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Holy Half Marathon draws more than 900

University community runs 13.1 miles to benefit New Orleans relief organization

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Over 900 runners, including students, faculty and staff and residents of the South Bend area, covered a 13.1-mile course around campus Sunday morning for the sixth annual Holy Half Marathon.

The course, which began on South Quad in front of South Dining Hall, included two laps of a 6.5-mile route that weaved around campus and around St. Mary's and St. Joseph's lakes.

Race organizers said they were pleased with the amount of runners who participated.

"We had 305 people alone register the morning of the race, which was such a great surprise," junior and race co-director Gabby Tate said. "We completely ran out of everything, but people just wanted to run, which was wonderful."

Tate, along with junior Sean Kickham, was responsible for ensuring the course was ready and adequately equipped with water stations, flags and volunteers.

"We're there to oversee registration, direct the volunteers and answer any questions that the runners might have," she said. "It's definitely a fun and crazy

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JAMES DOAN/The Observer

Notre Dame students, faculty and staff as well as members of the South Bend community begin the Holy Half Marathon Sunday morning on South Quad.

Observer wins ICPA awards

Observer Staff Report

The Observer won third place in the Division I "Newspaper of the Year" category, and former Editor-in-Chief Jenn Metz won the Brook Baker Collegiate Journalist of the Year Award at the Indiana College Press Association (ICPA) awards ceremony, held Saturday at Ball State University in Muncie.

The Observer staff won an additional nine awards, including three first places. Other University publications represented at ICPA were: Scholastic, which won "News Magazine of the Year," Dome, which won second place in "Yearbook of the Year" and The Juggler, which won third place in "Literary Magazine of the Year."

Metz is the second Notre Dame student to win the Brook Baker Award, which was first awarded in 1999 and is named in honor of the late Vincennes University student.

Metz was recognized especially for her role in leading The Observer's in-depth, breaking cover-

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ND reaffirms pro-life stance

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

In response to a recommendation of the University's pro-life task force, Notre Dame has issued an institutional statement to affirm its commitment to the defense of human life, the University announced Thursday.

Notre Dame also clarified its position on charitable gifts in the principles on charitable activity, another recommendation of the task force.

The Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life was created by University President Fr. John Jenkins in September, partly in response

to controversy over Jenkins' invitation to President Barack Obama to deliver the 2009 Commencement address.

The statement on the defense of life reads: "Consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church on such issues as abortion, research involving human embryos, euthanasia, the death penalty and other related life issues, the University of Notre Dame recognizes and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death."

According to the University's Initiative on Adult Stem Cell Research and Ethics, Notre Dame does not engage in embryonic stem cell research, but scientists currently con-

duct research related to adult stem cells.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said under the principles on charitable activity, Notre Dame will not contribute to or support organizations that engage in research that conflicts with Church teaching.

Brown said Notre Dame does not anticipate any "dramatic changes" resulting from the new statement.

"The statement and principles affirm what always has been the case at Notre Dame, that the University fully supports Church teachings on the sanctity of human life," Brown

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Awareness week begins today

StaND Against Hate Week

Monday	"The Laramie Project" film screening
Tuesday	Professor Dominic Parrott Presentation
Wednesday	"Sexuality" talk
Thursday	StaND T-shirt distribution
Friday	Day of Silence

MARY CECILIA MITCH | Observer Graphic

By JENN METZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students' annual spring awareness event encourages students to take a stand against discrimination and participate in healing dialogue.

StaND Against Hate Week kicks off today and continues through Friday, the National Day of Silence, a nationwide movement to pledge a vow of silence against anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBT) discrimination.

Senior and co-chair of the

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Family to match class gift funds

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Looking to encourage student participation in the donation process, the Class of 2010 Senior Legacy has joined forces with class of 2010 parents Thomas and Laura Woodward to form the new Senior Legacy Challenge.

For every 20 percent of the senior class that makes a donation to the fund, the Woodwards will make a donation of \$10,000 to the Class of 2010 Hesburgh Libraries endowment.

One hundred percent participation will result in a \$50,000 donation.

For Ian Secviar and Emily Everett, co-chairs of the Student Development Committee for Senior Legacy 2010, the greatest benefit of the Woodwards' donation is that it encourages students to donate, regardless of amount.

"It's really cool because we have always emphasized participation," Secviar said. "This way, we can show even small gifts make a difference because of the matching money."

Participation in legacy programs the last few years has been lagging, according

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INSIDE COLUMN

Time at The Observer

I first started working at The Observer during my freshman year. After high school, I wanted to try something new, and I figured the paper would offer me the opportunity to see all different parts of campus. During my first year, I worked more on the newspaper than at my schoolwork. After botching a quote so badly that the editors needed to publish an official apology, I decided to work harder and took as many stories as I could.

Joseph McMahon
Associate News Editor

But the initial enthusiasm I had freshman year slowly began to give way to total apathy. Most nights editing the paper can long, and too much time in the basement of South Dining Hall can be soul crushing. After spending a semester abroad, I began to question why I would bother to spend so much time working at something that I hated.

While I still loved writing and reporting, I was afraid that the newspaper was conflicting too much with my studies, and I wanted to do other things during my time at college.

But after a semester when I did not spend a lot of time working at the paper — especially compared to how much time I had spent working there in the past — I realized that The Observer is honestly one of the best opportunities on campus.

In addition to having the chance cover almost any story you want, you really have the opportunity to learn about Notre Dame's history while still being able to see where its future is headed.

Sure, there are times when I really do wish that I did not have to write a story or spend a night editing the paper, and at times the extra workload can make a stressful life even more hectic. But the rewards that I get from working at the paper far exceed what I have to put into it.

The reporting aspect allows me to explore different parts of the University and keeps me current on what is going on, while actually writing has helped improve my English skills.

However, one of the coolest aspects of The Observer is that it really allows you to meet the people that are involved in the day-to-day life of the University. From student leaders to administration officials to just people involved in the day-to-day life of the University, The Observer gives students the opportunity to meet the people who shape the "Notre Dame bubble."

I really could never imagine Notre Dame without the Observer — my experience at the newspaper has completely shaped my experience at the University.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joseph McMahon at jcmaho6@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU EXCITED FOR GLEE TO START AGAIN ON TUESDAY?



Andrew Anderson
freshman
Keough

"No. The lip syncing is horrible."



Katie Pryor
freshman
McGlinn

"I would cry with joy but I had my tear ducts surgically removed."



Mary Kate Valdivia
freshman
Welsh Family

"I am excited to see what happens between Finn and Rachel."



Rachel Chisausky
freshman
McGlinn

"No, I am morally opposed to TV because it kills your brain and sucks away your soul."



Yiting Zheng
freshman
McGlinn

"H – E – double hockey sticks – Z yeah!"

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



SARAH O'CONNOR / The Observer

Sophomore Erin Gibson throws the ball past a defender in the women's water polo team's win over Grand Valley State University in the CWPA Midwest Championship game at the Rolfs Aquatic Center Sunday.

OFFBEAT

Man drives drunk to prison for DUI sentence

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Police said a Massachusetts man headed to a Vermont prison to serve a two-day sentence for driving under the influence was intoxicated when he drove himself to prison.

Vermont State Police say that staff at the Southern State Correctional Facility in Springfield noticed that a 42-year-old man was intoxicated when he arrived late Tuesday afternoon and that he had driven himself there.

So prison staff called police.

Police said the man was

then processed for DUI second offense and released back into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

The man was due to appear in court later this month on the latest charge.

Cash-strapped man eats burrito at store, calls police

HASTINGS, Mich. — Authorities said a man took a bite into crime when he helped himself to a burrito and a bag of Funyuns snacks at a gas station food store in Hastings, then told the clerk to call police because he had no money to pay.

Barry County Prosecutor

Tom Evans said 28-year-old Michael Odell was charged with retail fraud. Odell, who told police he is homeless, is jailed on a \$2,000 bond with a pretrial hearing set for May 4.

Evans said Odell ate the burrito and Funyuns on Saturday morning, then had the cashier call police. The prosecutor said Odell told officers he had spent his money at a tavern in the city 35 miles west of Lansing.

Jail records say Odell didn't have an attorney as of Wednesday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The University Counseling Center is sponsoring a free self-improvement program titled "Peace of Mind: The Art of Mindful Relaxation," which will take place today at 12 p.m. in the third-floor conference room of St. Liam Hall.

Visiting professor Michael Witzel will give a lecture titled "Out of Africa: Tracing Early Mythologies by a New Approach, Historical-Comparative Mythology" today at 4:15 p.m. in the Andrews Auditorium of Geddes Hall.

The School of Architecture will hold a lecture titled "Preserving the Heritage of 1900: Specificities and Challenges" today at 4:30 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall. The lecture will be followed by a free reception.

The leader of the Knights of Columbus will sign books and give a lecture titled "Faith, Hope & Charity: Pope Benedict's Prescription for Catholic Living" today at 8 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall.

The baseball team will face Chicago State at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday in the Eck Baseball Stadium. Adult tickets are \$5, senior and youth admission is \$3, and children under 3 are free.

The Department of Film, Television, and Theatre's production of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" opens Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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

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Saint Mary's invites siblings to campus

Lil' Sibs Weekend draws nearly 250 people to campus; events include petting zoo, games, magician, Mass

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

One of the hardest parts of going away to college is leaving behind younger siblings. To help alleviate that difficulty, Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association (RHA) organized Lil' Sib's Weekend so students could bring their younger siblings to campus to participate in events and get to know their older sister's home away from home.

Sophomore Catherine Moore, co-chair of the event, said she and other co-chair senior Andrea Firth started thinking of themes at the beginning of the school year before finally settling on "Saint Mary's County Fair," which brought close to 250 people to

campus.

"Once we had the theme and dates down, Saint Mary's County Fair [and] April 9-11, thinking of things to have going on all weekend came a little easier," Moore said. "We split up the work between us so we would not get too overwhelmed. Let's just say I am very good at multitasking and working towards a deadline now."

The weekend's events began Friday in the Student Center where participants registered and received T-shirts, followed by an ice cream social.

On Saturday, the younger siblings were taken to a county fair where there were animals at a petting zoo including sheep, calves, lambs, baby goats, alpacas, emus, rams and a potbellied pig. In addition, there was a Moon

Bounce, an inflatable obstacle course and a ball toss game.

Saturday afternoon there was also a magic show for the children, Moore said.

"The weather was beautiful and it was a perfect day for this," Moore said. "At the carnival we had a magician perform. He had two lovely acts that kept everyone stunned and entertained."

Each of the residence halls on campus provided its own activity Saturday.

The Hall Councils on campus also provided an activity for in which everyone could participate at the carnival.

"Le Mans Hall had flowers to plant in cups and you could decorate the cups," Moore said. "McCandless brought a tug-of-war rope, Holy

Cross Hall had bozo buckets and prizes to win and Regina Hall put on a pie eating contest."

That evening RHA held a showing of the movie Barnyard in Carroll Auditorium.

The weekend came to a close Sunday when a Mass was held at the Church of Loretto.

Junior Grace McClurkin participated for the first time this year with her seven-year-old sister. She said the timing this year worked out well for her sister to come and the two enjoyed all the events.

"There were enough that we always had something to do and look forward to, but it wasn't super busy, so we still had time to relax and hang out," McClurkin

said. "My little sister is seven, so she had a blast with the petting zoo, bounce arounds and face painting at the County Fair."

McClurkin said she would bring her sister back next year if the timing works out again.

"It's always fun to have people from home visit your home away from home," she said.

Moore said she believes events like those of this past weekend are important because they give non-students a different perspective of campus.

"I think Lil' Sibs Weekend is an important event to have because it allows students the opportunity to show off their school to their siblings and family," Moore said. "The siblings get to see what Saint Mary's is really all about from an insider's point of view."

Alicia Smith contributed reporting to this story.

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said. "What they do is, in the case of the statement, provide a clear and unequivocal University position on life and, in the case of the principles, provide a consistent foundation for how best to direct our charitable giving."

The adoption of the statement in support of life is the first time the University has officially documented the position, Brown said.

Margaret Brinig, law professor and co-chair of the pro-life task force, said the task force wanted to formalize the University's position in support of life.

"The task force felt that having a written statement, rather than simply an unstated policy, was important to both reaffirm and make explicit the University's commitment," Brinig said. "As a Catholic institution, we felt it important to re-articulate the centrality of our mission and its connection to the Church."

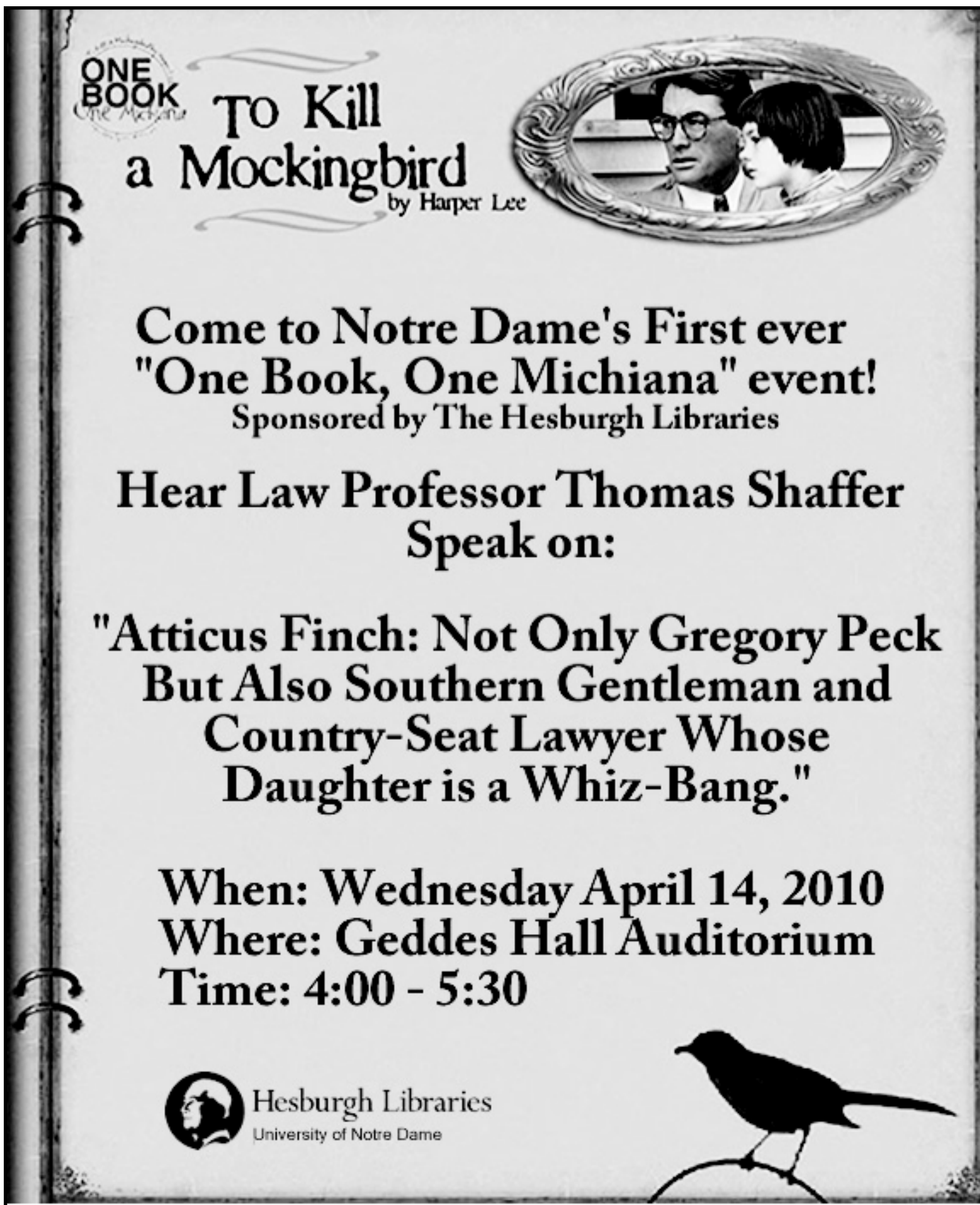
A document with criteria for the implementation of charitable activity based upon the principles in the statement is forthcoming, a University press release said.

