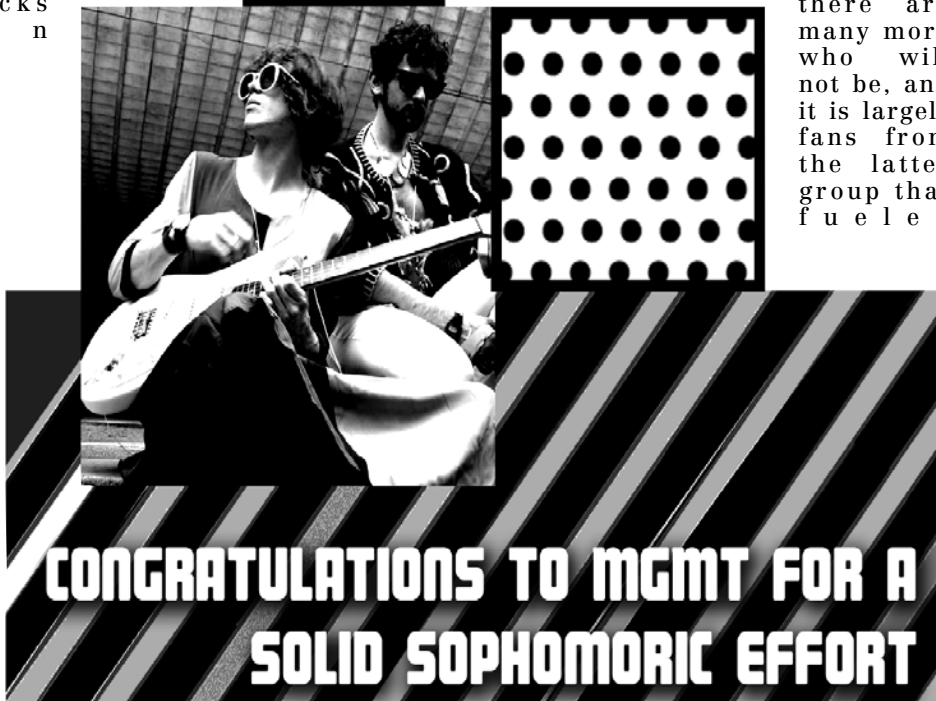
Recommended Tracks:

"Someone's Missing," "Flash Delirium," and "Siberian Breaks"



the vast majority of MGMT fans became fans by listening to their pop-infused songs from "Oracular Spectacular," and these fans will be disappointed with this album. Again, to stress the point, there are no singles on this album. "Flash Delirium" is not a real single, nor does it sounds like it. It has more in common with the progressive rock of the 70s or the OC soundtrack — beach music — than MGMT's previous work. This is a problem, because while there are people out there who will be fans of the eclectic mix of musical genres

and feels, there are many more who will not be, and it is largely fans from the latter group that fueled



"Oracular Spectacular" drove its success and its eventual dominance of many college campuses/stoner circles: "Kids," "Weekend Warriors," "Time to Pretend," "Electric Feel."

"Congratulations" has none of these; it is a straight-up album's album, meaning that the band meant it to be taken in as a whole rather than as individual tracks. In listening to the album in its entirety, the first word that comes to mind is duality. "Congratulations" tracks have two different, distinct flavors: First, about half the songs have a bouncy, upbeat, almost surfer/beach vibe to them — albeit, one distorted with digital production work and what sounds like a harpsichord — and the rest sound inspired by dreams of floating through psychedelic clouds in a world without time or purpose. While the two different sounds at times cause jarring moments in the changes between tracks, for the most part the format works, and MGMT somehow manages to take two songs that sound very little alike and tie them together in a way that makes some sense in the context of the album. Viewed in the "no-singles album" light, MGMT succeeds and has come out with a good — but not great — sophomore effort.

The only problem with this is that



MGMT's success.

"Congratulations" is a good album to just put on and zonk out to for about 45 minutes. While it does have some flaws, it still is a good album and worth a listen; however, if the listener goes into the album expecting a spiritual successor to "Oracular Spectacular," he will be sorely disappointed. MGMT went out on a limb for their sophomore effort, and while many fans of their more pop tunes will probably not enjoy this, those who can listen to it with an open mind will find a worthwhile experience.

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By SHANE STEINBERG
Scene Writer

Before he revolutionized the classic American look, before he accomplished the seemingly impossible task of competing with Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren and before he dreamed up his first jean jacket or sewed the first button onto one of his staple shirts, Tommy Hilfiger dreamed of being a football player.

The football dream died when he never hit a growth spurt, but Hilfiger has since succeeded at being a businessman — one who has founded a global lifestyle brand, been named the best Men's Designer by GQ and the Parsons School of Design among others and whose name has become synonymous with authentic American fashion.

Hilfiger grew up the second of nine children in Elmira, N.Y., and realized early on that he wanted to be a businessman. Only, he didn't know what a businessman was. What he did know was that he had a particular passion, and a vision that he brought to his first endeavor in the fashion industry, his own chain of stores called People's Place. Using his knowledge of New York and London fashion and capitalizing off of the fact that his customers sought but didn't have access to new trends, he designed his own line of cloth-

Hilfiger brought to time-honored classics as well as his entrepreneurial spirit that caught the eye of Mohan Murjani, the man who would come to launch Hilfiger's first line

of men's clothing. And it has since been that fresh eye and undying devotion to always keeping things new and breaking through with new styles and looks that has enabled

Hilfiger

to bring classic American sportswear to consumers around the world.

What Hilfiger went on to create was a distinct brand with worldly appeal, that was competitively priced and, perhaps most importantly, made up of products that people wanted. Hilfiger was never one to design for himself, but instead a designer dedicated to the consumer, always keeping in mind what was both wearable and desirable.

Admittedly, he let things slip in the late 90s as the company saw its sales cut in half due to oversupply. At that point he, with his team, went back to the drawing board and exercised the kind of business savvy that Murjani had first admired in him, revamping the U.S.

branch of the company and modeling it on the company's successful European business model.

