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Jenkins receives 2011 Diversity Award

Observer Staff Report

According to a University press release, University president Fr. John Jenkins was one of 14 individuals to receive a 2011 Champion of Diversity award from Indiana Minority Business Magazine (IMBM). Jenkins was recognized by the magazine at a Jan. 14 ceremony in Indianapolis.

The magazine honored the award recipients as "leaders in their respective fields, not only because they excel at what they do, but also because they are inclusive," according to

Shannon Williams, president and general manager of IMBM.

"This year's esteemed group of awardees has promoted diversity with their hiring practices, outreach programs or have individually transcended racial or gender barriers," she said.

Jenkins, in his sixth year as University president, acted upon the recommendations of two



Jenkins

University committees to enact initiatives designed to enhance support for a diverse faculty.

These initiatives were based upon reports prepared by the University Committee on Cultural Diversity and the University Committee on Women Faculty and Students. Jenkins was recognized for the appointments of Don Pope-Davis, vice president, associate provost and professor of psychology, and Susan Ohmer, William T. and Helen Kuhn Carey Associate Professor of Modern Communication and assistant provost, to oversight roles for efforts related to facul-

ty of color and women faculty, respectively. Their posts involve close coordination with deans, department chairs and others in faculty recruitment, hiring, retention, mentoring and development.

The award also honored the creation of the Moreau Academic Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship Program, which is a two-year research, teaching and mentoring initiative for scholars studying or representing diverse groups. Another initiative recognized by the magazine was the Dual Career Assistance Program, which assists the spouses of recently hired full-

time faculty and staff find potential employment opportunities in the area or at Notre Dame.

"The intellectual interchange that is essential to a university requires, and is enriched by, the presence and voices of diverse scholars and students," Jenkins said last year. "Beyond the benefits diversity brings to all universities, we hold this commitment also because Notre Dame is a Catholic university."

Jenkins was elected president-elect of the University by the Board of Trustees on April 30, 2004, and became the University's 17th president on July 1, 2005.

Students volunteer through Circle K

By MELISSA FLANAGAN
News Writer

With 20 different volunteer opportunities, some students might not be able to decide how to get involved in Circle K, Notre Dame's largest student-run service organization. Senior Annette Esquibel could easily recommend a project.

"I've done every project we do," Esquibel said. "I love how many opportunities you have to do service."

Circle K started the second semester with a fun-filled meeting Sunday night that included free candy and T-shirt giveaways. The club's 10 officers also described the 20 organizations that Circle K works with. The projects range from taking care of dogs with the Humane Society to reading with children in the South Bend school system.

"My favorite is probably the

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Circle K met Sunday evening to discuss this semester's service opportunities. President Mathew Dominguez discusses the 20 different options offered through the organization.

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Dorms win Hall of the Fall award

By ADAM LLORENS
News Writer

Morrissey Manor and the Wild Women of Walsh Hall stood out during the fall semester and became Halls of the Fall, an award which takes into account various dorm activities put on during the first semester.

"Hall of the Fall is an annual award given by the Hall President's Council to a male and female dorm who we felt best exhibited the spirit and unity of a Notre Dame dorm during the first semester," junior Mike Oliver, co-chair of the Hall President's Council, said.

The Hall President's Council is a group comprised of com-

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Dean Greg Crawford and his wife cycled Saturday to raise funds for the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Teams bike in spin-a-thon for charity

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

On Saturday, members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities reached their fundraising goals during a 24-hour spin-a-thon at Knollwood Country Club to provide preventative care for women in need.

Greg Crawford, dean of the College of Science, and his wife, Renate, were in attendance, along with members of the Notre Dame women's basketball team and baseball team and the Knollwood Country

Club.

The fundraising goal of the event was \$24,000, according to Rhonda Bremer, athletic director of Knollwood. Participants reached the goal at 8 a.m. Saturday.

While the final donation total was not known, Bremer said she knows the event surpassed their goal by at least \$1,000. There were 20 bikes to fill for the event and each rider was asked to find a \$50 pledge for the hour they were riding.

"We had 480 hours on the board to fill with riders,"

Bremer said. "We were able to fill more than 450 by Saturday morning."

Organizers will donate the money raised to the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Foundation, where it will be used to provide mammograms to women who would otherwise not be able to afford them, Crawford said.

The College of Science, Notre Dame athletics and Knollwood collaborated to create the event, he said.

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Who do you want to win the Super Bowl? : I am rooting against the Jets because I am a Giants fan. I want the Packers to win because I like Aaron Rogers.


Who is your least favorite NFL player? : Tony Romo because I hate the Cowboys more than any team in the league.

What was your favorite part about winter break? : My favorite part was going to New York before Christmas with my ND friends in Rockefeller Center.


What is your favorite thing to do in South Bend? : There isn't much to do in South Bend but the South Bend Silver Hawks games!

What do you think of Jersey Shore? : It is the greatest TV show ever created because the characters are intellectually superior than anyone else. I always abide by GTL.

What is your favorite girls dorm? : B.P. because they have the most athletically fit girls.



Monday Meltdown



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Know someone chill for Monday's Icebreaker? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

The God Quad Jesus statue embraces the cold, and an icicle, Sunday with the help of an anonymous student. Students endured temperatures that fell below zero over the weekend.

OFFBEAT

Bar owner roasts bear to show team spirit

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A sports bar owner in Minnesota is showing his support for the Green Bay Packers in this weekend's game against the Chicago Bears in a very literal way — by roasting a bear.

Blake Montpetit, the co-owner of Tiffany Sports Lounge in St. Paul, says he plans to cook a 180-pound black bear in a pig-roaster over hickory and charcoal on Sunday. He says his cousin shot it in northern Wisconsin during bear hunting season, which runs in September and October, and then froze it.

Montpetit says he planned to serve the meat

to customers, but the state health department rejected the plan because the meat is unprocessed. Instead, customers can take photos with the roasting bear.

After the game, the meat will go to his cousin's party in Somerset, Wis.

Teens rob motorists stuck in snow

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Three teens accused of robbing motorists stuck in the snow have been caught after — you guessed it — they got stuck in the snow themselves.

Prosecutors announced robbery and armed criminal action charges Friday against 18-year-old Darion O. Page of Kansas City, a

17-year-old and a 16-year-old.

The Kansas City Star reported that police found the teens stuck in a snow-drift early Thursday morning.

The victims' credit cards were among the items found in their vehicle.

Court documents say the 17-year-old denied participating in the robberies and told police that all he did was drive.

The documents say Page admitted being present, but he blamed the holdups on the 16-year-old. The Star says that teen declined to make a statement.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Primatologist Frans de Waal will give a lecture, "Morality Before Religion: Empathy, Reciprocity, and Fairness in Our Fellow Primates" today at 4 p.m. in McKenna Hall Auditorium. The cost is free and a reception will follow.

The 3rd Annual Blessed Basil Moreau Lecture will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. Cyril O'Regan will present his lecture, "John Henry Newman: The Validity of Holiness in the Modern World" in Geddes Hall of the Center for Social Concerns. The event is open to the public.





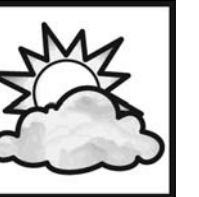

Free body composition and blood pressure tests will be given tomorrow from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Rolfs Sports Wellness Room. Registration is available through RecRegister.

The documentary, "God's Doorkeeper: Saint Andre Bessette, C.S.C." will be shown tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Geddes Hall of the Center for Social Concerns as part of Holy Cross Week. The event is open to the public.

Professor Gang Cao of the University of Kentucky will give the colloquium, "Spin-Orbit Interaction Rediscovered in Transition Metal Oxides" Wednesday at 4 p.m. The lecture will take place in room 118 Nieuwland Science.

A photo exhibit, "The Spirit of Holy Cross: Celebrating a Saint," will be shown at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Main Building Rotunda. The event is free and open to the public.

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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Bagels entice early risers

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Braving the bitter cold and early wake up call, several Notre Dame students joined local residents in waiting in line at the opening of an Einstein Bros. Bagels location in South Bend. For those who braved the elements, the wait was worth it, as they walked away with a year's worth of free food.

Senior Jessica Spiewak said though the bagel franchise advertised the first 100 people in line would win free breakfast for the year, Einstein Bros. Bagels is not limiting the promotion just to the first meal of the day.

"[They gave us] a booklet of coupons and you rip off each one when you go. There are 52, so you can use one a week for a year or whenever you want," she said. "They only work at this location."

Senior Nate Anderson said he got to the store with friends early to beat the crowds.

"We didn't go to bed," he said. "We got there at 2:30 to scope it out, and we got in line at 4:15."

Anderson said the novelty of waiting outside combined with the pull of free food convinced him and his friends to participate in the promotion.

"Me and my friends thought it would be fun to wait in the cold," he said. "Free breakfast sandwiches sounded good, so we thought we would give it a shot."

Spiewak, whose group of friends led the line, said the

group tried to have some fun during the cold wait.

"We were the first five in line. The guys smoked cigars, so it was fun," she said. "It was pretty cold, but they brought out free coffee which helped."

Senior Vince Montalbano, who waited in line with Spiewak's group, said standing in the cold with such a large group of people was in itself a fun experience.

"I wasn't sure if I wanted to do it, but we made friends with the people in line next to us, and a couple of local television stations stopped by," he said.

Anderson said he and his friends tried to do anything fun to keep their minds off the freezing temperature, including leading chants and singing popular songs.

"We substituted bagel or breakfast sandwich into the lyrics. [We did] anything to take [our] minds off the fact it was below zero."

Spiewak said the event seemed to draw a wide array of customers.

"I heard at one point there were 115 people in line," she said. "There was a good mix of Notre Dame kids, high schoolers and local adults."

Spiewak also said the novelty of the promotion has drawn her back to the store several times.

"We waited in line from 4:15 until 6:30 when it opened, so the first thing we did was eat breakfast," she said. "We went to sleep right after. It is super close to where I live, and I didn't feel

like making anything and I wanted a free sandwich, so I went back."

Anderson said while the store may not have a strong customer base yet, he thinks the promotion might spark some long-term interest in the bagel store amongst Notre Dame students.

"In terms of awareness, I think it has done all right. I first heard about it at midnight that night. One hundred people now have this promotion, so word of mouth will spread throughout the year," he said. "I talked to the manager briefly, and it seems like they do this [promotion] with all their stores."

Montalbano also said he thought the store would prove popular with students. He said he has noticed the new location drawing some interest from the student body.

"I think people hear about something like that and they want to know more. I've seen kids using the free Internet there like in Starbucks," Montalbano. "There is a lot of space."

Spiewak said despite the bitter cold and the long wait early in the morning, the experience was well worth the effort.

"The big part is it is so close, so it is useful. Anything free is great, and worth it to me," she said. "We waited in line for two hours and got 200 dollars worth of food, so when you break it down we made 100 dollars an hour."

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Juvenile Justice Center," Esquibel said. "You tutor teens in the correctional facility. It's just good to see them trying to start over."

The club, which meets Sunday nights in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune, currently has 96 registered members. President Mathew Dominguez said the club's impressive roster is probably due to the diversity of the projects.

"I think it's popular because of the variety of projects that we offer," Dominguez said. "We try to make sure there's a type of project for every type of person."

Circle K is a branch of Kiwanis, a global volunteer organization. Dominguez and Esquibel both joined Circle K because of their previous involvement with Key Club, the high school branch of Kiwanis.

Dominguez, who has been involved with Circle K since his freshman year, said his favorite project is Nursing Home Bingo.

"It's really fun to work with the elderly and talk with them while they're playing," Dominguez said. "They're always very interested in how your life is."

Junior Jessica Choi's preferred project has changed since she

joined Circle K last year. Choi said she initially became interested in Circle K when she heard of the Center for the Homeless project, but now her favorite activity is visiting St. Mary's Convent.

"You visit and talk with nuns and it's a lot of fun," Choi said. "They love to hear what stories you have and they love to tell you stories too."

Many students attended the Circle K meeting for the first time, hoping to find a project they enjoy that fits their schedule.

Sophomore Elizabeth Maurath said she is looking forward to getting involved in the club.

"I need another activity and I thought volunteering would

be a good way to involve myself," Maurath said. "It's a good use of my time."

Maurath hopes to tutor children in elementary school through the program. On the other hand, sophomore Alexis Casaceli is looking forward to working with the elderly at Queen of Peace, a section of St. Mary's Convent for nuns with Alzheimer's.

"It's really touching to interact with the nuns there," Casaceli said. "I was only able to go for the first half of last semester, but it was always my favorite activity of the week."

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Mathew Dominguez
Circle K President

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College celebrates heritage with Week

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

This week, student groups are sponsoring Heritage Week, and students are encouraged to rediscover the campus's history.

The theme of the week is "The Avenue Always Leads You Home." According to Student Activities Board (SAB) chief of staff Kelly Zenere, the Avenue is a universal symbol of Saint Mary's. It sends students on new journeys, and welcomes them home, she said.

The groups sponsoring the weeklong celebration include Campus Ministry, Resident Hall Association, SAB, Student Diversity Board and Student Government Association.

Cassandra Palmer, SAB's mission commissioner, said this week is all about remembering the history of Saint Mary's. Palmer said the college stemmed from the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and it is important to keep them in mind when students think of Saint Mary's heritage.

"[The Saint Mary's students] are the ones who keep our heritage alive," Palmer said.

Zenere said Heritage Week is held so the students don't forget where they come from.

For these reasons, each day's events are centered on educating the students about Saint Mary's rich history.

