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New bishop hopes to be active in ND community

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Bishop Kevin Rhoades said he hopes to be "an active participant" in the University of Notre Dame as he prepares to replace Bishop John D'Arcy as the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Rhoades will officially take D'Arcy's place in an installation ceremony today in Fort Wayne. D'Arcy held the position for 25 years.

The Vatican announced Rhoades would take D'Arcy's place in November.

"I look forward to a close personal relationship with [University President Fr.

John] Jenkins, first as brother priests, then as local bishop with a university president," Rhoades said in an e-mail to The Observer. "I am grateful already for the warm welcome and offers of hospitality that I have already received from Fr. Jenkins."

Rhoades, who previously served as bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., said the five Catholic colleges and universities that reside in the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese make it unique, which he said is an "extraordinary" occurrence for a diocese of this size.

"I believe that Notre Dame

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Bishop John D'Arcy, center, and Bishop Kevin Rhoades, right, greet visitors after Mass in Fort Wayne in November. Rhoades assumes D'Arcy's position today.

Students return from abroad

Over 350 Domers adjust to life back under the Golden Dome

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Students returning to South Bend after studying abroad last semester grapple with more than new classes as they readjust to living on the Notre Dame campus.

Over 350 students traveled abroad during the fall semester, Kathleen Opel, director of the Office of International Studies, said. The largest programs include those in London; Dublin, Ireland; Fremantle, Australia; Rome; Santiago, Chile; and Toledo, Spain; she said.

"Each situation has different adjustment issues, but most students are prepared to readjust when they come back," Opel said. "Students are familiar with Notre Dame, and they find that they have changed more than we have when they return."

Junior Lauren Guzman spent her fall semester in Toledo. For Guzman, the pace of daily life was the most striking difference between life in the United States and in Europe.

"In Spain, everyone takes siestas, so everything in the city would be closed from two to five in the afternoon," she said. "Everything runs a little bit slower there."

Guzman said that she was ready to return home after her months in Europe, but her semester was a source of lasting friendships and "an overall phenomenal



Courtesy of Chris Knoedler

Notre Dame students cram into a phone booth in front of

experience."

While most students felt that the semester program was perfect for their needs, Catherine Scallen wished she had remained for another semester in Toledo.

"Since I traveled so much on the weekends last semester, I did not get to do a lot

of things I wanted to with my host family, like visiting their parents in the puebla they grew up in and exploring more of Toledo," she said. "I'll miss my host family a lot, along with café con leche, café con helado and

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DormBooks sees increase in business

By SARAH MERVOSH
Assistant News Editor

More and more students fed up with high textbook prices at the bookstore took their business elsewhere last semester.

DormBooks, the student-run company that sells and buys textbooks, had three times more business in fall 2009 than in the past, sophomore Kelsey Falter, who works as manager of operations, said.

Falter said DormBooks' message to students is "plain and simple. We offer better prices for used textbooks and lower prices to buy textbooks."

Students seemed to hear that message last semester more than ever.

"The bookstore is a rip-off," sophomore Frankie Gari, who sold his books to DormBooks for the first time last semester, said. "All the prices I got back (at DormBooks) I was happy with. It was cash in my pocket."

Gari said he decided to use DormBooks because he learned more about it and because it was the easiest option.

"The awareness of it is being promoted a lot more [and] the guy was a floor above me so I was just like hey, can I sell you these books?" Gari said. "It was really easy."

Sophomore Mia Stenger also said DormBooks seemed to grow in popularity last semester.

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Faculty, staff safe after Haiti quake

Observer Staff Report

Four faculty and staff members working for the Notre Dame Haiti Program were accounted for and safe after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit Haiti Tuesday, University spokesman Dennis Brown said in a press release.

"We are thankful that these dedicated members of the Notre Dame family are safe," said

University president Fr. John Jenkins. "Our prayers are with them and all of those in Haiti in the wake of this disaster."

Notre Dame's Haiti Program is based in Léogâne, about 30 kilometers west of Port-au-Prince. The four faculty and staff members were in Port-au-Prince at the time of the quake, the press release said.

There is no information about damage to Notre Dame facilities.

INSIDE COLUMN

Rested up,
ready to go

Since I live close to Notre Dame, my house often becomes a refugee camp for displaced Notre Dame students whose flight arrangements do not yield them permission to immediately return to campus before the dorms open on Sunday morning.

The pre-spring semester gathering of students at my house brought me to the rude awakening that I accomplished next to nothing over break, which I am entirely fine with.

One friend that came to stay at the Sammon hotel for the night before break had spent the time off school in El Paso, Texas, working with immigrants and analyzing the social strains on their lives as migratory workers through the Center for Social Concerns. She earned class credit and lived to tell the tale of being completely immersed in a life totally different from her life at home in rural New Hampshire.

As we talked and shared stories from break while packing all our belongings back up again, she told me all about the interesting people she befriended and the perspective she'd be taking in her paper. I had no response. The most rewarding thing I did over break was watch Gossip Girl seasons one and two and all the extra special features that the DVD set Santa brought me had to offer.

Maybe I couldn't explain the social implications of being an immigrant worker and how it relates to the economy of El Paso, Texas, but I could give you a detailed explanation of exactly why Serena and Dan needed to end their seemingly perfect relationship, why Blair did not get into Yale, and why Captain Archibald committed the ultimate political scandal the upper-east side had ever seen.

Ultimately, though someone else in my shoes might feel otherwise, I'm not embarrassed. It took me a really long time to watch those episodes. But more importantly, I needed the rest to gear up for this semester. I needed the ultimate relaxation that the forty episodes detailing the lives of the far too wealthy and far too fashionable upper-east siders could offer. It was the perfect break.

Now that I'm back in South Bend after the most perfect of breaks, the dining hall is not boring yet, my classes are riveting, and my inability to turn my alarm clock off in the morning isn't completely annoying my roommate. I'm ready to accomplish the more scholastically based goals I have.

Already, I've bought my books for this semester. The nineteen less books the Hammes bookstore now holds that are gracing my shelving units are a huge promise of the studying I intend to do this semester. I also agreed to my roommate Kimmy's request that I would train with her to run a half marathon by the end of the semester and to taking three spin classes at the Rock.

After a boring, but necessarily boring break, I'm ready for the new semester.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Sammon at msammon@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT YOU EVER RECEIVED?



Ashley Meklis
junior
Ryan

"This one board game because my family always plays it."



Kerri Whelan
freshman
Badin

"The movie 'The Hangover.'"



Marcel Frenkel
sophomore
Alumni

"My family."



Maria Font
sophomore
Ryan

"A surprise trip to New York City."



Matt Gallagher
sophomore
O'Neil

"Snowboard gear and pass because now I get to tear up the slopes."



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Students bear the cold on their way to class. Students geared up for the spring semester when classes began Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Student apologizes for urinating on nativity scene

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — A student at a northeastern Pennsylvania Roman Catholic college has apologized for urinating on a public nativity scene. The student, 22, said Monday he "was being a drunken idiot" a day earlier when he urinated on the nativity scene in Wilkes-Barre's public square.

He was charged with public drunkenness, indecent exposure, open lewdness and desecration of venerated objects. He said he plans to plead guilty at a Jan. 20 preliminary hearing.

The student met with offi-

cials King's College in Wilkes-Barre on Monday. A school spokesman said he faces punishment ranging from a warning to expulsion.

He has vowed to quit drinking.

Couple gets married in supermarket

ORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — One Broward County couple decided to tie the knot where they first met: Whole Foods Market. Jack Frankel, 75, and 67-year-old Fina Nikolos met in May at the supermarket store in Coral Springs. It had been raining when Frankel noticed a beauti-

ful woman pass him. Nikolos offered to walk him to his car with an umbrella. He later thanked her by taking her out to lunch.

On Saturday the two returned to where their love began for a small wedding ceremony in the store's cafe.

About 40 people attended the ceremony as store employees and customers watched and smiled. The couple held each other close during the ceremony, sharing a few tears.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

RecSports fitness classes are free today through Sunday. Sign ups for spring semester fitness classes begins Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

RecSports will hold a martial arts demonstration in Rockne 109 today from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Instructors will walk through the history of the discipline and give a brief demonstration of what could be taught in a RecSports martial arts class.







A pre-release of the film "Extraordinary Measures" will be shown in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday. The showing is free, but ticketed. Call 574-631-2800 to reserve tickets.

SUB will show "The Box" in 101 DeBartolo Hall Thursday at 10 p.m. and Friday at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Get a taste of food from all across the country Thursday from 10 p.m. to midnight. The food will be served in LaFortune Ballroom, Dooley Room and Sorin Room.

Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) is sponsoring a Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Series. There will be a seminar Friday 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. followed by an anti-racism workshop Saturday and Sunday. MSPS will pay the fee for any Notre Dame student, faculty or staff. E-mail tblake@nd.edu or call 574-631-8503 for more information or to register.

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College’s students fundraise for Africa

By SARAH GUNN
News Writer

Kyarusozi. It’s hard to pronounce, and hard to forget. Six Saint Mary’s students spent their summer in this Ugandan village and the time they spent there inspired them to raise over \$5,000 for the village upon returning to school. The organization, Belles for Africa, raised money by selling T-shirts, hosting a benefit 5K run and running a shoe drive. The group also raised money by orchestrating the “miss a meal” program, in which students redirect the cost of one meal in the dining hall toward food for those that struggle to get regular meals. As a result of these fundraisers, the group presented a check for \$5,431 to the Sisters of the Holy Cross Dec. 11. The money will be allocated to the school and clinic in Kyarusozi for necessary supplies. The clinic hopes to obtain enough money to build an “operating theatre,” or an operating room. About 50 Saint Mary’s student athletes were in attendance for the check presentation in the Angela Athletic facility. Senior Megan McClowry was one of the six nursing and education students who traveled to Uganda for the six-week study abroad program. McClowry said she will never forget the pure love and happiness that the children of Kyarusozi exuded. “They had so little,” says McClowry. “But they had so

much love.” After working in a clinic during the day, McClowry and the other students played soccer and Frisbee with the village children. “I was expecting it to be what I had seen on television. They were poor, but I’ve never seen such joy on children’s faces,” McClowry said. While McClowry did help teach classes at the local school, she concentrated on medical work. McClowry worked with the clinic to dispense medications, give injections and immunizations, assess pregnancies and work at HIV clinics. The experience in Kyarusozi encouraged the Saint Mary’s students who participated to find a way to give back to the community and raise money to benefit the village, McClowry said. In addition to learning about the lives of the Ugandans and performing medical work, McClowry said she realized how far the Sisters of the Holy Cross reached. “I never realized the connection the sisters had around the world. It made me see how rich the Saint Mary’s heritage is,” McClowry said. McClowry said she hopes that the Uganda program continues to grow at Saint Mary’s and said she uses fundraising events to raise awareness about the program. Belles for Africa will host fundraising events throughout the year, including a concert by The Undertones, Harmonia and Bellacapella on Feb. 3.

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SMC pupil learns about peace

Indianapolis Peace Institute offers options for breaks, summers

By ALICIA SMITH
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Peace does not just encompass nonviolence, according to a Saint Mary’s student who’s worked with the Indianapolis Peace Institute (IPI). College sophomore Cat Cleary said that through her work she discovered what a peaceful world entails. “I think that a big part of their (IPI’s) thing is sharing with students and helping them experience different opportunities of peacemaking,” Cleary said. “One of their missions is to tell people that peace is more than just the absence of war and conflict. It’s about building healthy communities, it’s about promoting nonviolence, but it’s about so much more than that,” Cleary said. The IPI Web site said the Institute offers a variety of opportunities for college students, including an undergraduate semester program, a summer urban experience, alternative spring and fall breaks and weekend workshops. Cleary participated in an alternative spring break program as well as an alternative Thanksgiving break program. She also returned to the Institute in early January to assist with another trip. “This past week, I was

asked to come back to the Institute and co-facilitate another Women’s Issues and Urban Environments trip. So there were groups from other colleges that I was able to assist and help because I had already taken the trip,” she said. Each trip focuses on a different topic. During her spring break trip, Cleary learned about women’s issues. For Thanksgiving she helped package and serve meals to 41,000 people who were hungry on Thanksgiving. “It’s a service learning experience. There’s a mix of speakers and direct service work and visiting of different sites such as a domestic violence center, a daycare for low-income families, things like that. It’s a combined experience with seeing and doing and hearing,” Cleary said. Another spring break trip will be offered to students this academic year similar to the one Cleary experienced in 2009. “This coming spring they’re going to offer another alternative spring break trip on Women’s Issues and Urban Environments, another trip with similar sites and

projects. I believe [students will] be receiving e-mails, but someone from the Institute is coming to share more about it to get people interested,” she said. Cleary said she hopes to participate in an internship program in during the coming summer. “They set you up with a couple options for an internship and their whole thing is they don’t just want you just getting coffee, that’s not the kind of internship they’re setting up,” Cleary said. “You develop a project with a mentor at whatever organization or site you are at and then you work towards that for the whole summer. It’s a pretty innovative experience,” she said. Cleary became involved with IPI when she decided to take the alternative spring break trip in 2009. Cleary said the trip was so meaningful that she changed her major. “Probably what the most powerful thing is that because of learning about these women’s issues, I actually changed my major. So it was quite a powerful experience. I originally did it because of my interest in social justice, but now it’s more out of my interest in the issues affecting women,” she said.