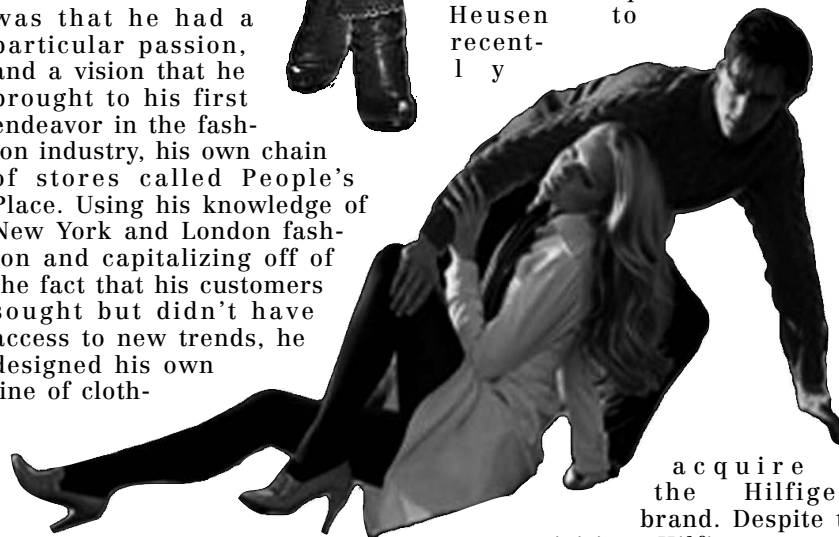
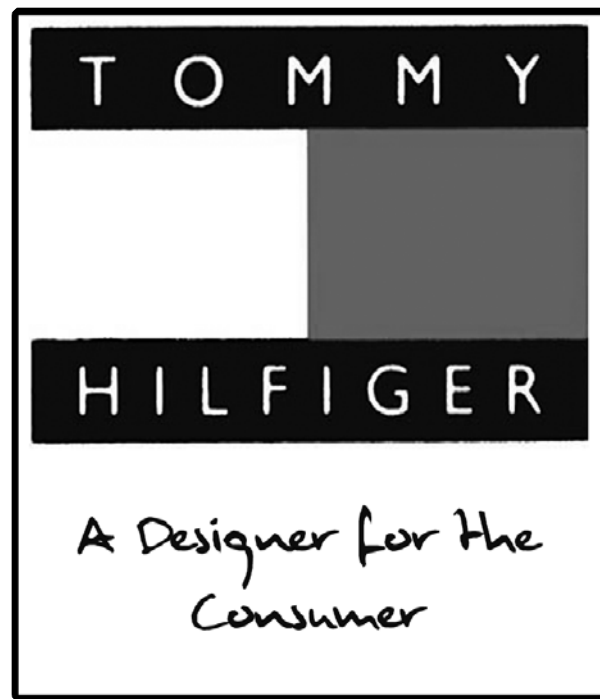
The company experienced steady growth after that reclamation project and it was that growth that propelled fashion powerhouse Phillips-Van Heusen to recent-ly

acquire the Hilfiger brand. Despite the acquisition, Hilfiger remains the life-blood of the company, as his vision and industry know-how remain the keys to the company's success.

ing best described as "preppy American classic, with a twist."

His success upstate brought him to the big show in New York, where he further learned the trade and strove endlessly to launch a line. It was the fresh eye

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Weekend Events Calendar

thursday

friday

saturday

sunday



"Precious," DPAC @ 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

This Thursday, Friday and Saturday "Precious," the Academy award nominated film, will be showing at DPAC. It centers on Claireece "Precious" Jones (played by newcomer Gabourey Sidibe), a 16-year old black girl growing up in Harlem. Abused by her mother and raped by her father, Precious's life is an endless string of hardship. Her only escape is through elaborate fantasies she creates for herself in times of difficulty. Yet her imagination cannot save her from the reality of her life. Precious must learn to cope with her difficulties and break out of a cycle of abuse and poverty. A compelling heart-breaking story, "Precious" is a must-see.

"It's Complicated," DeBartolo 101 @ 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Starring an all-star cast including Meryl Streep, Alec Baldwin, Steve Martin and John Krasinski, "It's Complicated" is a quirky romantic comedy no doubt aimed at an older crowd, yet enjoyable to a younger audience as well. The plot follows Jane, a self-sufficient divorcee with three grown children and a successful bakery. At her son's graduation, Jane rekindles her romance with her ex-husband, Jake. Upon returning home, Jane begins seeing her architect, Adam, while continuing an affair with her ex-husband. Torn between the two men, Jane must sort out her life and redefine what it means to be the "other woman." John Krasinski is delightful as Jane's daughter's fiancé.

The Roots with Mike Posner, Stepan Center @ 7:30 p.m.

The Roots are a hip-hop group out of Philadelphia known for their eclectic mix of live instruments and jazz influences. Formed in 1991 by rapper Black Thought, the group has been touring and making music ever since. Hailed as the best live show in their genre, The Roots are sure to put on a great performance. They are joined by Mike Posner, college student turned singer/songwriter who has become famous for his mixtapes, combining innovative covers of popular songs with his own compositions. Posner has become known for energetic, sold out shows. Tickets for this event are \$10.

Hamlet – "Thomas," DPAC @ 1 p.m.

"Hamlet" is considered one of Shakespeare's greatest works. It offers an unparalleled look into the human psyche, delving into madness and obsession in a way none have before or since. Because of its greatness, "Hamlet" has inspired countless adaptations, including Ambroise Thomas's operatic version. Starring Simon Keenlyside and Natalie Dessay, this adaptation elaborates on the madness of Ophelia, creating one of the greatest scenes of madness in all of opera. Filmed live at the Metropolitan Opera and showing in HD in the Browning Cinema, this performance of Thomas's "Hamlet" is the best operatic experience one can get, short of being at the Metropolitan Opera in person.

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By TATIANA SPRAGINS
Scene Writer

The Italian Theatre Workshop will premiere April 15 and run through April 17. An annual production, the workshop is the production of a class that performs a play acted and organized entirely by students — all in Italian. This semester, the class, Italian Theatre Workshop: Amore, onore, tradimento (love, honor, betrayal) put together a production that examines the theme of marriage and infidelity in two different stories: Goldoni's "L'Osteria della posta" and Pirandello's "Bellavita."

Italian is Notre Dame's second most studied language, Rome is one of its most competitive study abroad programs and Bologna is one of the few locations that offer a year-long study abroad experience. This workshop, a unique class offered only by the Italian department, aims to get students involved in not only the opportunity to further enhance their Italian but also to use their acting skills, engaging the students with the literature and the language both by speaking it aloud and performing in accordance to the text. This theatre workshop offers the challenge of having to study a complex play and then also perform it — all in a foreign tongue. However, it is also one of the few unique opportunities for the students to become completely exposed to Italian while still study-

ing the language at Notre Dame. There is no option but to become completely involved with the work, as performing the text involves studying, reading, speaking and acting.