On Monday the college archives will be on display in the Student Center. According to Palmer, there will be 24 large poster frames of photos from past to present, including a photo of the class of 1907.

There will be a long sleeve T-shirt give-away on Monday in the Student Center, and archivist John Kovach will give a talk in the lounge from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. According to Zenere, Kovach will be hosting a ques-

tions and answers session.

"[Bring] your ghost story questions," she said.

The Reidenger House will be open for tours and tea from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday. Space is limited, so students must sign up for times in the Student Center.

On Wednesday, Sister Mary Louise "ML" Gude will be hosting three tours of the convent, and providing information on the history of the Sisters and the College, according to the schedule.

Thursday, students are invited to share a meal with the nuns at the Heritage Dinner at 6:30 in Stapleton Lounge. At the dinner students are encouraged to ask questions, and listen to the stories of the Sisters themselves, Zenere said.

Heritage Week will wind down with a S'more Meet and Greet with the Nuns in the Lillie O'Grady Room at 2 p.m. Friday.

Zenere said this event is special because they are taking the event to the nuns. Since so many nuns are unable to leave the convent due to health issues, SAB thought it was important to move an event to a location the nuns could attend.

"After all, they are the reason for the week," Zenere said.

Zenere and Palmer could not stress enough the importance of the week.

"We are trying to, in a sense, abridge the ignorance of our heritage," Zenere said. "We have such a rich history that we should be aware of."

"Saint Mary's prides itself in forming strong, independent women ... without these past strong, independent women, we wouldn't be where we are now," Palmer said.

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U.S. legislators seek to streamline nominations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senior senators are negotiating to reduce the 1,400 presidential appointments subject to time-consuming Senate confirmation, hoping to streamline a system that has frustrated administrations of both parties, according to officials familiar with the discussions.

These officials said that 100 posts or more could be dropped from the list if discussions between Sens. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., result in an agreement that gains the support of the rank and file in both parties. Judicial appointments would not be affected, nor would the most senior positions at Cabinet department or independent agencies.

In addition, the two men have discussed curtailing the right enjoyed by individual senators to block action on a nomination or legislation anonymously for up to five days. This rule is widely flouted.

The talks are occurring

against a backdrop of calls from some Democrats for far more sweeping changes in the Senate's filibuster rules, which allow the minority party — Republicans now — to slow or defeat nominations and legislation without allowing a yes-or-no vote.

Given a lack of support among Republicans and past opposition from some Democrats, these broader proposals appear to have little or no chance of winning the two-thirds majority the Senate's rules say are generally required to take effect. Advocates of the revisions argue that a simple majority vote is sufficient to put them in place at the beginning of a new Congress, as they want to do. But it is not clear they can command that much support in an institution where Democrats and aligned independents control 53 seats, to 47 for the Republicans.

The Senate returns to work Tuesday for the first time in two weeks; the proposed rules changes are among the first orders of business.

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missioners, representatives and an elected Vice President and President of each respective dorm.

"We look at the academic, social, service oriented, liturgical, multicultural and athletic events of each dorm throughout the first semester," Oliver said. "Then we decide which male and female dorm best accomplished all of these elements, and most importantly, united as one dorm and displayed unparalleled hall pride."

Being named Hall of the Fall was a definite step in the right direction for Morrissey, said junior and Morrissey Hall president Oliver Chmell.

"We tried to participate in every event and encouraged

as much participation as possible from members of our dorm," Chmell said. "Being named Hall of the Fall means that we as a dorm are doing the job right and having fun while at it."

Oliver said Morrissey's president brought a strong sense of unity to the dorm.

"Morrissey was given this honor primarily because they did a fantastic job at making sure they had events in every area," he said.

Senior and Walsh Hall president Julie Zorb said Walsh residents had "sensational" attendance and participation in the fall semester events.

"Our two signature events, Football 101 and the Mr. ND competition, were a great success," she said. "This school year has been a time of transition for Walsh, as a new rector was brought in

the dorm. With all of the potential roadblocks we could have had this year, it is great to see Walsh being officially recognized."

Oliver said Walsh's dorm pride was "unmatched."

"It seemed like all of the members of Walsh were proud to be a part of their dorm," he said. "Their events last semester were excellent and well-attended."

Hall of the Fall is a stepping stone to the annual naming of the men's and women's Hall of the Year in April, the most prestigious award given to a dorm.

"Dorms like to know where they stand at the halfway point," Oliver said. "It will be exciting to see what kind of events dorms put on this semester."

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"The last few years the women's basketball team has worked with the science department on the Pink Zone game," Crawford said. "We decided to combine our efforts to raise more money."

The Crawfords and fitness instructor Kellie Sade rode for the full 24 hours.

"[I'm] excited to work together to raise money and raise breast cancer awareness," Sade said.

Renate Crawford said she felt the event was important due to the magnitude of breast cancer.

"We wanted to make this as big of an event as possible," she said. "Everyone is somehow affected by breast cancer.

It's important that we all work together to make an impact."

The Kelly Cares Foundation, the brainchild of head football coach Brian Kelly and his wife Paqui, also had a team at the event.

"The Kelly Cares Foundation asked us to fill spots for the full 24 hours," said Lisa Klunder, wife of Chad Klunder, the associate director of

Football Operations. "This is a really great way to support Kelly Cares and help support a larger cause."

Stephanie Menio, the director of operations for the Women's basketball team, said

Crawford came to them with the idea and then Knollwood jumped on board.

Local teacher Sarah Pennington got involved in the

event through her boyfriend, who works for the Notre Dame baseball team. She rode for two hours because it was a good cause and said it is nice to do something active on a Saturday morning.

"I'm a teacher locally and doing community service is a good way to set an example for my kids," she said.

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"[I'm] excited to work together to raise money and raise breast cancer awareness."

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Google CEO Eric Schmidt stands outside of Google headquarters in Mountain View, Cal., Jan. 19. Schmidt was hired in 2001.

New competitors challenge Google

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google is richer than ever, but it's not as cool as it once was.

Facebook boasts 500 million members who share 30 billion links, notes and photos each month — data that Google's search engine can't completely index. It's so influential that 26-year-old founder Mark Zuckerberg was just named Time's person of the year, and a movie about the company's early days is a contender for best picture at the Oscars.

Twitter, Groupon and Foursquare, all hard-charging and potentially game-changing services, are additional thorns in Google's side, raising worries that the online search leader may be losing the competitive edge that turned it into the Internet's most powerful company.

Making Google hip and nimble again will be the priority as Larry Page, one of the two Stanford University students who founded the company in a garage in 1998, prepares to reclaim the CEO job in a shake-up that surprised Silicon Valley.

He last held it a decade ago, when Google Inc. had less than \$100 million in annual revenue and fewer than 300 employees. Google's size today — 24,400 employees and annual revenue of \$29 billion — has slowed its decision-making and innovation in the past few years.

About 200 of Facebook's 2,000 employees defected from Google, and the migration appears to be about more than just the allure of getting stock options in a hot company before it goes public. Some engineers seem to be drawn by the work at a smaller company, which offers an opportunity to reshape culture with less corporate bureaucracy and more creative freedom.

"Facebook has become the cool kid on the block, and now Google wants to prove it can still be cool, too," says Danny Sullivan, who follows both companies closely as editor-in-chief of Search Engine Land.

It's not an impossible feat, says Michael Cusumano, an MIT professor of management.

As an example, he cites IBM, which seemed on its way to becoming a tech dinosaur in the early 1990s before Louis Gerstner arrived as CEO and streamlined the company.

To get back to its roots, Google concluded it needed to rearrange the hierarchy in place since technology veteran Eric Schmidt was brought in as CEO in 2001. It was an egalitarian arrangement, with Schmidt never having the final say on important matters. Page and Google's other founder, Sergey Brin, always weighed in, too. In some cases, such as Google's decision to move its search engine out of mainland China last year, the founders overruled Schmidt's wishes.

In April, Schmidt will become executive chairman and relinquish the CEO duties to Page, now 37 and graying. While Schmidt travels the world meeting with business partners, government officials and potential takeover targets, Page says he will be making most of the big decisions as he tries to rekindle "the soul and passion of a startup." Brin will concentrate on developing new products.

He's worth \$15 billion, but Page remains something of a rebel who has always had a disdain for corporate protocol.

"Larry and Sergey both hate being organized. They don't want to be locked into meetings," says Ken Auletta, who got to know both of them while writing his book, "Googled: The End of the World as We Know It."

While a free-wheeling attitude typically works well at small companies, it could cause problems in a company as large as Google, says Steve Booth, a business professor at the University of Chicago.

"The risk is that if you take away the process, that in some sense you go back to a kind of chaos," Kaplan said.

Schmidt, 55, has no doubt Page is ready for the challenges ahead.

"Larry has been with me in every major decision in the past decade," Schmidt said in an interview Thursday. "It's not like he has been sitting around doing nothing."

Digital diplomacy gains attention

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The State Department is tightening its embrace of Twitter and other social media as crises grip the Middle East and Haiti, with officials finding new voice, cheek and influence in the era of digital diplomacy.

Even as it struggles to contain damage caused by WikiLeaks' release of classified internal documents, the department is reaching out across the Internet. It's bypassing traditional news outlets to connect directly and in real time with overseas audiences in the throes of unrest and upheaval.

American diplomacy isn't a newcomer to Facebook, YouTube, Flickr or Twitter, but it has stepped up online efforts as those networks play a growing role in events around the world.

In recent days, department spokesman P.J. Crowley has tweeted to knock down rumors, amplify U.S. policy positions, appeal for calm and urge reforms in Haiti, Tunisia and Lebanon.

Well before he addressed the State Department press corps on the return to Haiti of former dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier and the possible return of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, Crowley took to Twitter to pronounce the U.S. position.

"We are surprised by the timing of Duvalier's visit to Haiti," he wrote last Monday, a federal holiday in the U.S. "It adds unpredictability at an uncertain time in Haiti's election process."

Late Thursday night, Crowley commented on Aristide. "We do not doubt President Aristide's

desire to help the people of Haiti. But today Haiti needs to focus on its future, not its past."

He has posted sharp responses to WikiLeaks and promoted the visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao to Chicago by comparing it Sunday's NFC championship playoff game between Chicago and Green Bay. "Chicago copes with two blitzes: today the visit of the President of China, Hu Jintao, and then Sunday the Green Bay Packers," he tweeted on Friday.

"I've always tried to infuse humor into my messaging and Twitter is perfect for one-liners that get noticed and then spread exponentially," he told The Associated Press. "Finding ways to put Hu Jintao and (Green Bay quarterback) Aaron Rodgers in the same sentence is a way of bridging the traditional divide between what is domestic and international."

On Saturday alone, Crowley informed his Twitter followers that Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had called Tunisian Prime Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi to urge speedy political and economic reforms as protests continued in the wake of a popular uprising that toppled the country's longtime autocratic president.

He dismissed as "pure legal fantasy" the claim by WikiLeaks' founder Julian Assange's lawyer that Assange might end up in the prison at Guantanamo Bay. "Save it for the movie," Crowley said.

He also chided the authoritarian government of Belarus for its crackdown on opposition leaders.

Crowley's reach — he has 9,717 followers — may not

rival that of celebrities, sport stars or even other government officials. But those tracking his pronouncements include virtually all the journalists, pundits and analysts who deal with U.S. foreign policy, as well as ordinary citizens and foreign ministers of other countries.

The audience for his microblog posts also expands exponentially when his followers pass along his messages to their followers, particularly when those messages deal with pressing issues of the day.

"The number of retweets he gets relative to the size of his following is very impressive and shows that he has near-mastered the medium," said Alec Ross, Clinton's senior adviser for innovation and State Department "uber-tweeter," who has nearly 320,000 Twitter followers. "It connects him to an audience of influencers in 100-plus countries."

"What we are looking for is retweets, which tells us what we are saying is getting noticed and passed along to others," Crowley told the AP. "That means we are expanding our reach."

Crowley said he made a New Year's resolution to become more active on Twitter, partly because of the reaction to somewhat irreverent Tweets he posted in 2010 that tweaked North Korea and Iran.

In one, he urged Americans to heed the department's warning not to travel to North Korea after both Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton went to the North's capital to win the release of U.S. detainees. Crowley noted that the U.S. had only a limited number of former presidents available for such missions.



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Dog walkers angry over leash law proposal



Dogs roam off leash at Crissy Field in San Francisco. A new federal proposal to tighten leash laws on parkland in and around San Francisco has many dog owners speaking out for their pets.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A new federal proposal to tighten leash rules on parkland in and around San Francisco has many dog owners barking mad.

The 2,400-page plan released earlier this month by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the country's largest urban national park, would mandate leashes in open spaces where dogs currently roam untethered. Some popular dog-walking areas would be closed to canines entirely, partly to protect wildlife and native plants.

The proposed rules cover about 14,000 acres of the 75,000-acre GGNRA, which includes portions of San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties and is the only national park in the country to allow dogs off-leash.

Since it was published Jan. 14, the document has triggered a flurry of blogging,

newspaper columns and calls to action among the dog-owner community. Many expressed concern that recreation officials are trying to push dogs out of the 39-year-old park entirely.

"I have a feeling they don't want us in there at all," said Suzanne Valente, who takes her dog to Ocean Beach, one of the few remaining off-leash areas. Under the proposal, one section of Ocean Beach would still allow unleashed dogs, but another would become a dog-free zone.