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Cat Cleary
Saint Mary’s sophomore

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Saint Mary’s sophomore

OIT adds new security layer for spring semester

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

Students returning to campus for the spring semester must login for the second time this year to use the Notre Dame network, said David Seidl, information security professional at the Office of Information Technologies (OIT). “If you’re used to coming to campus in August, the only thing that’s different is the fact that it’s happening more than once a year,” Seidl said. “This change applies only to the wired network. The three other wireless networks will not see any additional changes.” The added security helps OIT know who the person on the other end of the computer is. Using that knowledge, OIT will be

able to place students in the network appropriately and give them the correct amount of access, Seidl said. When OIT knows more information about who is using Notre Dame’s network, they can better identify and resolve any kind of threat, he said. Seidl said BlackBerrys, iPhones and other mobile devices will not be affected by the new security step. As more of the Notre Dame community goes wireless, Seidl advocated use of the ND-secure wireless network — instead of the old Nomad network — to keep personal information safe. “If you want your traffic encrypted and the network to treat you like a trusted campus citizen, you need to use ND-secure. ND-guest is comparable to a hotel network, which has no

encryption, and Nomad is still around for the older devices that can’t make the switch to ND-Secure,” Seidl said. Lenette Votava, organization communication analyst with OIT, said that “the overall goal of information security is to be aware and on top of any kind of threat. “One of the most important things for all Notre Dame users to remember is to be sensible and watch what you post online,” she said. Seidl said OIT also started working on file security. “Universities tend to keep files forever, so we have been urging faculty and staff to clean out their Netfile accounts,” he said. He said another concern for students is the social media Web sites. “Even legitimate Web sites can have a virus that is user-initiated, meaning a user clicks on an advertisement and the virus is passed to the user’s computer.” Votava said online security is “always an ongoing effort ... it simply never ends.”

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Books

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"I definitely feel like more of my friends are using it," she said. "The first place I tried was DormBooks."

Stenger said also she had a positive experience selling her books back to DormBooks.

"It was so smooth. My roommate was friends with one of [their representatives] and he came to our room. We didn't have to do anything," she said. "It's really nice."

Stenger said she wasn't able to find the books she needed for the spring semester from DormBooks because she looked too late.

"Be smart and look up what books you need before you get here," she said. "Last semester, I got lower prices on all of them, but I did it a couple of days before I got here so I got all my books."

Falter attributed DormBooks' growth and success to its dedication to continue improving since it began at Notre Dame in 2006.

"DormBooks tries to listen to student suggestions and grow. It's an entrepreneurial startup, and we're always adapting," she said.

"In the past, I think that customer service probably fell by the wayside because DormBooks was still in a start-up phase, but we've heard rec-

ommendations and operations have improved," she said.

Falter said it also helps that the company is student run.

"There are literally no 'grown ups' or business people who run DormBooks," she said. "It's the people in your classes who work at DormBooks, pack book orders and deliver books. We care because we're all students too."

The company has also expanded in terms of employees. DormBooks began with two employees in 2006 and grew to over 50 employees in fall 2009.

"We've really stepped up and hope that this spring Notre Dame students notice that DormBooks was created for the purpose of helping the student," Falter said.

Students looking to save money can also find their books online.

Student body vice president Cynthia Weber said student government put ISBN numbers on its Web site to make price comparison easier.

"The availability of ISBN numbers is important to making the price comparison easy," Weber said. "By copying and pasting the number into Google, you are basically headed in the right direction."

Students can find ISBN numbers at studentgovernment.nd.edu

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"There are literally no 'grown ups' or business people who run DormBooks."

Kelsey Falter
DormBooks Manager of Operations

Bishop

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and the other Catholic universities can do much to help us in our mission of evangelization, in spreading the Gospel of Christ. The University's research and teaching is at the service of truth and can assist the Church in her mission of witnessing to the truth in our increasingly relativistic culture," he said.

"I believe that the Catholic university has a great responsibility today in an age of much moral confusion, especially in highlighting the ethical and religious dimensions of contemporary problems and challenges," he said.

But Rhoades said the role of a Catholic university in the church can be challenging.

"We cannot take the Catholic identity and mission of our universities for granted," he said. "Efforts need to be made constantly to promote and to strengthen Catholic identity. Otherwise, a university can lose its bearings, as has happened with many formerly religiously founded universities in the United

States."

The University clashed with D'Arcy on several issues during his tenure, most prominently, Jenkins' invitation to President Barack Obama to deliver the 2009 Commencement address and receive an honorary degree. D'Arcy also condemned Jenkins' decision to allow the performance of "The Vagina Monologues" on campus.

Rhoades said the issue of academic freedom at a Catholic university has the potential to create tension with the university's Catholic identity.

"There is also the challenge of academic freedom and those who exalt academic freedom in a way that is not consonant with the university's Catholic mission," he said. "The Catholic university's mission in service of the truth should not be minimized or sacrificed."

"The Catholic university's identity and mission can be obstructed when one appeals to academic freedom in an attempt to justify positions or activities that are opposed to Catholic faith and teaching."

However, in a November press conference Rhoades said the conflicts between D'Arcy and Jenkins regard-

ing the invitation to Obama are "in the past."

"The University of Notre Dame plays an important role in the diocese," he said. "I think there have been many areas of collaboration between the University and the diocese, particularly in regard to our Catholic schools and also our continuing education programs."

In a November press release, Jenkins said he is confident Rhoades' appointment is a "blessing" for the diocese.

"We look forward both to his apostolate and to our friendship for many years to come," Jenkins said.

Rhoades said it is too early to assess the challenges of the job and set priorities for his work in the diocese.

"In my first months here, I intend to visit many parishes and communities and to get to know the diocese," he said. "I am looking forward to visiting all the parishes, schools and communities of my new diocese and getting to know the priests and people."

"It is exciting to come to a new diocese and to embrace new challenges," Rhoades said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. refuses N. Korea peace talks

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea and the U.S. rejected North Korea's proposal to start peace talks to formally end the Korean War, with Seoul saying Tuesday that can happen only after the North rejoins disarmament talks and reports progress in denuclearization.

The North, however, said Monday that its return to those negotiations hinges on building better relations with the United States, including signing a peace treaty. The North also called for the lifting of international sanctions against it.

UK appeals European court ruling

LONDON — The British government said Tuesday it will appeal a European Court of Human Rights ruling that prevents police from using anti-terror laws to stop and search members of the public.

The Strasbourg-based court ruled that a British law allowing police to stop and search people without having to first prove they were acting suspiciously violates individual freedoms.

The ruling came in a case brought by two Britons — Kevin Gillan and Pennie Quinton — who were stopped and questioned by police near an arms fair held in London in 2003.

British courts ruled that police acted legally because they were dealing with a general threat of terrorism. But the European Court of Human Rights ruled that the pair's rights were violated and awarded them 30,000 pounds (\$48,000) to cover legal costs.

NATIONAL NEWS

Unions respond to tax proposal

WASHINGTON — Health care negotiators are looking at options for easing a proposed health insurance tax that has angered organized labor, including the possibility of a new levy on the investment earnings of upper-income people.

The idea is to extend the Medicare payroll tax — which now applies only to income from wages — to cover some of the investment earnings of couples making more than \$250,000 a year, and individuals earning above \$200,000, a Democratic official said Tuesday. That would make up lost revenue from scaling back the insurance tax.

Many ideas are being discussed, and no final decisions have been made, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the negotiations between the White House and Congress.

Gay couples testify in California

SAN FRANCISCO — Testimony in a groundbreaking legal challenge to California's same-sex marriage ban resumes Tuesday with testimony from two Ivy League historians who will discuss the nation's experience with matrimony and anti-gay discrimination.

The trial, which began Monday, is the first in a federal court to decide the constitutionality of state bans on gay marriage. Regardless of the outcome, the case is likely to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, where it could lead to laws that restrict marriage to a man and a woman being upheld or abolished nationwide.

LOCAL NEWS

Bill lessens punishment for minors

INDIANAPOLIS — Arresting students for behavior that used to earn them a trip to the principal's office can put kids on a path toward dropping out of school and going to prison, a Georgia judge told an Indiana legislative committee on Tuesday.

"When you slap the handcuffs on a kid, you increase the risk that they're not going to graduate," along with the odds of later trouble with the law, said Steven C. Teske, a juvenile court judge from Clayton County, Ga., who testified before the House Judiciary Committee.

Roeder seeks controversial defense

Judge permits defendant to argue for manslaughter in murder of abortion provider

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — A judge turned away objections from prosecutors Tuesday, allowing confessed killer Scott Roeder the chance to build a defense to the slaying of a Kansas abortion provider based on his belief the action was justified to save unborn children.

Sedgwick County District Judge Warren Wilbert said it remains to be seen after the defense rests its case whether the evidence will suffice to instruct jurors that they can consider the lesser offense of voluntary manslaughter in the death of Dr. George Tiller.

"I am going to make every effort to try this case as a criminal, first-degree murder trial," Wilbert said. "Admittedly Mr. Roeder's beliefs may come into play and as a defendant he is entitled to present a defense."

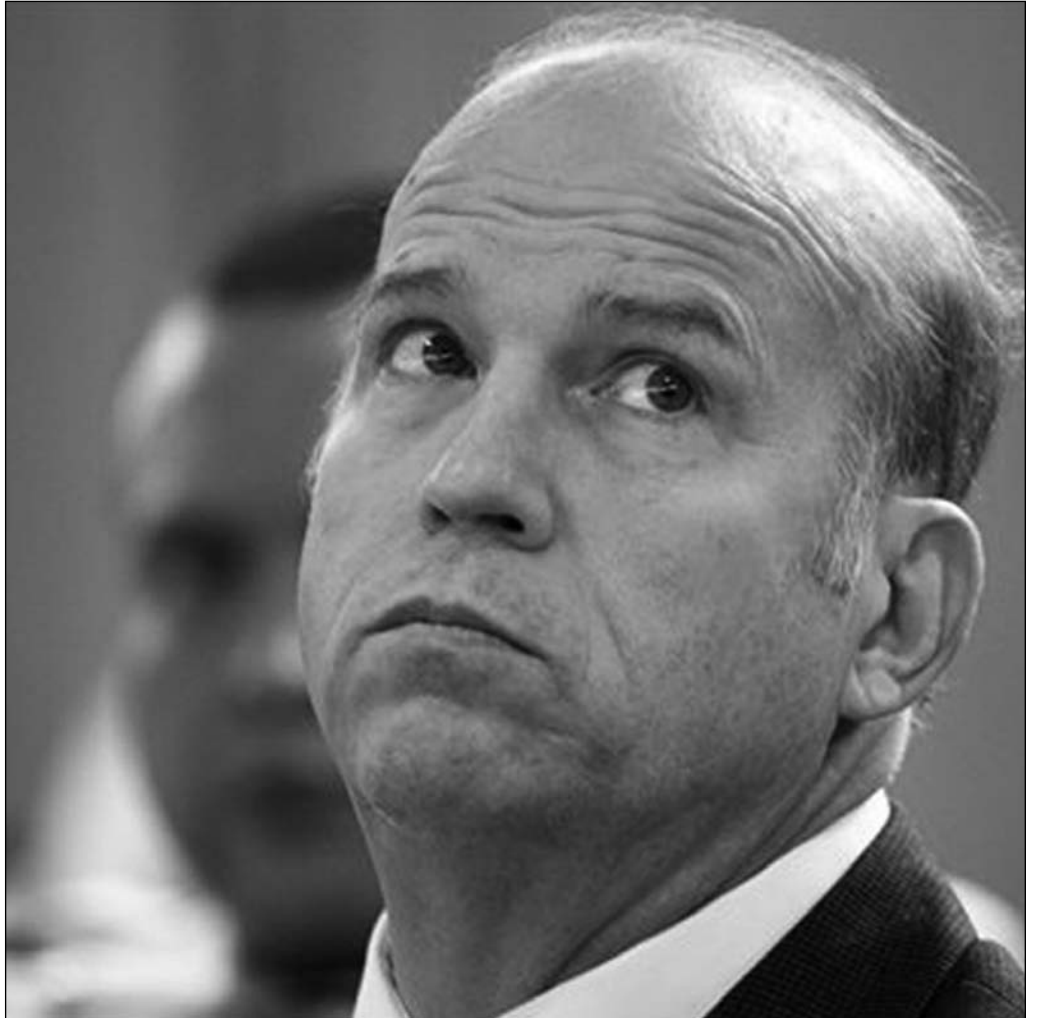
The judge said he would rule on a witness-by-witness, question-by-question basis as necessary throughout the trial on whether to allow jurors to hear specific evidence on Roeder's beliefs about abortion.

"This is not going to be a debate about abortion," Wilbert said, adding that attorneys will have to convince him at trial that any evidence offered in that regard will have to be part of what Roeder believed on May 31 when Tiller was killed.

Roeder has "a formidable and daunting task" to present such evidence, Wilbert said.

Tuesday's hearing delayed the start of secret jury selection proceedings until Wednesday. Four media outlets, including The Associated Press, have asked the Kansas Supreme Court to overturn Wilbert's decision to bar reporters from jury selection.

The facts of the case are



AP

Scott Roeder listens as defense attorney, Mark Rudy, speaks at the last of his pretrial hearings in a Wichita, Kan., courtroom on Jan. 8

not in dispute: As Sunday morning services were starting, Roeder got up from a pew at Wichita's Reformation Lutheran Church and walked to the foyer, where Tiller and a fellow usher were chatting. He put the barrel of a .22-caliber handgun to Tiller's forehead and pulled the trigger.

The 51-year-old Kansas City, Mo., man has publicly admitted to reporters and the court to killing Tiller. He also faces two counts of aggravated assault for allegedly threatening two ushers who tried to stop him from fleeing after the shooting. He has pleaded not guilty.

But what had been expected to be a straightforward trial was upended

on Friday when Wilbert refused to bar Roeder's lawyers from building the defense calling for a lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter. The judge prohibited only a so-called necessity defense that would argue Roeder should be acquitted because the doctor's killing was necessary.

Kansas law defines voluntary manslaughter as "an unreasonable but honest belief that circumstances existed that justified deadly force." A conviction could bring a prison sentence closer to five years, instead of a life term for first-degree murder.

The Kansas chapter of the National Organization for Women immediately

condemned the judge's decision, saying it opens the door for a society that would condone vigilantism and violence against abortion providers.

Prosecutors had filed a motion Monday saying the voluntary manslaughter defense is invalid because there is no evidence Tiller posed an imminent threat at the time of the killing.

The defense argued that the prosecution misinterpreted case law, saying any rulings about evidence should be made at the time of its presentation as is typical in any other criminal trial.

"This trial is going to be on TV, but it is not a TV trial — it is a real trial," defense attorney Mark Rudy said.