"I am grateful to the task force for recommending the creation of these documents and helping us compose them," Jenkins said in the release. "The new principles provide standards for the University and its representatives in making determinations on giving in a way consonant with our beliefs."

Brinig said she also does not foresee any large changes as a result of the new statement.

"We do not anticipate dramatic changes to University life since this statement simply re-affirms and makes explicit our standards so that we can apply them consistently," she said. "Both documents reaffirm what always has been Notre Dame's institutional position: We unequivocally support Church teachings on the sanctity of human life."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Center-right wins big in Hungary

BUDAPEST — Hungary's center-right party reclaimed the right to govern on Sunday, winning over 50 percent of the vote and handing the ruling Socialists a humiliating defeat. Extreme rightists backed by black clad paramilitary troops took more than 15 percent to come in third.

While widely forecast, the strong gain of the extreme right Jobbik party represented the greatest political shake-up of the election, shattering Hungary's traditional post-communist status quo of a parliament dominated by the center right and the left.

Skirmishes renewed at U.N. talks

BONN, Germany — Climate talks nearly ground to a halt before they began in earnest Sunday, with delegates squabbling over how to conduct negotiations for the rest of the year on a new agreement to control global warming.

Talks about talks appeared at times on the verge of breakdown over seemingly minor procedural issues, but that reflected a deep divide on how to treat the hastily crafted political deal struck at the Copenhagen summit last December by President Barack Obama with a small group of other world leaders.

The lengthy battle ostensibly was over the authorization of a committee chairwoman to prepare a draft negotiating text for the next meeting in June.

The split between industrial countries and the developing world is likely to continue characterizing the talks.

NATIONAL NEWS

Earthquakes shake California

SAN DIEGO — A cluster of moderate earthquakes near the U.S.-Mexico border is continuing to rattle southern California one week after a magnitude 7.2 quake slammed the area.

The U.S. Geological Survey says a magnitude 4.4 earthquake struck at 9:42 a.m. Sunday, about 11 miles west of downtown Calexico.

At least 17 other quakes in the magnitude 3 range were also reported in the same area Sunday.

No damage or injuries have been reported.

Scientists say the increased seismic activity is normal following the magnitude 7.2 earthquake last Sunday.

Divisions arise in Haiti adoptions

NEW YORK — Logistical challenges and potentially bitter disputes lie ahead as passionate advocates of adoption press for changes that might enable thousands of Haitian children affected by the earthquake to be placed in U.S. homes.

The obstacles are daunting, starting with a need to register Haiti's dislocated children. If done right, this would enable authorities to distinguish between children who might be good candidates for adoption and those with surviving relatives willing to care for them.

There also will be efforts to overhaul Haiti's troubled child protection system, update its adoption laws and boost support for family reunification programs in Haiti.

But even before those goals are pursued, there are sharp divisions over how vigorously and quickly to seek an expansion of adoptions.

LOCAL NEWS

Three fatally stabbed in home

KOKOMO, Ind. — Central Indiana police say autopsies have revealed that two women and a man found dead Friday in a Kokomo home died from multiple stab wounds.

Investigators also said Sunday they now consider 30-year-old Jeremy Blanchard a suspect in the killings of 57-year-old Rebecca Berg, her 28-year-old daughter Jessica Berg and 62-year-old David McPike. He was arrested Friday night in London, Kentucky.

The Bergs had been staying with McPike and were in town to attend a relative's funeral.

POLAND

Plane crash shocks government

Poles grieve loss of president, move quickly to maintain political order

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's government moved swiftly Sunday to show that it was staying on course after the deaths of its president and dozens of political, military and religious leaders, even as tens of thousands of Poles expressed their grief over the plane crash in Russia that shocked the country.

New acting chiefs of the military were already in place and an interim director of the central bank was named Sunday, with work running as usual, said Pawel Gras, a government spokesman.

It was a rare positive note on a day wracked by grief for the 96 dead and laced with reminders of Poland's dark history with its powerful neighbor. The Saturday crash occurred in thick fog near the Katyn forest, where Josef Stalin's secret police in 1940 systematically executed thousands of Polish military officers in the western Soviet Union.

President Lech Kaczynski and those aboard the aging Soviet-built plane had been headed there to honor the dead. A preliminary analysis showed the plane had been working fine, a Russian investigator said.

Tens of thousands of Poles softly sang the national anthem and tossed flowers at the hearse carrying the 60-year-old Kaczynski's body Sunday to the presidential palace after it was returned from Russia's Smolensk airport, the site of the crash.

The coffin bearing the president's remains were met first by his daughter Marta, whose mother, the first lady, Maria Kaczynska, also perished in the crash. She knelt before it, her forehead resting on the coffin.

She was followed by Jaroslaw Kaczynski, the former prime minister, and the president's twin brother. He, too, knelt and pressed his head against the flag-



AP

Volunteers hold a candle in front of the Presidential Palace in Warsaw, Poland, Sunday, in honor of Polish President Lech Kaczynski, who died Saturday in a plane crash.

draped coffin before rising slowly and crossing himself.

Standing sentinel were four Polish troopers bearing sabers. There was no sign of the twins' ailing mother Jadwiga, who has been hospitalized. The president had canceled several foreign trips lately to be by her side.

The coffin was placed aboard a Mercedes-Benz hearse and slowly traveled several miles to the palace, watched by thousands of weeping Poles.

"He taught Poles how to respect our traditions, how to fight for our dignity, and he made he made his sacrifice there at that tragic place," said mourner Boguslaw Staron, 70.

President Dmitry Medvedev declared Monday a day of mourning in

Russia, and his country held two minutes of silence in memory of those killed in the crash.

Church bells pealed at noon and emergency sirens shrieked for nearly a minute before fading. Hundreds bowed their heads, eyes closed, in front of the presidential palace. Buses and trams halted in the streets.

No date for a funeral has been set and the Polish presidential palace has not yet said if Kaczynski will lie in state, though it is not a Polish tradition.

Kaczynski was the first serving Polish leader to die since exiled World War II-era leader Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski was killed in a mysterious plane crash off Gibraltar in 1943.

Poland is a young democracy, adopting its constitution in 1997 after decades under communism, but political scientist Kazimierz Kik of Kielce University said he was confident it would remain stable.

"The democracy is passing the test, there is no doubt about it," he said. "This tragedy does not threaten the state in any measure, Poland's institutions are strong, but there is the trauma of the nation."

Among the dead were Poland's army chief of staff, the navy chief commander, and heads of the air and land forces. At the Field Cathedral of the Polish Army in Warsaw, hundreds gathered for a morning Mass and left flowers and written condolences.

Obama: Nukes pose greatest threat to U.S.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If al-Qaida acquired nuclear weapons it "would have no compunction at using them," President Barack Obama said Sunday on the eve of a summit aimed at finding ways to secure the world's nuclear stockpile.

"The single biggest threat to U.S. security, both short-term, medium-term and long-term, would be the possibility of a terrorist organization obtaining a nuclear weapon," Obama said. "This is something that could change the security landscape in this country and around the world for years to come."

"If there was ever a detonation in New York City, or London, or Johannesburg, the ramifications economically, politically and from a security perspective would be devastating," the president said.

"We know that organizations like al-Qaida are in the process of trying to secure nuclear weapons or other weapons of mass destruction, and would have no compunction at using them," Obama said.

The Nuclear Security Summit of more than 40 world leaders in Washington this week is aimed at securing "loose nuclear material," Obama said. He was holding one-on-one meetings Sunday with several of those leaders.

He said other world leaders have offered "very specific approaches to how we can solve this profound international problem."

Obama singled out South Africa for giving up its nuclear program, and said it "has been a strong, effective leader in the international community on non-proliferation issues. South Africa has special standing in being a moral leader on this issue."

South African President Jacob Zuma was among the leaders Obama met with Sunday at Blair House, across from the White House. Others included Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

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age of President Barack Obama's 2009 Commencement address. "I'm very thankful for this award, and I think it reflects the work of the staff, not just my individual achievement," Metz said. "I'm proud to have received this honor for The Observer."

During Metz's term, The Observer also redesigned its Web site and provided in-depth coverage of the Notre Dame football program's head coaching change.

"Jenn did a tremendous job leading The Observer over the past year, and I am pleased ICPA chose to recognize her with this award," current Editor-in-Chief Matt Gamber said. "Her award and the others The Observer received this weekend are a testament to the continued hard work of the many members of our talented staff."

Gamber, the former Sports Editor, won first place in the "Best Sports Column" category for his article remembering Mike Lockert, the Irish hockey radio announcer who died of a heart attack last March at age 43.

The Observer staff's coverage of the University's firing of head football coach Charlie Weis won first place in both "Best Special Issue" and "Best Staff Editorial."

The eight-page special edition was published on Dec. 1, 2009, the day after Weis' firing. Included in the issue were player and student reaction, analysis of potential replacements and a timeline chronicling Weis' five-year tenure. The editorial, titled "Weis' departure handled respectfully," ran on Dec. 4, 2009.

The Observer also earned second place in the "Best Special Issue" category for the May 15, 2009, "Senior Edition," which included coverage of President Obama's commencement speech and full news and sports recaps of the Class of 2009's four years.

Former Photo Editor Ian Gavlick won second place in "Best Sports Photo" for an action shot of Irish wide receiver Michael Floyd making a tough catch in a game last fall.

Metz and Gavlick together won second place in "Best Breaking News Reporting Online" for a story and photograph about President Obama's commencement speech.

The March 23, 2009 edition won third place in "Best Single Issue," highlighted by its coverage of the breaking announcement that President Obama had accepted an invitation to speak at commencement.

The Observer also won third place in "Best Standalone/Pullout Section" for the May 12, 2009 "Controversial Commencement" edition, which covered in-depth the circumstances surrounding President Obama's Commencement address.

The Observer's Web site, ndsmcobserver.com, took third in "Best Overall Web site," the first time the Web site earned an award.

The Observer's award-winning submissions are available on its Web site.

Challenge

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to Everett.

"Up until the last few years participation has been good, but the last few years have gone down and we want to get them back up," she said.

Secviar said the highest recent participation rate was the Class of 2005, with 56 percent. Last year's Class of 2009 was the lowest in recent years, with only 22 percent of graduating seniors donating.

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Ian Secviar
co-chair
Student Development
Committee

said.

Secviar said the partnership with the Woodward family was one primary way the Committee hoped to boost involvement in the Senior Legacy 2010 fund.

"This is the first year we've ever had a challenge and we hope that it boosts participation and rewards participation like never before," he said.

Timothy Ponisciak, advisor to the Student Development Committee for Senior Legacy 2010, said that the program conceived the idea first, and then looked for a partner in the Challenge.

"We worked with our Major Gifts Department to see if the Woodwards would be interested in something based on participation and raising more

funds for the Class of 2010 Hesburgh Library Endowment," he said.

Everett said the deadline for the Challenge was set to coincide with graduation.

"You can make a donation or pledge before May 15 that you will give some money before December 31, and that will still count to the Challenge," she said.

Secviar and Ponisciak hope that participation in Senior Legacy 2010 will also be greater because of measures taken by the Committee to make donating to the fund more straightforward.

"Along with the challenge gift, we are trying to make giving easier as well,"

Secviar said.

One way the committee simplified the process is by creating a new Senior Legacy Web site.

Although the main focus of Senior Legacy 2010 is the Hesburgh Library Endowment, graduating seniors do have the option to choose the recipient of their donation, Secviar said.

"We really think that the Hesburgh Library Endowment is a really worthy cause, but if students want to contribute to any area at Notre Dame it will still count to the Woodward Challenge and Senior Legacy," he said.

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Emily Everett
co-chair
Student Development
Committee

STAND AGAINST NATE WEEK

APRIL 12 – APRIL 16, 2010

- ALLY PLEDGE SIGNING
- DAY OF SILENCE BANNER SIGNING
- DAY OF SILENCE CARDS DISTRIBUTION

April 12 – April 14 • Monday – Wednesday

11am to 1pm • SDH, NDH, LaFortune

- “THE LARAMIE PROJECT” Film Screening

April 12

Monday • 7-9pm • Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library

Discussion facilitated by Counseling Center following the film.

*Notre Dame & St. Mary’s Students Welcome. CLOSED to the Public.

- Professor Dominic Parrott Presentation

April 13

Tuesday • 7pm • Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library

“Homosexuality Under the Dome: Past Struggles and Present Solutions”

- Gender Relations Center Signature Series – “Sexuality”

April 14

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Heather Racokzy Russell, Gender Relations Center

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April 15

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- Coffee House

April 15

Thursday • 7-9pm • Reckers (Hospitality Room)

“Meet and Greet”

- Day of Silence

April 16

Friday • 3pm • Front Steps of the Main Building

- Walk with banners to Coleman-Morse for a prayer service.
- Fr. Joe Carey, CSC, Presiding

Ice-Cream Social immediately following in CoMo lounge.

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Stocks			
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Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
2,094	107	991	387,722,151

AMEX	1,966.64	+15.21
NASDAQ	2,454.05	+17.24
NYSE	7,629.05	+63.72
S&P 500	1,194.37	+7.94
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	11,204.34	0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	5,770.98	+58.28

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP INC. (C)	+1.79	+0.08	4.55
BANK OF AMERICA (BAC)	-0.32	-0.06	18.59
PALM, INC. (PALM)	+10.97	+0.51	5.16
FORD MOTOR CO (F)	+0.71	+0.09	12.72

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-2.05	-0.08	3.89
13-WEEK BILL	-32.26	-0.05	0.15
30-YEAR BOND	-3.15	-0.15	4.75
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.76	+0.02	2.64

Commodities			
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+8.90		1,161.10
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EURO			1.3639
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IN BRIEF

Regulators close failed S.C. bank

WASHINGTON — Regulators on Friday shut down a bank in South Carolina, marking 42 bank failures in the U.S. so far this year amid mounting loan defaults, especially in commercial real estate.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. took over Beach First National Bank, based in Myrtle Beach, S.C., with \$585.1 million in assets and \$516 million in deposits. Bank of North Carolina, based in Thomasville, N.C., agreed to assume the assets and deposits of the failed bank.

In addition, the FDIC and Bank of North Carolina agreed to share losses on \$497.9 million of Beach First National Bank's loans and other assets.

It was the first failure of an FDIC-insured bank in South Carolina since 1999. The resolution of Beach First is expected to cost the deposit insurance fund \$130.3 million.

The bank, which registered triple-digit percentage increases in profit during the real estate boom, suffered a net loss of \$24 million for the first nine months of 2009. Beach First invested heavily in the real estate boom in the coastal area, dotted with oceanfront condominiums and upscale projects, and was hit when the market fell.

Obama advertises tax breaks

WASHINGTON — Just ahead of Tax Day, President Barack Obama is urging Americans to take advantage of tax credits for first-time homebuyers, college students and others.

Obama used his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday to promote some of the tax benefits in last year's stimulus bill, saying they could save people hundreds or even thousands of dollars and were available to more than 100 million Americans. Even those who file before the April 15 deadline can amend their returns if there are savings they missed, Obama noted.

"No one I've met is looking for a handout. And that's not what these tax cuts are," Obama said. "Instead, they're targeted relief to help middle-class families weather the storm, to jump-start our economy and to bring the fundamentals of the American dream — making an honest living, earning an education, owning a home and raising a family — back within reach for millions of Americans."

GREECE

Debt crisis in Greece worsens

European governments will offer 30 billion Euro backstop if Athens makes request

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Trying again to halt a debt crisis that has hammered the euro, fellow eurozone governments tossed struggling Greece a financial lifeline Sunday, saying they would make 30 billion in loans available this year alone — if Athens asks for the money.

The International Monetary Fund stands ready to chip in another 10 billion, said Olli Rehn, the EU monetary affairs chief.

The promise — filling in details of a March 25 pledge of joint eurozone-IMF help — was another attempt to calm markets that have been selling off Greek bonds in recent days.

Markets viewed the March pledge as too vague and carrying such tough restrictions that Greece could not easily get the money. As a result, investors demanded high rates to loan to the government as it struggles to avoid default — rates the government says it can't go on paying. Greece has some 54 billion in debt coming due this year and a huge budget deficit.

In an emergency video conference, the finance ministers of the 16-eurozone nations agreed on a complex three-year financing formula that generates an interest rate of "around 5 percent."