Dogs also would be banned from parts of San Francisco's Crissy Field and Fort Funston and all of Marin County's Muir Beach — sites that have traditionally been favored destinations for dog owners.

Park management officials strenuously deny any sinister motive behind the proposal.

"This is not a plan to ban dogs in the GGNRA," said park spokesman Howard Levitt. "Once enacted, this is a 20-year plan to try to balance the needs of a huge variety of users while also protecting natural resources."

The park receives an estimated 16 million visitors each year and has never had formal guidelines for managing dogs, Levitt said. Most of the current rules stem from a parkwide pet policy developed in 1979 — a set of recommendations that was never brought in line with federal regulations governing dog-walking in national parks.

"If you ask 100 people in this park, not one of them could tell you what the rules are on dogs," Levitt said.

The plan has received a warm welcome from nature lovers who have long complained that frolicking dogs pose a threat to the 36 rare and endangered plants and animal species that inhabit the park.

One such animal is the Western snowy plover, a rare shorebird that is considered threatened and protected by the U.S. Endangered Species Act. In 2006, the GGNRA enforced an emergency rule to protect the birds, which currently number less than 100. It requires dogs to be kept on leash at Ocean Beach and Crissy Field for 10 months every year from July through May.

Beyond frightening and sometimes killing wildlife, dogs affect how humans experience the park, said Mike Lynes, the conservation director for Golden Gate Audubon Society. The Berkeley nonprofit has been one of the most vocal advocates for environmental preservation in the park.

Lynes said many people, including his wife, feel uncomfortable around dogs and avoid areas of the park with a large canine presence.

But dog owners say environmental preservation and responsible dog-walking are not mutually exclusive.

"We can all get along and find ways to coexist," said Sally Stephens, chair of San Francisco Dog Owners Group, a nonprofit with about 900 paying members.

Stephens said the park was never meant to be a "pristine wilderness," but instead was created as a multi-use natural resource for a dense urban population.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Groupon

There is a popular saying that goes “Secrets, secrets are no fun if you don’t tell everyone.” I usually bring this phrase up when my friends are trying to withhold information from me, but I feel it is time that I reveal a secret of my own. No, it isn’t that I am a superhero. My secret is I am a kleptomaniac.



Sam Stryker

Assistant News Editor

For those of you unenlightened minds out there, a kleptomaniac is obsessed with stealing things. Before you hide your iPods and cell phones, let

me make something clear: kleptomaniacs don’t steal things for the monetary compensation that may be involved. In fact, I don’t think I have ever broken the law in my thievery. Plain and simple, I steal for the thrill.

Now I don’t just get the five-finger discount whenever I feel like it. In fact, if I had to label myself as a thief, I would say I am a modern day Robin Hood, stealing from the rich, and giving to the poor (myself). For instance, I work as a lifeguard/child-wrangler at a local country club over the summer. At the pool, I am a lost and found connoisseur, scouring the pile of swim-suits, towels, shirts, and shoes for the perfect crime. I haven’t had to buy a pair of goggles in five years thanks to my thievery, and I like to say I do my best Christmas shopping at the lost and found.

Where did I pick up my thieving ways? Let’s just say it runs in the family. While my mother may be no cat burglar, she has assisted me in my kleptomania. Just two years ago, when I visited Duke University, she stole a water bottle with me from an alumni event that was running at the time. The water bottles may have been given away for free, but it’s the thought that counts. My mother and I are cunning artists of thievery, and there is no getting around it.

Where does that leave me today? More and more my mother and I frequently are utilizing new technological methods to expand our thievery. No place is this more evident than the popular deal of the day website, Groupon. For those of you not lucky enough for Groupon to stroll into your life, the website sells discounts to local business. My mother was first drawn to the website over Christmas break, like a shark is drawn to a drop of blood from a hundred miles away. Soon enough she introduced me to the website, and I — klepto that I am — I was hooked right away. For five bucks, I got a 35-dollar gift certificate to a local burger restaurant. Even for someone like me, it was a total steal.

Groupon has made it so much easier for my thieving ways. Every morning, when I wake up I check the deal of the day for Connecticut. Then I check it for New York City. Then Chicago and finally, for South Bend. My thieving knows no borders.

So there you have it — the big secret is out. Whether I am taking a towel or nice pair of flip flops discarded by a child after a day at the pool, or getting my deal of the day on my iPod Groupon application, you now know me as Sam Stryker, Prince of Thieves.

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My pick for my Commencement speaker

By now, it should be clear that I love to complain and make fun of a lot of Notre Dame quirks and student behaviors. Heck, if it were not for these numerous things, I would resort to boring you with political columns. This column, though, is dedicated to something that actually makes me quite upset, angry if you will, about Notre Dame — the process of picking a Commencement speaker.



Kevin Kimberly

Bursting the Bubble

Let me begin by saying that I understand the term bureaucracy and I understand that Notre Dame is not immune to it, but the selection of the graduating class’ Commencement speaker each year occurring behind closed doors via a committee with little to no solicitation or feedback from the graduating class itself is outrageous to me. The last I checked Father Jenkins graduated from Notre Dame (undergraduate) in 1976; he is not the one being addressed in May. Now, I do not want this to turn into a “bash the President” session; the poor guy has gotten enough of that to hold him over for the rest of his term. But this does not go without saying that he has the final say in choosing the Commencement speaker.

Why are class members not contacted or consulted? It is, in fact, our Commencement. Should we not have a fairly large say in who is going to stand before us on the last day of our undergraduate careers to deliver a culminating, appropriate message? I think so. And frankly, I do not want to hear some

guy talking about some important policy position, regardless of who it is, nor do I want another person talking about how much he or she did with their life and how I can do that if I just dream and believe. Instead, I would rather hear someone who is not only going to prevent me from falling asleep but someone who will actually relate what they are saying to the class and where we are in our lives. This is a speech to the class, not just one about the speaker.

That is why I propose that the commencement speaker for the soon to be graduating Class of 2011 be Ellen DeGeneres. Yes, you read that name right. I think Ellen, a college dropout herself, should give us the parting words in May.

How dare I not name a Catholic, right? I can already hear the chorus of complaints begin to trickle in because of the fact that Ellen is a lesbian, something that she unashamedly accepts and embraces. And the common thought seems to be that if you are not an upstanding Catholic who professes (but potentially does not practice) everything that the Church says, you are not qualified to address the students at the University of Notre Dame.

While that could not be more wrong, let me lay to rest this idea that Ellen does not act like a Catholic should, even though she may not label herself as one, or that her life story is suddenly not acceptable because she is homosexual. The time of uncertainty many of us are about to face is something Ellen can say “been there, done that” to. Where she is now can be attributed to the fact that she never took no as a finality, even though she may have heard it many more times than she preferred. To become one of the best in the

business took hard work, courage and persistence. She failed at times but never failed ultimately.

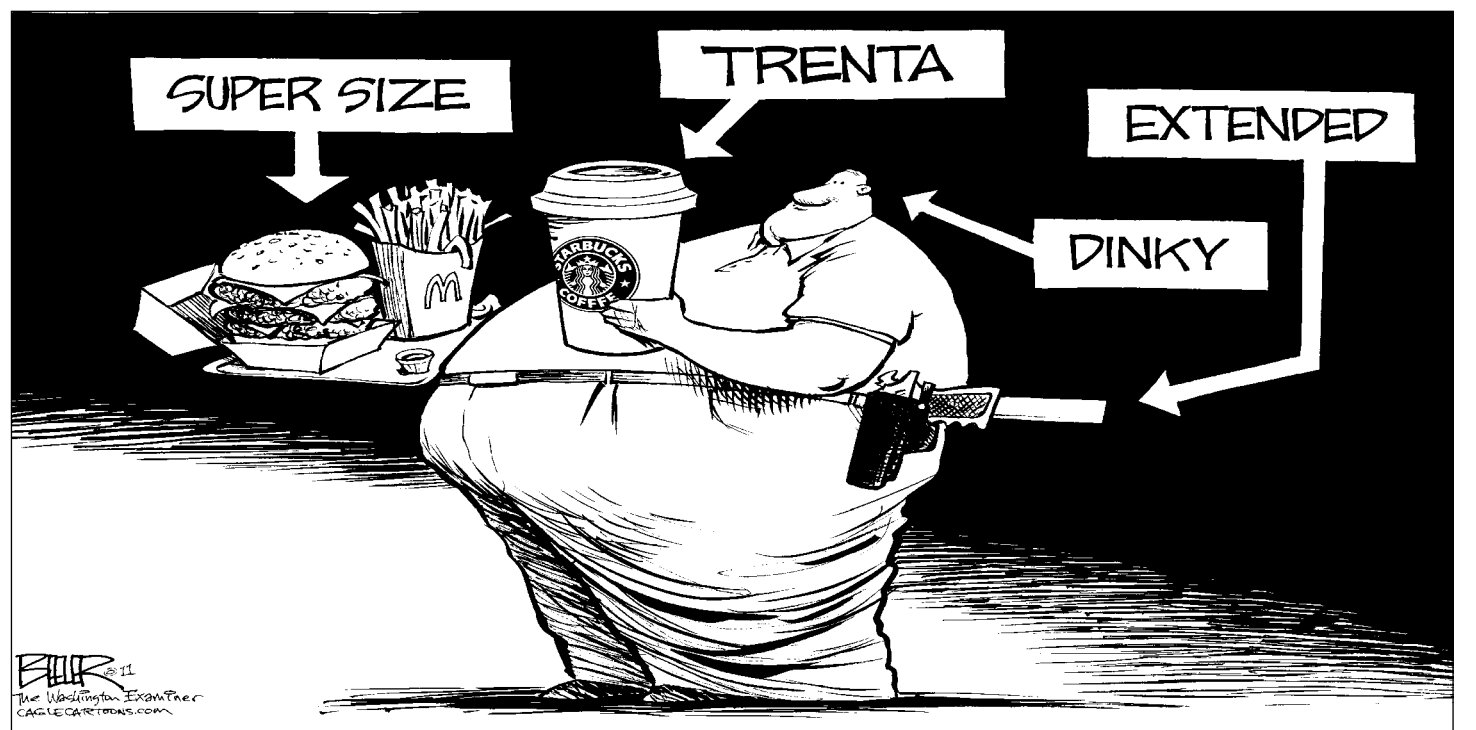
She is now recognized as one of the best in the land in showbiz, particularly for her dancing. As you may know, her very popular show, Ellen, is a hit with many different types of people. But what she has been able to do with that show is even more of a hit to me. The care, concern and compassion she exhibits for people, particularly those going through rough times and those who just need a helping hand is amazing. The joy she brings to people is unmatched and the love she has for others, regardless of circumstance, is incredible. To top it off, the humbleness by which she does it all is praiseworthy. That, my friends, is an example of a Catholic — a compassionate, helpful, joyful woman who loves without any due praise expected in return.

Give her the label or not, she has a lot to teach us in such a short speech about what it means to live life to the fullest and just how to do that. And also very important, she is ridiculously hilarious. When she is speaking, you think of her as nothing more or less than someone speaking from the heart with a hint of humor that goes a long way. To watch her speak in Notre Dame Stadium on May 22, 2011, would not only be the best way to end my time here, but it would be one of the most fulfilling.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

“When we are unable to find tranquility within ourselves, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.”

Francois de La Rochefoucauld
French author and moralist

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The human heart is a strange vessel. Love and hatred can exist side by side.”

Scott Westerfeld
U.S. author

Martin Luther King dinner

Which race is best at math? Which race would you want on your basketball team? Finish this sentence:

_____ men can't jump. If you had to think about these responses you are probably in the minority. The bottom line is we all operate under certain assumptions that often don't

Michael Savage

Guest Columnist

reflect the whole story. But a one-sided story is an incomplete story, which leads to false pretenses. On the other hand a one-sided story is safe because there is no opposing side to challenge our perceptions. Even still a complete story remains invaluable simply by presenting the opportunity to understand the differences and similarities between the opposing sides. A wise friend of mine and Notre Dame alumnus told me, "The more we express our misunderstandings of each other, the better we come to understand each other in

time."

That being said, this week was the 25th observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. To many of us this simply meant another day to sleep in before the upcoming spring semester. Caught up in enjoying our last days of freedom, hurrying to buy books and last minute schedule changes have consumed our week. Yes, it is true that the University recognizes Dr. King as a model of non-violence and community service, but as a student body how is his message relevant?

This past Wednesday, a group of over 90 students and faculty members attempted to address this very question at the 18th Annual Martin Luther King Dinner. The theme of the dinner was Eyes Wide Shut. The dinner was comprised of student leaders representative of various classes and minority groups joined to celebrate and discuss the teachings of Dr. King not only as a remedy of the past, but as a catalyst for today. Topics were discussed such as immigration,

socioeconomic inequality, stereotyping and unity. Many perspectives were, literally, brought to the table, but one common thread emerged: we must keep moving forward. Still, today people are marginalized and discriminated against for reasons out of their control. But why? If people across the board agree that stereotypes serve limit one's scope and that racism is unacceptable in today's society, why do we hold on to these parasitic qualities?

The only answer that makes sense to me is a lack of exposure to various cultures or different people in general. I hate to use the word ignorance, as young adults who in the future will possess the power to affect change; we must strive to understand the consequences for all people. As put by Dr. King, "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." This quote resonates in discussions regarding many issues facing this campus whether they are race relat-

ed or not.

I don't expect to become fully inclusive anytime soon, but much progress can be made on the individual level. Both sides need improvement. On one hand marginalized students must be patient with their peers who may be unaware, and on the other, members of the community who may not have been exposed to diversity should seize the opportunity to learn. The bottom line is a little effort goes a long way.