Michelle Keefe, a senior and the play's student director, describes the class as "one of the few classes that offers an Italian immersion experience. It is a great place to experiment with speaking, listening, and understanding Italian; with the end result being something to be proud of, knowing that we were able to put on a successful show, and it was all done in Italian!"

Both plays to be preformed are short comedies. The first, "L'Osteria della Posta," is about a woman who is about to meet the man she has been arranged to wed, yet when her husband-to-be sees her, he pretends to be someone else to find out what she's actually like. What he finds out isn't too pleasing, since she does not like the description of the person he actually is (her future husband) and in fact,

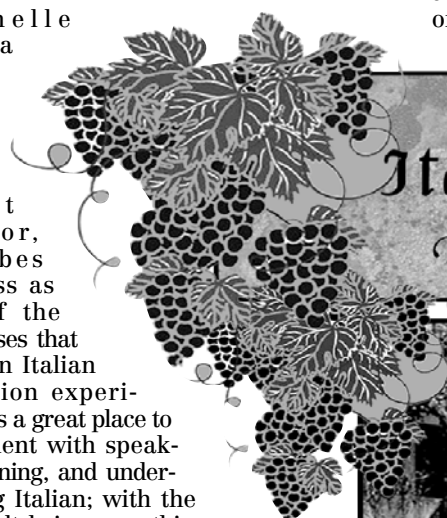
already has a lover. Confusions and laughter galore, it is a much lighter play than the second one, "Bellavita." This play deals with the relationship between the lover and the husband of a woman who has

naturally due to the intense involvement of the student with the text, which is an interesting approach to take on acting. Although previous acting experience is not required, and in fact many have never studied theatre

fact, the workshop can also count for FTT credit.

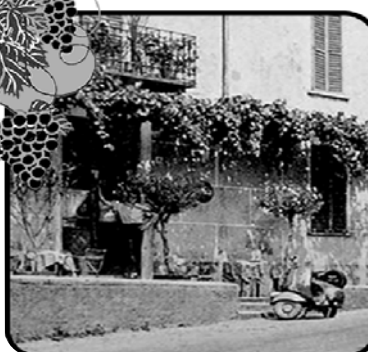
Although aimed at a narrower audience due to the language barrier, if anyone has even a slight interest in Italian or in theatre, it will surely be a fun experience to

watch fellow Notre Dame and Italian language students execute their work of a semester on stage. Not to mention, it'll be a challenge for the audience to keep up with complex and typically Italian plot,



Italian Theater Workshop

Romantic Comedies Sure to Charm



recently died and their dispute over her son — whose father no one is sure of.

Professor Lawrence Hooper, the class's teacher and director explained that since the plays are in Italian, students have to focus on the text and study it more than normal. Consequently, this dedication helps make the acting come

before, students must have taken at least one year of Italian. Most students in this year's play have studied abroad in Rome or the entire year in Bologna. As part of their course requirements, the student actors keep journals and make analyses of the text, although classes consist mostly of rehearsals. In

packed with love triangles, disputes and scandal.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for non-students, and can be purchased at the Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures in DeBartolo Hall.

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MLB

Giants sweep opening series against Astros

Longoria's three RBIs help Rays top Orioles; Rockies struggle offensively in final innings and fall to Brewers

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Edgar Renteria tied a career high with five hits and the San Francisco Giants broke away from the Houston Astros 10-4 Wednesday to complete a season-opening three-game sweep.

The Giants are 3-0 for the first time since 2003, when they began with a sweep at San Diego and won seven straight. Houston last started 0-3 in 2007.

It was 4-all when Juan Uribe doubled in the eighth inning and scored the go-ahead run when Sammy Gervacio (0-1) threw away a bunt. The Giants added another run in the inning, then scored four times in the ninth.

Aaron Rowand had four of the Giants' 19 hits. John Bowker had a two-run homer and Travis Ishikawa added his first career pinch-hit home run.

Jeremy Affeldt (1-0) got the win in relief of Matt Cain, who allowed six hits and three earned runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Astros starter Brett Myers gave up a career-high 12 hits and four runs in six-plus innings in his Astros debut.

Rowand, the Giants' leadoff man, and Renteria, the No. 2 hitter, each drove in two runs.

Uribe made it 5-4 when he

scooted home after Gervacio overthrew third base on a sacrifice by Eli Whiteside. Rowand had an RBI single later in the eighth.

Uribe hit an RBI double to highlight the ninth.

The Astros scored three runs in the seventh that made it 4-all. Pinch-hitter Cory Sullivan hit a two-out, two-run triple that Rowand bobbled before dropping near the hill in center field. That finished Cain, and the speedy Michael Bourn tied it when he barely beat the throw on a single off Affeldt.

Rowand tripled in the seventh inning when both Bourn and Hunter Pence had trouble scooping up the ball. Renteria drove him in with a single that made it 4-1 and chased Myers.

Bowker's two-run homer that landed in the bullpen in right-center field in the second. It was his first career hit against Myers after striking out in his previous three at-bats against him.

The Giants pushed the lead to 3-0 in the third when Renteria scored as Mark DeRosa grounded into a double play.

Pedro Feliz doubled twice for the Astros, including an RBI hit in the fourth.

Rays 4, Orioles 3

Evan Longoria homered and drove in three runs, Matt

Garza allowed two runs over eight innings and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night.

Longoria hit a two-out, two-run double in the fifth to give the Rays a 3-2 lead and added a solo homer in the eighth.

Garza (1-0) struck out nine, walked two and allowing four hits. He improved to 19-9 against AL East teams.

Baltimore's Jeremy Guthrie (0-1) gave up three runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings. The right-hander had six strikeouts and two walks.

One day after a season-opening sellout of 36,973, the announced crowd Wednesday night was 15,220.

The Rays opened the season with two wins for the first time since 2002, the only other time they did it.

Rafael Soriano got his first save with the Rays despite allowing a run-scoring double by Garrett Atkins in the ninth.

Miguel Tejada had an RBI single during a two-run first.

Tampa Bay made it 2-1 in the fourth on a run-scoring single by B.J. Upton. The Rays later in the inning loaded the bases with two outs, but the threat ended when Kelly Shoppach struck out.

Orioles second baseman Brian Roberts went 0 for 5 and is hitless in 10 at-bats. He was limited to six games during spring training because of a slightly herniated disc in his back.

Brewers 5, Rockies 4

Ryan Braun and Prince Fielder weren't carrying the offense like they usually do. And the Milwaukee Brewers didn't get anything approaching the kind of start they're expecting from Doug Davis this season.