HAITI

Record earthquake hits Port-au-Prince

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — The largest earthquake ever recorded in the area rocked Haiti on Tuesday, collapsing a hospital where people screamed for help and damaging other buildings. An aid official described "total disaster and chaos."

Communications were widely disrupted, making it impossible to get a clear picture of damage as powerful aftershocks shook a desperately poor country where many buildings are flimsy. Electricity was out in some places.

Karel Zelenka, a Catholic Relief Services representative in the capital of Port-au-Prince, told U.S. colleagues

before phone service failed that "there must be thousands of people dead," according to a spokeswoman for the aid group, Sara Fajardo.

"He reported that it was just total disaster and chaos, that there were clouds of dust surrounding Port-au-Prince," Fajardo said from the group's offices in Maryland.

The earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.0 and was centered about 10 miles (15 kilometers) west of Port-au-Prince, the U.S. Geological Survey said. It had a depth of 5 miles (8 kilometers). It was the largest quake recorded in the area and the first major one since a magnitude-6.7 temblor in 1984, USGS analyst Dale Grant said.

An Associated Press videographer saw the wrecked hospital in Petionville, a hillside Port-au-Prince district that is home to many diplomats and wealthy Haitians, as well as many poor people. Elsewhere in the capital, a U.S. government official reported seeing houses that had tumbled into a ravine.

Haiti's ambassador to the U.S., Raymond Joseph, said from his Washington office that he spoke to President Rene Preval's chief of staff, Fritz Longchamp, just after the quake hit. He said Longchamp told him that "buildings were crumbling right and left" near the national palace. He said he had not been able to get through by phone to Haiti since.

Abroad

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European shopping.”

Nicole Ashley, another junior returning from Toledo, said that her time abroad was her best semester so far at Notre Dame. She lived in a historic part of the city with her host parents and their seven children.

“Lunch is a really big meal in Spain, and the kids and parents can come home to eat during the middle of the day,” Ashley said. “Being all together was really fun, even if the situation seemed hectic with so many people.”

Ashley also said she enjoyed traveling throughout Europe as well as participating in Spanish culture. She said that the overall experience was worth the price of missing football season back in South Bend.

“I will definitely miss being able to speak Spanish on a daily basis the most,” she said. “When I got back, I had to stop expecting to speak the language all the time.”

Juniors Mikey Maurer and Sam Russ were two of 18 students studying in Pueblo, Mexico, during the fall semester.

“I thought that the most difficult part of adjusting to Mexican culture was dealing with the assumptions about Americans and sticking out

as a foreigner,” said Maurer. Russ said life in Pueblo followed a slower pace than in the United States.

His professors structured class along less defined lines than professors at Notre Dame, and Russ said he had more free time to adventure throughout Mexico both on weekends and during the week.

“At the same time, I wouldn’t have wanted another semester in Mexico,” said Russ. “I feel like my time away from Notre Dame refreshed it for me, and I am glad to be back.”

Maurer also found that the semester program fit well with his academic goals — he is pursuing a career in medicine — and it allowed him to broaden his ideas for his future to include using Spanish in a more international capacity.

“I learned a lot about adaptability and flexibility,” said Maurer. “To really become culturally immersed, I had to be willing to start a conversation with a stranger, ask questions, seek out opportunities and be innovative when everything was not as I planned.”

“I really hope that I never forget what I learned through this experience,” he said.

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Chicago police reopen 70-year-old murder case

Associated Press

CHICAGO — He’s the father of a war hero whose name is familiar to anyone who has flown in and out of Chicago, and his death has been linked to one of the city’s most famous residents ever: Al Capone.

Now the police department’s cold case unit has agreed, at the request of an alderman, to take another look at the unsolved gangland-style 1939 slaying of a prominent businessman Edward J. O’Hare, a case the deputy chief who oversees the unit acknowledged Tuesday is far colder than any other under investigation.

How much time or how many detectives will actually be assigned to the investigation is unclear, Deputy Chief Al Wyszynski said. But while he recognizes the difficulties that come with a case dating back seven decades, he sounded like he’s taking the task seriously.

“The Chicago Police Department doesn’t close homicides,” he said. “We will try to come to a resolution.”

Still, Alderman Edward Burke isn’t expecting much more from detectives than dusting off the file and looking into whether there is anything left to do with the case.

Capone, after all, has been dead for decades. And even on the off chance anyone connected to the case is alive — a remote possibility given the life expectancy for mobsters of the 1920s and 1930s — they’d be in their 90s.

“They’re not going to waste a lot of time on something that

happened in 1939,” Burke said of police.

Instead, Burke sees the exercise as a chance to shine light on one of the darkest chapters in the city’s history, give someone who helped bring down Capone the credit he deserves and tell a story of a father’s love for a son whose heroics a few years later in World War II prompted the city to name its busiest airport after him.

“We have the responsibility to set the record straight,” said Burke before the hearing, comparing this effort to how the council in the 1990s absolved Mrs. O’Leary’s cow of blame for the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. “Millions fly into O’Hare (International Airport) every day and they don’t know the story behind the story.”

Edward J. O’Hare, who owned race tracks and had a stake in the old Chicago Cardinals football team, became an informer against his business partner Capone, Burke said. The information O’Hare gave prosecutors was instrumental in Capone’s conviction on income tax evasion.

And, he said, one possible reason is that he wanted to help his son, Edward “Butch” O’Hare, gain admittance to the U.S. Naval Academy and was afraid that his reputation as someone who did business with Capone might hurt his chances.

“It’s an intriguing Chicago legend,” Burke said before the meeting.

Edward “Butch” O’Hare went on to become a Navy pilot and was awarded the Medal of Honor after shooting down five

Japanese bombers and damaging a sixth, preventing them from attacking an air craft carrier. He was later killed in action.

Jonathan Eig, a best-selling author who addressed O’Hare’s slaying in his book “Get Capone,” which is due out in April, said that while Edward J. O’Hare did provide information about Capone, there is no evidence he was doing so to help his son.

“There’s a chance he had his own tax problems and he was involved in a bootlegging case (in which) he got off when everybody else was convicted,” he said after the hearing. “He may have made a deal.”

Nor does he believe, as Burke suggested, that Capone, from his prison cell in Alcatraz, ordered a hit on O’Hare, who was killed about a week before Capone was released from prison.

Capone’s brain was ravaged by syphilis at the time and while he was heard railing about his enemies, Eig said there is no record of him talking about O’Hare.

But, Eig said, there is a possibility that Capone’s family members, who had their own money problems at the time, asked O’Hare for money. Or maybe Capone’s henchman, Frank Nitti, demanded money from the very successful O’Hare, he said.

Whatever the reason, on Nov. 8, 1939, O’Hare was in his car on the city’s southwest side when somebody armed with a shotgun killed him. Nobody was ever arrested for the slaying.

Two dead in GA business shooting

Associated Press

KENNESAW, Ga. — A disgruntled ex-employee stormed a truck rental business in camouflage and opened fire with a handgun, killing two people and critically wounding three others at his former workplace, police said.

The lone gunman fled the scene in a pickup truck and was arrested after police stopped him about a mile from the Penske Truck Rental facility, said Cobb County Police Officer Joe Hernandez. The names of the suspect and victims were not immediately released.

“He wasn’t here for very long and it wasn’t long before he was taken into custody,” Hernandez said.

As of late Tuesday, police had not released the name of a suspect. However, Cobb County police arrested 60-year-old Jessie James Warren Tuesday afternoon near the site of the shooting. According to jail records he was at the exact intersection where Cobb police said they arrested the gunman.

There were conflicting reports about who the victims were. Penske spokesman Randy Ryerson said four victims were employees and the other was a customer, but police said none of the victims were customers. Hernandez said all of those shot were males.

About two dozen employees were working at the office, which sits about 25 miles northwest of Atlanta and consists of a couple of large buildings with bay doors, Ryerson said.

One of the victims died at the scene and another was pro-

nounced dead at WellStar Kennestone Hospital, said Hernandez. The three surviving victims are in critical condition, said hospital spokesman Keith Bowermaster.

The suspect worked at Penske for several years, but it was unclear when and why he left.

The gunman first confronted someone in the parking lot before moving to the truck bay area, shooting victims along the way, said Hernandez. He did not try to enter the building’s second floor, which houses a small administration office.

A man who witnessed the arrest said the suspect looked “out of his mind” and “all drugged up.”

“The cops walked up on both sides of the truck, he opened the door and they threw him on the ground. He pretty much just gave up,” Michael Robertson told The Associated Press.

Lights were on but no one appeared to be home at an address listed for Warren in Temple. No one answered the door but a dog could be heard barking.

Penske said it was a very traumatic day.

“We want to extend our deepest concerns and sympathies for the victims of today’s shootings,” Ryerson said.

It is the second workplace shooting this month. Timothy Hendron, an employee at ABB Inc. electrical plant in St. Louis, is accused of shooting hundreds of rounds of ammunition through the sprawling plant as about 50 workers sought refuge. Authorities say he killed three men and injured five others before killing himself.

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IN BRIEF

Airlines raise fuel surcharges

DALLAS — Major airlines have raised fuel surcharges on travel to Europe by \$20 per roundtrip, and some have added conditions that could cause travelers to pay higher fares.

Surcharges to Paris, Frankfurt and most cities on the Continent were raised to \$280 per roundtrip and to \$242 for London, airline representatives said Tuesday.

Tim Smith, a spokesman for American Airlines, said his company matched increases by Continental and United. "That's purely a competitive factor," he said.

Delta, Continental and United confirmed that they had raised surcharges to Europe by \$20 a roundtrip.

Tom Parsons, CEO of Web site Bestfares.com, said surcharges on roundtrips to Ireland are now \$100. "Dublin is still a dirt-cheap destination," he said.

Some airlines that previously required only a seven-day advance purchase for the lowest coach fares are now requiring a 14-day advance purchase, Parsons added.

Airlines, which have been hit hard by the recession-caused downturn in travel, have imposed surcharges for fuel and for passengers who travel on peak days around holidays such as Easter and spring break.

Fuel prices hit records in July 2008, then fell the rest of that year and into early 2009 but have rebounded since.

Yahoo sells Zimbra e-mail service

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — Yahoo is selling the e-mail service Zimbra to VMware as part of an effort to focus on the Internet services that generate most of its revenue.

Financial terms of the deal announced Tuesday weren't disclosed.

Yahoo, based in Sunnyvale, Calif., bought Zimbra for \$350 million in September 2007.

Zimbra manages more than 55 million e-mail boxes for businesses, universities and Internet service providers.

The acquisition opens a new product line for VMware, which sells software that enables a single computer to function like multiple machines.

Yahoo is retaining the right to draw upon Zimbra's technology to run its own Web-based e-mail service.

The sale is expected to close by the end of March.

Obama considers levy on firms

President seeks the return of taxpayer money from rescued institutions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Targeting an industry whose political deafness has vexed his administration, President Barack Obama is weighing a levy aimed at recovering tax dollars from government-rescued financial institutions.

The proposed levy could put Obama on the popular side of public opinion that is decidedly against Wall Street and angry over shortfalls in a \$700 billion bank bailout fund.

A senior administration official said Monday that Obama would seek modifications to the law that sent billions in bailout money in 2008 and 2009 to a flailing Wall Street that was approaching collapse. The government official spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the president's thinking.

The idea received an early boost from Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the top Democrat in the House, where there have been calls for a hefty tax on bank bonuses.

"While we have not seen any specific language from the administration, Congress will certainly examine any serious proposals to lower the deficit and recoup even more of the TARP funds for the taxpayers," said Nadeam Elshami, a spokesman for Pelosi, D-Calif.

The 2008 law that created the Troubled Asset Relief Program requires the president to seek a way to recoup unrecovered TARP money from financial institutions, but five years after the law was enacted. It does not specify how the money should be recovered.

An industry official said consideration of a levy now would be premature.

"Current law doesn't trigger this tax proposal for another four years," said Scott Talbott, chief lobbyist for the Financial Services Roundtable, an industry group for some of the largest financial firms.



In this Feb. 11, 2009 file photo, executives of many of the major rescued firms testify on Capitol Hill before the House Financial Services Committee.

"We look forward to seeing the details of the complexity of the formula, of who it's applied to and what the assessment is based on and when it is applied," he said.

Government officials have conceded that they don't expect to recoup billions in TARP money used to rescue insurance conglomerate American International Group Inc. and the auto industry. Banks have been repaying their infusions, in part to get out from under compensation limits imposed on the bailout recipients. Banks have also paid dividends from the government help.

The administration is projecting the losses to the government from the bailout program will be about \$120

billion, most of it due to auto and AIG assistance.

According to the law, the status of the TARP fund must be assessed by late 2013, five years after it passed. "In any case where there is a shortfall," the statute says, "the President shall submit a legislative proposal that recoups from the financial industry an amount equal to the shortfall in order to ensure that the Troubled Asset Relief Program does not add to the deficit or national debt."

It is unclear how the administration would seek to recoup shortfalls due to TARP infusions into the auto industry or AIG. And any fee could potentially be imposed on banks that have already repaid their TARP infusions in full. Congress

would have to approve any fee plan.

Discussion of a bank fee to reduce the federal deficit comes as the administration is preparing to submit its 2011 budget proposal next month and as Wall Street banks this month prepare to hand out near-record compensation for last year's performance.

Obama has been strident in his criticism of bankers, calling them "fat cats" last month in an interview that aired on the eve of their visit to the White House. With public anger over the bailout still strong, Obama has embraced populist rhetoric in an effort to shame bank executives into paying back the government more quickly and their executives less lavishly.

CHINA

Google considers exiting Chinese market

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. will stop censoring its search results in China and may pull out of the country completely after discovering that computer hackers had tricked human rights activists into opening their e-mail accounts to outsiders.

The change-of-heart announced Tuesday heralds a major shift for Google, which has repeatedly said it will obey Chinese laws that require some politically and socially sensitive issues to be blocked from search results that are available in other countries.

Google disclosed in a blog post that it had detected a "highly sophisticated and targeted attack on our corporate infrastructure originating from China." Further investigation revealed that "a primary goal of the attackers was accessing the Gmail accounts of Chinese human rights activists," Google said in the post written by Chief Legal Officer David Drummond.