That being said, Multicultural Student Programs and Services have coordinated a five-part series on the topic of race. Also, with February being Black History Month there will be a plethora of opportunities to not only learn from but to support your fellow peers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Liberated men's theology'

Dear Mr. Easley:

As a grizzled veteran who has been a feminist since 1968 or so, I can only say "bravo" to your column. It's true that you don't seem to know beans about gender studies (not to mention women's history). Basically, though, your point is absolutely sound — in fact, it's orthodox feminism!

There are women who prefer to spend their energies on raising children and caring for their families rather than on their careers. Feminists have always said that these women should be absolutely encouraged to do so. Raising children and caring for those we love are among the most important things people do.

Unfortunately, however, you missed the most crucial point.

There are just as many men who would prefer to spend their time raising their chil-

dren and caring for those they love than pursuing cutthroat careers! (Or even working dead-end jobs, which is a lot more common).

Unfortunately, these men face even more social and cultural pressure not to pursue these dreams than similarly situated women. All that feminism says that such men should be equally free to pursue their dream of devoting themselves to being a home-maker. (I'm dead serious here — this is not sarcasm.) Why shouldn't they be able to do so?

Nota bene: for all the women (or gay gays) who've read this far: If you do find this kind and caring guy — go for it!

Gail Bederman

staff

Assoc. Prof. of History
Jan. 21

Condemnation

I found Friday's front page article on the continuing Lizzy Seeberg saga particularly compelling ("Jenkins: Seeberg investigation had 'integrity,'" Jan. 21). The accused student's attorney Mr. Power suggests the existence of cell phone records which significantly contradict Seeberg's written account of the events. In light of these claims, there is certainly room to view Lizzy Seeberg negatively for the first time. If Mr. Power is correct (and for the sake of fairness this "if" must be stressed) Seeberg's honesty is called into question and our picture of the events changes drastically. It is distasteful and unproductive to attack the character of a young lady so unfortunately deceased, and I hope no one stoops to

that. But I do hope we take this opportunity to realize that not too long ago many of us accused a fellow student of committing a crime so horrible it caused Lizzy Seeberg to kill herself out of shame. We accused Notre Dame of protecting its football program at the expense of Lizzy's life. We didn't know a thing about what happened, did we? Really, we still don't, other than that the reported crime was far more minor than we were initially led to believe. Guys, let's learn to be gentlemen. And all of us, let's not be so quick to condemn.

Joseph Evetts

senior
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Jan. 21

UWIRE

Starbucks adds to portion problems

Starbucks Coffee will be rolling out a new, gargantuan, 31-ounce "Trenta" drink size to all Starbucks stores in the United States by May 3.

Cue the collective groans of every dietician in America.

The Trenta release comes in response to the consumer demand for bigger iced drinks perfect for those long, hot summer days.

Thankfully, you won't be able to pick up a 31-ounce Frappuccino any time soon, since the size is restricted to iced teas and coffees, with the usual choices of sweeteners, milk and cream.

Even Starbucks had the common sense to know that America doesn't need 31 ounces of caramel macchiato.

Here's the kicker, though: The Trenta, with a volume of 916 ml, is bigger than the average capacity of the human stomach, which is about 900 ml.

Do we really need to be lugging around icy beverages that have more liquid than the average stomach would like to hold? Granted, a stomach stretches, but the image is weirdly grotesque.

The size of the new Trenta pales in comparison to some of the convenience store options out there, but to see such a drink come from Starbucks? C'mon.

Coffeehouses are meant to be cool, dignified and sophisticated, regardless of whether any of those adjectives fit Starbucks anymore. The rise of the espresso drink, formerly an accessory of the stereotypical European-Italian, brought with it a certain appeal. An appeal threatened by what appears to be a slow march toward the 7-11 OMGWTF-Gulp, or whatever they're calling it these days.

Even ignoring the oxymoronic nature of Starbucks following lowbrow "bigger is better" consumer trends, there is something very silly about introducing such an enormous drink size to the public. Everything is already too big. Portion sizes have grown across the board in America, distorting our sense of what's properly portioned and what's just way too large.

The average drink size twenty to thirty years ago was about eight ounces, according to The New York Times. Now? It's somewhere around 20 ounces. Such increases have left us with more than a quenched thirst: The number of obese people in the United States

has doubled since the 1970s.

With every increase in portion size, we start to lose sight of how much we're supposed to eat. And one of the easiest fixes to this literal and metaphoric ballooning of America? Food establishments simply offering smaller portions.

The irony of this, when it comes to Starbucks, is that while they're willing to unveil a new drink size that could satisfy a baby blue whale, they still hide their smallest available size, the eight-ounce Short, behind the counter. You have to ask for it specifically, as it's not an on-the-menu option. Why try to keep it secret? A smaller size delivers a better, more classically potent espresso flavor while being healthier and cheaper at the same time. That Venti cappuccino you're holding is not a cappuccino. Trust me.

Even more surreptitiously, Tim Harford, author of the book *The Undercover Economist*, says that some companies participate in deliberate "product sabotage" toward products that are less profitable. This includes hiding them, damaging them or making their packaging look ugly, encouraging customers to buy the bigger, better options.

"It's not hard to identify the price-blind customers in Starbucks. They're the ones buying enough latté to bathe Cleopatra," Harford wrote in *Slate*. "The major costs of staff time, space in the queue and packaging are similar for any size of drink. So, larger drinks carry a substantially higher markup."

And so, as is inevitable with any business situation, it all comes down to money. Starbucks has to find a way to keep up with fast-food chains such as McDonald's, which serve larger drinks for less cash.

And though Starbucks optimistically states that a sweetened Trenta-sized drink won't be more than 230 calories, it's still a disconcerting move in a nation where everyone, including me, can't seem to get a grip on how much they should be eating and drinking. Such curiously manipulative business practices aren't going to change for a while.

At least now I can have a Trenta iced tea to hold me over until they do.

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Notre Dame Student Film Festival: Entertaining and Enlightening

By TROY MATHEW
Scene Writer

With topics ranging from the controversial Westboro Baptist Church to the difficulties of single motherhood, the 22nd Annual Notre Dame Student Film Festival was highly entertaining and impressive. The festival, featuring 15 short films and documentaries, aired this weekend in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Here are some of the highlights:

“The Elect”

The film provides a fascinating and unflinching look at the everyday lives of the hateful Westboro Baptist Church. The church uses jarring signs and slogans, nationwide picketing tours and heinous Lady Gaga par-

odies to spread their word. The most striking thing about this documentary was its glimpse into the lives of the church’s youth. Children stand with the church’s adult members at their protests, using hateful speech to condemn a wide variety of targets. One child is shown desperately begging his mother to let him join the church on a trip to San Francisco for a protest. The way in which the hateful ideology of the church is passed on to children is truly shocking and makes for an enthralling documentary.

“True”

Suspenseful and creepy, this black and white film depicts the sinister plot of a man and woman. The movie, without using any dialogue, focuses on sounds such as

footsteps and a screeching teakettle to keep the audience on edge.

“Picking Up America”

This documentary features four people in their twenties on a cross-country road cleaning trip. The film captures funny and cringe-worthy moments, including the disposal of roadside urine-filled plastic bottles and the group’s drinking of a bottle of chocolate milk found in a ditch. The initiative members’ passion for their cause is truly remarkable, and comes through in their interviews. They accomplish staggering results and meticulously weigh each bag of trash to track their statistics.

“Searching for Dillinger”

This movie shows a

humorous glimpse into Monterey, Ind., the town known for housing legendary gangster John Dillinger. Monterey is mentioned as the perfect place to hide from the law, with no local police force, hospitable locals and a location in the middle of nowhere. Town historians and local experts on gang activity lead the viewer on a tour of Dillinger’s hangouts. The colorful locals and captions provide consistent laughs and function to introduce the audience to a part of the country they would have never thought to check out on their own.

“Rosa y Luna”

The film follows the struggles of a single mother returning to the workforce after giving birth. Tania, the

actress playing Rosa, successfully shows the heartbreak of leaving her child off at a neighbor’s as she leaves for the construction site. Likewise, the actors communicate brilliantly and largely without dialogue. The shifty eyes of a male coworker, the mournful glance of a mother leaving her child and the casual offering of a cigarette en route to work are all simple gestures that work perfectly to express emotion and advance characterization.

The high-quality work presented at the film festival made for a great show. Visit ftt.nd.edu to find out more about the film department and its upcoming events.

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SNOOP DOGG TO TAKE THE STAGE AT

Fever

By CHRIS COLLUM
Scene Writer

Better known by his world famous moniker Snoop Dogg, Calvin Broadus will take the stage this Wednesday at Club Fever in South Bend. Snoop Dogg, originally known as Snoop Doggy Dogg before he changed his performance name in 1996, has been rapping and acting for more than 20 years. His 1993 debut album “Doggystyle” featured such hit singles as “Gin and Juice” and “Who Am I (What’s My Name)” and has been hailed as a classic of the gangsta rap genre. He is currently touring in support of “Malice n Wonderland,” his 10th album, and plans to release another studio effort entitled “Doggumentary” in March of this year.

Born in 1971 in Los Angeles, where he has lived his entire

life, Calvin Broadus began singing and playing piano for his church when he was very young and began rapping at the age of 11. While still in high school, he was arrested for criminal distribution of cocaine and served six months in prison, the first of many legal troubles for Snoop Dogg. He identified himself as a member of the Crips gang for years, which coupled with his well-known recreational use of marijuana, which has been the source of many of his legal problems. While recording “Doggystyle” in 1993, Broadus was arrested in connection with the murder of rival gang member Phillip Woldemarian by Snoop Dogg’s bodyguard. Additionally, after allegedly sparking a brawl at Heathrow Airport in London, Broadus has been banned from entering the United Kingdom for life.

Despite these legal difficul-

ties, however, Snoop Dogg has been an extremely successful rapper and entertainer for two decades. His first appearance in film was a cameo appearance in the 1998 stoner cult classic “Half Baked,” written by and starring Dave Chappelle. He has since appeared in approximately twenty-five movies, including “Soul Plane,” “Bones” and “Starsky and Hutch.” His influence on popular culture, however, is possibly best exemplified by the popularity of the suffix “-izzle” which Snoop Dogg is credited with introducing to the mass public.

Following the massive success of “Doggystyle” — it was certified four times platinum a little more than six months after its release — Snoop Dogg released “The Doggfather” in 1996, his last album on Dr. Dre’s Death Row record label. In 1998 Broadus dropped his third album “Da Game Is to Be

Sold, Not to Be Told,” which featured “Gin & Juice II” and smash hit “Still a G Thang.”

While he certainly never faded from the limelight, Snoop Dogg has seen resurgence in popularity in recent years, with his single “I Wanna Rock” reaching number three on the U.S. Billboard Rap Songs chart in late 2009. Then of course there is his guest spot in Katy Perry’s chart-topping “California Gurls” as well as his cameo appearance in the subsequent video. In addition to his upcoming solo album, Snoop Dogg is supposedly recording an album with up-and-coming Pittsburgh rapper Wiz Khalifa. At the very least Snoop did appear on the official remix for Wiz’s breakthrough hit “Black and Yellow” a few months ago.

Snoop Dogg has always been known for putting on an extravagant and spirited live performance, and given the good

reviews that recent stops of this current tour have gotten, it seems likely that this Wednesday’s performance should not disappoint those who attend. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$49 the day of the show, however the show is currently sold out according to the Ticketmaster website.

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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

Name: Lauren Matich
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Lauren is ready for the cold and snowy weather of South Bend and she does it with style. Her colorful hat and patterned scarf and coat make her look chic and fun. She's embracing winter in a very fashionable way!

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FASHION

Felicia by



Arriving back on campus from our holidays is always a wistful time. We yearn for the hours spent in heady relaxation after an abundant meal cooked by our parents who are ever so eager and happy to wait on their prodigal offspring returned from the halls of academia. We grieve for the Christmas morning spent opening lovely wrapped packages and eating hot brioche under the tree, and for the hedonism of our New Year's celebrations which must be replaced with the challenges of new classes and the tediousness of required errands and duties. Compounding this January season of longing is the Dr. Zhivago landscape in which we find ourselves. Our breath visible in front of us, we gaze on never-ending expanses of Moscow-esque snow which seem to create a mirage of long-lost friends sledding eagerly towards us (just the other day on South Quad I was sure I saw Omar Sharif desperately crying my name and swiftly running as he did so brilliantly in the Dr Zhivago film adaptation of 1965).

In the face of our daily schleps on campus, our first instincts may be to let ourselves go a bit in the fashion department. However, our inner fashionista immediately cries out in protest. Let not the daily grind stifle your inner creative goddess! Come what may: snow drifts, assignments, long lines at Starbucks or broken alarms, we will rally, and instead take inspiration from our surroundings. A touch of glamour can still be had even in blizzard-like conditions, we say! To see such glamour in action, dear readers, we need only turn our eyes to our relatives across the proverbial pond that so dearly bring us the Russian fur hat.

The Russian fur hat is a delightful topper to any outfit. As an accessory which conveniently rests on the uppermost region of one's fashion canvas, it will make you visible over the snow banks in a show-stopping way as you salute all the friends you haven't seen since the week of dreadful finals. Its boxy form ensures that it will keep its shape and not collapse unflatteringly should some unwanted snow fall upon you from a passing building. Meant to be worn low, it will also keep your ears toasty warm, and bring attention to your sparkling eyes.