So Jim Edmonds started a sixth-inning rally from the bottom half of the lineup and the Brewers' bullpen stood firm, holding the Colorado Rockies scoreless over the final five innings in a victory Wednesday.

Milwaukee took two of three from Colorado after losing the season opener.

"That's not a pushover team by any means — that's a good team," said Milwaukee's Jody Gerut, whose pinch-hit RBI double gave the Brewers the lead in the sixth. "And so it took almost all of us to win, but we got it today."

Reliever Todd Coffey (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings



Milwaukee outfielder Jody Gerut hits a double in the sixth inning for an RBI. The Brewers defeated the Colorado Rockies 5-4 Wednesday.

after a rough start by Davis.

The Brewers used a total of seven pitchers Wednesday, including LaTroy Hawkins' perfect eighth inning and Trevor Hoffman's 593rd career save.

"The Rockies are an extremely good team," Brewers manager Ken Macha said. "They just beat the death out of us last year."

Colorado scored three runs as Davis was remarkably wild in the first inning, but Rockies manager Jim Tracy said they should have scored more.

"We were in a wonderful position to take this game and force the Brewers, in my opinion, to have to pitch nine innings of bullpen today," Tracy said. "But we kind of let them off the hook."

Backup catcher Miguel Olivo homered for Colorado. Carlos Gonzales had two hits, keeping up his fast start to the season.

Tracy dipped deep into his bench only three games into the season, giving first baseman Todd Helton, outfielder Brad Hawpe, catcher Chris Iannetta and second baseman Clint Barnes the day off.

Helton and Hawpe appeared as pinch-hitters in the ninth as Hoffman earned his second save of the season, moving him closer to becoming the first pitcher with 600 career saves.

"They did the small things to win today," Troy Tulowitzki said. "We didn't. That's basically what it comes down to."

Edmonds, a 39-year-old former All-Star who spent last season out of baseball, made his second start in right field for Milwaukee. He went 2 for 4 with a double and scored twice.

With Milwaukee trailing 4-3 going into the sixth, Edmonds singled, went to third on a single by Casey McGehee, then scored on a sacrifice fly by George Kottaras to tie it. That was the end of the day for Rockies starter Aaron Cook (0-1), who was relieved by Randy Flores.

"They made me pay for some mistakes I made and unfortunately I wasn't able to keep the team in the game," Cook said. "They gave me some runs early and I couldn't make it stand up."

Gerut doubled, scoring McGehee to give Milwaukee a 5-4 lead. Gerut remained poised after dodging a ball high and inside earlier in the at-bat.

"You just wait for something to hit — and make sure it's not coming at your head — and try to put a good swing on it," Gerut said.

It was a shaky return to the Brewers for Davis, who rejoined his old team as a free agent in the offseason after three seasons in Arizona — a stint that included treatments for thyroid cancer in 2008. Davis first pitched for Milwaukee from 2003-06.

He was wild from the start Wednesday, giving up three runs, walking three and throwing a pair of wild pitches in the first inning alone. It could have been even worse.

"It wasn't a complete blowout," Macha said. "It could have gotten ugly in the first inning."

Macha said Davis was "a little too amped up" Wednesday, and Davis didn't disagree.

"I was really trying to do too much out there — just exactly pretty much what I told myself not to do," Davis said.



San Francisco starting pitcher Matt Cain releases a pitch during the Giants' 10-4 win over the Houston Astros Wednesday.

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1-7819 or Ann Firth at 1-2685. For more information, visit ND's web site: <http://pregnancysupport.nd.edu>

I think it's great that the company's making a commercial. Because not very many people have heard of us. I mean, when I tell people that I work at Dunder Mifflin, they think that we sell mufflers. Or muffins. Or mittens. And frankly, all of those sound better than paper, so I let it slide.

Dwight: Second Life is not a game. It is a multi-user, virtual environment. It doesn't have points or scores. It doesn't have winners or losers. Jim: Oh, it has losers.

Dwight: I signed up for Second Life about a year ago. Back then, my life was so great I literally wanted a second one. Absolutely everything was the same... except I could fly. G and C Forever!!

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5	Florida St.	4
6	Southern Cal.	6
7	Auburn	7
8	LSU	8
9	South Carolina	11
10	Arizona St.	9
11	Mississippi St.	12
12	Nebraska	10
13	Oklahoma	13
14	Baylor	19
15	Louisville	14
16	Virginia Tech	17
17	Mississippi	23
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19	California	18
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23	Washington St.	22
24	Tennessee	21
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	team	previous
1	Texas A&M	1
2	Oregon	2
3	LSU	3
4	Florida St.	5
5	Florida	4
6	Penn St.	14
7	Baylor	6
8	Southern Cal.	7
9	Oklahoma	8
10	Virginia Tech	9
11	UTEP	11
12	BYU	10
13	Washington	12
14	Auburn	13
15	Nebraska	16
16	Texas	17
17	Arizona	NR
18	Miami (Fla.)	15
19	South Carolina	22
20	UCLA	18
21	Stanford	19
22	Louisville	20
23	Arkansas	NR
24	Tennessee (W)	23
25	North Carolina	24

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	team	conf. rec.
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2	Rutgers	5-1
3	USF	5-1
4	Pittsburgh	4-2
5	Connecticut	4-2
6	St. John's	3-3
7	Villanova	2-4
8	Georgetown	2-4
9	Cincinnati	2-4
10	West Virginia	2-4

PGA



Tiger Woods, shown above after winning the 2002 Masters, looks to repeat his success starting today. At a press conference Wednesday, Augusta National chairman Billy Payne expressed his displeasure with Woods' recent behavior.

Payne unhappy with Woods' conduct

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — On the day Tiger Woods arrived at the Masters, he changed out of his spikes after playing nine holes, walked across the parking lot and went upstairs to the office of Augusta National chairman Billy Payne.

Payne would not discuss details of their Sunday afternoon meeting.

Based on his blunt criticism of Woods during his annual press conference Wednesday, they probably weren't talking about how Woods was hitting the ball or his chances of winning a fifth green jacket.

"It is simply not the degree of his conduct that is so egregious here," Payne said. "It is the fact that he disappointed all of us, and more importantly, our kids and our grandkids. Our hero did not live up to the expectations of the role model we saw for our children."

They were the strongest words from a Masters chairman since Hootie Johnson's famous "point of a bayonet" reply to Martha Burk in the summer of 2002 when he defended the club's right to an all-male membership.

