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SMC Stars help make 'wishes' come true

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

After being inspired by some family members involved with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Saint Mary's College senior Stephanie Dolik decided to start the SMC Stars — a club designed to grant wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Joined by seniors Sara Casey and Lindsay Morrin as well as sophomore Anne Bolitho, Dolik, who serves as the club's president, founded the SMC Stars in November 2009.

The club has two advisors — Professor Joyce Hicks of Saint Mary's College and Bobbie O'Conner, a representative from the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Indiana.

The club's first "Wish kid" visited campus in November. Jacob Krauss, dreamed of doing one thing in South Bend: playing with the Notre Dame Marching Band.

The SMC Stars planned an additional event to make Krauss' weekend special.

"We got to meet [Krauss] and we kind of contributed to his weekend a little bit by throwing him a bowling event because his favorite sport is bowling," Dolik said. "That was our first experience interacting with a Wish kid and we had a really good turn out and I think people are getting really excited about future events."

According to Bolitho, another event the Stars worked on was selling ornaments for a Wish tree before Winter Break. The club appeared in the Noble Family Dining Hall to display their Wish tree and spread the word about the club.

Dolik said the club hopes to "grant as many wishes as possible" as their long term goal.

Though the Stars were created in November, their first meeting took place after Winter Break. The club has 20 members.

"It's a little challenging because the other Make-A-Wish clubs at other schools we looked at are from much larger universities so we have to compare it to what we can do here," Morrin said.

Currently, the group has not

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GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

The Keenan Revue, known for its raunchy skits, like the one shown above from the 2010 show, will not return to Saint Mary's next year after the College did not renew its contract.

Keenan Revue loses venue

SMC: Variety show's content 'incongruent' with mission of College

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

The annual and controversial crowd favorite, the Keenan Revue, originally presented in Washington Hall and most recently in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium, will once again have to find a new venue.

Saint Mary's administrators have announced the content of the variety show is not congruent with the College's mission state-

ment and therefore their annual contract will not be renewed.

"To host it is counterproductive [for the College]," senior Tim Treat, director of this year's Revue said. "They stressed that the decision was made before this year's Revue and it's a decision the cabinet talks about every year."

Treat said in a meeting with Keenan representatives and hall rector Fr. Dan Nolan, College officials said the general content of the Revue from year to year

shaped their decision to discontinue the contract.

"They stressed that it was not a particular year, skit or joke that was the straw that broke the camel's back," Treat said. "They mentioned the disparaging remarks about women and sexuality in the show."

In a recently released statement, Shari Rodriguez, vice president of College relations, articulated the deviation from the

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STUDENT SENATE

Group passes amnesty resolution

By SCOTT ENGLERT
News Writer

The Student Senate resumed debate and voted on a resolution concerning medical amnesty and discussed the logistics of a new off-campus housing Web site at Wednesday's meeting.

The intended resolution, proposed by Nick Ruof, the chair of the Committee on Residence Life, seeks "that [Office of Residence Life and Housing] and residence hall staff adopt a medical



TOM LA/The Observer

Student body president Grant Schmidt, left, and vice president Cynthia Weber participate in Wednesday's meeting.

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New site to aid in housing search

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Students looking to move off campus now have a University-sponsored Web site to utilize while conducting their search for housing.

With the launch of the new Web site, rent.nd.edu, Notre Dame students have access to listings of local houses and apartments for rent.

Joey Rich, one of the developers of the Web site, said the site aims to put different off-campus housing options online.

"The basic idea we're trying to do is put all the different housing options into an easy to use Web interface," he said. "That way students can use one Web site instead of using different housing providers."

The effort was coordinated in part with student government. Student body president Grant Schmidt said the idea for the Web site came up over a year ago from two different sources.

"Northwestern University already had the concept," he said. "It also came up in the campaign from one of the other tickets, so [student body vice president Cynthia Weber] and I acknowledged it and decided to implement it."

Rich said he spoke with Weber and Schmidt about the project last year and began work on the Web site. He said this year the project seemed even more important so he began to work on it as part of a class assignment.

"This year we decided it was valuable to students and I decided working on it as part of a database complexes class," he said. "After the class was over, I continued working on it, adding new features and getting the domain name set up."