This is less than commercial market rates — which have soared above 7 percent on Greek 10-year borrowing in recent weeks as the debt crisis dragged on — but more than beneficiaries of IMF usually pay. European Central Bank president Jean-Claude Trichet and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have insisted that Greece not get below-market interest rates amounting to an EU subsidy for its past bad behavior.

"This is certainly no sub-



AP

European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs Olli Rehn addresses the media at the European Commission headquarters in Brussels Sunday.

sidy" to Greece, Rehn told a news conference.

The test of Sunday's announcement will be whether it restores confidence that Greece will not default and gives it a chance to borrow normally at lower rates. Under last week's rates, Greece would have had to pay more than twice what Germany pays.

The danger is that interest payments themselves begin to sink the budget despite severe cutbacks imposed in recent days. A Greek default would be a serious blow to the euro, rattle markets and inflict losses on European banks that have bought Greek government bonds.

Greek Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou

said Greece had not asked for the plan to be activated, and still hoped to borrow on markets rather than seeking a rescue.

"The Greek government has not asked for the activation of the mechanism, even though this is already immediately available," Papaconstantinou said in Athens. "The aim is, and we believe we will continue to borrow unhindered on the markets."

Officials, speaking privately, told The Associated Press they first want to see how markets react on Monday.

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said the pledge of cash for Greece showed the 16 euro-zone nations will defend Europe's single

currency and help a partner in trouble.

"It shows that the euro area is serious in doing what is necessary to secure financial stability," Barroso said in a statement.

"I am convinced that it will help Greece to continue vigorously correct public finances imbalances and to deliver the necessary structural reforms."

Rehn said the loan deal will be "the clarification that the markets are waiting for."

Those markets, however, have so far ignored repeated EU claims of support for Greece causing commercial lending rates for Athens to go to 7 percent and more in recent weeks.

Lacking state funding, Census rates lag

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — State and local governments hammered by the recession have cut spending on outreach for the 2010 U.S. Census, leaving hard-to-reach neighborhoods with response rates that may fall behind the count a decade ago, officials said.

The funding cutbacks have come at all levels, and at a cost.

California, for example, dedicated \$24.7 million to the Census 2000 campaign. Although an undercount could cost the state billions in federal funding and a Congressional seat, this year's outreach budget is only \$2 million.

Two weeks into the count, the state's census form return rates are about 10 percent behind the 2000 total, officials said, adding that the numerical disparity would be worse without the efforts of philanthropic and community-based organizations.

"We need to make a push to make sure we at least stay even," said Louis Stewart, deputy director of California's census outreach. "There is a lot riding on this count."

More than \$435 billion a year is distributed by the federal government to states based on census-driven funding formulas. California could lose about \$3,000 a year for each resident not counted in the 2010 census.

The 2000 census found 33.9 million people in the state. It is estimated that the population will exceed 38 million in 2010.

Residents have until April 19 to mail back their census forms. After that, their answers will have to be collected by census workers going door to door at considerable expense.

Alameda County has one of the state's hardest to count populations because of its diversity, its pockets of poverty, and the language barriers faced by its varied immigrant groups. But this year, Stewart said, there is only \$50,000 for outreach there, compared with about \$250,000 in 2000.

StaND

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Core Council Eddie Velazquez said the Council hopes to bring the problem of discrimination to the attention of the Notre Dame community during this week's events and provide opportunities for discussion, questions and healing.

"It's important that [the community] realize that there are certain situations where LGBT students are treated unfairly," he said.

For the past three years, StaND Against Hate Week has included a film screening, Velazquez said. Tonight at 7 p.m. the Core Council will present "The Laramie Project," a 2002 film that documents the effects of the murder of Matthew Shepard on the citizens of Laramie, Wyo., in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library. Shepard, a 21-year-old gay man, was tortured and murdered near Laramie in 1998. His trial brought national attention to the reality of hate crimes and discrimination against the LGBT community.

The film will be followed by a question and answer session facilitated by the University Counseling Center to examine questions — both emotional and psychological — for people that face anti-LGBT harassment, Velazquez said.

"We start of the week immediately considering what happens not just to those directly involved [in acts of discrimination and violence] but also the people around them," he said. The week will feature two new events this year: a guest lecturer and a coffeehouse.

Psychology professor Dominic Parrott from Georgia State University will present a lecture titled "Homosexuality Under the Dome: Past Struggles and Present Solutions" at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Carey Auditorium. Parrott's research is focused primarily on violence against LGBT people, Velazquez said.

The lecture will be followed by a panel featuring alumni and members of the Core Council discussing the experiences of LGBT students on campus and how relations have changed over the years.

A coffeehouse in the Coleman-Morse Center Thursday evening is perhaps the "most important to take note of," Velazquez said. Students will be given the opportunity to bring in artwork that represents love, hate, prejudice and healing to "share their responses to things like discrimination artistically," he said.

"The coffeehouse provides the student body a chance to really engage themselves and other students in tackling the difficulties in dealing with LGBT harassment," he said. "Art gives people a creative outlet to deal with situations."

Other events include a talk called "Sexuality," part of the Gender Relations Center (GRC) Signature series. The Core Council collaborates with the GRC every year during StaND Against Hate Week, Velazquez said.

On Friday, free StaND Against

Hate Week T-shirts will be distributed at Fieldhouse Mall beginning at 11 a.m. Velazquez called the T-shirts one of the highlights of the week, and Sr. Sue Dunn, co-chair of the Core Council and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, encourages students to wear the T-shirts in solidarity with the National Day of Silence.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for our Notre Dame students and community to stand against hate," she said.

The week will conclude with a prayer service in the Coleman-Morse chapel to reflect followed by an ice cream social.

Velazquez said he observed an increase in support for LGBT students on campus and he hopes the support will be reflected in event attendance.

"It will be refreshing and encouraging to see how much participation we can get," he

said. "We'll work to keep that awareness alive at Notre Dame."

Velazquez said this year's events have even more relevance after The Observer published an offensive comic earlier in the semester.

"It had some really positive outcomes," he said, including raising awareness of discrimination against LGBT members of the Notre Dame community and rallying support for the Core Council.

"The Core Council absolutely and endlessly appreciates the support of the student body and the increase of support we see on a yearly basis," Velazquez said. "We look forward to seeing people at the events and welcome all students to support [the Core Council] in an environment where everyone can feel welcome, especially LGBT students."

The week's first event, an Ally Pledge and Day of Silence Banner Signing, will take place today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at both dining halls and LaFortune. Students will have the opportunity to sign pledges and banners until Wednesday.

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Race

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variety of things that we have to do."

The event kicked off Saturday evening with Mass in the Dillon Hall chapel and a pasta dinner in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

Senior Cynthia Curley was recognized as the first female to complete the race at 1:27:00 and was followed by freshman Alison Podlaski, who finished in 1:29:00.

Nick Bouwman, a student at nearby Goshen College, was the first male to cross the finish line, with a time of 1:15:21. Freshman Ian Montijo finished a close second at 1:16:41.

According to Tate, 815 of the 935 registered runners, including an area third grader, finished the race.

Freshmen Annie Wehry and Aoibheann Thinnies said they felt a sense of accomplishment as they crossed the finish line with a time of 1:56:03.

"We finished in under two hours, which was our ultimate goal," Wehry said.

"We're both really happy with how we did."

A team of seniors Sierra Smith, Matt Panhans, Meghan Shaughnessy, Aaron Pierre and graduate student Stephanie Nienaber ran the entire 13.1-mile race dressed as Waldo, the famous character from the children's book series "Where's Waldo?"

"It was a perfect day for running," Smith said. "Doing the half marathon with the rest of the Waldo gang made it even better."

The five friends agreed they appreciated the enthusiastic crowds of supporters during the race.

Tate and Kickham both said they were grateful for "an amazing crew of volunteers" that assisted them with the production of the race.

Hosted by the Class of 2011, this year's Holy Half raised \$20,000 for The Broadmoor Improvement Association (BIA) that works to rebuild New Orleans and provide relief to area victims of hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.

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Mine victims remembered

Associated Press

PETTUS, W.Va. — A pair of tall black boots and a lunch pail sat near the altar Sunday at the New Life Assembly church — a memorial to the 29 men killed in the worst U.S. mining disaster since 1970 and a thank-you to those who make their living inside the mountains.

This day, the first Sunday since last Monday's explosion killed 28 workers and a contractor at Massey Energy Co.'s Upper Big Branch mine in Montcoal, was for many a time to honor the profession. Tears of mourning fell, and arms swayed in worship among the 50 people gathered at the church.

Pastor Gary Williams, who has worked at Massey Energy mines for 18 years, knew many of the victims. On his way to church Sunday morning, he heard Ricky Workman's name among them for the first time.

"I know his child. I know his wife. He's a part of my family. He's a part of my life," Williams said, tears falling. "Over time, our hearts and the emptiness that we have inside will fade away, but I don't never want to forget what happened April 5, 2010."

Some of those who died have already been laid to rest. Crews worked Sunday to remove the bodies of several others who didn't make it out, but the recovery had to be halted because of high gas readings in the mine. Crews need to drill another hole to vent the mine before they can continue.

Four funerals were held Friday, with more scheduled for the weekend. Nearly two

dozen will follow in the weeks ahead. Despite hope that four missing miners might survive long enough for rescuers to reach them, officials announced early Saturday morning that the four had apparently died instantly.

A complete list of victims has yet to be released. Two other miners were injured in the blast, and one remains hospitalized.

A team of federal investigators will arrive Monday as officials try to figure out what caused the blast. Virginia-based Massey has been under scrutiny for a string of safety violations at the mine, though CEO Don Blankenship has defended the company's record and disputed accusations that he puts profits ahead of safety.

Authorities have said that high levels of volatile methane gas may have played a role in the disaster. Massey has been repeatedly cited and fined for problems with the system that vents methane and for allowing combustible dust to build up.

During a homily in Wheeling on Sunday, Catholic Bishop Michael J. Bransfield said four years is too short a time between West Virginia mine disasters. The last was at the Sago Mine in 2006, where 12 men perished.

"Can those entrusted with the protection of miners be trusted to fulfill the jobs and enforce the laws?" he said. "Is our technology in the U.S. mines in 2010 equal to the technology that is easily available in other industries? Is it safer to travel in space than to work in a West Virginia mine?"

At churches in the southern West Virginia coalfields, however, the focus was on reflection.

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Judy Walker, whose longtime friend Workman died in the accident, stood before the altar at New Life Assembly in tears, mourning the heartache of families she helped cook for this week as they awaited word of their loved ones' fates.

"All we can do is love on them. When you see them out, hug on them," she said. "Just let them talk about their fathers, brothers and sons."

The tragedy has shaken many in this region filled with coal mines, where many people make their living in the mines or know someone who does. After all, the work is generally stable and pays better than most other jobs in the area. Indeed, Walker's husband of 38 years, Butch, won't tell her about his worries underground.

Several followers, including the pastor's wife, thanked the miners in the congregation for the work they do.

"A lot of people ask, Why do they do it? Why do they go into the mines and put themselves in danger?" said Ina Williams. "It's West Virginia. They sacrifice whatever they need to do to support their families."

She then turned to her husband, a black ribbon and tiny gold cross pinned to his pale yellow shirt, and thanked him — not only for the work he does underground, but for the way he's represented the communities along the Big Coal River this week.

"He has shown over and over, especially this week, God's love. He loves this community, he loved those men, he loves these people," she said. "These men are not going to be forgotten."

Gray whale-watchers fear population dip



AP

A gray whale surfaces in San Ignacio Lagoon in Baja, Mexico. Experts worry the species may become endangered again.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Gazing past the rolling whitecaps in the middle of San Diego's whale-watching season, boat captain Bill Reese was dismayed by what he wasn't seeing.

"Where are the whales?" said Reese. "Where are the whales?"

Long held as an environmental success story after being taken off the endangered list in 1994, California gray whales draw legions of fans into boats or atop cliffs to watch the leviathans lumber down the coast to spawning grounds in Baja.

But whale-watching skippers became alarmed after sightings dropped from 25 a day in good years to five a day this season. Such anecdotal evidence has left conservationists and state officials worried about the whale's

future, especially now.

The federal government's monitoring of the mammals has fallen off in recent years. And the International Whaling Commission in June will consider allowing 1,400 gray whales to be hunted over the next decade.

The decision will rely on a report that says the population is flourishing — a study critics say is spotty and outdated.

"If you count 2,500 animals, all you really know rock solid for sure is there are more than 2,500. Beyond that you're using models and assumptions," said Stanford University marine biology professor Steve Palumbi. "The problem comes when you say, 'We do know how many whales there are and we're going to start making unalterable management decisions on that basis.'"

Va. proclamation sparks controversy

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The dust-up over Virginia's proclamation for Confederate History Month seems like a lot of noise over something that "doesn't amount to diddly," Mississippi's governor said in an interview aired Sunday.

Virginia's Republican governor, Bob McDonnell, apologized for leaving out of his proclamation any reference to slavery. He added language to the decree calling slavery "evil and inhumane" after being criticized for reviving what many Virginians believe is an insensitive commemoration of its Confederate past.

Fellow GOP Gov. Haley Barbour of Mississippi said he doesn't think the proclamation was a mistake.

"To me, it's a sort of feeling that it's a nit, that it is not significant, that it's not a — it's trying to make a big deal out of something (that) doesn't amount to diddly," Barbour said in the interview aired on CNN's "State of the Union."

Last year, Barbour issued a similar proclamation in his state that did not mention slavery. He also noted that his state has a holiday, Confederate Memorial Day, that has been

maintained by Democratic and Republican governors and the state's majority-Democrat legislature. The state also honors the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Confederate general Robert E. Lee on the same day in January.

Barbour said he was not aware of any complaints that the holiday was offensive.

"I don't really see what to say about slavery, but anybody that thinks that you have to explain to some people that slavery is a bad thing, I think that goes without saying," Barbour said.

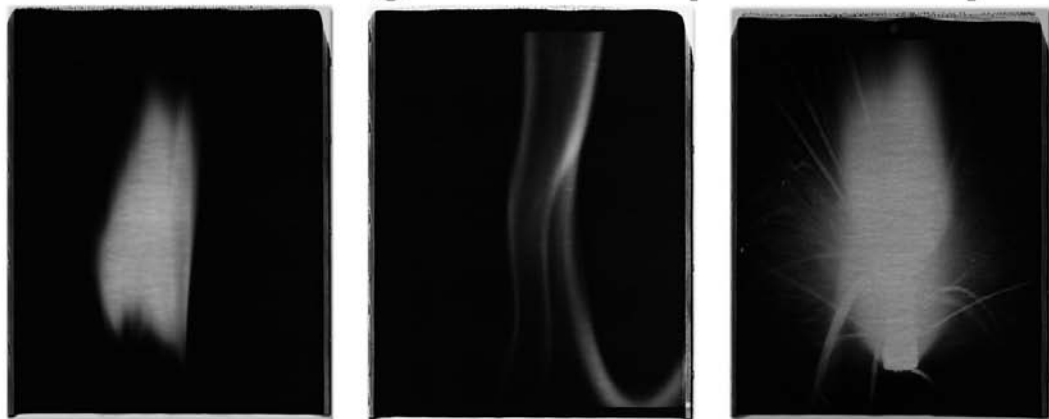
Mississippi's events aren't embraced by everyone.

"I think it's unfortunate that the governor is so insensitive to the atrocities made against African-Americans in this country by the former Confederate States," said Derrick Johnson, president of the Mississippi NAACP. "As governor of the state with a higher percentage of African-Americans than any other, we would hope he would be more sensitive to them."

"We have always raised out opposition to any memorial day that would raise some type of positive light on the Confederacy that broke away from the United States," Johnson said. "We consider that treason."

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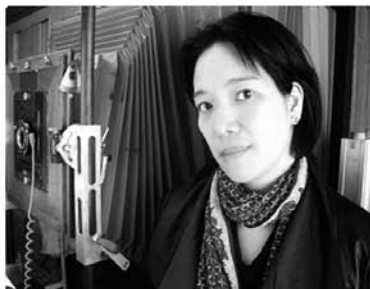
108 Thoughts on Spirituality



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Concurrent with her exhibit, Chiu will create a 5-day installation entitled *108 Thoughts on Spirituality* from April 12-16. The installation will consist of projected images and photographs of flames, music from various sacred traditions, sacred smells, a space to meditate and an opportunity for audience members to respond to questions about spirituality by writing or drawing upon Chiu's photographs.