Google did not specifically accuse the Chinese government. But the company long associated with a motto of "don't be evil" added that it is "no longer willing to continue censoring our results" on its Chinese

search engine, as the government requires. Google said the decision could force it to shut down its Chinese site and its offices in the country.

It's unclear how much of a blow to its business Google would suffer by pulling out. China has the world's largest population of Internet users, but Google has struggled to expand in the country, where it has less than 30 percent of the search market, versus more than 60 percent for local rival Baidu Inc.

The larger effect could be in how global Internet companies operate in China.

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Welcome Coach Kelly ... sort of

The Irish Nation — which engulfs the entire Domer Nation of which the Fightin' Italians are a small subset — certainly is proud of your move to Notre Dame. For them, a Kelly at the Notre Dame football helm is as good as stealing a leprechaun's pot of gold. Yet, despite next season's less than strenuous power-ranked schedule, many of my fellow classmates (both Irish and other) merely express "cautious optimism" regarding your tenure. Having been burned so often in the past, they "sort of" hold an optimistic view of the state of football at du Lac. However, this Fightin' Italian is prepared to shout Dick Vitale style, "At least 9-and-3 next year, baby!"



Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

With that said, let me offer a few words of advice, especially after reading every word of the December press conference that introduced you as the 29th Notre Dame head football coach. First, your professed passion and dedication to detail is magnificent. Please drive your players crazy learning the rules. In 1989 Lou Holtz lost a national championship on one play when a defensive player who should have known the rules of his time, namely that he could not advance a Miami fumble in the Hurricane red zone, tired to scoop it up and run. Consequently, he never recovered the fumble for Notre Dame, leaving Miami with third and twenty-eight or something nearly impossible to convert ... until on the next play the Hurricanes converted a first down and drove down the field to beat the Irish and burn most of the game clock. At season's end, both teams had one loss but the pollsters passed over Notre Dame to award Miami the national championship using our head-to-head loss as the rationale. Please teach our players when they can step

back into the end zone on a kickoff or punt and when to stay in bounds or head out of bounds depending on game conditions.

Secondly, fans and people in general are mean-spirited in the blogosphere. I suggest that you adopt the rule that Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama set for their children — no media coverage. Forgive my Harry Potter metaphor, but the last coach whose name cannot be mentioned, offered his family as public domain fodder when he allowed them to roam the sideline during games rather than sit out of the television spotlight. The personal attacks against him and indecent remarks about his special needs child were enough to make anyone with the tiniest bit of a family value vomit in response. Avoid giving the anonymous knuckleheads a reason to trash your family.

Regarding the type of student-athlete who plays on our team, use the General George S. Patton standard that you will not tolerate any conduct that would bring dishonor to the team. Residing now in the town of the soldier Patton slapped may seem ironic, but setting a zero tolerance from the top down builds character and teaches humility. Two years ago, this writer personally witnessed an about-to-be departing football player, whose name shall also go unmentioned, arrogantly yell at other students, "Don't you know who I am?"

Granted, students are not mature adults but need to learn savvy when thrust into celebrity on campus for the nation to scrutinize. As a student, I sat in a class with Joe Theismann, who while knowing he was a campus icon, treated me with respect and humility. Look towards Chris Zorich or Aaron Taylor — both of whom I interacted with while they were students — as classic role models of how a Notre Dame star should interact with others. You probably will need a team personality somewhere between the extroverted enthusiasm of former Notre Dame Coach Jerry Faust and the detached, arms-length persona of New England

Patriots Coach Bill Belichick.

Finally, hire the meanest Mean Joe Greene-type of pit-bull biting defensive coordinator — the type of coach who can befuddle and confuse your opponents while inspiring players with the drive of Rudy and the take-no-prisoners smash-mouth attitude of Jack Lambert, Ray Lewis and Joey Porter. Oh, and while we are considering coaches, make sure your special teams coach is, as former Notre Dame Coach Dan Devine once said when he landed in Pittsburgh, "Special!"

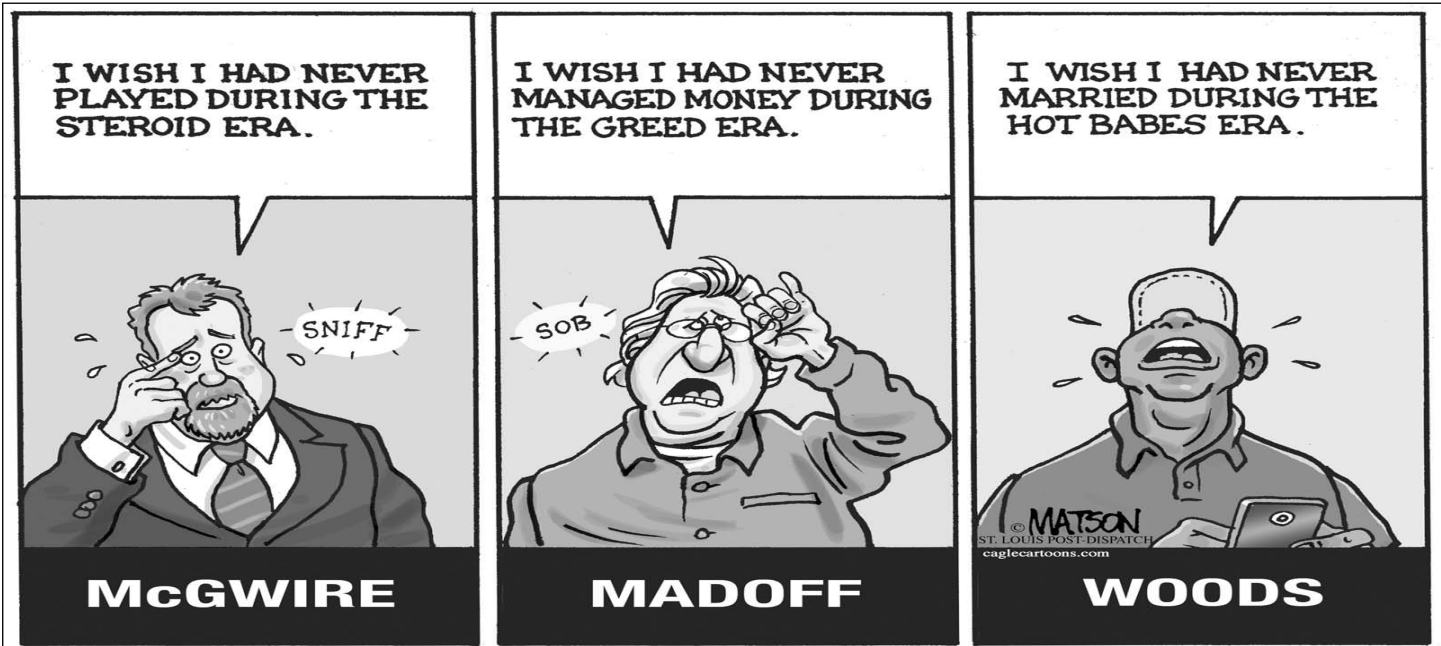
Please land the best special teams coach Fr. Jenkin's salary can buy, because in an instant they can give us a momentum swing, an unlikely win or even another Heisman Trophy winner. How many times did Tim Brown excite the crowd by winning a game in college as well as professional football? Please consider devoting the extra one percent, or the 34th percent of the total, to special teams play when you divide your three team phases of the game. It sure would make the other two-thirds of the game run more smoothly by shortening the field for our offense, pinning the other team deep on their end of the field or by consistently scoring field goals from 50-plus yards away.

Finally, Coach, can you hurry and decide the date for the spring Blue-Gold game? I've already missed several travel specials because nobody can tell me which April weekend you will play the game. While my Irish Nation friends express caution, this Fightin' Italian is eager to watch your team ... and more than "sort of" support your efforts.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Complain to one who can help you."

Yugoslav Proverb

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Remember that what you believe will depend very much on what you are."

Noah Porter
U.S. academic

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An experience of a lifetime

As a first-generation African-American college graduate from a low-income community in Alabama, my life is a true testament to hope, determination, and the impact of meaningful relationships with effective teachers. When I think back to one of my proudest moments, May 20, 2007 parades itself across my mind. That day marked the culmination of an incredible journey I began in the fall of 2003 as a freshman at the University of Notre Dame. For four years, I had learned to examine constructs critically, intertwine my faith and passion for social justice, and make a valuable contribution to our local, national, and global landscape. I remember how my heart raced that day, reminiscing about my four years at Notre Dame and contemplating the days and weeks to come. Shortly after graduation, I was to begin a new journey as a Teach For America corps member in South Louisiana ... an experience that would truly change the course of my life.

For these past two years, I have been a fourth grade teacher in a rural, low-income community on the outskirts of Baton Rouge, La. Through the pre-service training and professional

development Teach For America provided, I learned the pillars of effective instruction, was consistently supported by instructional coaches, and was prepared to transform an environment of academic challenges into a vibrant setting of excellence. The training I received contributed to my success in the classroom and as a leader in various other settings and while I certainly encountered obstacles, I was able to overcome them by working with students, parents and administrators to ensure that all my students achieved significant academic gains.

When I reflect upon the challenges and progress of my students, I think of K'Wien, whom I met during my second year in the classroom. The first moment I laid eyes upon him, I knew he was a force to be reckoned with. I quickly came to realize though that K'Wien was a really good kid who was afraid to let his guard down. After diagnosing his math and reading skills, I found that he was on grade level in math, but his reading skills were far behind. His fluency was on a second-grade reading level of only 62 words per minute, the second lowest diagnostic score in my class.

K'Wien exerted very little effort in

class or on any of his homework, so I began to call his mom to explain his progress. Although, I began to see him try a little harder it simply wasn't enough. I decided to speak with his pee-wee football coach who promised that if K'Wien didn't put forth effort in class, he'd be benched from all subsequent games. By connecting with his influencers and through a lot of intensive one-on-one reading sessions, K'Wien's grades began to increase dramatically. By November, he had reached reading 94 words per minute and before Christmas break, his fluency was at a record high of 114 words per minute, well beyond the expectations set nationally for fourth grade. Most rewardingly, when K'Wien would enter my classroom he would hug me and say, "Good morning, Ms. Hardy!" as I greeted him with "Good morning, rockstar!"

I felt that as a young woman of color I was able to have an additional impact on K'Wien and my other students. My school was predominantly made up of African-American and biracial students. There is power in being able to see and visualize yourself fulfilling your dreams. Not only did they hear me speak passionately

about the fact that they could achieve anything but they were saw a living example of someone from their same ethnic background and socioeconomic status telling them they were capable of whatever they set their minds to. In addition to the core curriculum, I taught my students that their zip code didn't have to determine their destiny.

As a person of color, I feel a personal call to ensure that I contribute to closing the achievement gap that affects millions of children across our nation. If you too identify as a talented minority student leader, consider the impact you can have in the lives of disadvantaged youth. Your voice and presence are necessary. And even if you do not self-identify as a minority, consider the incredible impact you can have by becoming a Teach For America corps member and joining the movement to eliminate educational inequity. In the famous words of Mahatma Gandhi, "be the change you want to see in the world." Go Irish!

Krystal Hardy
alumnus
class of 2007
Nov. 6

Thank you

I wanted to write to share the warmth I felt Wednesday before break, during the near-blizzard watching a student go out of her way to help a student in need.

I was leaving LaFortune just after 5 p.m., when the storm was going strong and all anyone wanted to do was get inside. I noticed a blind student struggling with the wind and the snow and his cane, clearly having problems finding his way. Clearly, the young woman a few steps ahead of me noticed at the same time, as I watched a young woman approach the student and offer her assistance. She, too, was headed away from LaFortune, but took the time to take the student's arm and lead him back the way she'd come.

I am sure that the blind student thanked the woman for her kindness, but I wanted to as well. The other day my 10-year-old son and I made a pact to always step in and help people when it seems they need it, even when we might feel inclined to mind our own business. This moment was a perfect example of what such an act might mean not only for those involved, but for those who witness it as well.

Jessica Collett
professor
Department of Sociology
Dec. 10

DormBooks strikes again

The following viewpoint discusses an e-mail sent out to the student body on Sunday night by Jeff Tarullo regarding DormBooks.com:

First of all, someone definitely screwed up in allowing the e-mail to get through to the entire student body and it caused some laughter to emanate throughout my quad.

However, more importantly, it's good that DormBooks is yet again finding some way to promote themselves even as Notre Dame continues to attempt to compete with and stop the group. It strikes me as somewhat disgusting that Notre Dame has failed to facilitate such a smart and scalable business plan. Notre Dame holds business plan competitions and is constantly encouraging entrepreneurial efforts with a top ranked business program in the field, but the school fails to see the benefits of a business like DormBooks.