Felicia Caponigri

Scene Writer

For those of us who shudder at the idea of wearing fur (and let's face it, simply can't permit ourselves the real thing unless we find it at the bottom of a vintage closet for an irresistible steal) faux-fur is now all the rage thanks to our dear Chanel helmsman Karl Lagerfeld! Pair this hat with everything and anything, from your jeans to your most formal outfit and it will up the ante of your total fashion ensemble. Lest you think this fashion trend is not for you, I must mention that dear Kate Middleton was spotted wearing one of these long before she became Princess-to-be. On our continent, for your convenience, Dillard's carries this key ingredient to European glamour for only \$26.60. With prices and styles like this, that charming prince must step aside. You're ready for your own close-up.



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Freshman Ali Thomas models the Russian fur hat.

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NFL

Green Bay wins NFC title

Associated Press

CHICAGO — There was one Monster of the Midway in the NFC championship game and his name was Aaron Rodgers.

He wasn't even at his best and, still, he was better than the first, the second and the third quarterback used in vain by the Chicago Bears against their bitter rivals.

Rodgers ran for a score and made a TD-saving tackle in leading the Green Bay Packers into the Super Bowl with a bone-jarring 21-14 victory Sunday over Chicago.

"It's an incredible feeling," Rodgers said. "I'm at a loss for words."

Rodgers played well enough to keep the Bears off balance all afternoon, Green Bay punter Tim Masthay kept Devin Hester under wraps and the Packers' superb defense took care of the rest in knocking the Bears out of the playoffs.

It was the 182nd meeting in the league's most historic feud, and the stakes had never been bigger.

Now the Packers (13-6) are headed to Dallas. And no matter what happens in the Super Bowl on Feb. 6, the Packers and their fans hold ultimate bragging rights over their foes to the south. Green Bay will play the winner of Sunday night's AFC title game between the New York Jets and Pittsburgh Steelers.

"We made a play to win the game and that's all that matters," Packers linebacker Clay Matthews said. "Keep playing defense the way we know how, and it's going to be tough for teams to beat us."

All Jay Cutler could do was watch, having left the game with a knee injury early in the third quarter. Even before the injury, Cutler was having trouble moving the ball. Worse, he was getting booed by the home fans.

Primary backup Todd Collins replaced Cutler and was jeered even worse. Then little-known backup Caleb Hanie and the Bears (12-6) actually made it a game.

Chicago's third-string quarterback rallied the Bears for a touchdown drive to cut the lead to 14-7 after Chester Taylor's 1-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter.

Hanie had a chance to tie the game after the Bears' defense finally got a few stops, but threw a ball straight to Packers defensive lineman B.J. Raji, who lumbered 18 yards into the end zone for a touchdown to give the Packers a 21-7 lead.

But Hanie wasn't finished. He threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Earl Bennett to again cut the



AP
Packers cornerback Sam Shields, left, seals the victory with an interception late in the fourth quarter Sunday.

lead to seven points with 4:43 left.

The Bears forced a punt and got the ball back with under 3 minutes left. Hanie drove the Bears to the Green Bay 29-yard line, then threw a fourth-down interception to Sam Shields—the rookie's second of the game.

Now all those Pro Bowl voters who didn't think Rodgers was worthy can relax. They're off the hook. Rodgers will be headed to the Super Bowl instead.

Rodgers proved ready for the biggest day of his brief but impressive career as the successor to Brett Favre, even if his final stat line didn't look impressive after an ugly, hard-fought game.

He threw for 244 yards with two interceptions—a disappointment, given how well he had played lately. But his play in the first half was good enough to put the Bears in a two-touchdown hole, boggling a good defense that suddenly seemed to fall for every play-action fake.

Chicago was ready for a championship party under sunny skies and 20-degree temperatures, and went wild from the national anthem on. But Rodgers quieted them down quickly, marching the Packers on an opening drive then ended with Rodgers scrambling for a score.

The Bears went with a heavy dose of running back Matt Forte early on, with limited success.

Early in the second quarter, Brandon Jackson faked Brian Urlacher out for a long gain on a screen pass, and Rodgers' pass to Jordy Nelson set up James Starks' 4-yard touchdown run to give Green Bay a 14-0 lead.

It was the latest in a series of big moments for Rodgers, who has earned near-universal praise for the way he has played this season—especially since sitting out the Packers' Dec. 19 loss at New England because of a con-

ussion.

Rodgers has been on a hot streak ever since, and doing it under pressure. The Packers would have been out of the playoffs with a loss in either of their last two regular-season games, including the regular season finale against Chicago.

With the Packers leading 14-0 at halftime, Green Bay's defense forced a three-and-out to begin the second half, and Rodgers went back to marching the Packers down the field.

With the Packers poised to put the game away, Rodgers instead tossed the ball to Urlacher on third-and-goal. He took off and ran down the Bears linebacker near midfield, barely preventing him from running it back for a touchdown when he grabbed him.

"I don't think he saw me," Urlacher said. "He threw it to me—then he tackled me."

Urlacher, who said earlier in the week that he voted for Rodgers for the Pro Bowl, walked away impressed.

"Great quarterback, no doubt about that," Urlacher said.

But after Urlacher's interception, the Bears couldn't make anything happen with Collins in for Cutler, and appeared to be headed for a blowout until Hanie took over.

Packers players were surprised Cutler didn't come back.

"You know if he doesn't come back it had to be serious, not to come back and play in this game," Charles Woodson said.

Matthews wasn't sure when Cutler got hurt.

"Kinda wish they would have had Jay in there the whole time the way things were going," Matthews said.

Bears coach Lovie Smith grew testy when asked about Cutler's injury after the game.

"He couldn't go, and we moved on," Smith said.

NHL

Flyers prevail in Stanley Cup rematch

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Philadelphia Flyers made a strong statement with a strong effort.

Jeff Carter had two goals and an assist, and rookie Sergei Bobrovsky made 30 saves in Philadelphia's 4-1 win over the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday.

Nikolay Zherdev and Scott Hartnell added goals, and Claude Giroux had four assists for the Flyers in the only regular-season rematch of last year's Stanley Cup finals.

Philadelphia was in charge most of the game against the defending champion Blackhawks, who defeated the Flyers in six games in the finals.

"It obviously was nice," Carter said. "We know how last year ended."

"Nothing was said in the room before. I think each guy individually knew what was going on today and it was a big two points for us."

Philadelphia improved to a league-leading 69 points and is 9-2-0 in its past 11.

The 22-year-old Bobrovsky lost a bid for his first career shutout at 6:49 of the third period when Marian Hossa scored on a penalty shot.

"I'm really happy we won the game today because we maintained our position in first place this year," Flyers coach Peter Laviolette said. "It's about looking forward not looking back."

"We came into a loud building against a very good hockey team, and we played a real sound hockey game and walked away with two points."

Chicago lost in regulation for

the first time since Jan. 5 and had been on a 5-0-1 roll.

"It seems like they had five guys in the neutral zone," Hossa said. "They were waiting for our mistakes and it was hard to get the puck by them."

Chicago rookie Corey Crawford finished with 30 saves.

Bobrovsky was especially sharp in the first period before the Flyers took control.

The Blackhawks had the better scoring chances in the up-tempo, scoreless first. Bobrovsky made several quick, close-in saves, including ones on Jonathan Toews and Tomas Kopecky.

"(Bobrovsky) was in complete control," Laviolette said. "Never too far out of position. Not deep. There were no second opportunities. He was quick with his legs."

As the period progressed, Chicago's skating and puck possession game became more dominant. But Carter opened the scoring 49 seconds into the second to cap a lengthy goal-mouth scramble.

Crawford stopped Braydon Coburn's drive from the right point, but couldn't control the rebound. While Crawford was down in the crease, the Flyers managed several attempts that hit him or were blocked by the Blackhawks. Carter finally pushed the puck over the goal line to give the Flyers a 1-0 lead.

"It was a weird one," Carter said. "We missed about five times."

Philadelphia then tightened its play and coverage to slow down Chicago. Meanwhile, the Flyers generated several prime chances and ended up outshooting Chicago 19-9 in the period.



AP
Flyers center Darroll Powe fights off John Scott of the Blackhawks in Philadelphia's 4-1 victory Sunday.

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THE OTHER GUYS QUOTES

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Radio Dispatch: We found your stolen Prius. It was voting for Ralph Nader.

Terry Hoitz: Your farts aren't manly.
Allen Gamble: Are you serious?
Terry Hoitz: They sound like a baby blowing out birthday candles.

Police Officer: You shot Derek Jeter? You should've shot A-Rod!
Other Officer: Yea! Derek Jeter is a biracial angel!

Allen Gamble: OW, my ears! How do you walk away from an explosion without it hurting your ears, man? I call BS on that! This is like watching Star Wars, where Luke uses the Force and escapes the Death Star without a problem, completely unrealistic!

Terry Hoitz: Don't insult Star Wars, man! That's the Holy Grail of sci-fi!

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Roddick is the last American to fall in Open

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick didn't like being the fall guy again. The facts, however, were unmistakable: All the Americans

were gone from the Australian Open.

Roddick lost to 19th-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka on a cool Sunday night at Melbourne Park. Roddick saw 24 aces whip past him,

barely got a look at a break-point chance and didn't get his own big serve firing in a 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 fourth-round defeat.

Roddick, seeded eighth, had been the last American man standing in the singles field. The women were out before the third round ended. Venus Williams lasted seven only points before she hobbled off with an ailing hip muscle.

"Obviously I'm not going to sit here and ... " Roddick checked himself and then switched gears, saying the stories were already written and it didn't really matter what he said. "Obviously wasn't the showing that we wanted, you know, but I'm doing what I can."

Roddick's ouster came on a day when Roger Federer equaled Jimmy Connors' Open era mark by reaching his 27th straight quarterfinal at a major, and Francesca Schiavone won the longest women's match in Grand Slam history — a 6-4, 1-6, 16-14 victory over Svetlana Kuznetsova that took 4 hours, 44 minutes.

No. 3 Novak Djokovic and No. 6 Tomas Berdych also won in the fourth round. Among the women, No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki and No. 9 advanced, while No. 14 Maria Sharapova lost to No. 30 Andrea Petkovic.

Since Roddick's 2003 U.S. Open victory, no American man has won a major. Venus and sister Serena Williams have won 10 majors between them in the interim, and 20 between them overall. Serena was the 2010 champion in Australia, but

couldn't defend her title because of a foot injury.

"Not having the best player in the world at a major would be ... be tough for any country. Obviously we want her healthy as much as possible," Roddick said. "You know, she's instantly the best player in the game when she comes back."

Roddick's career was starting in the days when Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi were winding down. Since they retired, no American man has regularly kept him company in the late stages of majors.

"It's tough," he said. "I remember last summer when I was catching all the heat for not having an American guy in the top 10 for the first time in 15 years. Didn't really make sense to me that I was the one taking heat when I was the only guy that had been there for the last six years."

"It's a responsibility that has great benefits, and it's hard sometimes as well. ... For many reasons, I would love to have guys there with me all the time."

Roddick's departure leaves 2010 finalist Andy Murray as the only player from any of the Grand Slam host countries in the tournament. All the French and the Australian players were already beaten by the end of the third round. There's two Swiss, but only one can reach the semifinals.

Wawrinka advanced to the first all-Swiss quarterfinal at a major in the Open era, where he'll run into Federer, the defending champion.

Federer beat Tommy Robredo 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the quarter-

finals for the 27th major in a row. Connors' mark came between 1973 and 1983 — although he didn't play every major because he was hurt or didn't travel to Australia.

Schiavone, the French Open champion, saved six match points, then converted on her third match point in the longest women's match at a major in terms of time in the Open era. The longest previous record was set in Australia last year when Barbora Zahlavova-Strycova beat Regina Kulikova 7-6 (5), 6-7 (10), 6-3 in 4:19.

Said a spent Schiavone: "At the end, you have something more, always."

Kuznetsova said the match was so long she was forgetting the score or who should serve. Schiavone said it wasn't quite that bad for her.

"But I was watching the clock, and I say, 'Brava, Francesca, you are tough!'"

The 30-year-old Italian will next meet Wozniacki, who reached the quarterfinals in Australia for the first time with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Anastasija Sevastova. She then caused a bit of stir at her news conference with a tale about being scratched by a kangaroo.

She later returned to Melbourne Park to clarify she'd made up the story and to apologize, saying she didn't think anyone would believe it.

Petkovic topped Sharapova, the 2008 champion, 6-2, 6-3. She will next play Li, the 2010 semifinalist from China who advanced with a 6-3, 6-3 decision over No. 8 Victoria Azarenka.

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NFL

Chicago's QB woes cost trip to Super Bowl

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sid Luckman was without a doubt the best quarterback the Bears ever had.

Sad to say, his ghost would probably be ranked No. 2.

So imagine this: Nearly a century into the NFL's longest-running rivalry and six decades after Luckman left town, Chicago may have finally found another real quarterback. Unfortunately, they didn't take the wraps off Caleb Hanie until a minute remained in the third quarter of Green Bay's 21-14 win over the Bears — too late to do the league's most historically pass-challenged franchise much good.

As it turned out, Hanie was the team's third option at quarterback, sent in to relieve second-stringer Todd Collins, himself a replacement for injured starter Jay Cutler. Yet Hanie still managed to throw more passes than Cutler and Collins combined, including the Bears' only passing touchdown, and nearly doubled their passing yardage and quarterback ratings.

"People were telling me, 'congratulations' after and I'm thinking I just threw interceptions," Hanie said sheepishly afterward. "I guess all that means is that they don't expect much."