Participants will receive one of Chiu's photographs in appreciation for their commentary on spirituality. The artist will speak during a 5 to 7 p.m. reception on Thursday, April 15, 2010.



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Biking away from car culture

As of the 1990 Census, 46 percent of Americans lived in suburbs. Our generation grew up in this paved paradise, this transportation system built for cars, supermarkets and super-sized, super-value anything. Their car-friendliness makes suburbs pedestrian wastelands and biking hazards.

In the past 20 years, several forward-thinking cities have built complex bike paths as a way to combat traffic and pollution problems. These bike paths serve fewer individuals in the suburbs, making them sometimes cost-prohibitive in sprawling areas.

Despite the expense, we need to undertake the admittedly gargantuan task of transforming our car-accommodating towns into biking- and walking-friendly areas for our health, our quality of life and our environment.

Once a haven for wealthy individuals who wanted to escape the cities, poverty rates in suburbs now rival city levels. A 2008 Brookings Institute study found that poverty in suburbs of the nation's largest metropolitan areas grew over 25 percent between 2000 and 2008. By 2008, suburbs housed over 1.5 million more poor people than their respective metro areas.

In these suburbs, getting to and from

work, the grocery store or the doctor is nearly impossible without a car. In order to support a livelihood, one needs a car; yet, to support a car, one needs an even bigger livelihood. Buying a functioning car for less than \$2,000 is difficult if not impossible — not to mention the costs of repairs and gasoline. The majority of those with a household income of less than \$20,000 spend more than 25 percent of that on transportation costs.

Our infrastructure supports this car culture. We need to reorganize our poverty-stricken suburban communities to make them bike- and pedestrian-friendlier in order to help individuals who cannot afford cars get around without one. The average bike costs less than \$200 — less than one-tenth the average car — and the only fuel bikes need is human caloric energy. Since most of America's poor fall victim to obesity due to low costs of unhealthy food, biking could save them on both gas money and hospital bills.

In order to make bike transportation possible in spread-out suburbs, we need to change the infrastructure of communities — no small or easy task. But this is an investment we need to value and prioritize. More than 79 percent of Americans consider sidewalks and bike paths as important factors in where they choose to live; we need to bring these amenities to those who don't have the financial means to choose to be near them.

Improving bike paths and pedestrian infrastructures will also improve air

pollution in major metropolitan areas. The Clean Air Council estimates that auto emissions account for 31 percent of carbon dioxide emissions and 81 percent of carbon monoxide emissions in metropolitan areas. Decreasing automotive traffic would therefore improve air quality, saving cities money they would otherwise spend retroactively.

Fewer cars also mean less traffic, a contributing factor to low quality of life reported by many commuters. Reducing the number of cars during peak traffic hours by 10 percent would increase average car speed enough to reduce travel times up to 25 minutes.

Bike cultures now exist for the wealthy as recreational options. Re-establishing bikes to a primary mode of transportation would help the poor in our suburbs more than any wealthy individuals. Heck, it could even help our industry; maybe GM could enter the bike-manufacturing market.

We need bike paths for better quality of life, less pollution and egalitarian transportation options. Shifting our suburban infrastructures to support bikes more than cars will take time, but it's an investment we can't afford not to make.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library will be fine under proper custodian

I wouldn't say that our Library's future "hangs in limbo," for I believe the University leadership and faculty see the issues with greater clarity than "Future of Library hangs in limbo" (Sarah Mervosh, April 9) implies. Everyone supports Fr. Jenkins' aim to "become a premier research university" and "make ourselves a strong candidate for membership in the American Association of Universities" — and most of us realize that the Library is the area where the most work needs to be done. That will require a very substantial increase in funding as well as visionary leadership. But while every library director must be an excellent manager of both money and people, the most important credential we should be looking for is proven research experience: As at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Chicago, Stanford, Johns Hopkins and other leading universities, our next University Librarian should have at least one graduate degree in a humanistic or social science field, in addition to any degrees and publications in Library Science. That is necessary to ensure that the coming library upgrades will be managed by someone

who knows from experience how researchers use libraries and what a world-class research library looks like. Librarians differ just as libraries do, but the key priority for us is research. In public libraries the emphasis is on circulation, but research libraries need to balance circulation with its opposite: the preservation of legacy materials. In the same way, research librarians understand that the voracious and legitimate demand for ever more undergraduate study space cannot be allowed to consume the perennial need for researcher access to books, journals, manuscripts, audio-visual materials, microforms, specialized computers and materials located in other libraries around the world. If we try to compete with Barnes & Noble in providing cute coffee bars and comfy couches, we are certain to lose. Again, everyone wants our library to have the best technology it can get. But we are not a community college, where, as I know from teaching in one, instructional technology must be a higher priority than research. At other colleges where I've taught, before coming to Notre Dame, I have seen the

destruction that ensues when enthusiasm for technology is permitted to upstage research needs. Privileging delivery over content inevitably degrades content, as in the old techie saying, "Garbage in, garbage out." Weak content is not ennobled by passing through impressive machinery. The idea that everything will soon be on the Internet is appealing, but even if the technology is almost there, many human factors will prevent it from being fully implemented. Financial: No one can afford the man-hours for scanning, the bandwidth or the server space, which is why some of the best-funded databases have already disappeared. Intellectual property: just ask Google's lawyers. Linguistic: Only the most important minority of the world's 8000 ancient and modern languages are fully computer-ready. Cultural: Outside of the U.S., many librarians and archivists frankly do not want their unique material to be freely accessible on the web — they often rank preservation and profit potential above circulation. But any librarian who is truly qualified to build a world-class research library at Notre Dame will

understand the limits as well as the promises of new technologies, and will realize that printed and handwritten books, obsolete media technologies and plain old-fashioned shelf space will continue to be indispensable. With technology, the only really intimidating issue is how to pay for it. Since most Notre Dame professors and administrators already realize what I've said here, I don't think it is accurate to present the Library's future as problematic or riven by controversy. What we need is conceptually simple, even though getting it will require diligent effort by many people: Since how we grow our library will be the most important factor in achieving the President's goal of becoming an internationally prominent research university, the way forward is to hire the same kind of University Librarian that almost every top-level research university has: one with graduate-level training in the kind of advanced research that university libraries exist for.

Peter Jeffery
Michale P. Grace Professor of Medieval Studies
April 10

Students uphold Notre Dame mission

As members of the faculty and staff at Notre Dame, we take seriously the University's mission statement, which says, "The University seeks to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings, but also a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many. The aim is to create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice." We see it as our responsibility to help students learn about the world in which they live and to encourage them to make an impact on that world, so that "learning becomes service to justice." Some Notre Dame students recently passed out information on campus regarding what they believe are practices by the HEI Corporation that result in poverty, injustice and oppression. Their actions were peaceful and not disruptive, yet their informational leaflets were confiscated by Notre Dame security police and they are now being subject to disciplinary action by ResLife. We believe that these students were acting in the best traditions of Notre Dame and living up to the ideals expressed in its mission statement. We do not think that they should be disciplined by the University for doing so. We call upon Father Jenkins to cancel these disciplinary actions.

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Kevin Barry
Mary Beckman
Gail Bederman
Mary Burgess
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Brian Collier
Mary Rose D'Angelo
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Marty Wolfson
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April 11

Scientific basis for homosexuality

In response to "Exploring only human sexuality," (Michael O'Connor, April 9) I would like to assert the evidence, some of which can be gleaned from other animals, for a scientific and evolutionary basis for human homosexuality. O'Connor states that humans are significantly different from animals in many ways, the most significant of which lies in an awareness of right, wrong and consequences — essentially, the possession of morality. This, he claims, means we shouldn't use the homosexuality observed in nature to analyze human homosexuality. Though humans do seem to be unique in the development of morality, we must remember that we are animals, albeit the finely tuned end-product of their evolutionary chain. Just because our capabilities seem so superior to those of other animals, however, does not mean we are exempt from all comparison. What if homosexuality is hard-wired in some individuals, at a level as fundamental as or even more so than that of our own morality? Scientific evidence exists to support this notion; for example, studies in Oregon, Britain and other areas have isolated genes in sheep which, if manipulated, cause homosexuality, as well as differences in brain morphology and hormone production between heterosexual

and homosexual sheep. Such genetic experiments could not be performed on humans, for obvious reasons, but the fact that sheep show a genetic disposition to homosexuality suggests that it could plausibly have genetic underpinnings in humans as well. The fact that much more closely-related primates also exhibit homosexuality simply augments this plausibility. More concretely, scientists have found differential levels of hormone production in response to certain stimuli between homosexual and heterosexual humans. From both humans and other animals, evidence certainly exists that homosexuality has a biological basis. The definitive basis for human homosexuality is not conclusively known; however, to rule out facts that can be gleaned from the observation of other homosexual animals is to ignore relevant data. Humans are surely self-aware, moral creatures, but evidence suggests that homosexual individuals are likely as fundamentally so as heterosexual individuals. To suggest that they violate human morality by following that fundamental inclination is inappropriate.

Michael Nokes
freshman
Stanford Hall
April 11

The Finest scholars

We'd like to take this opportunity to clarify some omitted information from the article run on April 9 regarding Notre Dame's 2010 Truman Scholarship winners ("Two ND juniors awarded Truman Scholarship," Carly Landon). Both Puja Parikh and Beth Simpson are not only beloved Notre Dame juniors, but members of the finest dorm on campus, Farley Hall. Our congratulations go out to them and their fellow Finest scholarship winner Shayna Sura, recipient of the 2010 Goldwater Scholarship. Way to represent, ladies! We are so proud of you!

Alex Despotos
Stephanie Gretsche
Bethany Laubacher
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Emily Rankin
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juniors
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April 10

Tina Fey's Successful Return to 'Saturday Night Live'



By **MARISSA FORBES**
Scene Writer

This weekend, "Saturday Night Live" returned after a four-week break with an impressive lineup. "SNL" alumna Tina Fey hosted and teen heartthrob Justin Bieber was the musical guest — the ingredients for what was sure to be an entertaining episode.

Fey made an appearance in each skit, save Fred Armisen's opening parody of President Barack Obama that detailed the fear of privacy invasion surrounding the 2010 Census. Armisen went through the "simple, straightforward" questionnaire with inquiries like "If some member of this household had to die, so that others might live, who should that be?"

Though hilarious, Fey's following commercial was on a whole other level of funny. Advertising for "Brownie Husband," Fey flaunted an easy man-shaped dessert to satisfy any lonely, middle-aged woman. 120 calories-per-serving, 500 servings-per-man, Fey's companion could appeal to "cravings in your mouth and your soul."

Soon after, Fey assumed her striking Sarah Palin persona to discuss all the new shows to be aired on the upcoming Sarah Palin Network. Exaggerating fears of the actions of the Obama administration with shows such as "My Daughter Only Sprained her Ankle, You Can't Seriously be Considering Euthanizing Her" and "Tea Party Wheel of Fortune," Fey's Palin impression was comedic gold. As "SNL" sarcastically promoted a network with "All Palin, all the time!" the audience should have been chanting "All Tina, all the time!"

In the next sketch, Fey portrayed a teacher who had subconscious longings for one of her charming students, played by Bieber. The teacher couldn't help but think Bieber's "smile was like watching a baby bunny sniff a tiny flower" and, each time these thoughts crossed her mind, the classroom lights dimmed and Bieber broke out into a song-fantasy for Fey. He crooned ridiculous desires of the teacher — "I'll buy you a Panini, and some Spanx to make you teeny"— and then she would snap back to

reality. The punchline hit when Bieber realized the weird yearnings of his teacher and Fey defended herself with the excuse, "I'm very lonely and I would like to give you a bath." Creepy? Completely, but it was another sidesplitting performance by Fey.

The classic "Weekend Update" followed, with appearances by the devil himself, who managed to find people more evil than himself in the world; Aunt Linda, the movie critic whose favorite recent film was Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson's "The Tooth Fairy" and Fey as the "Women's News" reporter. During her stint on the "Update" Fey made a feminist statement against all of the cheaters in the world, insisting the "Oscar curse is just a lady curse" and criticizing men like Sandra Bullock's husband Jesse James.

Some of the last skits included a weaker Al Roker parody by Kenan Thompson, where Fey appeared as the crazy Dina Lohan to promote "Checkles," her new chest-freckle concealer, the prom of a nerdy

teenager (Nasim Pedrad) obsessed with her mom (Fey), and a bar scene about Lolene, a nine-inch tall hooker (Fey).

Bieber's musical performances were predictable, with backup dancers twice his

age embarrassingly jumping around behind him as he sang "Baby" and "U Smile." He's pretty cute, but there is not much more to say about this him as a musical guest. However, he did well for a 16-year old, maintaining composure in the two skits he was able to participate in.

Overall, the show was a refreshing change with the addition of Fey's strong female presence. Currently, male cast members like Andy Samberg and Seth Meyers tend to overshadow the less tenured females on "SNL," with the exception of Kristen Wiig, who holds her own against the men in her fifth season on the show. But Fey stole the show Saturday, as she superbly performed each less-than-perfectly written skit she was given.

Check out these URLs, and catch some of the best moments from Saturday night's show!

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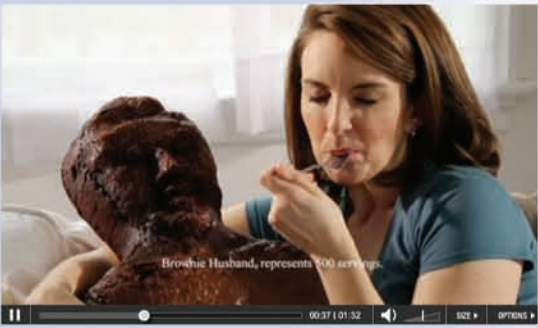
SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS OF 'SNL'

Obama Census Cold Open



Get over your census qualms as Obama walks you through each impersonal question every dutiful citizen needs to answer.

Brownie Husband



Watch Tina Fey snuggle up to her main man, a 60,000-calorie treat for any single lady.

Sarah Palin Network



Truly experience "Alaskanence" while previewing Palin's new network sitcoms.

Teacher



Bieber and Fey collaborate to reenact (in reverse!) the concept for Van Halen's "Hot for Teacher" music video.

THE ROOTS & MIKE POSNER CONCERT AT ND

Going into The Roots/Mike Posner concert Saturday, I didn't really know what to expect. I had never heard of Mike Posner before he was announced as the opener, so I didn't know a lot about him. I liked The Roots a lot, but many of my favorite songs by them are collaborations or feature substantial guest performances, so I was wary that their live set may not be as good as their production sound.

I showed up late and missed the first few songs of the Mike Posner concert, but what I saw was good. He worked the crowd, encouraged participation and did everything a good entertainer should do. Honestly, however, it just wasn't memorable. I remember having a good time during his set, but there were no specific moments that I remember because of him — I remember Notre Dame concert security, but that's for later. Again, it wasn't a bad concert: it was entertaining, but I probably won't remember much from it a week from now.

The Roots' set, however, was epic. The band didn't really adhere to a set list; instead, they took a much more "jam band" attitude towards the show. They interspersed in their songs short covers of other songs, individual musician showcases and just pure jamming.

They were able to control how the crowd felt at nearly all times, taking the room from just chilling and bobbing their heads to raging and bouncing in a matter of seconds. The Roots are known for their amazing live sets, and now I know why this is their reputation.

Declan Sullivan

Scene Writer

Also, their after-show demeanor — namely, the way they catered to the fans by coming out at the end to throw memorabilia into the crowd — was some of the best I've seen at a concert.

The only major issue I had with the whole experience was the setting. Notre Dame does not now how to host concerts. I've been to concerts at home and concerts at other schools, and both the crowd and the concert security at Notre Dame were both such downers — it was the same for the Matisyahu concert. Some people in the crowd did not even seem like they wanted to be there, and even more were hostile to many actions that I find essential to the concert experience: jamming out, singing, shouting, crowd surfing and moshing, among other things.