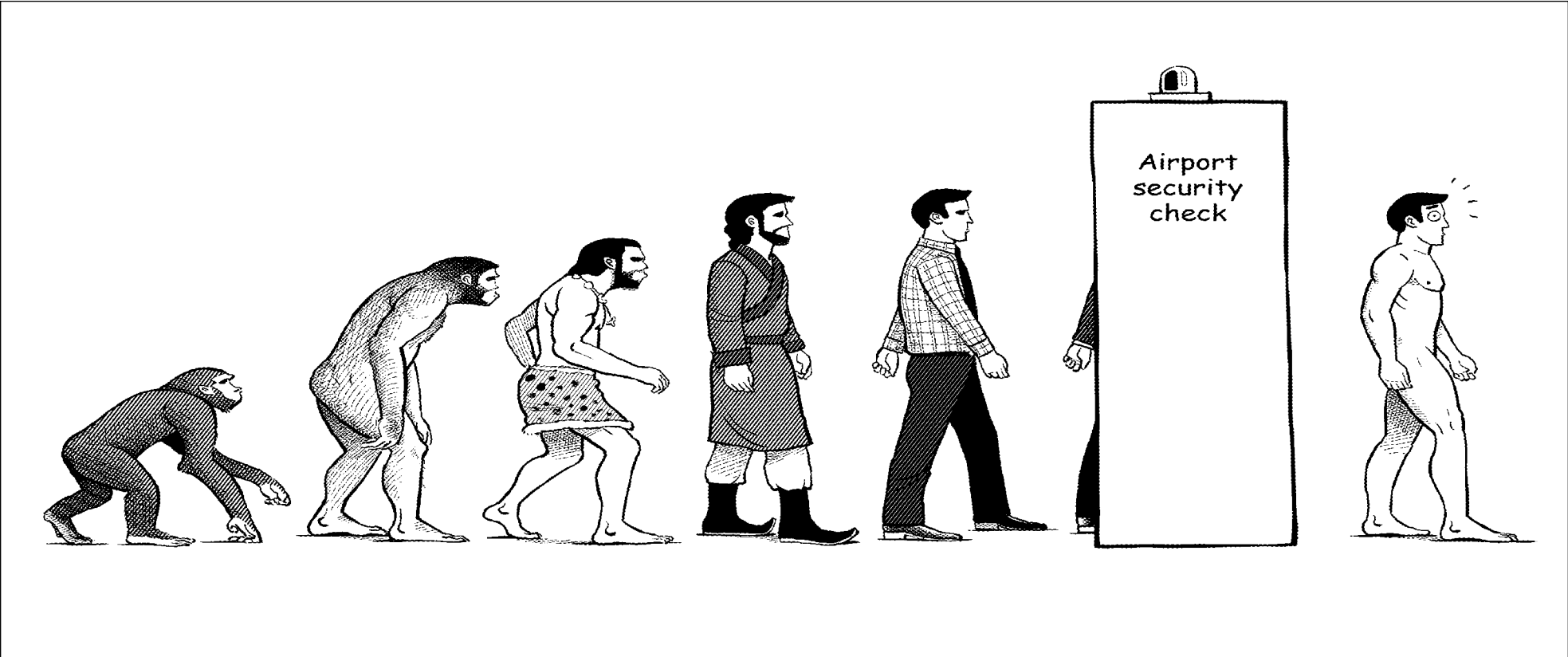
Immediately, it provides cheaper books to a

student body that struggles to meet tuition needs, and the ancillary benefits are also numerous. If the creator of DormBooks could scale this business to campuses across the United States with the help of Notre Dame, I have no doubt that some of the money from this business will come back to Notre Dame in the form of ROI (return on investment) and/or donations back to the school from a grateful student and entrepreneur. Instead, this business has been met on campus with adversity.

If I were Notre Dame, I'd change my mentality quick because in the long run, DormBooks is going to end up taking all the textbook business from the bookstore anyway.

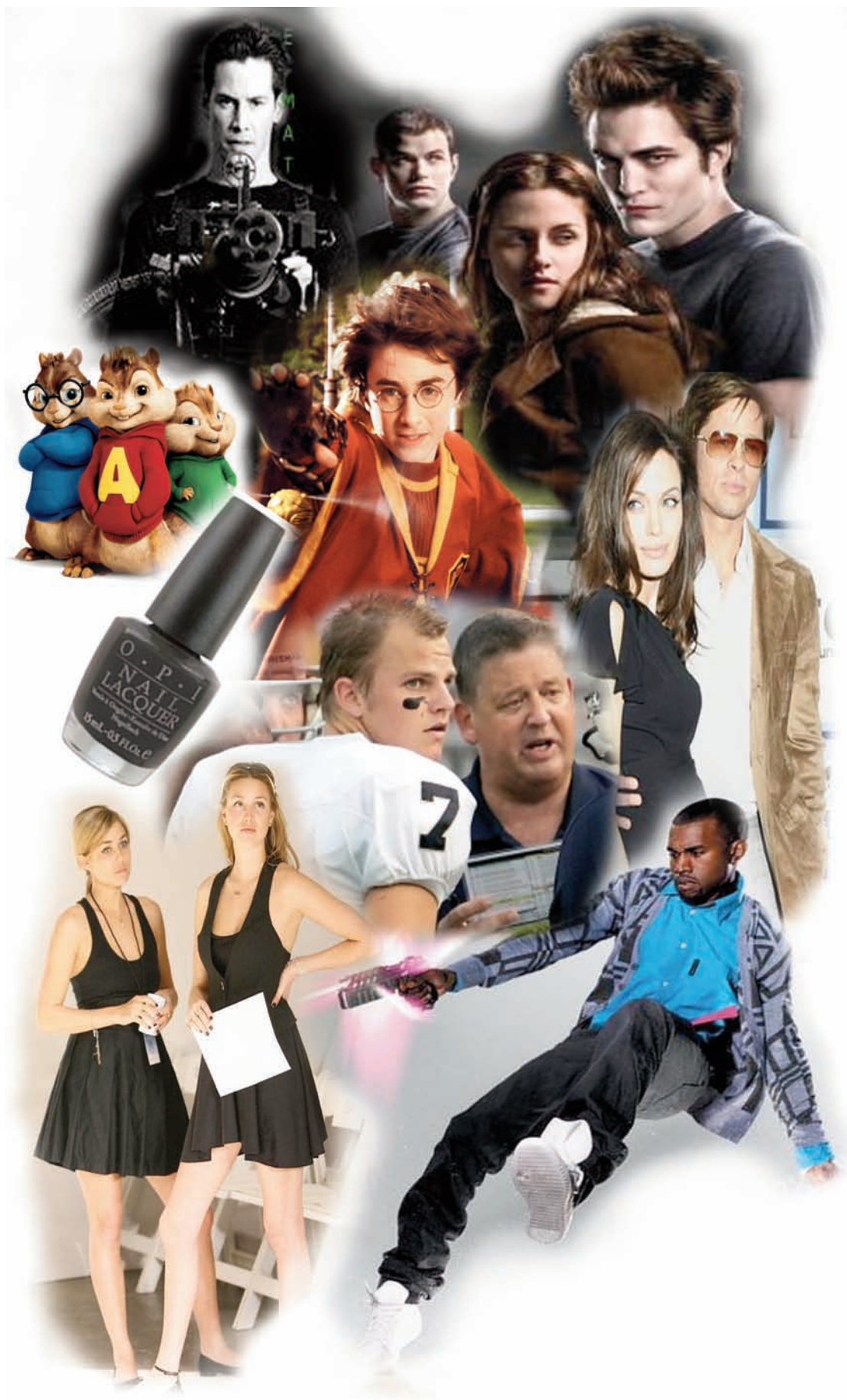
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Alumni Hall
Dec. 14

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MLB

Remorseful McGwire admits to steroid use

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Finally willing to talk about the past, Mark McGwire sobbed and sniffled, giving the missing — and unsurprising — answer to the steroids question.

Ending more than a decade of denials and evasion, McGwire admitted Monday that steroids and human growth hormone helped make him a home run king.

“The toughest thing is my wife, my parents, close friends have had no idea that I hid it from them all this time,” he told The Associated Press in an emotional, 20-minute interview. “I knew this day was going to come. I didn’t know when.”

In a quavering voice, McGwire apologized and said he used steroids and human growth hormone on and off for a decade, starting before the 1990 season and including the year he broke Roger Maris’ single-season home run record in 1998.

“I wish I had never touched steroids,” McGwire said. “It was foolish and it was a mistake.”

He had mostly disappeared since his infamous testimony before a congressional committee in March 2005, when he repeatedly said, “I’m not here to talk about the past,” a response that made him an object of ridicule during his self-imposed exile.

Once he was hired by the Cardinals in October to be their hitting coach, however, he knew he had to say something before the start of spring training in mid-February.

“He knows he owes the baseball world an explanation,” said former Rep. Tom Davis, the Virginia Republican who chaired the hearing. “I don’t think anybody’s surprised by this. He was one of hundreds of players who used steroids during this time. ... This was so widespread. Had we not held these hearings and put the fear of God into baseball, it would still be going on.”

Before a carefully rolled out schedule of statements and interviews, McGwire called commissioner Bud Selig, St. Louis manager Tony La Russa and Maris’ widow, Pat, on Monday to personally break the news.

He started by issuing a statement and calling the AP.

“It was a wrong thing what I did. I totally regret it. I just wish I was never in that era,” he said.

McGwire even understands why the Maris family now believes that Maris’ 61 homers

in 1961 should be considered the authentic record.

“They have every right to,” McGwire said in an interview on the MLB Network.

In his AP interview, McGwire’s voice shook when he recounted breaking the news to his son, Matt, who is 22. When McGwire hit the record homer, he hoisted Matt — then a 10-year-old batboy — at home plate. The former player called that conversation the toughest task in the ordeal.

“The biggest thing that they said is they’re very proud of me, that I’m doing this,” he said. “They all believe it’s for the better.”

While McGwire admitted conduct many had assumed, it marked a huge fall for a player considered one of the greats a decade ago.

“I admire him for doing it. I’m sure it wasn’t easy,” Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker said. “Maybe he’s clearing his conscience.”

McGwire was a baseball icon — Big Mac, with a Paul Bunyan physique and a home run swing that made fans come out to the ballpark early to watch batting practice. He hit 583 home runs, tied for eighth on the career list, and his average of one every 10.6 at-bats is the best ever.

His record of 70 home runs in 1998 was surpassed by Barry Bonds’ 73 homers in 2001 — the year of McGwire’s retirement and the apex of the Steroids Era. Bonds himself has denied knowingly using illegal drugs but has been indicted on charges he made false statements to a federal grand jury and obstructed justice.

In four appearances on the Hall of Fame ballot, McGwire has hovered at 21-24 percent, well below the 75 percent necessary.

“This has nothing to do with the Hall of Fame,” he said. “This has to do with me coming clean, getting it off my chest, and five years that I’ve held this in.”

Yet, he sounded as if all the criticism had wounded the pride he had built as the 1987 AL Rookie of the Year and a 12-time All-Star.

“There’s no way a pill or an injection will give you hand-eye coordination or the ability or the great mind that I’ve had as a baseball player,” he said.

Hank Aaron, baseball’s former career home run champion, responded with a conciliatory tone.

“He has my forgiveness,” Aaron told USA Today. “If that’s all that stands in the



Cardinals hitting coach Mark McGwire testifies at a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington on the use of steroids in March 2005. McGwire apologized for using performance enhancing drugs on Tuesday.

way between him being inducted into Cooperstown, we should all forgive him.”

McGwire said he first used steroids between the 1989 and 1990 seasons, after helping the Oakland Athletics to a World Series sweep when he and Jose Canseco formed the Bash Brothers. He returned to steroids after the 1993 season, when he missed all but 27 games with a mysterious heel injury, after being told steroids might speed his recovery.

“I did this for health purposes. There’s no way I did this for any type of strength purposes,” he said.

After being confronted by the AP during the home run streak in 1998, McGwire admitted using androstenedione, a steroid precursor that was then legally available and didn’t become a controlled substance until 2004. Baseball and its players didn’t agree to ban steroids until a year after his retirement.

McGwire’s 70 homers in 1998 came in a compelling race with Sammy Sosa, who finished with 66. More than anything else, the home run spree revitalized baseball following the crippling strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series.

Commissioner Bud Selig praised McGwire, saying,

“This statement of contrition, I believe, will make Mark’s re-entry into the game much smoother and easier.”

McGwire became the second major baseball star in less than a year to admit using illegal steroids, following the New York Yankees’ Alex Rodriguez last February. Big Mac and A-Rod, coincidentally, are currently tied on the home-run list.

San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy expects more players to admit what they did.

“The ones who have come forward and been straight have been forgiven, and they’ve moved on,” he said. “The fans and baseball have dealt with them in a positive way.”

Besides Bonds, others facing questions include Roger Clemens, Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz. Like Bonds, they have denied knowingly using illegal or banned substances. Clemens is under investigation by a federal grand jury trying to determine whether he lied to a congressional committee.

McGwire said he hoped to come forward at the congressional hearing, when he sat alongside Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro, who denied using steroids but tested positive for one later that year.

“I wanted to get this off my chest, I wanted to move on, but unfortunately immunity was not granted,” he said.

McGwire’s lawyers, Mark Bierbower and Marty Steinberg, told him that if he made any admission, he could be charged with a crime and that he, his family and friends could be forced to testify before a grand jury.

“That was the worst 48 hours of my life, going through that, but I had to listen to the advice of my attorneys,” he said.

He knew that Don Hooton, whose son’s suicide was linked to steroid use, was in the audience.

“Every time I’d say, ‘I’m not going to talk about the past,’ I’d hear moanings back there. It was absolutely ripping my heart out,” McGwire said, his voice cracking. “All I was worried about was protecting my family and myself. And I was willing to take the hit.”

Bierbower told the AP in a telephone interview that he had instructed McGwire not to make any admissions before Congress.

“He also had a situation where his brother had been giving him steroids and he didn’t want to create a risk for his brother, either,” Bierbower said.

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4	Villanova	6
5	Syracuse	7
6	Purdue	4
7	Michigan State	10
8	Duke	5
9	Tennessee	16
10	West Virginia	8
11	Georgetown	12
12	North Carolina	9
13	Kansas State	11
13	Wisconsin	17
15	Connecticut	13
16	Pittsburgh	23
17	Gonzaga	19
18	Brigham Young	25
19	Temple	21
20	Georgia Tech	20
21	Mississippi	14
22	Baylor	NR
23	Miami (Fla.)	NR
24	Clemson	NR
25	Florida State	18

Final AP NCAA Football Top 25

	team	previous
1	Alabama	1
2	Texas	2
3	Florida	5
4	Boise State	6
5	Ohio State	8
6	Texas Christian	3
7	Iowa	10
8	Cincinnati	4
9	Penn State	11
10	Virginia Tech	12
11	Oregon	7
12	Brigham Young	15
13	Georgia Tech	9
14	Nebraska	20
15	Pittsburgh	17
16	Wisconsin	24
17	Louisiana State	13
18	Utah	23
19	Miami (Fla.)	14
20	Mississippi	NR
21	Texas Tech	NR
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8	Texas A&M	10
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NFL



Pete Carroll speaks during his introductory press conference as Seahawks head coach on Tuesday. Carroll was previously the head coach at the University of Southern California.

Carroll introduced as Seahawks coach

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Pete Carroll pumped his fist. He talked excitedly and forcefully. He chopped the air with his hands, commanding his new audience.