That will go down as the understatement of the Bears' season. Lousy QBs are such a given in Chicago that when the team traded in April, 2009, for the rocket-armed Cutler — who despite plenty of hoopla did little in Denver and never reached the playoffs — half the Bears fans volunteered to pick him up at the airport. Then he found out why few QBs ever flourish here, went 7-9 with an NFL-high 26 interceptions, and probably figured out that the other half of the fan base had volunteered to drive him back to O'Hare.

But the Bears brought in offensive coordinator Mike Martz to capitalize on Cutler's strength, and despite some rocky stretches, made it as far as the next-to-last game of the season. Cutler took a shot to the knee in the last series before intermission.

After an exam at halftime, team trainers taped the joint and Cutler tried riding an exercise bike on the sideline in hopes of playing the second half. Finally, the medical staff ruled him out.

"It's a lonely feeling," Cutler said. "Go through training camp and everything else and get to this point and have an opportunity to get in the Super

Bowl, it's hard."

Harder still was the barrage Cutler took instantaneously on Twitter from some current and retired NFL players. Several questioned his guts.

"If I'm on Chicago team Jay Cutler has to wait till me and the team shower get dressed and leave before he comes in the locker room!" wrote Cardinals defensive lineman Darnell Dockett.

"Folks I never question a player's injury but I do question a player's heart," wrote Deion Sanders, the far-from-lionhearted one-time cornerback and current NFL analyst.

Nobody, though, questioned Hanie's heart.

The former Colorado State quarterback went undrafted in 2008, threw exactly seven passes in his first two seasons and found out during the Bears bye week that he'd dropped to No. 3 behind Collins, the 38-year-old journeyman from Michigan.

Asked whether the demotion motivated him, Hanie said, "I'd like to think I don't need that type of motivation."

Every Bears quarterback can find all the motivation he needs simply by studying the team's record books. After all this time, Luckman still holds nearly every important mark.

Hanie grew up in Forney, Texas, a small town some 40 miles east of Cowboys Stadium and from among all the great Dallas quarterbacks, chose Troy Aikman as his model. He acknowledged he knew little about the Bears' sorry legacy at the position when he arrived — Jim McMahon and Erik Kramer were the only two that came to mind — then added, "I know it's been a carousel this decade."

Just this decade?

Caleb, try since the day club founder George Halas threw open the doors on the business.

It's easy to see how Chicago became home and hearth to so many vicious defenders over the years. The front office rarely risked high draft picks on quarterbacks or soft-handed receivers, arguing a punishing defense was the quickest way to find an audience and keep it in what was decidedly a workingman's town during the league's formative years.

Others say the cold, wind and snow that prevailed for much of the season made an offense that relied on the pass too risky a proposition. But that didn't stop the Packers, stuck in the same tough climate, from upgrading their offense when the league changed the rules to favor a more wide-open



Green Bay Packers' AJ Hawk tackles Chicago third string quarterback Caleb Hanie during the second half of the NFC championship Sunday. AP

game.

The Bears, in fact, went through nearly two dozen starters during the stretch Brett Favre was with the Packers and might need half as many again to be competitive during the reign of third-year starter Aaron Rodgers, who is proving the best way to succeed a legend is start fast and then

get even better.

Hanie isn't likely to unseat Cutler anytime soon. Not after what the Bears gave up to get Cutler, nor considering how much cash they threw at him in 2009 to secure a two-year contract extension through 2013. That suited the Super Bowl-bound Packers just fine.

"I kind of wish we had Jay

in there the whole game," Green Bay linebacker Clay Matthews said, "the way things were going."

"I heard his knee was banged up or something like that," safety Charlie Peprah added, "but 12 came in and good for him. I'm hopeful this will spark his career in the NFL. He came in and didn't seem too rattled."

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NFL

Pittsburgh survives late Jets rally for AFC title

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers found a fitting way to shut down the New York Jets' season.

What started with "Hard Knocks," ended with hard knocks.

For the third time in six seasons, Terrible Towels will twirl at the Super Bowl. The Steelers silenced Rex Ryan's wild bunch with a fumble return for a touchdown and a goal-line stand in a 24-19 victory for the AFC championship Sunday. They will face Green Bay in Dallas in two weeks.

Look out Big D, here comes another Big D—in black and gold, and with an unmatched history of carrying off the Lombardi Trophy.

You can bet that unit led by James Harrison, which shut down the Jets' comeback in the fourth quarter, will test Aaron Rodgers. That overwhelming defense set the tone for most of a frigid night at Heinz Field to end the Jets' stunning post-season run. Ryan slammed down his headset when Antonio Brown, also a hero last week, caught a pass for a first down that allowed Pittsburgh to hang on and run out the clock.

And the Steelers (14-4) will challenge the Packers' defense with a versatile attack led by running back Rashard Mendenhall and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

The Steelers ended the Jets' season with a dominant first half for a 24-3 edge. Mendenhall had 95 of his 121 yards and a touchdown.

"We knew we were going to have a chance to run the ball

well," Mendenhall said. "The offensive line, they controlled the line of scrimmage all game."

Roethlisberger has moved on from a four-game suspension at the beginning of the season to take Pittsburgh to its eighth Super Bowl; the Steelers own the most titles, six. He scrambled time and again for key gains, often against shoddy tackling.

At game's end, he kneeled on the field, his face buried in an AFC championship T-shirt.

The cocky Jets seemed to have left everything they had in New England last Sunday. There was little trash talking all week and even less fire early in their biggest game since winning the championship 42 years ago. They haven't been back to the Super Bowl.

The Steelers are regulars, including titles for the 2005 and 2008 teams, both led by Roethlisberger and a fierce defense sparked by playmaking safety Troy Polamalu.

Polamalu, his hair pouring from under his helmet as the black-and-gold signature towels flowed throughout Heinz Field, didn't have to do a whole lot this time. Not with the way his teammates whipped the Jets at the line of scrimmage before a spirited New York surge in the second half.

And too often, New York's defense was like a swinging gate that Roethlisberger and Mendenhall ran through with ease.

New York (13-6) failed for the fourth time in the AFC title game since 1969, when the Jets won perhaps the most significant of all Super Bowls. It was a

devastating finish, particularly after the Jets beat Peyton Manning and the Colts, then Tom Brady and the Patriots on the road to get to Pittsburgh.

Asked if he would change anything about this season, Ryan said "I would change the outcome of this game and that's the only thing I would change. We don't need to apologize to anybody. We'll be back, you'll see."

The Steelers snapped New York's hopes of making the Super Bowl a sixth-seed spectacular; the Packers are the NFC's No. 6 seed.

Coach Mike Tomlin had his Steelers eager for the fight from the outset, while Ryan's guys were flat until it was too late. The Jets did get a 45-yard TD pass from Mark Sanchez to Santonio Holmes—the hero of Pittsburgh's Super Bowl victory two years ago—and a safety after Pittsburgh's goal-line stand.

But the early hole was too deep, even after a 4-yard TD pass to Jericho Cotchery made it 24-19 with 3:06 remaining. The Jets never got the ball back.

Pittsburgh set the early tone with a 66-yard march that took up the first nine minutes, with Roethlisberger displaying his scrambling skills on several plays, including a key 12-yard run on third-and-12. Mendenhall reached the ball over the goal line from the 1, the final of a 15-play drive in which the Steelers pushed around Ryan's pride and joy.

But Pittsburgh also lost outstanding rookie center Maurkice Pouncey with an ankle injury, leaving it with just

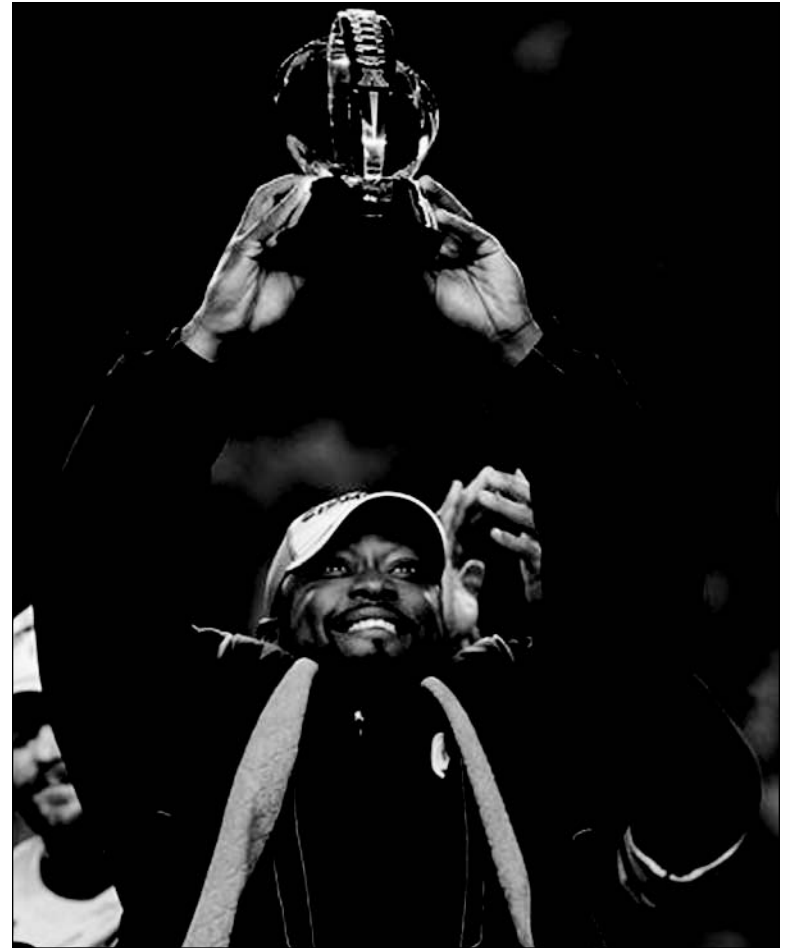
one backup offensive lineman.

It was the Jets who were struggling to block, though. And catch, with the usually sure-handed Cotchery making a key third-down drop.

Or tackle. Mendenhall found seams to the left, right or up the middle. His 35-yard sprint in the second quarter led to Shaun Suisham's 20-yard field goal and a 10-0 lead that was insur-

mountable the way the Jets were whiffing.

It became 17-0 as Roethlisberger, who was not prosecuted after being accused in March of the sexual assault of a 20-year-old college student, scooted into the end zone from the 2. Just 47 seconds later, Ike Taylor sacked Sanchez, forcing a fumble that William Gay ran 22 yards for a 24-0 lead.



Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin hoists the AFC Championship trophy Sunday night. AP

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NBA

Wizards stay winless on the road with loss

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Washington Wizards are almost halfway there, almost halfway to losing every one of their road games in this NBA season.

The 0-20 mark away from the Verizon Center has become the elephant in the room, overshadowing anything else the young, rebuilding team might accomplish. Even when No. 1 pick John Wall and Co. play well at home, the streak is still on their minds.

Beat the Celtics at home on Saturday night? Sure, that was by far their biggest win of the season to date, but the postgame celebration included tongue-in-cheek appeals to count it as a road win because the rare sellout crowd was so Celtics-friendly.

"This is not a road game? Not a road win for us? This don't count?" guard Nick Young said. "Man, when they were doing the starting lineups, I thought we was getting booed and they were getting cheers."

Coach Flip Saunders calls the skid the team's "lightning bolt." Forward Andray Blatche said it's "passed embarrassment." Wall has been referencing the need to avoid an 0-41 ignominy since early December, back

when the road record was a mere 0-9.

And, of course, negative energy has a way of feeding on itself and expanding elsewhere. Other NBA teams are using the streak as motivation; none wants to be the first to fall at home to the lowly Wizards.

"We didn't want them to get their first road win," Milwaukee forward Drew Gooden said after Washington's latest fruitless foray in an unwelcome city, a 100-87 loss to the Bucks on Wednesday. "We needed to win."

Washington's next chance for road redemption comes Monday with a visit to the New York Knicks, and it's not too early to start calculating the Wizards' chances of moving into the league's record books.

They still have some way to go. They NBA always seems to have an oversupply of truly awful teams, so the Wizards still need to lose two more just to move into a tie for third (with the 1949-50 Waterloo Hawks and the 1997-98 Denver Nuggets) for the all-time longest road losing streak to start a season. The record is 29, held by the 1992-93 Denver Nuggets, followed closely by the 0-28 start by the 1974-75 New Orleans Jazz.

FENCING

Top ranked Irish dominate

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The No. 1 women's and men's Irish fencing teams opened the 2011 campaign this weekend by participating in the NYU Invitational.

Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said being No. 1 in the polls is a testament of what kind of team the Irish are, and what kind of team they can become.

"It's showing the strength of our team," Bednarski said. "It's also showing the ambition to be No. 1."

With top 10 teams, such as Ohio State, Columbia and Northwestern, among others, com-

peting in the invitational, Bednarski said before the event that it would be one of the sternest tests his Irish team would face all season.

The Irish more than held their own. Between the men's and women's teams the Irish won 11 matches in the event. The women went undefeated with a perfect 6-0 and the men notched a 5-1 record.

The women recorded victories over fencing heavyweights Yale, Columbia, Northwestern, Ohio State, St. John's and NYU. The men were victorious against Yale, Stevens Tech, Columbia, NYU and Ohio State. Their only loss came against No. 3 St. John's.

Sophomore James Kaul and senior Jacob Osborne led the

men's team. Kaul finished the matches with a 12-3 record, including 3-0 bouts against Stevens Tech and Ohio State. Osborne had a 9-4 record, which included winning two or more bouts against Yale, NYU and Ohio State.