Concert security wasn't any better. In fact, their main purpose there seemed to be to quash any attempt to do anything besides stand stationary, maybe allowing a bit of head bobbing and quiet talking to those around you. If this is your idea of what a concert should be, go to a jazz club or lock the dorm to your room and listen to a CD by yourself in the dark. I like to go to real concerts, not ones that make me yearn a concert thrown in Chicago, at Madison or a junior college.

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

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MLB

Posada, Rodriguez lead Yankees past Rays

White Sox throw Hardy out at the plate to preserve victory; Halladay throws complete game to outduel Oswalt

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A.J. Burnett pitched seven strong innings and Jorge Posada and Alex Rodriguez drove in two runs apiece Sunday to lead the New York Yankees over the Tampa Bay Rays 7-3.

Burnett (1-0) allowed two runs and six hits as the World Series champions wrapped up a season-opening six-game road trip with a pair of wins after dropping the opener of a week-end series at Tropicana Field.

CC Sabathia took a no-hit bid into the eighth inning of Saturday's 10-0 rout. Burnett gave up singles to Jason Bartlett and Carl Crawford to start Sunday's game, then limited Tampa Bay to four hits over the next six innings.

Joba Chamberlain pitched the eighth, allowing a RBI triple to Crawford. Mariano Rivera worked a scoreless ninth in a non-save situation.

Posada's two-run homer off Randy Choate (0-1) gave the Yankees a 3-2 lead in the sixth. Rodriguez doubled off the wall in left field to drive in two to make it 6-2 in seventh, and Nick Swisher added a solo homer in the eighth off Andy Sonnanstine.

Burnett, who walked three and struck out one, worked out of a jam in the sixth after the Rays loaded the bases, helped by Evan Longoria's infield pop single that struck one of the catwalks in the domed stadium before falling to the field.

The right-hander improved to 12-4 lifetime against the Rays, including 6-2 in 11 starts at Tropicana Field. He was 4-0 with a 1.97 ERA in five starts against Tampa Bay last season.

The Rays struck quickly against Burnett, building a 2-0 lead.

Bartlett singled leading off the first, stole second and scored on Crawford's single. Carlos Pena later grounded into a force play to drive home Crawford.

Curtis Granderson's RBI double began New York's comeback against Rays starter James Shields in the second inning.

Shields worked six innings in Tampa Bay's opening-day win over Baltimore, but was not involved in the decision. He led 2-1 in the sixth Sunday when he gave up a one-out double to Robinson Cano and was replaced by Choate.

Posada promptly greeted the reliever with his second homer of the season.

It was an awful series for Choate, who entered Saturday's

game in the eighth and allowed four runs and five hits in two-thirds of an inning. The lefty gave up hits to seven of nine batters he faced over the two days.

White Sox 5, Twins 4

J.J. Hardy was nailed at the plate for the final out when he tried to score on pinch-hitter Jim Thome's long drive, and the Chicago White Sox held off the Minnesota Twins Sunday.

Hardy singled with two outs against Bobby Jenks and took off when Thome hit a shot into the left-center field gap. Left fielder Juan Pierre retrieved the ball on the warning track and threw to third baseman Mark Teahen.

Teahen's relay to catcher A.J. Pierzynski arrived in plenty of time, and Hardy was beaten by so much that he didn't slide or go barreling home.

Pinch-hitter Andruw Jones singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth. Mark Buehrle (2-0) pitched eight innings and Jenks held on for his first save.

Paul Konerko hit a two-run home run, and Mark Kotsay and Gordon Beckham had solo shots for the White Sox, who snapped a four-game losing steak.

Joe Mauer was 2 for 4 with two doubles for the Twins, who finished a season-opening road trip 5-2 and are set to open Target Field against the Boston Red Sox on Monday.

Buehrle settled down after the third inning for another strong start, allowing four runs and eight hits. He walked two and struck out one.

Twins starter Nick Blackburn (1-1) pitched 7 2-3 innings, allowing five runs, eight hits and one walk.

With two outs in the eighth inning, Blackburn gave up back-to-back singles to Konerko and Carlos Quentin. After left-hander Jose Mijares replaced Blackburn, White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen sent Jones to bat for Kotsay. Jones singled to left and Quentin scored, just beating Delmon Young's throw.

After pitching seven scoreless innings in Monday's opener against Cleveland, Buehrle gave up two runs in the first inning. With one out, Orlando Hudson singled and moved to third on Mauer's double, and both scored on Justin Morneau's single to center.

Blackburn couldn't hold the lead in the bottom of the first. With two out, Quentin doubled to left field and Konerko followed with his third homer of

the season to tie the score.

Denard Span led off the third with a double, and scored one out later on Mauer's double to left. With two outs, Mauer scored on Cuddyer's single to put the Twins up 4-2.

Blackburn couldn't hold the lead again.

Kotsay homered with two outs in the fourth to pull the White Sox within one, and Beckham tied the score on the first pitch in the sixth inning.

Phillies 2, Astros 1

Roy Halladay struck out eight in his first NL complete game, and the Philadelphia Phillies completed a sweep of the winless Houston Astros with a victory Sunday.

Halladay (2-0) scattered seven hits and retired the last nine Astros in order. Acquired from Toronto in an offseason trade, the former AL Cy Young winner pitched his 50th career complete game and outdueling Roy Oswalt (0-2).

Houston dropped to 0-6. The two-time NL champion Phillies improved to 5-1.

Oswalt also struck out eight and allowed five hits in six innings, but lost for the first time in his last seven decisions against Philadelphia.

Jimmy Rollins led off the game with a home run. Philadelphia mustered only six hits, its first game under 10 hits this season.

Halladay threw 111 pitches, including 83 for strikes, and earned his 150th career victory. He has 137 wins since 2001, tying Oswalt and the Yankees' CC Sabathia for the most in the majors.

Rollins drove Oswalt's second pitch into the right-field seats, his 34th career leadoff homer and first of the season.

Raul Ibanez led off the second inning with a double to right center. He advanced on Shane Victorino's single and scored on Carlos Ruiz's groundout to make it 2-0.

Oswalt shut down the high-powered Phillies' offense after that, allowing only three runners and striking out five over the next four innings. The Phillies came in leading the majors in runs (41), hits (63), extra-base hits (24) and batting average (.337).

But the Astros couldn't make up ground against Halladay, who retired seven in a row — three on strikeouts — after Michael Bourn's two-out single in the third.

Oswalt was done after throwing 114 pitches in six innings. Pinch-hitter Chris Johnson led



Roy Halladay is congratulated by his pitching coach after throwing a complete game to help Philadelphia defeat Houston 2-1.

off the Houston half with a single and Bourn beat out a bunt, the first time the Astros had gotten a runner to second.

The Astros loaded the bases after Halladay fielded Jeff Keppinger's bunt and threw errantly to Polanco covering third. Halladay was charged with an error.

Johnson scored when Cory Sullivan rolled into a double play, cutting the Phillies' lead to 2-1.

The Astros had runners at second and third with one out in the seventh, but J.R. Towles hit a weak grounder back to the mound and pinch hitter Jason Michaels struck out swinging.

Halladay breezed through the eighth inning on only 10 pitches, striking out Bourn and Keppinger and retiring Sullivan on a groundout.

Carlos Lee just missed hitting a tying homer in the ninth, hammering Halladay's first pitch into the left-field seats — a few feet outside the foul pole. He flew out to center on the next pitch.

Blum grounded out and former Phillies third baseman Pedro Feliz popped out to end it.

Reds 3, Cubs 1

Mike Leake pitched into the seventh during his wild major league debut, Ramon Hernandez drove in the go-ahead run with a bases-loaded walk and the Cincinnati Reds rallied to beat the Chicago Cubs on Sunday.

Leake became the 21st player since the draft began in 1965 to play in the majors without appearing in a minor league

game and first since Xavier Nady with the San Diego Padres in 2000. He also became the first American pitcher to accomplish the feat since Darren Dreifort with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1994.

The 22-year-old right-hander issued seven walks but allowed just one run and four hits over 6 2-3 innings. He also went 2 for 2 at the plate.

Leake also is the first player from the 2009 draft to make his major league debut. The ex-Arizona State star was selected eighth overall.

The Reds loaded the bases in the eighth inning on two singles and a walk against John Grabow (0-2), and Esmailin Caridad walked Hernandez to force in the go-ahead run. Jonny Gomes followed with a sacrifice fly.

Nick Masset (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth inning, and Francisco Cordero finished for his second save in two opportunities.

Chicago's Tom Gorzelanny, acquired from Pittsburgh on July 30th, was sharp in his first start of the season. The left-hander struck out seven in 6 1-3 innings, allowing an unearned run and four hits.

The Cubs grabbed the lead in the fifth. Ryan Theriot reached for the third time, leading off with a walk, and moved up on Kosuke Fukudome's sacrifice. Derrek Lee then lined an RBI single into center field.

Left fielder Alfonso Soriano's error helped the Reds tie it in the seventh. With runners on first and second and one out, Soriano dropped Gomes' fly ball into the corner.

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PERSONAL

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You know, at one time, I used to break into pet shops to liberate the canaries. But I decided that was an idea way before its time. Zoos are full, prisons are overflowing... oh my, how the world still dearly loves a cage.

Did you ever hear the story of Icarus, who continually rolled the ball up the hill? But when he got too close, the ball melted in the heat of the Sun. You're all like Icarus.

You love playing with that. You love playing with all your stuffed animals. You love your Mommy, your Daddy. You love your pajamas. You love everything, don't ya? Yea. But you know what, buddy? As you get older... some of the things you love might not seem so special anymore. Like your Jack-in-a-Box. Maybe you'll realize it's just a piece of tin and a stuffed animal. And the older you get, the fewer things you really love. And by the time you get to my age, maybe it's only one or two things. With me, I think it's one.

GolfWorld/Nike Division I Men's Golf Coaches' Poll

	team	previous
1	Oklahoma State	1
2	Stanford	2
3	Washington	3
4	Texas A&M	8
5	Oregon	7
6	Texas	4
7	Augusta State	6
8	UCLA	11
9	Arizona State	9
10	Illinois	12
11	UNLV	19
12	Southern California	14
13	Florida	5
14	Florida State	9
15	Alabama	21
16	Georgia Tech	15
17	South Carolina	13
18	Virginia	23
19	Clemson	17
20	TCU	24
21	Georgia	16
22	Texas Tech	20
23	LSU	NR
24	California	18
25	North Florida	25

NGCA Division I Women's Golf Coaches' Poll

	team	previous
1	Arizona State	1
2	UCLA	2
3	Auburn	3
4	Southern California	5
5	Duke	4
6	Alabama	7
7	Pepperdine	8
8	Arizona	9
9	Purdue	6
10	Florida	14
11	Tennessee	11
12	Michigan State	10
13	Wake Forest	13
14	Georgia	12
15	Stanford	16
16	California	15
17	Virginia	19
18	Denver	18
19	LSU	20
20	Texas A&M	21
21	Vanderbilt	17
22	Ohio State	22
23	TCU	NR
24	New Mexico	23
25	UC Davis	25

AVCA Division I-II Men's Volleyball Rankings

	team	points
1	Stanford	232
2	BYU	218
3	Pepperdine	202
4	Cal State Northridge	194
5	Hawaii	189
6	Southern California	158
7	UCLA	134
8	Long Beach State	125
9	Penn State	109
10	UC Irvine	88

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MLB
Red Sox at Twins
4:10 p.m., ESPN

NCAA Men's Lacrosse
No. 1 Virginia vs No. 2 North Carolina
8:00 p.m., ESPN

MLB



New York starting pitcher CC Sabathia delivers a pitch in the fifth inning of Saturday's game against Tampa Bay in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Sabathia rides no-hit bid for 7 innings

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — CC Sabathia was going to lose his no-hit bid one way or another. Former batterymate Kelly Shoppach made Yankees manager Joe Girardi's decision a whole lot simpler, lining a sharp single to left with two outs in the eighth inning of New York's 10-0 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday. "It makes it easy now, but there would have been fighting out there on the mound," Sabathia said after learning Girardi planned to remove him regardless of what Shoppach did because of a high pitch count (111).

"I felt good, but I understand where he's coming from at the same time, too. It's the second start of the year," Sabathia added. "It would have been a good discussion." With a large contingent of Yankee fans among the Tropicana Field crowd of 29,892 chanting "Let's go, CC!" Shoppach's hit on a 1-0 pitch fell cleanly in front of left fielder Brett Gardner and ended the closest call of the big lefty's career. There was no visible reaction from the Yankees ace, although Sabathia (1-0) and his former teammate in Cleveland exchanged glances after Shoppach reached first base.

"Typical looks," Shoppach said. "You can read faces." Girardi immediately bounced out of the dugout to remove Sabathia, who walked two and struck out five. The left-hander threw 69 of his 111 pitches for strikes and benefited from spectacular defensive plays by Mark Teixeira, Alex Rodriguez and Robinson Cano. But Girardi said he had no intentions of allowing Sabathia to pitch beyond Shoppach, who settled into the batter's box thinking "OK. It's gotta be me," to end the bid for what would have been the first Yankees no-hitter since David Cone's perfect game in

1999, caught by Girardi. "Watching that pitch count go up and up and up, that was what was on my mind the most. Shoppach was his last hitter no matter what," Girardi said. "He did not know that going out. I told him when he came out. It's not something you want to do, but you have to think big picture." "The big picture was the month of October. You have to think ahead. You can't be short-sighted," Girardi continued. "I would have loved to see him walk out with no hits and eight innings. I would have loved to see it, but it didn't happen. It made it real easy to go get him."

IN BRIEF

Ga. DA considers charges in Roethlisberger case
MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. — A district attorney in Georgia plans to announce Monday whether he will file charges in a case of sexual assault accusations against Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. District Attorney Fred Bright said in a statement Friday he has reviewed all the investigation reports and will hold a news conference to announce his decision. Milledgeville police Chief Woodrow Blue said Wednesday his department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation had wrapped up their investigation into a 20-year-old college student's claim that the two-time Super Bowl champion sexually assaulted her early March 5 at a club in Milledgeville. Roethlisberger's lawyer, Ed Garland, has disputed the assault claim and hired his own team to investigate.

Penguins' Crosby scores 50th and 51st goals
UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Sidney Crosby scored his 50th goal again — and this time it will stick. The Pittsburgh Penguins captain hit the magic milestone for the first time in his five-year NHL career when he scored a power-play goal Sunday against the New York Islanders with 2:57 left in the first period to give his team a 3-0 lead. The 22-year-old superstar, who netted the Olympic gold-medal winning goal for Canada at the Vancouver Games, thought he had his 50th of the season Thursday night at home against the Islanders. He was stripped of that one long after the game when a video replay showed it was scored by Bill Guerin. Crosby added his NHL-leading 51st goal 55 seconds into the second period on Sunday to push the Penguins in front 4-1.

Replay review proves grand slam, Nats beat Mets
NEW YORK — Josh Willingham wound up with a grand slam off Johan Santana after a wild sequence in the first inning capped by an instant replay review, and the Washington Nationals went on to beat the New York Mets 5-2 on Sunday. Willingham's bases-loaded drive hit the wall in left-center and was initially ruled in play. He tried to stretch his triple when the ball got away from catcher Rod Barajas and was tagged out, leaving both players sprawled across home plate. After checking the replay, the umpires ruled a home run. Willingham followed his fifth career grand slam with an RBI double in the third inning, helping the Nationals beat Santana (1-1) for the first time since June 9, 2007.

MLB

Bonds 'proud' of steroid admission

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Home run king Barry Bonds said he is "proud" of slugger Mark McGwire for returning to baseball as the St. Louis Cardinals' hitting coach and for admitting his use of performance-enhancing drugs.

"I have a really good friendship with Mark McGwire. I'm proud of him," Bonds said Sunday. "We've had a great relationship throughout our entire lives and throughout our career. I'm proud of what he did. I'm happy for him."

While Bonds didn't rule out also going into coaching one day, his six-minute session with the media was stopped after the question about McGwire.

In January, McGwire ended more than a decade of denials and evasion and finally acknowledged he used steroids and human growth hormone during his career, including in 1998 when he hit 70 home runs and broke the single-season record.

Bonds, who topped that mark when he hit 73 homers in 2001, has long denied ever knowingly using steroids or performance-enhancers in his pursuit of the career home run record — arguably the most prized record in all of American sports.