Payne was one of the Augusta National members who stood among the Georgia pines to the right of the first fairway on Monday, the first time Woods played before a gallery since being caught cheating on his wife

five months ago.

No other golf official has been so outspoken about Woods' behavior.

No other major is like the Masters.

Even though Woods is a four-time champion and the No. 1 player in the world, he is at Augusta National by invitation, just like the other 95 players who will tee it up on Thursday.

Woods had already played his final practice round — nine holes with Mark O'Meara — and left the course when Payne held his news conference. The chairman saved his thoughts on Woods for the end of his opening statement.

"Is there a way forward? I hope yes. I think yes," Payne

said. "But certainly, his future will never again be measured only by his performance against par; but measured by the sincerity of his efforts to change."

"I hope he now realizes that every kid he passes on the course wants his swing, but would settle for his smile."

It was the final press conference before the Masters begins with more scrutiny — more curiosity — than ever of Woods. No one knows what to expect from his game because Woods has not competed since winning the Australian Masters on Nov. 15.

"He should do pretty good — he's coming off a win," Robert Allenby cracked.

IN BRIEF

Phillies claim Figueroa off of waivers to boost bullpen

WASHINGTON — Nelson Figueroa has been claimed off waivers by the Philadelphia Phillies, who hope the right-hander can bolster an injury-depleted bullpen.

The 35-year-old was designated for assignment by the New York Mets on Monday. He was 3-8 with a 4.09 ERA in 16 games, including 10 starts, for the Mets last year.

With relievers Brad Lidge and J.C. Romero starting the season on the disabled list, the Phillies are hoping that Figueroa can add stability to the bullpen while pitching in long relief.

"He's got good command and he knows how to pitch," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "We wanted a guy who could build our pitching up."

Manuel expects Figueroa to report for Thursday's game at Washington. Philadelphia will make a roster move at that time for the pitcher, who comes relatively cheaply with a \$418,000 salary.

NHL announces Hurricanes will soon host All-Star game

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Carolina Hurricanes will soon host an NHL All-Star game.

Commissioner Gary Bettman is scheduled to attend a news conference in Raleigh on Thursday afternoon for what the team called a "major" announcement. Hurricanes general manager Jim Rutherford said the team will host an All-Star game at the RBC Center in one of the next three seasons, though he didn't confirm which year.

The franchise hosted the 2004 NHL draft, and the area has since added more high-end hotel rooms and opened a new convention center that the league had said were needed to attract the all-star game.

"This is a big announcement for us," Rutherford said Wednesday. "We had a very successful draft in Raleigh. We've had some good runs in the playoffs. People that come to our market are excited about being here."

Forbes names Yankees most valuable team

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees are worth nearly twice as much as any other team in baseball, according to the annual estimates by Forbes magazine.

The Yankees were valued at \$1.6 billion, Forbes said Wednesday, up 7 percent from a \$1.5 billion value last year. Boston was next, going up 4 percent to \$870 million and was followed by the New York Mets, who dropped 6 percent to \$858 million. The Los Angeles Dodgers, caught in divorce proceedings of its owners, were fourth with a 1 percent increase to \$727 million.

Minnesota had a 14 percent rise to \$405 million following its move to Target Field.

Pittsburgh was last at \$289 million, just below Oakland, which dropped 8 percent to \$295 million. 500,000-square-foot convention center opened in September 2008, while the area has also added nearly 800 four- and five-star hotel rooms in the past three years.

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NBA

Nelson breaks record for most wins as coach

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Don Nelson, one of the NBA's true mavericks, is now the league's winningest coach.

Nelson set the career record for victories in the Golden State Warriors' 116-107 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday night, notching win No. 1,333 to surpass Lenny Wilkens.

Stephen Curry had 27 points, 14 assists, eight rebounds and a career-high seven steals and Anthony Tolliver scored a career-high 34 points to get Nelson over the hump.

He is 1,333-1,061 in 31 seasons on the bench.

Kevin Love had 17 points and 18 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who cut a 27-point deficit 108-104 with 43.6 seconds left.

But the Warriors closed the game out at the free throw line and Ronny Turiaf (notes) poured a cup of Gatorade onto Nelson's gray head of hair as the team engulfed their 69-year-old coach to celebrate.

It was extra special for Nelson to do it in Minnesota. He has a daughter who lives in the Minneapolis suburb of Minnetonka and had 20 family and friends at the game, including his wife.

He wasn't in the reflecting mood before the game, but said he has been in contact with Wilkens as he has approached the record.

"Lenny's been an idol of mine for a long time," he said.

This has been a long season for the Warriors (24-54), who have been ravaged by injuries and are a lock to finish with their fewest wins since 2001-02, when they won only 21 games. But in some ways, this was the perfect team to take Nelson to the top of the record books.

The Warriors played their sixth straight game without Monta Ellis (flu) and also were again without Anthony Randolph (ankle) and Kelenna Azubuike (knee). Center Andris Biedrins

(sports hernia) and forward Brandan Wright (shoulder) have missed big chunks of time this season too.

The Warriors have called up five players from the Development League this season, which is tied with the 2007-08 Spurs for the most in one season. Tolliver and Chris Hunter — who both played big roles in the record-setting win — are former D-Leaguers and C.J. Watson and Azubuike also have played there in past seasons.

Nelson has built a reputation as a "mad scientist," experimenting with lineups and offensive sets to cater to teams that were not always the biggest, strongest or most talented. In his first stint with Golden State in the late 1980s, he employed the famous "Run T-M-C" lineup of guards Tim Hardaway, Mitch Richmond and Chris Mullin to make the Warriors one of the more entertaining teams in the league.

Nelson got his first head coaching job with Milwaukee in 1976 when he replaced Larry Costello 19 games into the season. He has also coached the Dallas Mavericks and New York Knicks and returned to the Warriors in 2006-07, when he led the eighth-seeded team to an upset of top-seeded Dallas in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs.

Through it all, Nelson has always done it his way. He's clashed with players, management and ownership at various stops along the way and is the only coach with at least 1,000 career victories who has yet to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. But his Nelson has survived through it all in an industry where service time is measured in months, not years.

"The success he's had, the longevity he's had, it's tough to be a coach in this league and to stick around as long as he has," Timberwolves coach Kurt Rambis said before the game. "To have the success that he's had, the numerous situations he's been in. He's done a great job."

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Attack

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of the game, as Zach Attack! beat the all-female team of Let's Be Strong.