Even though he had stepped back up into the NFL, he was still in charge — which is exactly why he's in Seattle now instead of Southern California.

The charismatic Carroll took over as the new coach and executive vice president of the Seahawks on Tuesday, enthusiastically seizing an authority that he says mirrors the latitude USC gave him to restore its dynasty.

"They have embraced my

approach ... in a manner in which they want to wipe the path clear and give me the clearest opportunity to bring everything that I have to offer. That's really what I was looking for, the trust and belief from the top of the organization," Carroll said a day after his public farewell from USC.

"They don't have an agenda of how they want their football played. They want me to do that. That's exactly and precisely what I was looking for."

After hugging current Seahawk and former USC defensive end Lawrence Jackson in the back of the auditorium, the 58-year-old Carroll was breathless describing how he snared

the exact opportunity he's always wanted in the NFL — but never thought he'd get after New England fired him following three seasons as coach through 1999.

"I am so fired up to be here today. Right from the beginning, they undersold. This is a tremendous place to come to work," Carroll said moments after Seahawks CEO Tod Leiweke led him on a tour of the Seahawks' luxurious headquarters for the first time.

Absorbing the scene and what the riches of Seahawks owner and Microsoft Corp. tycoon Paul Allen are affording him, Carroll said: "It's really almost dreamlike for me."

The coach who went 97-

19 with two national championships and seven consecutive Pac-10 titles while at USC wore a dark blue suit and paisley tie patterned in Seahawks green and blue.

The look was new. The Seahawks promise his role will be familiar.

"As guys get other jobs around the league, there isn't always that level of trust and communication from the top down, and there isn't always that willingness to let you do exactly what you feel and how you should do it. That's what I've been given here — and I can't tell you how excited I am about that," Carroll said. "That is what I had at 'SC, and is when I've had my best success."

IN BRIEF

Crennel and Weis may be reunited with Chiefs

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Former Cleveland Browns coach Romeo Crennel has spoken to the New York Giants by telephone about their vacant defensive coordinator's job but is giving the Kansas City Chiefs the first shot at hiring him.

Crennel's agent, Joe Linta, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Tuesday that Crennel talked to the Giants on Monday.

Linta said Crennel is focused on becoming the Chiefs' defensive coordinator.

Chiefs coach Todd Haley has yet to clarify the status of current defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast, who is still on the staff.

Last week, the Chiefs hired former Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis as offensive coordinator. Weis previously was the offensive coordinator in New England under Bill Belichick at the same time Crennel coordinated the defense.

Goalie Curtis Joseph retires from hockey

TORONTO — Goaltender Curtis Joseph has retired, ending a nineteen-year career in the NHL in which he was number four on the career victory list.

The 42-year-old Joseph is the winningest goalie to have never won the Stanley Cup. He had 454 victories, trailing only Martin Brodeur (585), Patrick Roy (551) and Ed Belfour (484).

He said Tuesday he had a "great career" and "didn't leave anything on the table." He spoke at a news conference in Toronto, where he ended his career with the Maple Leafs.

Joseph entered the league as an undrafted free agent. In addition to the Maple Leafs, he also played for the Saint Louis Blues, Edmonton Oilers, Detroit Red Wings, Phoenix Coyotes, and Calgary Flames.

F1 driver Piquet Jr. to join NASCAR in 2010

MADRID — Former Renault Formula One driver Nelson Piquet Jr., who last year triggered a scandal by revealing he deliberately crashed his car to help a teammate, is moving to NASCAR in 2010.

Piquet Jr. said Tuesday on his Web site that his "first 18 months in F1 did not go as planned. I have decided to focus on something different and have chosen to take a route in America."

Piquet Jr. hasn't raced since being fired by Renault in August after 28 races in which his best finish was second at the 2008 German GP. He did not reveal which team he would race for but says more details will come soon.

The 24-year-old Brazilian driver, the son of three-time F1 champion Nelson Piquet, admitted crashing his car at the 2008 Singapore Grand Prix on team orders to help Fernando Alonso win the race.

NFL

Packers CB Woodson named top defender

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In his own view, Charles Woodson put together his best pro season in 2009. How appropriate, then, that he is The Associated Press 2009 NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

The versatile Woodson tied for the league lead with nine interceptions, returning three for touchdowns, and was a key to the Packers' turnaround on defense. His role in Green Bay's ranking second in overall defense, first in interceptions (30), takeaways (40) and turnover margin (plus-24) earned Woodson 28 votes Tuesday from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL.

"It's a great honor," Woodson said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "I felt like I put a lot into the game, mentally and physically — your body's always beat up — and it's great to be recognized."

He doubled the number of votes for New York Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis in becoming the first Green Bay winner since Reggie White in 1998 and just the second Packer in the 36-year history of the award.

Woodson, the 1997 Heisman Trophy recipient, is the first cornerback chosen top defensive player since Deion Sanders in 1994.

After a disappointing performance by the Packers defense in Sunday's 51-45 overtime playoff loss at Arizona, Woodson is more motivated than ever to pursue the one honor that has eluded him in his career: a Super Bowl victory.

"That's it," Woodson said. "Especially now, to get this award, I've done everything an individual can do."

How much longer will he play?

"I'm just going to keep taking shots until I get back to the Super Bowl — and win it," Woodson said.

He got the honor in great part because of the way he anchored a defense in transition. Woodson was used in a variety of ways by new defensive coordinator Dom Capers as Green Bay made the switch to a 3-4. At times, the unit was shaky — except for Woodson, who played the role of cover cornerback, blitz, run-stuffer and ballhawk.

"Any time you go out there on the field, you go out there to win the game, of course," Woodson said, "but you go out there to be consistent and a reliable player. And that's what that award is. You go out there, you can make plays and can continue to make them through the season and you're mentioned as far as being Defensive Player of the Year, you know you're doing some things right."

The Packers went 11-5 during the season, including taking seven of eight games in the second half of the schedule to secure an NFC wild-card berth. In that span, Green Bay allowed 15.6 points per game. Take away a last-second 37-36 loss to Pittsburgh, and the number becomes a minuscule 11.4.

Woodson had 63 unassisted tackles and 18 assists, according to the Packers, plus 21

passes defended, four forced fumbles and one recovery, two sacks for 18 yards and three quarterback hits.

"I've said it before, he's had two or three games that I can't imagine any defensive player in the league having better games," said Capers, who also coached

"I'm just going to keep taking shots until I get back to the Super Bowl — and win it."

Charles Woodson
Packers cornerback

Rod Woodson (1993) and Jason Taylor (2006) when they won the award. "I think it speaks volumes when he was player of the month in September and came back and got player of the month again (in November)."

In his third season, Revis established himself as the league's premier

cornerback, taking away such prime threats as Steve Smith, Randy Moss, Andre Johnson, Terrell Owens, Chad Ochocinco and Marques Colston. He had six picks, returning one for a TD.

Jets coach Rex Ryan was upset Revis didn't win.

"It's unfortunate in that you can't get a higher individual award than that award," Ryan said. "Hopefully, he's a young, talented player, but you can't take anything for granted."

"This, in my opinion, was the

best year a corner has ever had, the most impact a corner has ever had in the National Football League. That's my opinion. Apparently, that wasn't how everybody felt."

Denver linebacker Elvis Dumervil, who led the league in sacks, and New Orleans safety Darren Sharper, who tied with Woodson for the interceptions lead and also ran back three for scores, each got three votes. Minnesota end Jared Allen received the other two votes.

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NHL

Burrow's accusations to be reviewed by NHL

Associated Press

TORONTO — The NHL is looking into a claim by Vancouver's Alexandre Burrows that a referee made payback calls against him, and the Canucks are in support of their feisty forward.

The league said Tuesday that Colin Campbell, the NHL's top disciplinarian, was reviewing the matter. Burrows accused referee Stephane Auger of targeting him in the Canucks' 3-2 loss to the Nashville Predators in Vancouver on Monday.

Burrows, Campbell and Canucks general manager Mike Gillis were scheduled to hold a conference call to discuss the matter Tuesday night after the team practiced in Minnesota.

After coming off the ice, Burrows declined to elaborate on his comments from the night before, trying to keep the subject on Wednesday's game against the Wild.

"We had a great card game on the plane. We got in, had a great practice and now we're focused on Minnesota," Burrows said.

Coach Alain Vigneault said he wasn't concerned about a distraction.

"As coaches and players our focus has to be on the next game," Vigneault said. "Let management and the NHL deal with what transpired on the ice yesterday."

Goalie Roberto Luongo acknowledged players were still thinking about the game in the morning, but insisted the flight from Canada helped clear their minds.

"We can't be worrying about what's going to happen with the officiating. We've just got to stay with the process," Luongo said.

Burrows said Monday that Auger told him during the pregame warmup he was going to "get me back" for a Dec. 8 incident that left Burrows lying on the ice but able to return for his next shift.

Nashville's Jerred Smithson received a major and game misconduct penalty for charging Burrows in that game, but the call was later overturned by the league because it said Burrows took a dive.

On Monday, Auger called Burrows for diving and interference in the third period, leaving him to watch from the penalty box when Shea Weber score the winner for the Predators.

The disputed interference penalty ended a Vancouver power play after just 4 seconds, and a penalty on Henrik Sedin left the Canucks short a man before Weber's 4-on-3 goal.

"That's the first time I've seen calls like that, especially when the game is on the line," Luongo said after the game. "It cost us the game."

An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and 10-minute misconduct followed for Burrows with 4 seconds left.

"It was personal," Burrows said after the game. "It started in warm up before the anthem. The ref came over to me and said I made him look bad in Nashville on the Smithson hit. He said he was going to get me back tonight and he did his job in the third."

The officiating crew politely declined to

comment when approached by the Associated Press while leaving the arena late Monday.

Gillis was unavailable for comment Tuesday. He told the Vancouver Province he was helping Burrows build his case to the league.

"We'll see what they say about the circumstances and go from there," Gillis told the newspaper. "I think it's uncharted territory and I'm not quite sure what to expect."

Gillis added: "I know our team was a frustrated group. We lost two points which were vital. I think there was obvious frustration on Alex's part."

Burrows has scored nine of his 19 goals in the last five games, and earlier Monday he was named the NHL's first star for last week after scoring three goals in back-to-back games for the Canucks' surging top line. Sedin leads the league with 63 points.

"After my second penalty I skated by him and he said, 'If you say a word I am going to kick you out,' so I didn't say a word because I still thought we could come back and win the game," Burrows said after the game. "But with 3 seconds left and the faceoff outside the zone I thought I could tell him what I thought about him."

On Tuesday after practice, defenseman Shane O'Brien defended Burrows's behavior.

"He is a character guy. Every guy in that room would go through the wall for him," O'Brien said. "Obviously he was upset, and that happens sometimes, but we're moving forward."

He added: "We need him focused and playing his game. Because without him, we're definitely not as good a hockey team."

O'Brien also lent some empathy to the officials.

"Nobody said being a ref is the easiest job in the world," he said. "They're human and they make mistakes. Sometimes the calls are for you, and sometimes they go against you."

"That's the first time I've seen calls like that, especially when the game is on the line."

Roberto Luongo
Canucks Goalie

"He is a character guy. Every guy in that room would go through the wall for him."

Shane O'Brien
Canucks defenseman

NCAA FOOTBALL

Lane Kiffin returns to USC

Associated Press

Lane Kiffin will be the next USC coach, Rivals.com has confirmed.

Kiffin will replace Pete Carroll, who left to take the Seattle Seahawks head coaching job. Kiffin coached Tennessee for one year, leading the Vols to a 7-6 record and a trip to the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

"We are really excited to welcome Lane Kiffin back to USC," Trojans athletic director Mike Garrett told the Associated Press. "I was able to watch him closely when he was an assistant with us, and what I saw was a bright, creative young coach who I thought would make an excellent head coach here if the opportunity ever arose. I'm confident he and his staff will keep USC football performing at the high level that we expect."

Kiffin was a USC assistant for Carroll from 2001-06, rising to offensive coordinator.

Kiffin became the youngest head coach in modern NFL history in early 2007 when Al Davis named him to lead the Oakland Raiders. After going 4-12 his first year with the Raiders, ESPN reported that Davis drafted a letter of resignation for Kiffin to sign in January 2008. But Kiffin was defiant and continued to clash with Davis until he was fired Sept. 30, 2008. He finished 5-15 as NFL coach.

Davis called Kiffin a liar in a bizarre news conference trashing his former coach. Kiffin later filed a grievance against the Raiders after his dismissal, claiming he was fired without cause and seeking pay for the two



AP

Lane Kiffin, who served as an assistant to Pete Carroll from 2001-06, will return to USC as the head coach of the Trojans.

months between jobs in Oakland and Knoxville. He was officially hired by Tennessee on Dec. 1, 2008.

Kiffin, 34, will bring his father, longtime NFL defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin with him to USC. Former Mississippi head coach Ed Orgeron, a former Trojans assistant, is also headed back to USC as part of Kiffin's staff.

"Ed did a marvelous job during his previous time at USC, and we all know that Monte is a defensive guru," Garrett told AP. "I know Lane will fill out his staff with other outstanding assis-

stants like them, ones who Trojan players and fans will really like."

Carroll, 58, left USC for the Seahawks on Monday, signing a five-year, \$33 million deal. He went 97-19 over nine seasons at USC with two national championships and seven Pac-10 titles.

USC is awaiting a hearing with the NCAA's Committee on Infractions in February, regarding allegations of improprieties in both the football and men's basketball programs. Kiffin made headlines at Tennessee for committing several minor NCAA violations.

NBA

Two more Wizards speak out

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With various players missing for various reasons, including some who had to talk to authorities about the Gilbert Arenas gun investigation, only eight members of the Washington Wizards were warming up on court Tuesday as coach Flip Saunders spoke nearby.

"Right now, there is definitely going to be discipline," Saunders intoned, "whether they like it or not."

Clearly, Saunders has his hands full at the moment. He is in his first year with a team dealing with far more serious matters than its 12-24 record after Tuesday night's 99-90 loss to the visiting Detroit Pistons — a club that had lost its previous 13 games.