One of the advantages of the new Web site is that it allows students to compare prices in one location.

"By putting prices and other features in one location it encourages competition among different housing complexes whereas previously students would have to call regular housing complexes," Rich said.

Another new feature allows students who create accounts

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INSIDE COLUMN

Caring about real news

Forget Haiti, and forget health-care. By the looks of my news feed, people have moved on to worrying about something they really care about: the new Facebook profile layout.

Apparently, it's the most radical change in, well, anything since ... the last time Facebook changed its layout. And before that, probably the American Revolution.

Come on, people. This really isn't that big of a deal. Let's be honest. Within a couple weeks, we'll all get used to the new, more prominent search bar, the fact that we can now see friends we often chat right on the home page, the new notification area and the extra click it takes to log out. Okay, that last one is actually really annoying, but other than that, the changes are pretty useful. We'll all join a couple "GET YOUR OLD FACEBOOK LAYOUT BACK" groups, invite all our friends in a futile attempt to get said layout back, and when it doesn't come back, move on with our Facebook lives. I mean, we did it the first time. And however many other times it changed.

Remember when the Wall was first integrated with the (gasp!) News Feed? And (oh, no!) we first got a different tab for information and photos? We all made a huge deal about the "new" layout then, and now we want to go back to it. In fact, I'm sure Facebook will change something again before the football team's 2011 bowl game (crossing my fingers it's in 2011), and we'll all complain about it again. A few weeks from now, we'll become attached to new Facebook and become a fan of "SIGN THE PETITION TO STOP CHANGING FACEBOOKKKKK PLEEZE," which will, unfortunately, have thousands of fans. It's just the way things work.

And on the positive side of things, the new privacy settings make the time-honored tradition of Facebook stalking much easier. Yeah, we've all done it. That cute girl you met (but don't really remember talking to) at the party last night? She probably didn't update her privacy settings, so now you and your friends can nurse your hangovers while clicking through her profile pictures and discovering that, well, maybe she wasn't as cute as you thought. But hey, you wouldn't know that if it wasn't for new Facebook. So give thanks for new Facebook, maybe even dedicate a Facebook status to it. Just remember that when it happens again, you should embrace those changes too. Because you'll probably end up liking them in the end. And maybe, just maybe, they'll go back to a one-click logout.



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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT 80s TREND DO YOU WISH WOULD MAKE A COMEBACK?



Johanna Kirsch
senior
McGlinn

"Power Ballads.
I love a
good power
ballad ..."



Jordan Matulis
sophomore
Howard

"Aerobics wear.
Let's get
physical."



Ryan Lion
freshman
Sorin

"Mullets and
rat tails."



Sarah Spieler
sophomore
P. W.

"Jellies.
Whoever said
that Crocs were
the new Jellies
was seriously
disturbed."



Stephen Santay
junior
Alumni

"I miss the
party in the
back ..."

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



TOM LA/The Observer

Sophomores Nick Burley, left, and Grayson Duren playfully hunt a possum on North Quad Wednesday night. Although they seem to be closing in, the possum escaped unharmed.

OFFBEAT

Dog hitched a ride from N.M., traveled 1,200 miles

NEW ORLEANS — The dogs in New Orleans' Carnival pet parade included a pooch that hitched a ride 1,200 miles from Taos, New Mexico, to the city where his 26-year-old master had hitchhiked weeks earlier. Stephan Soleas came to New Orleans for a few weeks of visits and music. He said his 6-year-old Labrador mix, Charlie, went missing days after he left.

Charlie was found by a couple vacationing in Taos. The couple saw a collarless dog and tried to find its

owner, but the veterinarian didn't have a microchip scanner.

The couple gave up their airline tickets, rented a car and made the 3-day drive back to New Orleans with the dog. Incidentally, they also named the dog Charlie.

Man named Robin Hood accused of identity theft

DENVER — This Robin Hood is accused of stealing — and not to give to the poor. Authorities said a 34-year-old named Robin Joshua Hood found someone's wallet in downtown Denver and apparently began using the man's

name in a ploy to avoid being caught on a warrant. Hood told investigators he was being investigated for drug charges.