Bonds was indicted on charges he lied in 2003 to a federal grand jury investigating BALCO, the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, and obstructed justice.

McGwire was told of Bonds' comments in Milwaukee, where the Cardinals were playing the Brewers.

"It's very cool. Barry is a great player, was a great player in this game, many MVPs," McGwire said. "The guy could do it all. It makes me feel really good. It's really cool to be back in the game. ... I'm a big boy, I understand that things happen in your life and you've got to confront them, and you also have to move on from them and learn from them."

The 45-year-old Bonds, back in the Bay Area for a reunion at AT&T Park of the Giants' 2000 NL West champion team, said he doesn't believe now is the right time to retire. Though he also insists he's not in shape to play immediately if an interested club came calling.

"I don't have any plans at all," he said of trying to play again. "No, it's not necessary at the moment (to retire). The timing isn't that important."

Bonds arrived separately — and more than an hour later — from other members of the 2000 team and walked hand in hand with 11-year-old daughter, Aisha.

"This is weird. Where are the big guys?" Rich Aurilia asked of Bonds and Jeff Kent, whose flight was delayed because of bad weather.

Bonds, dressed in a dark pinstriped suit and orange

paisley tie, had a heavy security presence around him of police officers and ballpark officials.

It was a flashback to a few years earlier, when Bonds was trailed everywhere by reporters and fans. On Sunday, he signed some 15 autographs on his way into the ballpark then was driven around on an electric cart. He disappeared into a freight elevator to be taken to the reception with his former teammates.

"They got me in a freight elevator. That's the first time," the slugger said, sporting a huge smile.

Bonds later got in the broadcast booth.

This winter in Florida, he worked with Phillies slugger Ryan Howard on his swing.

"I coached him a little bit and he's doing very, very well and hasn't said one thing about me yet," Bonds said with a chuckle. "But I love him and I'm glad he's doing well."

He appeared to be in great shape and said he is down to about 225 pounds from his playing weight of 238.

"I've just been working out a lot, that's all. I work out all the time," Bonds said. "It's been in my genes my whole life. I just don't work out as hard anymore. I don't lift as heavy weights anymore to be bulky. I don't know, I've got that Hollywood look."

The seven-time NL MVP broke Hank Aaron's home run record on Aug. 7, 2007, and has 762 career shots. Bonds has made only a handful of public appearances in San Francisco since the Giants decided not to bring him back following that special 2007 season.

Bonds isn't sure what he would do if a team called him to play now, saying, "I would have to work out a little harder to give you any formal consideration."

NBA

Nuggets add Coby Karl to roster



George Karl waves at officials before a March 16 game against the Wizards. Karl, whose son Coby was signed by the Nuggets Sunday, recently underwent treatment for cancer.

Associated Press

DENVER — Coby Karl wants his chance with the Denver Nuggets to be more than a heartwarming tale.

The son of Nuggets coach George Karl, who is battling throat and neck cancer, was signed Sunday by Denver.

It's a generous gesture, for sure. But Coby Karl is hoping to show that he earned this spot, and it's more than just a gift to his ailing dad.

"I know that's going to be out there," Coby Karl said after working out with center Brian Butch, who was also signed. "But that's the last thing I want it to be. As a basketball player, I'd like to think my skills have gotten me here."

Still, he can't wait for the day his dad returns to coaching, and subs him into a game.

Now that will be something memorable.

"It's been one of his goals, to coach me," Coby Karl said. "If that's what helps my father recover, that's great."

George Karl has been fighting cancer for the past two months and recently completed an

intense six-week regimen of chemotherapy.

It's been an arduous ordeal for George Karl, who had to have a feeding tube inserted into his stomach because the efforts to kill the tumor caused mouth and throat sores that made swallowing food too painful. He's also dropped weight.

The Nuggets coach hasn't been on the sideline since a March 16 win over Washington. Assistant Adrian Dantley has taken over the Nuggets in his absence as the team remains in the hunt for one of the top seeds in the Western Conference.

And while there's no timetable for George Karl's return, there's still the remote possibility he may be back in the postseason.

Not that his son has any inside knowledge.

"He never really shows his cards," Coby Karl said. "I know he's in a lot of pain. He'll say he's fatigued. I hope (he's back), but I don't know."

Coby Karl said it was difficult being away from his dad as he went through chemotherapy. He was playing for the Idaho Stampede of the D-League, averaging 19.3 points and six

rebounds a game.

"It's a slow process and I think he was kind of shocked how much it took out of him," said Coby Karl, who had cancerous lymph nodes removed a few years ago. "He's going to get better. I'm just looking forward to when he can start seeing the improvements. I think that's when his spirits will start growing and his willpower will start to show."

Coby Karl found out last week the Nuggets had an interest in him. Yet he kept it hush-hush, finding out he was going to be added just before his father called him to deliver the news.

For the son, the excitement in his father's voice was priceless.

"He was pretty emotional about it," Coby Karl said.

Coby Karl was with the Cleveland Cavaliers this season before being waived on Jan. 6. He also signed a 10-day contract with Golden State, averaging seven points, four rebounds and 3.9 assists in four games with the Warriors.

"It was fun to get out there and prove that I can score, I can pass, I can rebound on an NBA level," he said.

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NCAA MEN'S HOCKEY

Boston College tops Wisconsin to win title

Associated Press

DETROIT — The NCAA hockey championship trophy is headed back down Commonwealth Avenue.

Led by goalie John Muse, Boston College won the national title for the second time in three years, beating Wisconsin 5-0 in the final of the Frozen Four on Saturday night.

Muse made 20 save to improve to 8-0 in tournament play, including the national title run he made as a freshman in 2008.

When it was over Muse's teammates tossed their sticks and helmets into the air then swarmed the junior goaltender.

"Johnny Muse was clearly on the top of his game," BC coach Jerry York said.

BC won its fourth title and third since 2001, best in the nation over the last decade. The Eagles' top rival, Boston University, took home the championship last year. In col-

lege hockey's version of the Duke-North Carolina basketball rivalry, BU and BC are located just a few miles away from each other on the Green Line trolley that runs along Commonwealth Avenue.

This championship for Muse came almost a year after hip surgery, and the grueling rehabilitation that followed.

"There wasn't much pain, but it was long and tedious," he said. "I did it for these guys. I wanted to be back."

Cam Atkinson scored two of the Eagles' four third-period goals to back Muse.

Atkinson's first and Chris Krieder's goal came 2:02 apart early in the period and turned a one-goal game into a rout.

"We wanted to attack and be aggressive," York said. "We don't like to sit back and change our style of play with the score."

That mindset has helped put York in elite company with four national titles, including one

with Bowling Green.

Just two coaches have more championships — Michigan's Vic Heyliger won six from 1948-56 and Denver's Murray Armstrong had five from 1958-1969 — and no one has more than York's 33 wins in the NCAA tournament.

"I've been at it a long time, so that helps," York said at the end of his 38th season as a head coach, and 16th leading the Eagles. "It's always good to coach good teams and good players, and I've had a whole bunch of those."

Wisconsin beat the Eagles in the 2006 finals for its sixth title, but didn't have much of a shot to stop BC's faster forwards, swarming defensemen and stellar goalie in the rematch.

"We got near the top of the mountain, but we weren't able to stick the flag at the top," Badgers coach Mike Eaves said.

Wisconsin forward Blake



Boston College's Ben Smith celebrates his goal in Saturday's Frozen Four Championship game. The Eagles beat Wisconsin 5-0.

Geoffrion, grandson of Hockey Hall of Famer Bernie "Boom Boom" Geoffrion, was shut down a day after winning the Hobey Baker Award as college hockey's top player.

Geoffrion scored 28 goals this

season to help Wisconsin enter the game with a nation-high 171 goals — averaging four a game — but he and his teammates struggled to get pucks and bodies near the net to make Muse sweat.

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MLB

Former Giants player admits to steroid use

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Former San Francisco Giants outfielder Marvin Benard admitted he used steroids during the team's 2002 World Series season to deal with a nagging knee injury.

Benard acknowledged his steroid use to The Associated Press on Sunday, when he was in the Bay Area for a reunion of the Giants' 2000 NL West champion team. He said he was coping with his troublesome, surgically repaired left knee at the time and thought steroids would help him stay on the field.

"Yes, I did," Benard told the AP when asked if he took steroids. "It was what it was. I did some stupid things. I should have never done them. At the time you think you're doing the right thing for the right reason, then you realize you made a mistake and it's too late and you can't take it back."

"You've got to move on. It's not going to change anything. There's nothing that can change it, make it better or make it worse than what happened," he said.

Benard first told the San Francisco Chronicle earlier Sunday he had taken steroids in '02. He spent all nine of his major league seasons with the Giants, retiring after 2003. He underwent three surgeries on his left knee, one on his right during his career and later had a back operation.

"I think people are done with it, but things keep popping up and popping up," Benard said of steroids use. "A lot of people got caught up into it. I guarantee if you could go back and ask people if they would change it, they would. It's easy to say, 'Well, you'd change it because you

got caught.' It is what it is."

Benard appeared in only 65 games during the 2002 season and wasn't on the playoff roster because of the knee problem.

Asked what he thought of Mark McGwire's offseason admission he used performance-enhancing drugs, Benard said, "I don't want to go down that road."

Benard said he didn't want his remarks to become the center of attention during the reunion festivities.

Former teammate and home run king Barry Bonds was also in the house — complete with the slugger's usual entourage and security force.

Benard was mentioned in the Mitchell Report released in December 2007.

Specifically, he was named in sections on BALCO — the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative — as having obtained "the clear" and "the cream" from trainer Greg Anderson. Benard was also subpoenaed to appear before the BALCO grand jury.

After then-Giants manager Dusty Baker, with whom Benard was close, learned of allegations that Benard had used steroids, he said he was "completely shocked." At the time, Baker had asked Benard if the allegations were true, and Benard confirmed them, but said he had stopped, the report said.

Benard said his son had been approached by kids at school that his dad had taken steroids, to which the boy said at the time, "My dad would never do that." When Isaac told his father that, Benard nearly broke down in tears.

"That was the hardest thing for me, ever," he said. "I really don't care who says what about me. They can call me any name in the book."

MASTERS

Mickelson wins Masters

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Even sweeter than Phil Mickelson slipping into another green jacket was seeing his wife waiting for him behind the 18th green at Augusta National with tears streaming down her face.

Amy Mickelson, with her long blonde hair and easy smile, had not been at a tournament since she was diagnosed with breast cancer 11 months ago.

Her husband had not looked the same ever since.

A shattered world seemed at peace in the fading sunlight Sunday at the Masters, where Mickelson made one last birdie for a 5-under 67 to capture his third green jacket with a three-shot victory over Lee Westwood.

The outcome was never in doubt when he arrived on the 18th green. The conclusion was more emotional than anyone expected.

"I wasn't sure if she was going to be there," Mickelson said.

He shared a long embrace with his wife behind the 18th green, and as he walked to the scoring trailer to sign for the lowest score at Augusta in nine years, a single tear trickled down his cheek to his lip.

"We've been through a lot this year. It means a lot to share some joy together," Mickelson said at the green jacket ceremony, his voice cracking as he struggled to keep control. "It's been such an incredible week, an emotional week. And to cap it off with a victory is something I can't put into words."

"It's something we'll share for the rest of our lives."

Determined to win one for his family, Mickelson made two remarkable par saves from the trees, seized control with a 15-foot birdie putt in the heart of Amen Corner and then made a gutsy play with a 6-iron off the pine straw and over Rae's Creek on the par-5 13th to set up a birdie. It was a daring shot, the kind that has brought Lefty so much criticism for taking on too much.

There was simply no denying him in this Masters.

His final birdie only mattered on the scorecard, 16-under 272, the lowest by a Masters champion since Tiger Woods in 2001. Mickelson had this won as he walked up the 18th fairway to a massive ovation. He raised both arms when the putt fell, had a long embrace with caddie Jim "Bones" Mackay, then walked toward the scoring hut and into his wife's arms.

Standing behind them was Mary Mickelson, his mother, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in July.

So ended a Masters unlike any other.

It began with Woods returning from a humiliating sex scandal, which brought a sharp rebuke from Masters chairman Billy Payne and scrutiny of his behavior throughout the week. His wife was not at the Masters for the first time, although Woods performed as though his five-month hiatus never happened. He broke par all four

rounds, closed with a 69 and tied for fourth with K.J. Choi, five shots behind.

For Westwood, this was his best chance at winning a major, but he failed to make putts to stay in range.

"Phil being the champion he is hit some great shots coming down the stretch," said Westwood, who closed with a 71 for his best finish ever in a major. "He's been through hard times recently, and he deserves a break or two."

Anthony Kim closed with a 65, the best score of the tournament, and finished alone in third.

Mickelson became the eighth player with at least three Masters titles, and it was the fourth major of his career, breaking out of a pack that had included Ernie Els, Padraig Harrington and Vijay Singh from his generation.

Woods offset a few signature moments with some poor putting, none more shocking than a three-putt from 6 feet on the 14th hole.

"I finished fourth. It's not what I wanted,"

Woods said in a terse interview with CBS Sports analyst Peter Kostis. "I wanted to win this tournament. As the week went on, I kept hitting the ball worse."

Asked about his dour mood as his game got away from him, Woods said, "People are making way too much of a deal on this." He also said he did not know when he would return, saying he needed time off to evaluate.

For Mickelson, it's a celebration to remember.

During the green jacket ceremony, Mackay sat on the grass with his legs crossed, cheeks stained with tears. It was Mackay who made countless trips to San Diego to be with Mickelson as he tried to cope with the uncertainty of his wife's illness.

Mackay, whose wife stood behind the 18th green with Amy Mickelson, had a hunch the end of this Masters victory would look like the other two, with the entire Mickelson clan waiting for a hug.

"I didn't really want to look up because I knew I'd get choked up if I saw her," Mackay said. "It was great to see her there, for sure."

Mickelson was the only player among the top 10 to play without a bogey in the final round. Right when it looked like it might slip away from him, Lefty came through with two par saves from the trees on No. 9 and No. 10, then pulled away with the clutch 9-iron on the 12th to 15 feet behind the hole.

Woods teased with contention by making two eagles in one round for the second time this week. Most of the day, however, he was always too many shots back to scare anyone.

He was seven shots behind walking down the seventh fairway, then holed out for eagle to begin an eagle-birdie-birdie run that put him within three shots. Woods hit a tree from the middle of a small forest to the right of the 11th fairway, and just when it looked as though he would make a great escape, he missed a 5-foot par putt.

His hopes ended on the 14th when he missed a slick 6-foot birdie putt, then reached over to tap it in and missed that one. Even with an eagle on the 15th, his Masters was over.

Whatever doubts there are about Woods as a person, his golf doesn't appear to be suffering. It was his first competition in five months, his first time in public since he became tabloid fodder for his rampant infidelity. Yet he performed as if he had never been gone.

Choi's only consolation was going all four rounds with Woods at Augusta and matching his score. He wanted much more, and for the longest time was poised to give Asia successive majors following Y.E. Yang's win at the PGA Championship.

IRL

Helio Castroneves wins Grand Prix of Ala.



AP
Danica Patrick leads a group of racers at the IndyCar Grand Prix in Alabama. Helio Castroneves won the inaugural race.

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Helio Castroneves' strategies were all about preservation: First the fuel and then the lead.

Castroneves deftly managed both tasks and held off Scott Dixon to win the inaugural Indy Grand Prix of Alabama on Sunday, coasting to the finish line after coming off caution with two laps to go.

The three-time Indianapolis 500 winner took over in the stretch run when Marco Andretti headed to pit road with seven laps to go.

"I felt like I had a better car than Marco but unfortunately, I just couldn't pass him," Castroneves said. "And I was just patient and waiting for an opportunity. I guess we were able to be smart enough to save a lot of fuel."

"Towards the end, we just had a yellow flag. I didn't ask for that, especially when you have Scott Dixon and those guys behind you. I just decided to make sure not to give any opportunities for those guys, and that's what I did."

Castroneves then treated the new IndyCar venue to his "Spiderman" move, climbing a chain link fence in front of the grandstands and pumping his fists to the fans. He had to

scout for a suitable fence to scale before the race after a fan asked him in his hotel elevator Sunday where he'd do his trademark move.