"We just weren't mentally alert," Saunders said after the game.

Asked how much the short-handed practices and distractions might have played a role in the defeat, Saunders said: "I don't want to blame it on that, because we might have a lot of those days here over the next month."

Two Wizards, Javale McGee and Mike Miller, were absent

from the morning shootaround because they were going to be questioned about what happened with Arenas, who was suspended indefinitely by the NBA last week.

"It's hard, because every day we've been going through so much," guard Nick Young said.

Another player, Andray Blatche, also was slated to be speaking about the Arenas case — and he was barred from practicing anyway Tuesday, having been suspended for the Pistons game for conduct detrimental to the team.

"He said, 'Well, I didn't get a shot in a game.' If you're 6-10, 6-11, you can get a shot by getting an offensive rebound and getting shots. Anybody, whether it's him or anybody, that thinks a coach has to run plays to get you shots — that's the sign of a team that's not going to be a very good team," Saunders said.

Later in the day, asked whether the 6-foot-11 Blatche might feel he's being singled out, Saunders said: "It's like dealing with your kids. You have to do things. As I tried to explain when I talked to Andray: 'It's not against you. It's against what you did. How you acted. So it's nothing

against you.' I don't hold grudges over those type of things."

Caron Butler wasn't at the morning shootaround because of what Saunders called "an accident in his family" but he did play against Detroit.

"It's been a little chaotic around here for the most part the last couple days," said Butler, who spoke to authorities on Monday. "That's something that you don't want to have to keep revisiting. As a player, you want to focus on basketball and basketball only."

Also missing Tuesday was Arenas, of course. As was Javaris Crittenton, whose Dec. 21 spat with Arenas prompted the three-time All-Star to take guns out of his locker at the team's arena.

Crittenton, who has been out all season with an injury, has been excused by the team from practices and games while the legal process plays out. Arenas has acknowledged keeping guns in his locker and taking them out in a "misguided effort to play a joke," while Crittenton has kept a low profile, revealing no details about the incident and saying through his lawyer that he did nothing wrong.

MLB

Heralded prospect Chapman to Reds

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Aroldis Chapman knew so little about baseball in the United States that before he could pick a team, he had to look at a map. The left-hander from Cuba had never seen a major league game on television and couldn't name all the teams.

He finally settled on one that wears a distinctive "C" on its red cap, like the one he left.

Chapman agreed Monday to a \$30.25 million, six-year contract with the Cincinnati Reds, who view him as an important addition to their rotation down the road. The small-market club with limited payroll enticed him to Cincinnati, where he took a physical, signed a deal and saw snow for the first time.

"When you look at the size of the market we are here in Cincinnati, we have to take some bold moves from time to time to try to improve this franchise," general manager Walt Jocketty said. "We felt this was a very significant move."

Very surprising, too. Depending on when he becomes eligible for salary arbitration, Chapman could earn millions of dollars more.

Agent Randy Hendricks said eight teams were in the running to sign Chapman, who turns 22 next month. It came down to Cincinnati, Oakland and another team whom the agent wouldn't identify.

Chapman defected in July at a tournament in the Netherlands, leaving the Cuban national team known as international baseball's Big Red Machine because of its uniforms and its domination. He established residency in Andorra so he could choose his team as a free agent and not be subject to baseball's draft.

The hard-throwing pitcher didn't see major league games on television in Cuba, so he was unfamiliar with teams and where they were located.

"We took him through a Google map that showed every major league club, and we could zoom in on a state and describe the teams," Hendricks said.

Chapman gained some notoriety during the World Baseball Classic in March, when he pitched well against Australia and poorly against Japan. His fastball occasionally topped 100 mph, getting the attention of major league scouts.

He also attended several workouts for scouts, including one in Houston that got the Reds deeply interested. Once he learned about the Reds, Chapman became interested in them.

Manager Dusty Baker, pitching coach Bryan Price and catcher Ramon Hernandez speak Spanish, which will be helpful to Chapman, who doesn't speak English. Also, the Reds have 10 players from Latin America.

"In terms of the transition, we couldn't look for a better place for someone who came from Cuba to pitch," Hendricks said.

He agreed to a complicated contract that helps the Reds at the outset. He gets \$1.5 million

of his signing bonus when his contract is approved by Major League Baseball, \$1.5 million each Nov. 1 from 2010 to 2013 and \$1.25 million each Nov. 1 from 2014 to 2020.

Chapman gets annual salaries of \$1 million this year and next, \$2 million each in 2012 and 2013 and \$3 million in 2014. Within five days of the 2014 World Series, he must decide whether to exercise a \$5 million player option for 2015.

If Chapman is eligible for salary arbitration after the 2012 season, he would get \$5 million converted to a bonus and become eligible for arbitration. If he is arbitration eligible after the 2013 season, he would get \$3 million converted to a bonus and then be eligible for arbitration.

The Reds are expected to trim their payroll from the \$72.7 million ending figure for last year. They drew 1.7 million fans during their ninth straight losing season, their smallest attendance figure since 1986.

"Financially, it works for us," Jocketty said. "It does not impact our major league payroll this year in a significant way. It's a deal that will be paid out over time. We're thrilled."

The 6-foot-4 Chapman attended the news conference with Hendricks and a lawyer who functioned as an interpreter. Asked why he defected, he said, "Because the best baseball players in the world are from the United States. I think any baseball player in the world would want to play in the United States."

Jocketty said it's too soon to tell whether he will be a candidate for a starting job with the Reds this spring, or whether he'll need time in the minors to continue working on his delivery. Chapman, who also pitched in relief for Cuba, will be groomed for the rotation.

"I think that's where his future is," Jocketty said. "We see him as potentially a top-of-the-rotation starter at some point."

The Reds have Aaron Harang and Bronson Arroyo under contract through next season, with club options on both for 2011. Johnny Cueto, Edinson Volquez and Homer Bailey are just starting their major league careers. Volquez is returning from reconstructive elbow surgery that will sideline him for at least the start of the season.

Chapman was a first baseman primarily until he was 15 or 16, when a school pitching coach suggested he convert to pitching. By the 2005 season, he was 18 and pitching for Holguin in the Cuban national league.

Chapman's biggest weakness is his control. Last season for Cuba, he pitched 118 1-3 innings, walked 62 and struck out 130, going 11-4 with a 4.03 earned run average. In 327 2-3 career innings with Holguin, he walked 203 and struck out 365.

The Reds are going to work on Chapman's delivery. They sent two scouting representatives to his workout in Houston and came away impressed that he seemed to have made some changes already.

NFL

Seahawks made offer to Dungy

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Seahawks chief executive Tod Leiweke took issue Tuesday with criticism he was less than genuine in interviewing minority candidates before Seattle hired Pete Carroll as its coach.

Speaking moments after he introduced Carroll as the eighth coach in Seattle's 34-year history, Leiweke said he offered the Seahawks president's job to former Colts and Buccaneers coach Tony Dungy last month. The offer came soon after the Seahawks forced Tim Ruskell to resign as president and general manager Dec. 3.

"That's not to defend myself with the Rooney Rule. Tony would have made a heck of a president. That was the first call I made," said Leiweke, who has been doing the interviews for the team's coach, GM and president vacancies on behalf of team owner Paul Allen.

Leiweke said Dungy considered the offer for a night before telling him no thanks.

The league's Rooney Rule requires interviews with minority candidates. The rule, which was introduced after the 2002 season and became mandatory a year later, applies to the hiring of head coaches and senior football executives.

Leiweke said his interview with Vikings defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier on Saturday in Minnesota lasted four hours — then they watched the Eagles-Cowboys playoff game together that night. Leiweke cited it as further proof he adhered to the



Seahawks CEO Tod Leiweke, right, offered the position of president to former NFL coach Tony Dungy before hiring Carroll.

league's minority hiring initiative.

"I went to see Leslie and I saw him in good faith," Leiweke said, firmly. "When I went to Minnesota, I was not sure we would get it done with Pete. There were significant issues."

Carroll joined Leiweke in saying reports he had a preliminary deal with the Seahawks as early as Friday were wrong.

Leiweke said the issues included whom the Seahawks were targeting as their new GM, and whom Carroll wanted to bring from USC to his staff in Seattle. Those issues got worked out in a face-to-face meeting in California on Sunday.

On Saturday, Dungy wondered about the process used by the Redskins, who interviewed assistant Jerry Gray for the head coaching position last month even though Jim Zorn still held the job.

"That is not what the Rooney Rule is supposed to be, (that) you make up your mind and then interview a candidate for it anyway just to satisfy the rule," said Dungy, who retired from coaching last year.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said Saturday that the Seahawks had complied with the Rooney Rule through Leiweke's interview of Frazier.

Leiweke said he was "hugely impressed" with Frazier and certain he is going to be an NFL head coach.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles prepare for sixth-ranked Hope

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (8-3, 3-1 MIAA) looks to continue its momentum from a strong semester break with a home game tonight against conference rival and sixth-ranked Hope College (12-1, 4-0).

Hope has dropped only one game all season — an early-season away game in Atlanta — so the Flying Dutch present the Belles' toughest test so far.

The team's break was highlighted by a second-place finish after Christmas in the Amy Hasbrook Memorial Tournament at DePauw and a road win at Kalamazoo after New Year's (the win was Belles coach Jennifer Henley's 50th at the College). Saint Mary's senior forward Anna Kamrath and sophomore forward Kelley Murphy were named to the All-Tournament team.

Hope will pose a challenge to the Belles' defense, as the Flying Dutch average nearly 80 points a game.

"They have a lot of offensive weapons," Henley said. "They have a very deep bench with a lot of experience."

Nearly the whole team has contributed offensively for the Flying Dutch, and the leading scorer only averages 12.8 points per game, indicating that any of the players on the floor can score at any time. Hope also averages seven three-point baskets a game, so Saint Mary's will look to pressure the outside shot.

To stop the Hope attack, the Belles will look to Kamrath to contribute on both ends of the floor, as well as junior Liz Wade, sophomore Patsy Mahoney, and Murphy. Kamrath, who recently surpassed 700 career rebounds, will especially be needed to limit Hope's second chances.

Saint Mary's has had a week since its last game, and without classes, has had ample time to prepare for the biggest home game of the season against a perennial Division III power.

"Hope is going to be our toughest game to date," Henley said.

The two teams meet in the fight for MIAA supremacy at 7:30 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility.

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"Hope is going to be our toughest game to date."

Jennifer Henley
Belles coach

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yards per carry last season. Isaiah Pead and Jacob Ramsey combined to rush for 1,245 yards and 13 touchdowns.

"He is a tireless recruiter and is well respected in our profession," Kelly said of Hinton. "Tim's expertise in the running game and pass protections combined with his experience in my offensive system make him a perfect fit for our running backs."

Former running backs coach Tony Alford will be the wide receivers coach this season, Kelly also announced.

Former Wisconsin defensive backs coach Kerry Cooks will coach the outside linebackers. Cooks said he was excited about the potential that Notre Dame offers.

"Whether they're 6-6 or 12-0 or 13-0 or whatever, it doesn't matter," he said, according to Notre Dame's athletic Web site. "It's a name that can get you in any household in the country. It's a great career and résumé builder, not only for coaches, but for players as well."

Ed Warriner will replace Tom Verducci as the offensive line coach, leaving his post as Kansas' offensive coordinator. Warriner has coached for 26 years and in 13 of the last 18 of them have been spent coaching the offensive line.

"Having coached offensive lines in four different systems, I think there is a lot I can draw from," he said. "I think I have worked with a variety of players so I'll be able to adjust to whatever the needs are of each individual."

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"[Notre Dame's] a name that can get you in any household in the country.."

Kerry Cooks
Irish linebackers coach

NBA

Duncan leads Spurs past Lakers

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had 25 points and 13 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs showed they can still hang with their Western Conference rivals in a victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

Tony Parker scored 22 as the Spurs got their biggest victory this season. The Lakers are just the fourth winning team San Antonio has beaten, but none the caliber of the defending NBA champions.

Kobe Bryant had another off game, scoring 16 points. He again wore a thick splint over his broken right index finger.

The Spurs and Lakers dominated the last decade, winning seven titles between them. The Lakers whittled a 22-point deficit to six late in the first meeting of this decade, but it was a rout by the end.

Bryant, who scored just 12 on 4-of-21 shooting in a win over Milwaukee on Sunday, had another slow night. He took a season-low 10 shots from the field, hitting seven of them.

Bryant has said that keeping his finger covered gives it more strength and protection, but he admits it affects his touch.

Andrew Bynum scored 23 points and Ron Artest had 13 for the Lakers. Los Angeles has lost three of four — its worst slump yet by the standards of the NBA's best team.

Few teams, meanwhile, have been hotter over the last month than San Antonio.

The Spurs are 14-4 since Dec. 9, trailing only Cleveland (15-4) for the best record over that stretch. None of those wins were as satisfying — or as much a relief — as this one.

The Spurs (23-13) have built their winning record on the backs of weak competition, going 19-2 against teams with losing records. But they've wilted consistently against winning teams, including a loss Friday against Dallas.

But the Spurs had been looking forward to this litmus test. They spent lavishly last summer for the unsaid purpose of keeping up with the Lakers, and here was a chance to show if they got their money's worth.

Instead, their older investments led this win.

Duncan was 12 of 19 from the field while Parker shot 10 of 18. Parker scored nine points in the fourth quarter.

Richard Jefferson, added this summer to add more offensive punch, scored 12. George Hill had 13.

This wasn't the same Lakers team the Spurs are likely see again later. Besides Bryant's hurt hand, Pau Gasol has missed the last five games with a strained left hamstring. Lakers coach Phil Jackson said Gasol has his sights on returning Friday against the Clippers

Notes:

♦ F Luke Walton (pinched nerve, back) made his first appearance in nearly eight weeks, scoring four points and grabbing a rebound in six minutes. ... With the loss, the



Lakers forward Lamar Odom battles Spurs forward Tim Duncan for a loose ball during the Spurs' victory Tuesday.

Lakers were denied their first crack at becoming the only NBA franchise with 3,000 victories. They'll try again Wednesday at Dallas.