The women's team was led by their two All-Americans: senior Ewa Neelip and junior Courtney Hurley. Neelip compiled a record of 14-2, which included undefeated bouts against Northwestern, NYU, and St. John's. Hurley accumulated a 13-2 record and was also undefeated in three bouts. She went unblemished against Columbia, Yale and Northwestern.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team earns first win, falls to Virginia

By KATIE GRABAREK
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The Irish earned their first victory of the season Sunday over William and Mary before falling to No. 1 Virginia.

In the first match against William and Mary, the Notre Dame squad won five of their six singles matches and swept all three doubles matches to earn a 6-1 victory.

No. 71 senior Stephen Havens and junior Sam Keeton were both able to earn 6-3, 6-1 victories at the No. 1 and No. 5 singles positions, respectively.

Junior Casey Watt opened his spring campaign with a win at No. 2 singles, while sophomore Blas Moros also earned a win for the Irish at

No. 6 singles.

The Irish suffered their only loss at No. 4 singles when Jamie Whiteford defeated freshman Greg Andrews in a tight three set match.

The Irish earned all three wins in the doubles lineup, starting with a team of two seniors, Havens and Tyler Davis, who won 8-4 at No. 1.

Junior Niall Fitzgerald and sophomore Spencer Talmadge won 8-5, while Greg Andrews and Watt won at No. 3.

In the second match of the weekend against Virginia, the Irish only mustered one win at No. 7 singles by No. 122 Tyler Davis, and lost 9-1.

The Irish played three tight doubles matches but did not pick up any victories.

Havens fell at No. 1 singles to No. 27 Michael Shabaz 6-3,

6-0.

Watt won the first set of his No. 2 singles match against No. 3 Alex Domijan before dropping the next two to lose the match, while Moros played a tough match before losing 7-5, 7-5 at No. 6 singles to No. 105 Justin Shane. Senior Dan Stahl fell at No. 3 singles to No. 10 Sanam Singh. At No. 1 doubles Havens and Davis fell 9-8 (5), while Fitzgerald and Talmadge lost 8-7 (4).

The Irish will return to action Friday against Oklahoma in Champaign, Ill.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Underclassmen excel in competitive home meet

By JOE WIRTH
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Notre Dame competed in the Notre Dame Invitational Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

The team excelled throughout the event and notched a total of 10 first-place finishes. It was a total team effort, but young talent carried a large portion of the load for the Irish. Freshman Jarrod Buchanon registered a time of 8.42 seconds to take first place in the 60-meter hurdles. Freshman Patrick Feeney and sophomore Brendan Dougherty also carried some the weight. Feeney came in first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.17 seconds, while Dougherty won the 500-meter dash in 1:05.31.

Another underclassman taking home first place honors was sophomore Jeremy Rae, who took first place in

1,000-meter race with a time of 2:22.53.

Some of the standout performances by upperclassmen included wins by seniors Jack Howard and Ryan Gamboa. Howard, and indoor All-American, crossed the line first in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:52.64 and Gamboa ran the mile in 4:08.98 in his first place performance.

With first place finishes in the triple jump, pole vault and weight throw, the Irish shined in the field events as well. Junior Patrick Glass won the triple jump with a leap of 13.71 meters. Junior Kevin Schipper leapt 5.1 meters to capture first in the pole vault. Senior Greg Davis threw 17.68 meters to win the weight throw.

The Irish will return to action Friday at the Indiana Relays at Indiana University in Bloomington.

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NFL

Green Bay is early Super Bowl favorite

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Sports books in Nevada made Green Bay a slight favorite in the Super Bowl over Pittsburgh on Sunday night based on the Packers' popularity among bettors during the past few weeks.

The Glantz-Culver line made the Packers an early 2½-point favorite and put the total score at 45½ points for the Feb. 6 game in Arlington, Texas.

Jay Kornegay, executive director of the race and sports book at the Las Vegas Hilton, said his book made the Packers a 2-point favorite and quickly moved the line to 2½ points as bettors gambled on Green Bay.

"That steam engine is still rolling," Kornegay said. "It's going to be a very interesting Super Bowl because you have two heavyweights as far as popularity goes."

Odds maker Andrew Patterson of Las Vegas Sports Consultants said the firm, which provides betting lines to most casinos in Nevada, made the Packers a 1½-point favorite to try to encourage action on both teams.

"I think it's a good number, but a lot of us feel it's a little high," Patterson said.

The Super Bowl is the most popular betting game of the year for Nevada casinos, which won almost \$6.9 million on last year's game as bettors wagered \$82.7 mil-

lion.

That was up slightly from 2009, and Kornegay said he expects wagers to be up again this year because Green Bay and Pittsburgh have had strong followings.

Pittsburgh is always popular among bettors, and Patterson said that even though Green Bay was a No. 6 seed going into the playoffs, they started the season with the fifth-tightest odds among all NFL teams to win the title.

More than any other game, sports books say the line on the Super Bowl is determined by how teams performed in their most recent game. Oddsmakers say average fans bet far more money on the Super Bowl than frequent bettors — making common perception more important in setting betting lines.

Both Pittsburgh and Green Bay got off to quick starts in their respective conference championship games on Sunday, then had to stave off rallies.


Kornegay said that even though the games were similar, Green Bay bettors weren't likely to be discouraged because they still won their bets.

"Even though they didn't have the flash and the charm that they had the first couple weeks, they still were rewarded by a cover," he said. "They cashed, so they will continue to support them."

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the Notre Dame bench, turned around, and launched a fade away 3-pointer with three seconds left on the shot clock. The shot somehow found the bottom of the basket to give the Irish their first lead since the opening minute. On the ensuing possession, Hansbrough beat his man off the dribble and rose up for a baseline dunk that gave the Irish a 62-57 lead and sent the Purcell Pavilion crowd into a frenzy. Hansbrough finished with a career-high 28 points to go along with six assists and five rebounds.

"I just had the angle," Hansbrough said. "I am capable of doing that. We work on that every day in three man weave. The opportunity got there, I just went up and finished it strong and it went in."

Marquette looked as though it might shoot Notre Dame out of the building, something it did in the teams' first meeting this season, after it opened up an 11-4 lead with three consecutive 3-pointers just over three minutes into the game. Hansbrough kept Notre Dame in range by scoring the team's first seven points, and scores from senior forward Tyrone Nash and freshman guard Eric Atkins tied the game at 11 with just over 14 minutes to go in the opening half. Marquette, however, took a lead — a lead it wouldn't relinquish until Hansbrough's 3-pointer — on a layup by senior guard Jimmy Butler, and the Golden Eagles took a 45-36 lead into halftime. Marquette shot a blistering 71.5 percent from 3-point range in the period.

After the half, Notre Dame switched into a 2-3 zone, which threw the Golden Eagles off their rhythm as they shot just 30 per-

cent from the field in the second half and 38.5 percent from three point range.

"It was no different than the Wisconsin or Georgia game where we're down double digits," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We really don't have any answers in man to man, so let's try to change their rhythm a little bit. Their shots came up but in a little different rhythm. All of a sudden, it's a little different shooting when the game pressure comes on you. Overall, I thought we did a good job knowing who the three shooters were."

Early in the game, Irish fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis and senior forward Carleton Scott had trouble getting into a rhythm, combining for just two points. Atkins, however, bailed out the upperclassmen with 12 points in the first half, including two timely threes that kept Notre Dame within striking distance of Marquette.

"I got open looks," Atkins said. "Everybody on this team is confident in me shooting the ball. I just took my opportunities."

Abromaitis and Scott heated up early in the second half, however, helping ignite Notre Dame's second half run. Abromaitis hit a three with 17:59 remaining in the second half to cut the lead to single digits and Scott dunked home a putback just over a minute later that began to swing the momentum in Notre Dame's favor. In his second game back from injury, Scott recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

"[We showed] perseverance," Scott said. "We have to take the punches. They threw some punches. We definitely have to weather the storm. That's what we did."

Notre Dame takes the court again tonight against No. 3 Pittsburgh at the Petersen Events Center. The game will tip off at 7 p.m. and can be seen on ESPN.

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Irish freshman Jennifer Kellner rips a backhand during her match in the Eck Classic on Oct. 3. PAT COVENEY/The Observer

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also contributed for the Irish. Kellner established her place on the team by going 6-1 in both sets, performing well in her first collegiate matchup. She and doubles partner Chrissie McGaffigan gained another team point by winning 8-2.

"Everyone stepped up in our doubles matches," Frilling said. "No one had really played with their partners yet and Jenny is a

freshman and played five matches. She really just dominated so we're really looking forward to the things she's going to bring to the team this year."

Matthews and Frilling won their doubles match 8-1 to gain the fourth point. In singles, Matthews, the second-ranked singles player on the team, won against Breanne Smutko in a 6-3 and 6-2 victory.

"I think it was a good first match for us," Frilling said. "We knew going in it was going to be tough, I think it was good that we have more

confidence going into our matches this weekend."

Overall, Frilling has high hopes for the rest of the season, but she knows that the team needs to focus on the matches ahead of them.

"Everyone just kind of got into the groove of things," Frilling said about this match. "They are only going to improve throughout the season."

The Irish are in action again at home Saturday against the Yale Bulldogs.

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formances of the year," Irish coach Tim Connelly said. "I was especially impressed with Rudy [Atang]. She looked great and this meet was really important for her, considering the fact that she is coming off of surgery in the offseason that limited what she was able to do."

In addition to the strong performance by the field participants, sophomore long-distance runner Rebecca Tracy squeaked out a win in the 1,600-meter race, running the mile in a time of 4:42.14, besting her previous personal record by three seconds. With her performance, Tracy posted the second-fastest mile time in the nation, a mark her coach believes could be a qualifying time for the NCAA Regionals.

"Rebecca is just so talented and is really beginning to find her stride," Connelly said. "She is starting to get confident that she can perform at such a high level and it shows through [Saturday's] time."

But the Irish are looking

for more consistency throughout the running events, as only six of their runners finished in the top three in their events.

"After seeing our finishes, I would say that we have to work on just about everything," Connelly said. "There are some really big gaps and a little inconsistency in our performances that are preventing us from realizing our true potential."

The Notre Dame Invitational, which was held inside the Loftus Sports Complex, also featured squads from DePaul, Western Michigan and Michigan State that created an extremely competitive meet early on in the year, something that Connelly hopes to build on.

"Being the first home meet this early in the year, we were really looking to see where we were at, gauge our performance and see how we could improve," he said.

The Irish will look to improve on their performance when they travel to Indiana University to take part in the Indiana Relays, starting on Jan. 29.

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MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Close loss shows Irish improvement

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

The Irish were edged out by a perennially strong Michigan State team on Friday by a score of 155.5-145.5, dropping Notre Dame to 5-3 on the season. But the slim 10-point margin signals a dramatic improvement from last year's 179-121 drubbing at the hands of the Spartans (5-1).

"Last year, Michigan State beat us by a lot more," junior Petar Petrovic said. "This year was a pretty close meet, so on that side you can say that it was progress."

Irish coach Tim Welsh echoed Petrovic's analysis, emphasizing how close and competitive the meet really was. Welsh acknowledged that a few races that were decided by less than a tenth of a second gave the edge to the home team, which he described as one of the best Michigan State squads he's seen in years.

In the face of strong opposition, the Irish put forth a strong showing, registering six individual victories on the night. Notre Dame's effort was highlighted by sophomore Bill Bass, who placed first in the 200-yard butterfly and the 400-yard individual medley.

Welsh deemed the performances of freshmen Frank Dyer and Colin Babcock in the 1,000-yard freestyle as "outstanding," as Dyer won his event debut in runaway fashion and Babcock swam a personal best. Two more first place finishes for Notre

Dame were provided by sophomore Kevin Overholt in the 50-yard freestyle and senior Michael Sullivan in the 500-yard freestyle. Senior diver Eric Lex placed first in the 3-meter board, registering a score of 375.60, the seventh highest in school history.

Even with Notre Dame's many highlights, including winning the final three events of the meet, they were not able to match the point total of the Spartans. In one of the closest races of the day, Petrovic was bested by Michigan State's record-holding Jacob Jarzen.

"I had a pretty good 100 backstroke and I lost in the last one or two meters,"

Petrovic said. "It was a really good race, but a bad finish cost me the victory."

With minimal focus paid to the past, the Irish look ahead to hosting the Shamrock Invitational this upcoming weekend. The

Invitational is the lone meet remaining before the Big East tournament, and is both a homecoming for the Irish and what they hope will be a grand finale to the regular season.

"It's a big opportunity for us," Welsh said.

Petrovic delivered a more direct analysis of what the Invitational means for the Irish.

"A good performance at Shamrock would give us a good introduction for the Big East so we can reclaim the title from Louisville this year," he said.

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boards at both ends and is looking to score more and be a bigger offensive threat."

Senior forward Becca Bruszewski was also strong in the post, scoring 19 points for the Irish.

"I was happy with the rebounding," McGraw said. "Overall our inside game is really coming along."

Notre Dame (17-4, 6-1 Big East) got off to a hot start offensively and let its defense carry the team the rest of the way. St. John's (14-6, 3-4) shot 32 percent from the field for the game and was held to only 15 second-half points.

The Irish went on a 26-10 run over the last 14 minutes of the first half and extended that run even further in the second half, increasing their lead to 56-25.

The Red Storm scored only four points in the first 10 minutes of the second half as

the Irish cruised the rest of the way.