"Until that point, I didn't have anything in mind," Castroneves said.

He won by just over half a second over Dixon and nobody else was closer than 7 seconds to the lead, making it a two-man chase at the end. He didn't offer any opening for Dixon to get by him on a narrow track that offers few easy spots to pass and makes fuel strategy as important as any daring on-track maneuvers.

"The only thing you can do is try to push the guy as hard in front of you to make him keep looking in his mirrors and overshoot a corner and make a mistake," Dixon said.

The savvy veteran Castroneves didn't bite.

Dario Franchitti was third. Will Power had won the first two races and was dominant in qualifying and practice but had to settle for fourth, still comfortably hanging onto his points lead. He came in with a 44-point lead; Castroneves earned 50 points to move into second place, ahead of Franchitti, Justin Wilson and Dixon.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Six runners post top times

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish came out of the Border Battle “Kentuckiana” event this weekend with an impressive six first places and 35 top times and distances, living up to the high standards they set two weeks ago at the Mike P o e h l e i n Invitational at Purdue, where they finished with 23 top-five finishes and four first places.

Notre Dame and Indiana paired up with Indiana University to take on a University of Louisville/University of Louisville team to make it Hoosierland vs. The Commonwealth at the Louisville-hosted meet.

The Irish saw first place finishes from sophomore Molly Hirt, who went 17:06.71 in the women’s 5,000-meter race, freshman Nevada Sorenson with a time of 13.67 seconds in the women’s 100-meter hurdles, senior Joanna Schultz, who ran the women’s 400-meter race in 59.29 seconds, senior Elise Knutzen in the women’s javelin with a throw of 42.09 meters, senior Matt Schipper in the men’s pole vault at 5.00 meters and junior Justin Schneider in the men’s javelin at 51.41 meters.

Hirt’s first place finish was her first in the event, as she

often runs the 1500-meter race. The longer distance didn’t prove to be too much of a challenge for her though, especially with help from some friends cheering her on.

“The thing I really did differently for this race was that I focused a lot on trying to relax and be patient,” Hirt said. “My teammates were great and helped a lot throughout the race. It was great to help score some points for Hoosierland.”

Knutzen was also pleased with the meet’s

results, coming out with a positive outlook for upcoming competition.

“It’s always fun to win, but I mostly focus on my goals and how far I can throw each day,” she said. “I’m just trying to build on each meet to get ready for Big East and Regionals.”

The Irish women had five top-three finishes, making a large impact for the team, but not enough to overcome the Kentucky teams, who won 103-99.

Juniors Kelly Langhans and Natalie Johnson took second and third in the women’s 800-meter race, finishing almost one-tenth of a second apart at 2:10.01 and 2:10.12, respec-

tively. Freshman Rebecca Tracy came in second in the women’s 1500-meter race at 4:20.18, only one-one hundredth of a second behind the winner, Indiana’s Molly Beckwith. Junior Kali Watkins followed teammate Sorenson closely in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing third at 14.00. On the field, junior Jasmine Williams took third place in the triple jump at 11.60 meters.

The Irish men also had five top-three finishes in various events. Sophomore Jack Howard and junior Kevin Labus came in within one hundredth of each other in the men’s 800-meter, taking second and third at 1:50.94 and 1:50.95. Senior Daniel

Clark took third in the men’s 1500-meter at 3:45.24, junior Denes Veres took second in the men’s shot put at 17.39 meters and sophomore Mitchell

Gormley took third in the men’s hammer throw at 54.47 meters.

The Irish continue this week with a busy schedule, heading to Walnut, Calif., for the Mt. SAC Relays, West Lafayette for the Purdue Rankin Invitational and to Austin, Texas, for the Texas Twilight.

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Elise Knutzen
Sophomore javelin

“My teammates were great and helped a lot throughout the race”

Molly Hirt
Sophomore runner

WOMEN’S GOLF

Irish place eighth in Florida Invitational

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The Irish took eighth out of 15 teams this weekend at the University of Florida’s SunTrust Gator Women’s Golf Invitational, finishing 63-over par at 903 strokes.

“We unfortunately had a few too many missed opportunities where we should have capitalized, particularly around the greens,” junior Katie Conway said.

Senior Annie Brophy once again led the team, turning out her best finish of the season with a 74. Brophy tied for 11th overall, ending the tournament at 219 strokes, nine-over par. In the last round Sunday morning, she finished four-over par with four birdies, but was brought down by two double bogeys and a triple. Brophy has finished in the top-15 in four of her nine competitions this season with her 11th place showing her best finish of the 2010 spring campaign.

Sophomore Becca Huffer and junior So-Hyun Park ended the final round with seven-over par 77s. Huffer concluded the weekend tied for 18th with 221 strokes, 11 over par. She ended Saturday in fifth place at the head of the Irish lineup, but eight bogeys in the final round hurt her position. However, she did have nine pars on the day and closed with a birdie on her final hole of play. Park’s final round score ensured all three of her weekend rounds to be counted

towards the Irish team score (she had back-to-back 79’s in the first two). Park’s final score included 12 pars, five bogeys and a double as she tied for 55th at 25-over par for a total of 235.

Conway’s final round of 80 rounded out the Notre Dame team scoring. She totaled 232 strokes for the weekend to tie her at 46th, at 22-over par. She began the weekend on a high note, ending the first round at par, marking her best round this season and matching her lowest stroke total in her career. Her Sunday round included two birdies, seven pars, six bogeys, a double and a triple. She had eight birdies on the weekend.

Senior Kristin Wetzel rounded out the Irish play. Her final stroke count of 246 put her 36-over par and tied her for 73rd place. She began the tournament well with 81 and 78 strokes in the first and second round, but had difficulty toward the end, concluding with 87 strokes.

This weekend’s competition marked the last of the regular season for Notre Dame. The Irish are now preparing for the Big East championship, which will be held on April 18 in Palm Harbor, Fla.

“We are definitely looking forward to a strong finish in Florida, and then regaining the Big East title down at Inisbrook Resort in a few weeks,” Conway said.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles look to bounce back against Chicago

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

Coming off of a hard-fought 6-3 loss to Calvin last week, the Belles look to get back on the winning track tonight when they travel to the University of Chicago.

The Maroons are ranked third in the nation, providing a challenge for the Belles (8-4, 2-1) in their second-to-last non-conference match of the season.

“We’re hoping to play pretty well,” junior singles player Kate Grabarek, an Observer sports writer, said. “The University of Chicago is a talented team. We know they are good, and that is shown by their ranking. They’ll be solid up and down the lineup.”

With the MIAA championships to be held in less than three weeks, matches like the one Saint Mary’s will be participating in against Chicago will give the team experience against tough opponents.

“We’re bonding pretty well and getting ready for the MIAA conference championships,” Grabarek said.

“We need to work on doubles and stay focused on singles. This time of year is busy because school is winding down and the tournament is approaching.”

The match at Chicago is the first of three contests this week for the Belles. They will travel to Albion Wednesday and to Kalamazoo Saturday for two conference competitions.

“We can’t train as hard as we normally do because of the three matches this week,” Grabarek said. “Usually Monday is our day off, but we took Sunday off this week because of our match against Chicago. Also, it gives us only one day to prepare for Albion, which will show us where we are as a team.”

With the end of the season in sight, the Belles have been working especially hard to improve upon last year’s conference finish of fifth in the consolation round.

The Belles will face the Maroons at 6 p.m. in Chicago.

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BASEBALL

Inches short loses the game in extra innings

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

More than 1,000 fans were on hand to watch the series finale Sunday between Rutgers and Notre Dame and can attest to one of baseball's oldest adages — it's a game of inches.

Tied at six, junior shortstop Mick Doyle belted a deep drive to left field that could have been the game-winner in the bottom of the ninth, but the ball fell just inches short of the fence, into the glove of an outstretched Rutgers' Pat Biserta, to send the game

into extra innings. The Scarlet Knights scored in the top of the 11th to secure a 7-6 win and a series victory.

"When you hit a line drive and it ends up being an inch from ending the game and give us some dramatics, that's just something that hasn't happened for us this year that could turn it [season] around," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We haven't had that."

Although luck may have been on the Rutgers side of the ball, Notre Dame (11-19, 2-7 Big East) had several opportunities to come away with a victory. Senior pitcher

Eric Maust (0-3) gave the Irish a chance from the mound with his best start of the season, allowing only five runs in eight innings, but picked up the no decision. He had two strikeouts and zero walks.

"That was more of how Eric is capable of pitching," Schrage said. "He hasn't pitched like that all year. That's what he's capable of doing. He kept the ball down, his mechanics were good, and that's the Eric Maust we know."

Notre Dame jumped on the board early following home runs from senior center fielder Brayden Ashdown and junior catcher Cameron McConnell in the second inning. Rutgers (17-13, 7-2) retook the lead in the fourth inning, but freshman third basemen Adam Norton doubled to left field to tie it in the bottom half of the frame.

With Maust dealing on the mound, senior left fielder Ryan Connolly hit a three-run home run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning that looked to make the difference in the game. Yet Rutgers would not be denied, mounting a comeback in the eighth and ninth innings to tie the game for a second time.

"I thought we were going to win the game," Schrage said. "I don't think the ball bounced our way. I don't think they exactly hit rockets



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Senior Eric Maust had his best start from the mound Sunday as the Irish faced Rutgers in the last game of their three-day series.



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Junior shortstop Mick Doyle swings Sunday against Rutgers. He had the hit that would went inches short of ending the game in the ninth.

in the ninth inning to get their hits, but the ball falls where it's going to fall."

The Irish had a golden chance to put the game away in the bottom of the seventh inning when senior first basemen Casey Martin and Ashdown reached base with two outs. Senior right fielder Billy Boockford singled to center, but Martin was thrown out on a close play at the plate.

"Your kids are only so resilient," Schrage said.

"The guys are feeling snake bitten. I can understand that. We need something good to happen to build off of, and we're still waiting for it. As a coach you got to keep positive and got to keep them thinking they're going to win."

The Irish return to the field Tuesday to take on Chicago State with a 6:05 p.m. start.

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Hoyas

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Despite the loss, the Irish will continue to move forward and are working to get better every day, Corrigan said. The team's schedule does not get any easier, however, as it will face Providence, St. John's and No. 3 Syracuse in upcoming games.

"I don't expect to see any difference in our approach," Corrigan said. "I don't want to see any decrease in our work ethic either."

Other than Krebs' career-high performance, senior Neal Hicks, sophomore Nicholas Beattie and junior Zach Brenneman each had one goal and an assist. Freshman Steve Murphy added a goal and

sophomores Max Pfeifer and Sean Rogers each tallied an assist.

Senior goalkeeper Scott Rodgers started for the Irish, making four saves in the first half. Freshman John Kemp finished the game and made six stops between the pipes.

Although the Irish have had their ups and downs this season, Corrigan said he remains focused on the team's work ethic and improvement.

"We need to go be best team we can be," Corrigan said. "The job is what it is. Our job is to get the best out of our players."

The Irish return to Arlotta Stadium Saturday to face Providence in a noon game.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish overheat South Florida

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

On a weekend when the warm weather and sunny skies stole the headlines at Notre Dame, the softball team did a little heating up of its own. The Irish stretched out their current winning streak to five after sweeping South Florida in a triple-header, including a one-hitter by junior pitcher Jody Valdivia Sunday.

The wins also kept the Irish undefeated both in games at home and in Big East play.

"South Florida is a fun team for us to play," Valdivia said. "Our rivalry with them really gets us fired up to play."

The Irish continued to hit the ball impressively, beating the Bulls 4-2, 10-1 and 2-0 over the course of the weekend. They registered eight hits in their first two wins and three in the third.

"We did a great job of jumping on their pitchers," Valdivia said. "We always took away the moment by scoring runs when we needed to."

The Irish also showed off some impressive defense throughout the weekend's series. Valdivia pitched the bookend games of the weekend, including an impressive one-hit performance Sunday, and she improved her record to 22-3 on the season. Freshman pitcher Brittney O'Donnell also contributed with a one hit, one run per-



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer
Sophomore Alexa Maldonado had the winning run Saturday in game two of Notre Dame's three-game series with the Bulls.

formance of her own to seal up the Irish's 10-1 victory late Saturday.

Despite impressive performances from the mound, Valdivia contributed much of the team's defensive success to their play in the field.

"Everyone made phenomenal catches," she said. "There were some really great plays. Our outfield robbed them of hits and our infielders robbed them of their short game. We really kept them off balance."

In addition to their on-field success, the Irish used this

weekend to promote breast cancer awareness and raise money for research with their "Strikeout Cancer" promotion.

"It always feels really good to do our breast cancer game," Valdivia said. "We get to wear our pink jerseys, and we love to put on those pink jerseys."

Notre Dame will stay home this week to face Georgetown Wednesday and Cleveland State Thursday before heading to Louisville this weekend.

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Orange

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Senior defensive captain Rachel Guerrero led the strong Irish defensive effort.

"We really knew what we needed to do against Villanova,"

Guerrera said. "I think after winning at Loyola we went into Villanova knowing we were on the right track."

Notre Dame was able to translate their dominating win at Villanova into a signature victory over No. 7 Syracuse.

Just like against Villanova, the Irish defense was on top of its game with Notre Dame claiming a 6-0 lead at halftime.

"Lacrosse is such a high scoring sport, and so the fact that we were able to keep teams scoreless for 90 minutes is truly impressive," Coyne said.

"We went into Syracuse knowing we weren't going to be intimidated by them," Guerrero said. "They're the kind of team where if you jump on them early they'll get crushed mentally and that's what we did."

Although the Orange answered back with five goals of their own in the second half, their comeback fell short as Notre Dame was able to hold on for a 6-5 victory. The stout Irish defense of Jackie Doherty, Lauren Fenlon, Emily Conner and Kate Newall were especially impressive in holding star Orange midfielder Christina Dove to zero goals.

The Irish now turn their sights to Big East conference opponent Cincinnati. With only three more regular season games remaining, the Irish are confident they are playing their best at the right time.

Their attempt to repeat as conference champions resumes next Saturday when they take on Cincinnati at 3 p.m.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame falls 5-2 to Cardinals outside

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The No. 36 Irish headed outside Saturday for their first outdoor home match since 2008, but were not able to earn a victory falling No. 16 Louisville 5-2.

The Irish faced their second straight tough opponent in the Cardinals after falling 7-0 to No. 2 Ohio State earlier in the week, a team they knew would be tough to beat. The Cardinals did prove themselves a challenge, especially with the powerful international players Irish coach Bobby Bayliss knew would be difficult to face.

"Each plays a different style," he said before the match. "Austin Childs has very solid groundstrokes and is difficult to force. Simon Childs [no relation] is more of an aggressive player who gets to the net. [Victor] Maksimcuk is a big hitter who bangs from the baseline, while [Alejandro] Calligari is a great athlete who can hurt you from both sides. They play great doubles and have had a wonderful season."

The Louisville players proved Bayliss right, as they took the top two doubles matches and four of the six singles. The No. 1 doubles pair of junior Stephen Havens and Casey Watt fell to Simon Childs and Calligari 8-2, while the No. 2 team of sophomore Niall Fitzgerald and junior Tyler Davis lost 8-3 to Austin Childs and Maksimcuk.

Losing the doubles point put the Irish behind early

on, but they did manage to win at No. 3 doubles. The duo of juniors Daniel Stahl and David Anderson were able to defeat Louisville's Sumit-Prakash Gupta and Robert Hall 8-5.

"David and Dan returned very well at crunch time," Bayliss said.

Stahl dropped his match at No. 3 singles to give Louisville an early 2-0 lead over the Irish. Havens dropped his match (6-3, 7-6 (2)) at No. 2 singles to a 1-1-0-1 Louisville to clinch the overall match.

Notre Dame did come out with two singles victories on the day. Sophomore Sam Keeton got the Irish on the board with a win at No. 5 singles over Hall in three sets, 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-3. At No. 6 singles, freshman Blas Moros was able to pull out a win to wrap up the match, also winning in three sets.

"Blas Moros played more aggressively," Bayliss said. "He is growing before our eyes and it is rewarding to see. He served well at key times and did not back down under pressure."