The game was riddled with turnovers and fast breaks, but the main difference came right in front of the basket, where the men consistently made their lay-ups.

Following half time, both sides experienced a long drought.

"We've only scored one shot since half?" senior Alex Wheeler shouted after asking the commissioner for the score long after the second

half began.

From there, the Zach Attack! players realized they had to pick up the pace. And they did.

"We were never really scared we were going to lose," senior Zach Karches said.

While the men certainly picked up their game, Let's Be Strong did as well, answering almost every point scored by their opponents and even holding them at 19 for a long series of possessions. However Let's Be Strong could not recover from the 11-4 lead the men had taken at half.

"We're hoping to get as far as we can without having to

try too hard," Karches joked. "A few of our players are looking to get drafted by the Nets."

Broslikethisteam.com 21, We Are Foul 8

It was all about the Bro's as Broslikethisteam.com defeated We Are Foul despite a downpour throughout the game.

Broslikethisteam.com struck early and came out with an early lead. When the Bros eased up on defense, We Are Foul would strike with a basket. We Are Foul proved that to be a tough team and didn't need to foul to stay in the game.

The weather wreaked havoc

upon both teams as the court was filled with puddles and the rain continued to drive down throughout the game. It was not until late in the game that Broslikethisteam.com begin to pull away as the rain continued to pound the players.

"They played great, tenacious defense," Broslikethisteam.com junior Kevin Laughlin said.

Despite the loss, We Are Foul played well against a good opponent. The team said that overall, they played their best and battled through the rough playing conditions.

"I felt that we played a great game," We Are Foul senior Joy Feeney said.

With the win, Broslikethisteam.com advanced to the second round.

Bus Drivers 21, Five Glorious Mysteries 5

The Bus Drivers used their athleticism to overwhelm Five Glorious Mysteries en route to a blowout victory Tuesday.

Five Glorious Mysteries, consisting of two freshmen, a sophomore and two juniors from Old College, struggled in the first half to find their rhythm as their shots would not fall. They picked it up in the second half, but the speed and strength of the Bus Drivers was too much as they were able to get a number of easy layups on breakaways.

"We were outmatched, but overall it ended with everyone happy," Holy Cross junior Brendan MacAlear said. "It was a good effort and I wish we could have gone a bit further."

After the game, Mysteries sophomore Chris Brennan led both teams in a prayer as they knelt and held hands after a hard-fought game. Both teams left the prayer in good spirits as the five freshmen on the Bus Drivers looked forward to their next

game against the tournament's second seed.

"You play to win the game," Eric Bens said. "The first half we were relaxed, but in the second half we didn't really play well. It was nice to just come out and enjoy playing in a game that wasn't really all that competitive."

The Berg is the Word 21, Hey Tiger, Dead in the Hole 7

The Berg is the Word rode strong perimeter defense and good passing to a win over Hey Tiger, Dead in the Hole.

The five Dillon freshmen that make up The Berg is the Word — Matt Losego, Matt Enzweiler, Taylor Guinn, Thomas Corr and Bobby Manfreda — said they found inspiration for their team's name in one of their other friends.

"We're playing in honor of a friend, Daniel Stromberg," Enzweiler said.

Corr's defense at point guard led to a number of steals, and Berg is the Word was able to convert those steals into a number of fast break opportunities. After getting off to an early lead, they never looked back as Hey Tiger essentially abandoned conventional basketball in favor of attempting trick plays. The freshmen of Hey Tiger did not seem upset about the loss.

"Losing in this manner just makes me appreciate mozzarella cheese that much more," Casey Lilek said.

Berg, meanwhile, was pleased with his team's effort as it looks to continue through the Bookstore bracket.

"We appreciated their effort and their team," Enzweiler said. "But ultimately if you're not first you're last."

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Belles

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Two of the Belles' three points came in singles play, as senior Camille Gebert won her match at No. 2 singles 6-4, 6-4, and Grabarek earned a 6-0, 6-4 vic-

tory at No. 6 singles.

The other victory for the Belles came from the No. 2 doubles duo. Juniors Jillian Hurley and Mary Therese Lee won an 8-4 decision over Jill VanVeen and Rachel Strikwerda.

The rest over Easter break allowed some Saint Mary's players to heal their injuries and return to full health as they head toward the stretch run. The last match the team competed in was a 9-0 victory over Trine College on March 30.

The Belles (8-4, 2-1 MIAA) will travel to the University of Chicago Monday in their final non-conference match of the season. The Maroons are currently ranked third in the nation and will provide another challenge for the Belles as the regular season begins to wind down.

"We're getting to the end and we're looking to pull out some wins," Grabarek said. "The University of Chicago is extremely tough and will be a good test for us. We also have a couple matches (at Albion and at Kalamazoo) later in the week."

The MIAA conference championships will be held three weeks from Friday, and Grabarek said the Belles expect to make some noise in the tournament and create trouble for teams like Calvin (11-2, 4-0).

"We had several close matches," Grabarek said. "If we see them again and play well, things could go differently."

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Mass

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private Mass Tuesday night in honor of James.

"I think it was good closure for some of our players," he said. "I think everybody asked the question why, and the Mass was really to kind of try to answer some of those questions."

The football program and Notre Dame are doing as much as they can for the James family.

"We're going to fly out as a staff Friday to the memorial. I think it's important to be able to see the family face-to-face," Kelly said. "Obviously Matt did not play here, but he'll always be part of the

Notre Dame family and we want to make sure that message is clear."

Junior tight end Kyle Rudolph will also attend the funeral, according to Kelly.

The news of the tragedy spread quickly to South Bend Friday.

"Immediately ... somebody close to [James] notified me," Kelly said. "My first instinct was how we could help the family. We were able to arrange transportation for the family that night."

Kelly also said the University and the football program are in discussions about a campus-wide tribute in honor of James, but nothing has been finalized yet.

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Kelly

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side, but that obviously was part of the plan as well, we wanted to make sure we could keep their focus," Kelly said.

Junior linebacker Anthony McDonald said he was not surprised about practicing outside in the rain.

"We're going to be playing on nights like this during the season, so you've got to prepare somehow," McDonald said. "We went inside for a little bit, but honestly I kind of like being outside in the elements. It makes you tougher. I'm a linebacker — you've got to be tough."

After its last practice, on March 31, Kelly said he was not happy with the team's performance. He said he saw improvements Wednesday.

"Today was small steps, but I was pleased that they got the message about how we're supposed to practice on a day-to-day basis," Kelly said.