"I was really pleased the defense today in both the first and second half," McGraw said. "We did a really good job with what we wanted to do."

The front court was the strength of the Notre Dame offense in the victory. They displayed their offensive balance this week as the guards led the way against Georgetown and the forwards dominated the post against St. John's.

The Irish played their second consecutive game without freshman guard Kayla McBride. The team announced before the game that she would not be playing for the remainder of the season due to an off-the-court issue.

Notre Dame will have the week off to rest before traveling to Villanova Saturday night.

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Irish defenseman Joe Lavin puts a shot on goal during Notre Dame's 4-2 win over Michigan State on Nov. 20 in South Bend. YUE WU/The Observer

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the board, Irish senior center Ben Ryan made the margin two goals again with his fifth goal of the year. Freshman center David Gerths ended the scoring late in the second, making the tally 4-1. Johnson rebounded from a poor opening game to a great final one, ending the night with 29 saves.

After the rocky game on Friday, Jackson was tempted to bench Johnson and start Summerhays on Saturday, but was persuaded by assistant coach T.J. Jindra to stick with the number one netminder.

"T.J. mentioned it to me after having a meeting and talking about where they were as far as the season went that it was time to go with the guys that brought us and Mike has

played well for us most of the season," Jackson said. "He had a tough night [Friday]. Coming back with him [Saturday] was a good move."

While Notre Dame finished the Ohio State series strong, the opening loss knocked the Irish into second place in the CCHA behind No. 6 Michigan, who swept Alaska. The Wolverines are currently at 43 points in conference play on the season, two ahead of the Irish.

Jackson, however, is not concerned with the big picture at the moment, but rather small steps.

"We want to focus on the process and make sure that we're just taking care of business each and every game and not focusing on the prize at the end of the season," he said. "Because if we don't take care of the little things, the big things will never come

around."

One of the little things Jackson said he will stress is the Irish's transition game. And with a tough opponent, No. 12 Miami (OH), coming to South Bend this weekend, it could play a critical role.

"We just have to keep on focusing on the things that are based on transition, like stopping and starting, back-pressing hard, trying to outnumber people and create traps and try to get the opportunity to create turnovers. When that happens, we get on offensive transition," Jackson said. "If we can take care of those things, then I think everything else will take care of itself."

The Irish meet the Redhawks at the Joyce Center in a critical CCHA showdown at 7:35 p.m. Friday and 5:05 p.m. Saturday.

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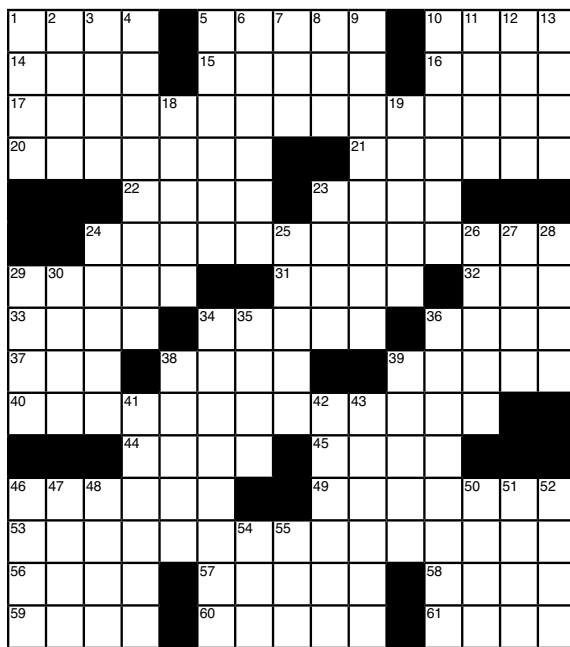
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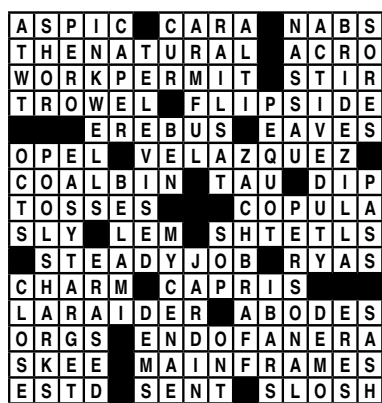


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tiffani Thiessen, 37; Mariska Hargitay, 47; Gail O'Grady, 48; Richard Dean Anderson, 61

Happy Birthday: Follow your own personal goals and budget and plan accordingly. Taking responsibility for your lifestyle, striving for greater control and self-confidence and being a role model for those who look up to you are all necessary. There is no set way to go but making the journey will be required if you want to express your opinion. Your numbers are 3, 7, 16, 23, 27, 31, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do your own thing regardless of what others want you to do. Don't give in to demands when it's vital you ensure your own advancement. A sudden change in your position shouldn't alter your plans. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): What you learn from observing and listening to others will be incredibly valuable. By experiencing what's going on around you, you will instinctively know how to apply what you discover to your own personal situation. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Find something you feel can be turned into a service needed in your community. Do whatever it takes to accommodate your plans. It may be difficult initially but, once you get started, will lead to an enjoyable and lucrative future. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Rely on your intuition to guide you. Follow your heart and you will find happiness. Don't let anyone guilt you into making the wrong choice. Reconsider your relationship with anyone who does not encourage you. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for opportunities and take part in activities or events and you will make new friends. A partner may need reassurance if you have been neglectful or too busy taking care of business. All you need to do is include him or her. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may be coerced into spending too much or taking on responsibilities you haven't got the time or the money to handle by yourself. Focus on delegating. The only way you will ever get ahead is to concentrate on the most important jobs and leave the rest to others. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do what's expected of you and you will avoid getting into trouble. An opportunity to make money or to join a project that interests you will turn up if you make people aware of your capabilities and your desire to get involved. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take time out to help someone in need. Your talent and your ideas can be put to good use. The way you find and implement solutions will lead to a proposal. Don't let compliments cause you to give away all your secrets. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Accept the inevitable and keep on moving. You cannot change what you don't control. Getting out with friends or taking an interest in someone you find entertaining will help you move forward and forget about the past. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let anyone stifle you or shut you down. It's you that people will follow if you show strength and determination. A change of plans can be costly but in the end should be to your benefit. ★★★★★

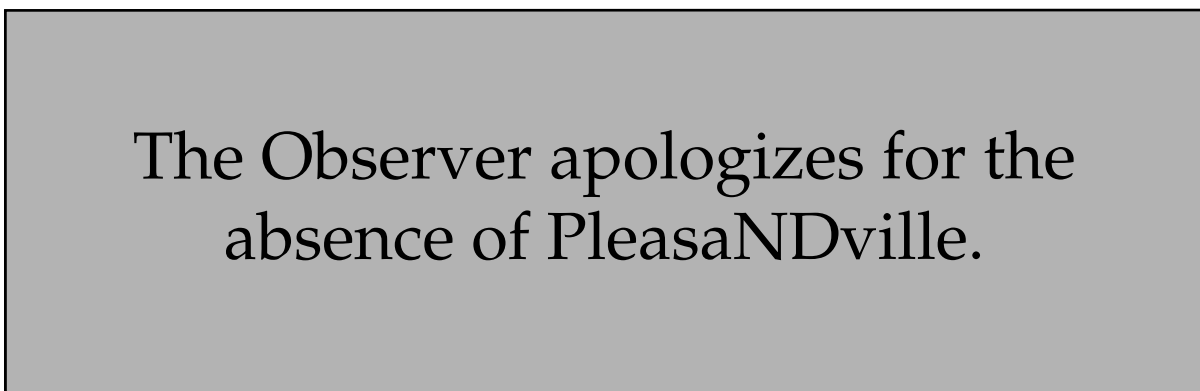
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use your energy wisely. You'll be tempted to show your anger if you don't get your way but that will be a waste of valuable time. Lay your plans out and let whoever is interested get involved. Someone from your past can make a difference to your future goals. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take note of who is doing and saying what. A sudden change of heart may cause you to alter your personal lifestyle. Don't let this set you back. It was probably overdue. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are quick, original, uncompromising and impulsive. You are unconventional, trendy and do not cave under pressure.

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TUESDAY VARIETY SHOW

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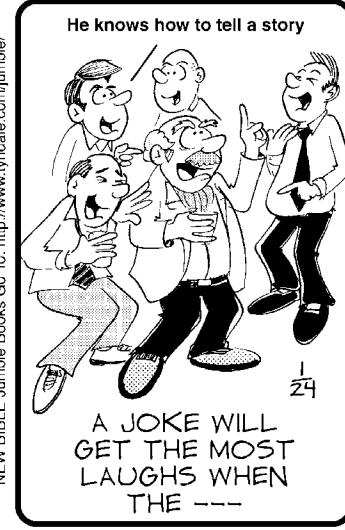
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

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

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ULSSET



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

Answer: IT

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Back on Track

Hansbrough's 28 lead comeback over Eagles

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

What a difference a week makes.

Just six days after a second straight blowout loss, No. 16 Notre Dame rebounded with a 80-75 comeback win over Marquette.

The Golden Eagles (13-7, 4-3 Big East) took their largest lead of the game when senior guard Dwight Buycks hit a 3 in the opening minute of the second half to make the score 48-36. The Irish (16-4, 5-3), however, set off on a 17-5 run to tie the game at 53 with 14:20 remaining in the game.

Just moments later Irish senior guard Ben Hansbrough managed to provide the spark that would ensure a Notre Dame victory. With the score tied at 57, Hansbrough chased down a loose ball as the shot clock ticked down. He grabbed the ball just in front of



Freshman guard Eric Atkins protects the ball during Notre Dame's 80-75 victory over Marquette Saturday night. Atkins kept the Irish in the game with 12 points in the first half.

SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish open with a win at Illinois

By KATIE HEIT
Sports Writer

The Irish started the season with a bang in a 5-2 win against Illinois last weekend.

In their first tournament of the season, the Irish put on a good show against the Fighting Illini, winning three singles matches and two doubles matches. Junior Kristy Frilling led the way for the Irish, defeating Rachael White 6-4 and 7-5.

"I played okay," Friling said, "I was kind of nervous and I knew the girl I was playing and I knew it was going to be a tough match. It was good to get a win under my belt for the first match of the season."

Freshman Jennifer Kellner, captain Kristen Rafael and junior Shannon Matthews,

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HOCKEY

No. 8 Notre Dame roars back to even Ohio State series

By SAM GANS
Sports Writer

After a disappointing performance Friday night, the No. 8 Irish rebounded strongly on Saturday to split their series with Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio this weekend.

Notre Dame (16-9-3/13-6-1-1 CCHA) defeated the Buckeyes (13-10-2/8-8-2-2 CCHA) with a commanding 4-1 victory on Saturday, just one day after los-

ing badly 6-1.

Freshman center and team-leading point scorer T.J. Tynan was the lone Irish player to find the back of the net on Friday, when he scored his 16th goal of the season off an assist from sophomore defenseman Sam Calabrese, to tie the game at 1-1 late in the first period. Ohio State then rattled off three unanswered goals, leading to the removal of Irish sophomore goaltender Mike Johnson from the game. He was replaced by

freshman Steven Summerhays in the third period. Senior Buckeye forwards C.J. Severyn and John Albert then notched the final two goals against Summerhays, creating the final margin.

After a disheartening result, Irish coach Jeff Jackson said it was the team's upperclassmen who responded positively, with the rest of the squad following their lead into the second game.

"Friday night, we had a couple bad breaks, and I don't think we

responded well to it. There were a couple bad bounces," Jackson said. "Saturday morning, the seniors took charge of the situation and I give them credit for refocusing the guys and getting them back on track, because we were a much different team and played much better on Saturday night."

The Irish came out firing in the second contest, outshooting the Buckeyes 14-6 in the first period. Freshman center Anders Lee beat junior Buckeye goalie

Cal Heeter with 22 seconds left in the first period, with Tynan and junior defenseman Sean Lorenz assisting on the play. Lee then scored early in the second period on the power play, off assists by junior right wing Billy Maday and sophomore center Riley Sheahan. It was Lee's 16th goal of the season, tying him with Tynan for team best.

After senior defenseman Shane Sims got the Buckeyes on

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish topple the Red Storm

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

For the second time this week the Irish proved to be too much for a ranked Big East opponent as they defeated St. John's 69-36 in front of a sellout crowd.

Senior forward Devereaux Peters led the charge with the fifth double-double of her career, all of which have come in the last nine games. She finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds in the game.

"She's a lot more active for one thing," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said about Peters after the game. "I think she is really hitting the



Junior guard Natalie Novosel goes up for a layup in a 69-36 victory against St. John's at the Purcell Pavilion Sunday.

SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Young squad looks strong at Invitational

By ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writer

When the Irish took to the track Saturday afternoon, they didn't know what to expect from their young and rising squad. But by night's end, the women's team found hope in the field events, dominating the Notre Dame Invitational with three first place finishes.

Senior thrower Rudy Atang utilized her experience to lead the Irish to first place in the shot put with a throw of 14.94 meters. Meanwhile, young jumpers sophomore Lauren

Leniart and freshman Kelly Burke finished first in their respective events, with Leniart jumping for 5.47 meters in the long jump and Burke going for 11.37 meters in the triple jump. Senior Jasmine Williams also added two second-place finishes with a long jump of 5.41 meters and a triple jump spanning 11.16 meters, helping the Irish sweep the triple jump with all three finishes in the top three.

"I was extremely proud of how [the field events] got off to a really good start with some of their first per-

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