Bayliss was honored before the match began for recently earning his 700th career victory. He is now one of only four NCAA Division I coaches to hold that honor. Bayliss has been the head coach at Notre Dame, MIT and Navy, and has coached a total of 41 years.

The Irish will next host Ball State in their final home match of the year Wednesday, with the first serve set for 3:30 p.m.

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JAMES DOAN/The Observer
Junior Daniel Stahl serves Saturday for the Irish in a singles match against Louisville. Notre Dame lost the match 5-2.

Clausen

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scouts and coaches from the Rams, Seahawks, Vikings and Browns, among others. The Rams hold the top pick in the NFL Draft, the first round of which will be held on April 22, and head coach Steve Spagnuolo said he saw positive things in the workout he wouldn't have picked up on in Clausen's film.

"He [looked healthy] to me," Spagnuolo said. "I like the way he acts with teammates, and you can't see that on film."

Comments similar to Spagnuolo's vague analysis have been the norm, Clausen said.

"The teams don't really say much," he said. "Some teams throw things out there to offset other people and other teams."

Experts have predicted Clausen to be drafted anywhere from the fourth pick to the 29th, but he said he has not paid attention to the guessing games. Instead, he has focused on regaining the form he had before the injury.

"I definitely do know [the injury] changed the way I threw the ball. I had to overcompensate with my arm, using more of my arm and not being able to push off," Clausen said. "Like you saw today, I was able to push through my throw."

He completed 57 of his 59 passes to a receiving corps of former Irish running back James Aldridge and former Irish receivers Golden Tate, David Grimes and Robby Parris, including five out of

"Some teams throw things out there to offset other people and other teams."

Jimmy Clausen
Former Irish quarterback



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Clausen showed off his improved healthy throwing strength to a slew of NFL coaches and former teammates Friday.

the shotgun formation and three out of five deeper than 30 yards downfield. Both incompletions were deep balls intended for Parris — one of which Parris dove for, with no pads onto the artificial turf in the Loftus Sports Center, and barely missed catching. "It was just a little far, so I

he is throwing off of two healthy feet.

"He had a little zip on it today," Parris said. "There was a pretty good difference. Jimmy looked like a completely different quarterback today, just his body build, and his velocity on his throws."

Clausen said his doctor expects him to be 100 percent within a month.

Tate shines as well

Despite being billed as a Pro Day for Clausen, some scouts in attendance assuredly took note of Golden Tate's performance as much as they did Clausen's.

He twisted his body in mid-air to pull in two passes near the sideline during Clausen's

workout, and toward the end blazed down the field to pull in a few 40-yard bombs, earning appreciation from his former teammates in attendance.

"I think I did pretty well," Tate said. "I obviously have some work to do on my route running, but overall I think I did a good job."

Afterwards, a representative from the Colts talked with Tate for close to 15 minutes.

"[NFL teams] like the way I play. They see I'm a competitor," Tate said. "Obviously my height is kind of an issue, but I'm a playmaker, so hopefully someone will pull the trigger."

Just as they have with Clausen, experts' predictions for Tate's draft day fate have varied, but he said where he is picked is not his concern.

"I'm just hoping I go to a team that fits me," Tate said. "[A team] who thinks I can come in and help them right away, and hopefully take them to a playoff and eventually a Super Bowl."

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Practice

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coach Tony Alford said Friday the scrimmage could help distinguish some players.

"There's a couple guys who are starting to show up a little more than others. But that's through the course of time. We're only six practices in," Alford said.

Defensive backs coach Chuck Martin also said it would take more time to evaluate players.

"I like all my top eight to 11 guys," Martin said. "I think they have shown signs that they can be pretty productive players at Notre Dame. I can probably put clips together to sell you on any of them, but I could also put a clip together or two and sell you that they can't play anybody in the country."

"We're not really worried about the big picture evaluation yet, we're just trying to get better."

However, Kelly said the staff is on its way to determining where the players will land on the depth chart.

"Today was movement day for a number of guys relative to positions," he said. "We've got to say, 'Alright, we can't move him again. Here's where he is, he stays here. Will we move him back to that other position?' I think we'll be able to, with this scrimmage, to really make some final decisions on personnel."

Now halfway through the 14 spring practices leading to the Blue-Gold game, Kelly said the Irish are beginning to show positive developments.

"We've still got a long way

to go," Kelly said. "But again, I think our guys understand how to practice. Today was lively, no injuries, nobody was put in a compromising position so they're learning how to practice, which is really step one for us."

Martin said learning is a main objective as practices continue.

"I think our goal with all our groups, with my group, is just to keep getting better," Martin said. "Learn our system, learn each other, grow together, become more cohesive as a unit — coaches and players alike."

"We're level one out of 1,000 levels so we've got a long, long ways to go but we're heading in the right direction."

Note:

Martin, who is also Notre Dame's recruiting coordinator, said his staff is hard at work finding next year's class of recruits.

"We started from scratch, particularly nationally, and I don't think there's a whole lot of kids in the country that we don't know about, haven't identified and haven't evaluated," he said. "I think we're off to a good start, obviously it's a long way to next February, but we're excited."

"Coach Kelly's a great finisher. It's a great sell, not only Notre Dame the school, the University, South Bend, but also Coach Kelly's a pretty easy sell, so we'll just keep working at it, try to find 17, 18 kids who want to come play football for Notre Dame."

Tight end recruit Nick Vannett from Westerville, Ohio, visited practice Friday.

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ND Women's Tennis

Irish take out No. 19 Bulls in home match

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The third-ranked No. 1 Irish doubles team of sophomore Kristy Frilling and senior Kali Krisik won their 16th straight match in Notre Dame's 7-0 defeat over South Florida Friday.

"South Florida is a very good team," Irish coach Julia Scaringe said. "They are a lot better than they were last year and I was thinking it was going to be a much closer match than it was."

The No. 6 Irish extend their overall record to 17-3 while the No. 19 Bulls received their sixth loss of the season.

South Florida brought a very different team to South Bend than Notre Dame saw last season, as their top three players have moved up in the lineup past last year's top singles player, Janette Bejlkova.

The No. 2 Irish doubles team, senior Cosmina Ciobanu and Shannon Mathews, were the first to finish doubles play as they defeated their Bulls opponents, 8-6, just before Frilling and Krisik clinched the doubles point with an 8-6 victory. The No. 3 doubles team of junior Kristen Rafael and freshman Chrissie McGaffigan shut out their opponents to finish the doubles competition for the

afternoon.

"The girls look like they're starting to gel with each other on doubles," Scaringe said. "I really like the direction our doubles teams are going."

The first three singles competitions were easy victories for the Irish as two-set victories from Mathews, Krisik and McGaffigan grabbed the win. Ciobanu won the fourth singles contest as her opponent was forced to quit due to an injury.

"We have been working on singles play a lot," Scaringe said. "The girls went out there a took care of business."

Though both of the remaining singles matches headed into a third set, No. 18 Frilling at No. 1 singles and Rafael at No. 6 singles, each pulled through for an Irish sweep.

With only two matches left before the Big East tournament and the NCAA Championships, the team has just a few more practices to perfect their game and prepare for the most important part of the season.

"We're going to get a lot of individual play in this week in practice," Scaringe said.

The Irish will return to the courts Friday to take on DePaul at Notre Dame's Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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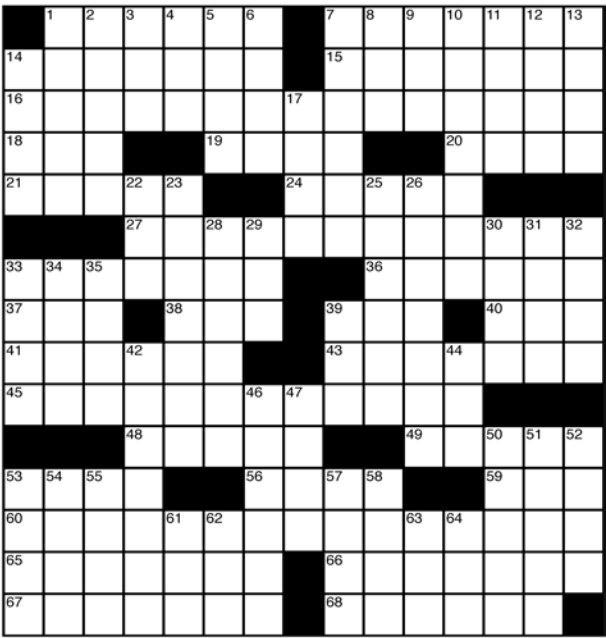
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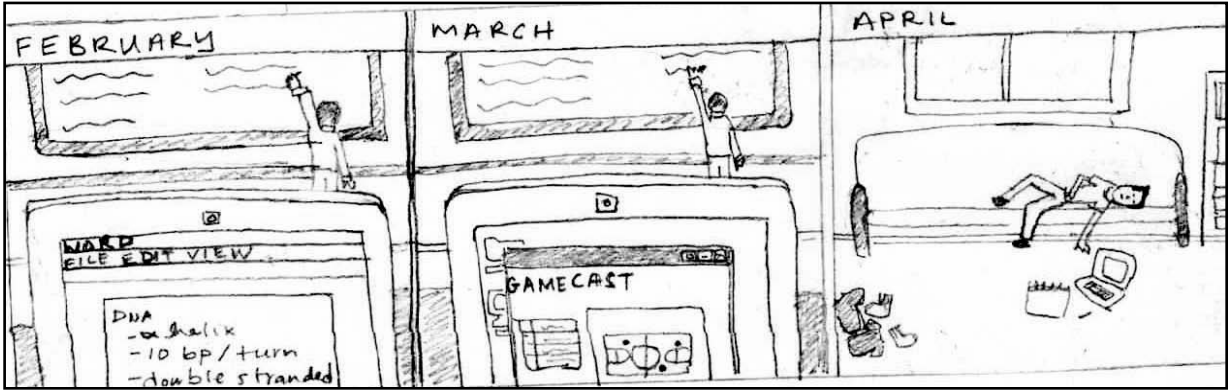
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Happy Birthday: Expect to make waves if you want to make a difference. It's your turn to take control, no matter how hard that might seem. A unique contribution you make will bring you the recognition you require to get you to the next level. Being objective will allow you to see the possibilities and utilize your skills to their best potential. Your numbers are 2, 13, 17, 20, 26, 37, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): What you want is right in front of you. Use your imagination. Complement your skills with a healthy ego, a little savvy and a drop of ingenuity and you will move in a direction that suits you. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do your own fact-finding instead of taking a leap of faith. Listen to what someone without a vested interest thinks about what you are considering. You are sitting in a good position so don't let anyone pressure you. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't take chances. Speak directly to the people from whom you need information before you get involved in a project that may compromise you. Uncertainty should be your red flag to back off. Emotions may trigger your making a decision you will live to regret. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A discussion regarding your current position, status and place of residence will help you make a decision that will alter your future. An interesting and unusual proposal will lift some of the stress you are undergoing. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will have to make changes and concessions if you want to keep moving forward. Be very clear about what you have to bring to the table. Overestimating your value will backfire, leaving you in a vulnerable position. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out and enjoy friends, family or places you find interesting. The break will help you distance yourself from any problems or stressful situations you face. Time spent with someone special will lead to a closer relationship. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your power of persuasion will come in handy, especially when dealing with partners, youngsters or someone you are responsible for. Take another look at an old project or hobby and you will be able to revamp, reuse and complete what's been left undone. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make up your own mind who and what you are going to believe. There is no point getting angry over something you cannot change. The people you connect with now should have similar concerns and interests. Honesty will be what counts. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Trying to avoid situations that make you uncomfortable will cause more problems. Face personal and emotional situations head-on. An investment can turn a profit if you make the right choice. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at your investments and put a little thought into your current living arrangements. Changes can be made, along with profits. Challenging someone who is adamant about following a different path will lead to a dispute. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take on a new challenge or research something that interests you. Honing your skills and getting involved in unusual pastimes will bring you greater insight into how you can be successful in following new goals. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to let anyone make you feel guilty for something you are not responsible for. Get back to basics and reconnect with people from your past. Reuniting will refresh old ideas and goals that have greater potential to be successful now. ★★★★★

Birthday Baby: You will not sugarcoat anything you believe needs to be said. You are imaginative and creative and know how to use your talents wisely. You are an idealist.

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JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK
MIKE ARGIRION

JUMBLE

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

NIDEK

YEASS

HINTEZ

SOOMER

Answer: _____

Saturday's Jumbles: CYNIC HELLO VICUNA PRIMEC
Answer: What the boy did when his cousin got stuck in the tree — CRIED "UNCLE"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

How 'bout the river raft

Remember the time...

That's all you guys talk about

WHEN THE OLD-TIMERS GOT TOGETHER, THEY ENDED UP IN ---

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

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FOOTBALL

Practice runs

Clausen returns to campus for Pro Day

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

Jimmy Clausen looked like a changed quarterback Friday as he worked out in front of representatives from more than a dozen NFL teams.

Throwing for the first time in public since foot surgery repaired torn ligaments that slowed him for most of the 2009 season, Clausen said the operation has left no lingering effects, and he is about "75 to 80 percent" of his full potential.

"My toe feels great, it is just the top of my ankle," Clausen said. "From being in the boot for eight weeks, putting a lot of pressure on it, it is still weak."

Clausen said because of his ankle, he did not attempt any significant movement in the workout in front of various

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Jimmy Clausen returned to the Loftus Sports Complex to showcase his skills for his own Pro Day in front of representatives from NFL teams Friday.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Coaches evaluate team in spring scrimmage

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Evaluation was the word of the day Saturday as the Irish held their first spring scrimmage after two weeks of practice.

The team ran more than 50 plays as the coaching staff continued to assess the players and their progress.

"We're trying to evaluate where that best is. Experimenting, I guess, is one way to look at it," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "We're not really sure what's going to best fit our football team. I think we're still in that period. I think this scrimmage allows us to get away from the evaluation and say, 'OK, here's where we believe his strengths to be.'"

Few positions are set in stone at this point in the spring, and wide receivers

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Team upsets rival Syracuse

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

After splitting a pair of close contests on the road at Georgetown and Loyola, the Irish returned home to turn in two of their most complete performances of the year, taking out Villanova Friday and upsetting No. 7 Syracuse Sunday.

Sunday's match was a rematch of last year's Big East semifinals.

The Irish (8-4, 4-1) dominated from over Villanova from the outset of Friday's match. They stormed to an 8-0 lead before the Wildcats could even muster a shot against freshman goal-keeper Ellie Hilling. From there, the rout was on as the Irish clamped down defensively en route to a 16-0 record-making victory. The win was the first shutout in Notre Dame women's lacrosse history and the first-ever shutout in Big East conference play.

"The Villanova game was just an amazing performance," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "It was just a great defensive performance from everybody on our



TOM LA/The Observer

Senior attack Gina Scioscia led the Irish attack Sunday with two goals and an assist in Notre Dame's 6-5 win over Syracuse.

team."

The Irish received balanced contributions on the offensive side of the ball as well, as 14 players got on the score sheet. Hilling continued her stellar play in the goal, recording eight saves and becoming the first

ever Notre Dame goalie to record a shutout.

"Ellie kept coming up with big saves to preserve the shutout," Coyne said. "We were extremely impressive on defense."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish not able to hold on to strong first half

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

After a stellar first half, the No. 19 Irish were not able to follow through in the second half, falling 11-8 to Big East foe and No. 9 Georgetown Saturday in Washington, D.C.

The loss can most certainly be blamed on the disparity in performance between the two halves. Before the game, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he wanted his team to play solid lacrosse for 60 minutes. Unfortunately, that did not happen.

"We played a great first half and a terrible second half," Corrigan said.

The first half saw Notre

Dame (5-5, 0-3 Big East) hit the back of the net eight times, including a career high four goals handed in by senior Grant Krebs and a strong defensive performance against the athletic Hoya attack. The Irish went into the break leading 8-6.

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Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

The second half was a different story. The Hoyas rallied for five unanswered goals in the final 30 minutes to clinch the victory and hand the Irish their third straight loss.

This loss also leaves Notre Dame without a Big East win in the inaugural season for the conference and brings the Irish closer to being knocked out of contention for a berth in the NCAA tournament.

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