Junior tight end Kyle Rudolph credited the break for the team's improved performance.

"We got to go home over break, and it kind of gave everybody an entire week to sit down with their

playbook and just learn," Rudolph said. "I felt like today we came out and you could tell guys weren't thinking, they were just playing. And when you don't have to think about it, it just clicks like second nature."

Despite the weather, the practice began with field goal kicks from sophomore Nick Tausch and senior Brandon Walker, who was sidelined for much of 2009 with a back injury. Tausch made the farthest field goal, a 50-yard kick. Walker converted all of his attempts but did not have time to try from 50 yards.

Kelly said the energy was high for the first hour and a half of practice, but that he is still looking for the team to put together a good two hours.

"We had the body language starting to show itself, a couple of our players were looking like they were defeated, like they were a little tired," he said. "We made good progress. We started better and we gave it all we could for the first 15 [out of 24] periods."

The Irish will hold their sixth practice Friday as they continue to prepare for the Blue-Gold Game on April 24.

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CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**

1 Proceed without notes, say

6 How kids grow up, it's often said

13 Soviet space dog

14 *One who dislikes unruly hair?

15 Spy satellite's acquisition

16 Bygone emporium

17 ___ position

18 Housewares brand

19 Felipe Calderón's land: Abbr.

20 Night class subj.

21 *Alternative way to get directions?

26 Heroic verse

28 Artist's portfolio

32 "Molly ___," popular Irish song
- 34 *Better, in hip-hop slang?

35 Spanish waves

36 Church perch

37 "___ in London" (jazz album)

38 *Kitchen or living room?

41 Like XX vis-à-vis X, sizewise

43 "American Beauty" setting

44 Canadian station sign

45 *Via Veneto?

47 Villainous member of the Serpent Society, in Marvel Comics

50 39-Down vote

53 FedEx rival

54 Half of a 1980s sitcom duo

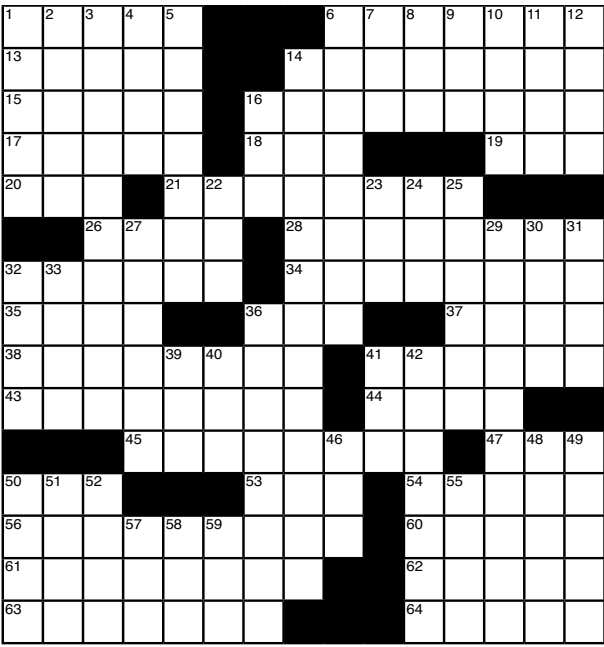
56 Football's Adam Vinatieri, e.g.
- 60 Sewers have them

61 *Be funnier than comedian Bill?

62 Pick

63 2003 hip-hop hit by Fabolous

64 Pharmacy units



- Puzzle by David J. Kahn
- 27 Affected one

29 Masked men with blades

30 Big blow?

31 Alpha, beta or gamma

32 Eponymous scale developer

33 Diamond family name
- 36 Devotional bench

39 Voting 50-Across

40 1972 treaty subj.

41 Judge's cry

42 Red-faced

46 Pilot's abbr.

48 "___ when?"

49 Gadflies, e.g.

50 Hairy Himalayan
- 51 Nebraska senator succeeded by Hagel

52 Datebook entry: Abbr.

55 "Fiesque" composer

57 I love, to Livy

58 Scotland's Firth of ___

59 Greek character

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Russell Crowe, 46; Jackie Chan, 56; Francis Coppola, 71; James Garner, 82

Happy Birthday: Don't let family or friends upset you or cause you to miss an opportunity this year because you are stuck with other people's problems. Deal with matters efficiently and without overspending. Sticking to a budget will make you attractive to someone who is considering offering you a position. Your numbers are 6, 17, 22, 25, 28, 30, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Sticking to the task at hand will prove you have what it takes to be a leader. Productivity will be your ticket to the next level. Set your sights on what you desire and you won't be disappointed. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you have been too busy to enjoy life, you may want to finish what's pressing and plan to take a little time out of your hectic schedule. You will lessen your stress and know what you should be doing in the future to make your life better. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Experiencing different philosophies or ways of doing things will help you decipher how you want to lead your life and do things in the future. You thrive on change and will find that, without it, you will become bored. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Tighten your money belt and refuse to let anyone stick you with an expense that doesn't belong to you. Don't fall for a fast-talking person who wants a donation. Concentrate more on your job and increasing your income. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sharing and caring will make a difference in reaching your goals. An even split is important if you don't want to face problems or possible sabotage at a later date. Be precise when explaining what needs to be done. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make sure you have checked everything out thoroughly before making a decision that will affect your future. There are plenty of opportunities that can add to your quality of life if you are willing to make a commitment. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have to take action if you want things to go your way. Expect opposition but don't give in to pressure. You can make changes to your home or living conditions that will increase your emotional well-being. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scale back and refrain from making unnecessary changes. You must not let emotional upset lead to an argument; the repercussions will affect your status or your lifestyle. You will make gains if you keep your life simple and within your means. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick to whatever rules and regulations are set and you will avoid trouble. An unexpected change will be due to overindulgence, overspending or overreacting. An ex-friend or companion is likely to cause trouble. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The more time you spend making your home a place of comfort and entertainment, the closer your family will become. Take on a responsibility so you can control the situation. An investment you make now can make a big difference to your financial future. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Only take on what you know you can handle. No one can answer for you or do for you. You may not want to make the required changes to your life but, in the end, you will be happy you did. ★★