Pistons 99, Wizards 90

Charlie Villanueva and the Detroit Pistons went exactly a month between victories.

"Oh, man," Villanueva said. "It felt like forever."

His 23 points and nine rebounds helped Detroit end a 13-game losing streak by beating the downtrodden and distracted Washington Wizards Tuesday night.

To the Pistons, it did not matter one bit that their first win since beating Golden State on Dec. 12 came against the Wizards, a club whose best player, three-time All-Star Gilbert Arenas, was suspended indefinitely by the NBA amid a guns investigation.

And a club whose coach, Flip Saunders, and several players have had to speak to authorities in recent days about that case. A club missing forward Andray Blatche, suspended for Tuesday's game for what Saunders indicated was complaining about getting enough plays drawn up for him.

"Somebody had to win tonight — and we just wanted it to be us," said Richard Hamilton, who scored 19 points for Detroit. "We knew when we came in tonight, we could only worry about us."

Rodney Stuckey also scored 19 and added a career high-tying 11 assists for Detroit, which lost by 33 points at Chicago on Monday night. A defeat against Washington would have tied the longest single-season losing streak in franchise history.

Antawn Jamison led the Wizards with 31 points and 10 rebounds, while Randy Foye — who took over at point guard for Arenas — had 20 points and 10 assists. But Washington shot only 4 for 21 and scored a season-worst 11 points in the second quarter.

"We talked about it. We didn't want to be the team they beat," said Washington's Nick Young, 2 for 9 for the game with eight points, starting at shooting guard for the injured Mike Miller. "But both teams were short-handed, and both

teams had something to prove tonight."

An announced crowd of only 13,544 showed up to watch these struggling teams. The Pistons are now 12-25, and Washington is 12-24; in the Eastern Conference, only the NBA-worst New Jersey Nets have fewer victories.

Detroit can chalk up its difficulties, in part anyway, to injuries: Key players Hamilton, Tayshaun Prince and Ben Gordon have all missed time.

While Hamilton is back in the lineup, Prince and Gordon were out Tuesday.

The Wizards? Well, yes, they were without Miller because his bothersome right calf flared up again, but injuries are the least of their worries, what with everything else going on.

Nearly all traces of Arenas have been purged from Washington's arena, including a banner that used to hang outside. Three players missed Tuesday morning's shootaround because they were being questioned in the Arenas gun investigation.

Javaris Crittenton, a teammate involved in the spat that led to Arenas' taking his guns out of his locker, has been excused from attending practices or games until there is a resolution to the legal issues.

"It's been a little chaotic around here for the most part the last couple days," said Caron Butler, who had only 10 points and two rebounds against Detroit. "That's something that you don't want to have to keep revisiting. As a player, you want to focus on basketball and basketball only."

Notes:

♦ The Pistons lost 14 games in a row in the 1979-80 and 1993-94 seasons. ... Saunders on disciplining Blatche: "You hope that they understand why. It's like dealing with your kids. You have to do things. As I tried to explain when I talked to Andray: 'It's not against you. It's against what you did. How you acted. So it's nothing against you.' I don't hold grudges over those type of things." ... Miller was out for about six weeks before returning to action Friday, then playing again Sunday, when he aggravated his calf.

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“We knew that coming in tonight, we knew that we needed this win. Sitting at 3-1 in the Big East with a week off before Cincinnati is not a bad place to be right now.”

Notre Dame dominated the first half against West Virginia, taking a 20 point lead into halftime. After a furious rally by the Mountaineers, the Irish held on for the victory as forward Da’Sean Butler’s shot at the buzzer barely missed.

The Irish started the break with a big 84-73 win over historical powerhouse UCLA at Purcell Pavilion on Dec. 19. While the Bruins have struggled this season, Irish coach Mike Brey was pleased with the nationally televised win.

“We did some fearless stuff and some mature stuff and we figured out a way to win,” Brey said. “I was interested to see what this place would be like with the first big-game atmosphere. It was awesome.”

The Irish received an early Christmas present in the form of a 101-69 rout of Bucknell on Dec. 22. Harangody’s double-double of 20 points and 11 rebounds led the way for Notre Dame.

The Irish then kicked off Big East play on Dec. 30, closing out the year with a 93-78 home victory over Providence,

led by 23 points from senior guard Jonathan Peoples. The win was Brey’s 200th as head coach at Notre Dame.

Brey and the Irish faced a huge test to begin 2010, facing No. 10 Connecticut on the road on Jan. 2. While Notre Dame suffered its first conference loss of the season, the Irish kept the game close until the Huskies pulled away in the closing minutes. Harangody led all scorers with 31 points and the game featured 17 lead changes.

Notre Dame rebounded to capture its first conference road win a few days later, edging South Florida 74-73. Harangody tallied 36 points including the game-winning free throw as the Irish held on despite a strong rally from the Bulls.

Following the wins over USF and West Virginia, Harangody was named the Big East Player of the Week and the Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week. The senior captain averaged 30 points and 5.5 rebounds in the two games.

After the huge win over the Mountaineers, the Irish will continue the gauntlet of the Big East schedule Saturday with another road test at Cincinnati. After facing the Bearcats, Notre Dame will return home for a difficult game against No. 5 Syracuse on Monday.

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“Sitting at 3-1 in the Big East with a week off before Cincinnati is not a bad place to be right now.”

Luke Harangody
Irish senior

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7:42 left in the game. However, the Irish outscored the Bulls 19-5 in the last eight minutes to widen the margin.

“Me and [senior guard Melissa Lechlitner] just looked at each other then [and] we just told each other, ‘we’re fine, we’re going to be ok,’” Schrader said about the close contest. “We knew that we were going to win the game. I think it’s just experience, the way we present ourselves, the way we carry ourselves at the end of the game.”

The Bulls were first to score, but the Irish then scored eight straight to lead 8-2 early in the game. However, South Florida kept it close and went into half-time down six points, 37-31.

Forward Sequoyah Griffin led the Bulls with 16 points and five assists. In the first half, the Bulls shot 50 percent from the floor, but they shot just 41.4 percent in the second half.

“I’d like to give them some credit but I also think we could have played better defensively,” McGraw said. “They were open when they made a lot of their shots and that’s because our defense was getting screened.”

Senior guard and captain Ashley Barlow scored nine points and had 11 rebounds in the game, and sophomore Natalie Novosel scored 12

points, tying a season high. Novosel had five of her points in the final seven minutes as the Irish built their lead.

“We’re on our home court,” freshman guard Skylar Diggins said. “We didn’t want it to be that close.”

Notre Dame will play No. 1 Connecticut in a nationally televised game Saturday, and the attention put the team in danger of overlooking the Bulls.

“I thought that was going to be a difficult game with the Connecticut game kind of looming in the background,”

McGraw said. “... I didn’t want to mention the word. But if you’re listening to anything, if you turn on ESPN you’re going to hear about it. If you walk through the building you’re going to hear about it.”

The game will tip-off Saturday at 9 p.m. in Storrs, Conn.

Note:
♦ Sophomore forward Erica Solomon has decided to forego the rest of the season in order to focus on academics.

“Looking at our post depth, she really didn’t want to let the team down,” McGraw said. “She really wanted to red shirt the whole year, but we needed her and she wanted to be there for us. Now she can really concentrate on what she needs to do.”

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the back of the net again as Notre Dame battled No. 6 North Dakota to a 3-3 tie after regulation and an overtime period. Notre Dame won the shootout, and the Tournament, on goals from senior Dan Kissel and junior Ben Ryan.

“I think it was a big game for our team’s confidence,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “I thought our team played very well and showed we can compete with anybody.”

Notre Dame fought back from a 3-1 second-period deficit behind goals from senior Kevin Deeth late in the second period and Maday early in the third. Ryan scored the first goal of the game less than four minutes after the puck dropped in the first period.

“[Coming back] showed character,” Maday said. “As a team, over the course of a long season you are going to have ups and downs, and when you have your downs you need to see how your team responds. It was a real positive the way we hung in there and played against a top team in the country.”

All the confidence Notre Dame gained by beating a top-10 team at a neutral site went out the window after losing two games by a combined score of 9-4 against No. 11/12 Ferris State. The Bulldogs scored more goals than any team has against Notre Dame this season in a 5-2 rout Saturday. Freshman goalie Mike Johnson made 26 saves, and the Irish offense only managed three shots in the third period.

“Ferris State is a good team, and they played well, like a team on a mission,” Jackson



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Sophomore Billy Maday pursues the puck against Providence during Notre Dame’s 3-2 loss on Oct. 15.

said. “I think they had an advantage as far as depth went, and ... we didn’t do a good job of managing the puck.”

Senior walk-on Tommy O’Brien started in goal for Notre Dame Sunday and the Ferris State offensive onslaught continued in the 4-2 defeat.

“Tommy started to [give Johnson a break],” Jackson said. “Plus Tommy has been practicing well so I thought he deserved another opportunity. Mike wasn’t coming off a great game so I thought it was time to see what Tommy could do.”

O’Brien gave up two third-period goals in the loss, and Jackson said Johnson will remain Notre Dame’s top


goalie.

Late in the third period Ferris State’s Travis Oullette checked junior defenseman Teddy Ruth from behind, and senior Brett Blatchford came to Ruth’s defense by grabbing Oullette. The scrum resulted in 62 minutes of penalties.

“I always tell the team to have each other’s backs,” Jackson said. “When somebody cheap shots a teammate, that is just one of the golden rules of hockey, to step up for a teammate.”

Notre Dame will try to get back into the CCHA race Friday night against Michigan State.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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ND gets past USF before major road test

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish weren't about to get caught looking ahead. Lindsay Schrader made sure of it.

The senior captain scored 18 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for her third double-double of the season and led No. 3 Notre Dame (15-0, 2-0 Big East) to an 81-64 win over South Florida (9-7, 0-3) Tuesday night.

"I thought overall our veteran team at the end of the game found a way to win," Irish coach Muffett McGraw said. "I thought we kept our poise down the stretch and did some great things."

The game was much closer than the final score would indicate. The teams swapped leads five times throughout the contest, and Notre Dame was ahead by just three points with

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Senior guard Lindsay Schrader scores against Indianapolis during Notre Dame's 97-53 exhibition victory on Nov. 3. Schrader had a double-double against South Florida last night in an 81-64 victory.

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HOCKEY

Irish up and down over break

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Semester break brought Notre Dame both a Shillelagh Tournament title as well as a fall to seventh-place in conference standings.

The Irish (9-10-5, 5-7-4-2 CCHA) beat Colgate 5-2 on Jan. 2 to reach the title game of the Tournament at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, Ill. The five goals set a new high for Notre Dame this season. Sophomore Billy Maday led the Irish with two goals.

"Five goals on the scoreboard was a product of the team's enthusiasm to be back playing some high-caliber hockey," Maday said. "It started our drive and the push we want to make for the second half of the season."

The next night Maday found

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FOOTBALL

Kelly fills out coaching staff with Cincinnati transplants

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Brian Kelly began to fill out the Notre Dame assistant coaching staff over the winter break, hiring five coaches and retaining one from the previous administration.

Kelly, whom Notre Dame named its new head coach in December, hired three coaches away from Cincinnati, where he previously coached. Kelly hired

Bob Diaco as the new defensive coordinator, Charley Molnar as the offensive coordinator and Tim Hinton as the running backs coach.

Diaco had to replace 10 starters on Cincinnati's defense in 2009 but brought the unit into the nation's top 10 in sacks and tackles for loss.

"Bob implemented an entirely new defense and was a major factor in us winning every game during the regular season," Kelly said in a statement. "He

has played for and learned under some fine defensive coaches and will be a great teacher for our guys."

Diaco played linebacker at Iowa and was a two-time all-conference selection. He was a finalist for the Butkus Award in 1995. He will be responsible for revamping a defense that showed flashes of promise but struggled to slow opposing offenses.

Molnar worked with Kelly at Cincinnati and Central Michigan

and created powerful offenses in both places. Bearcats receiver Mardy Gilyard caught 87 balls for 1,191 yards and 11 touchdowns with Molnar as his receivers coach in 2009.

"Charley and I have coached together the last four years and I have complete confidence in him to lead the offensive staff and players," Kelly said. "I have seen how he has developed both quarterbacks and wide receivers and tailored a passing attack around the strengths of

an offense."

Molnar must develop quarterback Dayne Crist, who saw some playing time behind an injured Jimmy Clausen but will miss spring practice because he tore his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) against Washington State. He won't have the services of Golden Tate, who left for the NFL Draft, but Michael Floyd will be at his disposal.

Hinton's backs rushed for 6.4

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Upset highlights five wins

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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With a few weeks to focus solely on basketball, the Irish are heating up at the right time. Notre Dame went 5-1 over the semester break, including a 3-1 start to the Big East season, and capped off the stretch with a 70-68 upset of then-No. 8 West Virginia.

To no one's surprise, the Irish were anchored by senior forward Luke Harangody, who scored 24 points at home in the win over the Mountaineers on Jan. 9.

"It's a huge win for us. In conference play you need to protect your home floor," Harangody said after the win.

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Senior forward Luke Harangody runs up the court during Notre Dame's 84-73 victory over UCLA on Dec. 19.

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FOOTBALL

Floyd receives citation for underage drinking

Observer Staff Report

Irish sophomore receiver Michael Floyd received a citation for underage drinking after his involvement in a fight in Minneapolis on Jan. 8, according to police reports and the Chicago Tribune.

The Tribune reported that Floyd was involved in a "physical altercation" outside of a party. University of Minnesota police said Floyd admitted to doing "a couple of shots" earlier in the night and had blood on his hands, feet and shirt.

The police were responding to a report of about 10 people involved in a "physi-

cal dispute in the street."

Floyd was cited for underage consumption of liquor, a misdemeanor, the Tribune reported, and could face a fine, court appearance or a diversion program.

Floyd missed five complete games last season after suffering a broken collarbone against Michigan State, but he still recorded 44 receptions for 795 yards and nine touchdowns in seven games last season.

Notre Dame officials, including newly-hired Irish coach Brian Kelly, have yet to comment on the situation.