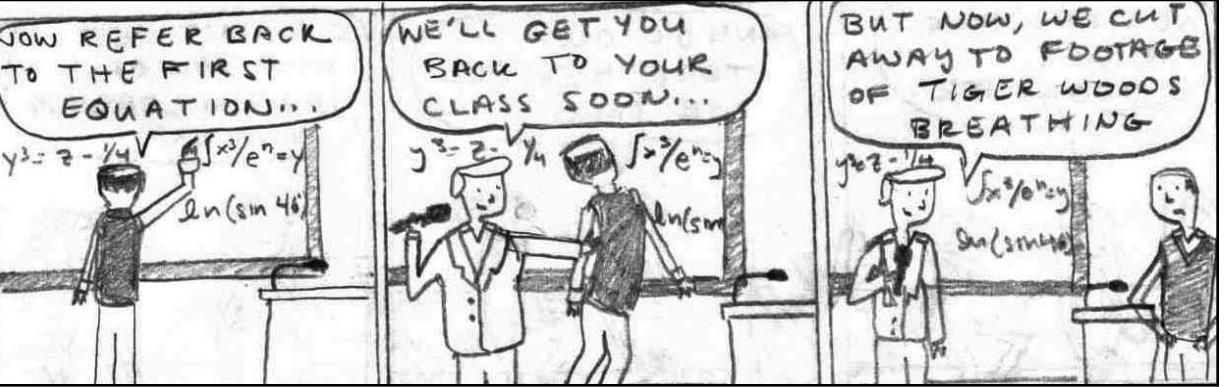
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You have to include practicality into your plans if you want them to fly. Anything that doesn't go according to plan because you didn't do efficient groundwork will be blamed on you. Functionality and adaptability will count. ★★★★★

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VINEA

VOYEC

VIEWLS

AREPPA

Ans: " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] " [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: NEWLY CRANK BUOYED DEMURE
Answer: When the mobster had surgery, he was in the — "UNDER" WORLD

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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WHAT THE SAILOR WITH THE NOISY BUNK-MATE WANTED WHEN THE SHIP DOCKED.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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FOOTBALL

Kelly, Irish remember Matt James

Team practices outside despite heavy storms

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

A little rain wouldn't stop the Irish from holding their fifth spring practice outside — but a little lightning did.

"This is wonderful weather. I appreciate finally getting back to reality here," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "We tried to ... get our players to understand what it takes to develop their skill and that is to be mentally locked in for 24 [five minute] periods [each practice]."

Notre Dame resumed practice Wednesday after taking a week off for the Easter holiday. Though it was raining hard, the Irish spent the first 45 minutes outside before thunder and lightning drove the team inside. However, once the storm cleared, the team moved out again.

"We had to move around a little bit today, we went inside, out-

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Irish receivers and tight ends, including, from right, junior Michael Floyd, senior Duval Kamara and junior Kyle Rudolph, run drills in the rain Wednesday in the fifth of 15 spring practices.

EILEEN VEIHMEYER/The Observer

Team helped by Tues. Mass in James' honor

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

In many ways, the rain throughout Wednesday's practice summed up the mood around the football complex. After the practice, Irish coach Brian Kelly said practice and classes were helping the Irish cope with the tragic death of incoming offensive lineman Matt James Friday.

"There's grieving still going on, but it doesn't have to take hold of the team for the whole day," Kelly said. "You have to focus on your classroom. You're going to come out here for two hours and you're going to be intensely committed to being the best player, and then you're going to carry that with you in your downtime."

Kelly said the team held a

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Pangstas rout Flock of Ostri to advance to second round

By MEGAN FINNERAN, TIM SINGLER AND CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writers

Even with two men on their team, the Flock of Ostri could not compete with the Pangstas.

The four Pangborn women and one Walsh resident beat the Flock 21-10, dominating the majority of the game.

"It felt liberating for a team of all girls to beat one with

some guys," senior Annie Kotz said.

The athletic ability, skill and cooperation of the Pangstas became evident immediately, as they scored on their first possession after a string of organized and well-executed passes. The men of the Flock had the strength advantage and held the edge in rebounds throughout the game, but the communication of the Pangstas cancelled out any physical advantages.

"They threw some challenges at us, but I think we did all right," sophomore Liz Pawlak said.

During the second half, it became clear the Pangstas would come out on top. They had a succession of five unanswered points, only interrupted when one of the Pangstas fell while trying to defend a fast break by the Flock.

The biggest factor between the two was their movement back and forth across the

court. The Flock put up wild shots, moving the ball wherever they could. On the other hand, the Pangstas looked as if they had practiced together as they quickly moved down the court with sharp passes, resulting in easy lay-ups.

"We didn't practice before this, but we've all played Pangborn interhall football and basketball together," Kotz said.

After a career of sports together in Pangborn, there is

no other way these women would rather end the year than with a few more wins in the tournament.

Zach Attack! 21, Let's Be Strong 13

A turnover forced by Zach Attack! in the first possession of the game led them to score an easy lay-up by senior Jonathan Becker. That first shot set the tone for the rest

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BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Nasty weather postpones five games

Observer Staff Report

Wednesday's heavy rains and occasional thunder and lightning forced postponements for Notre Dame's baseball game with Western Michigan, Notre Dame's softball doubleheader against Bowling Green and Saint Mary's softball doubleheader at Albion.

No makeup date has been scheduled for the match-up with Western Michigan. The Irish baseball team (10-17, 1-5 Big East) will next host Rutgers in a three-game conference series this weekend, with first pitches at 5:05 p.m. Friday, 1:05 p.m. Saturday and 12:05 p.m. Sunday.

The two games opposite Bowling Green have been

rescheduled for April 28, beginning at 4 p.m. The doubleheader will now contribute to a span of nine games in nine days for the Irish from April 21-29.

Before then the No. 23 Irish (26-6, 5-0) will host South Florida in a three-game Big East series this weekend, with a doubleheader Saturday. The first pitch Saturday will be at noon, and the game will be televised on CBS College Sports. The second half of the doubleheader will start at 2 p.m. Sunday's first pitch will also be at noon.

No date has been determined to make up the Belles games with Albion. Saint Mary's (13-9, 2-0 MIAA) next plays Saturday as the Belles host Alma at 2 p.m.



Junior Sadie Pitzenberger dives into third base during Notre Dame's 8-0 win over Rutgers Saturday. Rain cancelled Wednesday's games.

TOM LA/The Observer

SMC TENNIS

Belles drop match 6-3 to Calvin

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

The Belles showed no signs of rust following a layoff over Easter break but were unable to overcome a superior team in their 6-3 loss to No. 13 Calvin College Wednesday.

"We played a really tough team," said junior Kate Grabarek, an Observer sports-writer. "It shows us where we are. We lost to them 8-1 last year, so this shows we have improved. They are a very solid team."

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