Hood was charged Friday with identity theft and impersonation.

Authorities said Hood's true identity was uncovered after an employee at a record store stopped him as he allegedly was leaving without paying for three baseball caps on Jan. 6. He was issued a court summons in that case.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A lecture titled "Business on the Frontlines: Reports from the Field" will be held in C-103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies today at 12:30 p.m.

The Second Annual Student Health Fair "How the Health are You?" will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center.

"Blockading the Border and Human Rights" will be held at 4 p.m. today. The lecture will be held in rooms 210 to 214 McKenna Hall.

The film "Sin Nombre" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. today in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. To purchase tickets call 574-631-2800.

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet will perform at 7 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre today. To order tickets call 574-631-2800.

This week's SUB movie is "The Blind Side." It will be shown in 101 DeBartolo Hall at 10 p.m. today, and admission costs \$3.

"Bridging Majors Seminar" will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in Spes Unica 135 at Saint Mary's College.

A workshop titled "Writing Matters" will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Academic Resource Center Annex in Madeleva Hall at Saint Mary's College.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to

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Landlord Kramer sells portion of portfolio

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

Local landlord Mark Kramer, owner of Kramer Properties, LLC, has decided to sell a portion of his fixed asset portfolio including Notre Dame apartments and about 50 houses.

Beginning on March 1, Campus Apartments, a national company, will manage the houses.

"I actually sold a portion of my portfolio and the new owners have chosen Campus Apartments to manage them," Kramer said.

Kramer Properties announced the transfer on Feb. 11 via e-mail to all affected tenants. In the e-mail, Kramer assured students the terms of the leases they signed with him would still be valid.

"I am personally working directly with the company to ensure that your transition is seamless and that the same level of quality service continues during your tenure," Kramer said in the e-mail. "Please be assured, the terms of the lease you have signed with Kramer Properties, LLC will in no way be affected by this change."

Kramer said tenants shouldn't be concerned about rent hikes after the transfer.

"The rents remain the same, the terms of the lease remain the same," he said. "It's just a matter of a different company that will

be managing their particular property. It will not change anything for the students this year, next year, or any of the students that have signed up in advance for the 2011-12 school year."

In addition, Kramer stressed he would still continue to own and manage approximately 75 homes and Lafayette Square Town Homes.

"I have not transferred all of my properties," he said. "In fact, not even the majority of my properties have been transferred or sold."

Kramer said there was no hidden motivation behind his decision to sell, but rather, he decided to take advantage of an opportunity.

"There was no underlying reason necessarily," he said. "Things like this happen all the time, and you have an opportunity to sell something and the price is right and the time is right, you make the decision accordingly."

Furthermore, Kramer said he does not have any plans to sell the remainder of his portfolio.

"I have no intentions in the near future to sell any more of my assets, or even the distant future I might add," he said. "I still remain in business, I still remain in the same location and I will continue to do so for a very, very long time to come."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Group endorses classes reform

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

Joseph Incandela, associate dean and professor of Religious Studies at Saint Mary's, addressed the Student Government Association (SGA) Wednesday about future plans for reforming the College's General Education requirements.

He requested the SGA board endorse the plan, which has already been supported by the Faculty Assembly, to raise student awareness about the reform.

Incandela said the College wanted to change the requirement program for General Education classes that has been in place for over 40 years. Several previous attempts had been made to reform the program, but this proposal, which was developed over three and a half years, is the closest to being achieved.

"When you think about how much has changed over the last 40 years — culturally, technologically and socially — it is about time this changes," Jenny Hoffman, student body president, said.

Incandela said the new General Education curriculum changes will adjust the

requirements to benefit students. The program will include 15 classes to enrich students' all-around education at the College. Students will have more freedom to choose which classes suit their interests in the fields they would like pursue.

"I have felt that my General Education classes were random," Megan Griffin, student body vice president said. "I was stuck in classes that I didn't even want to take. I think this will provide a connection between the required classes and give them more meaning for the students. It can only make Saint Mary's stronger."

The program would require a critical thinking course for all first-year students, Incandela said. Each student's seminar would be taught by their academic advisor in order to create a relationship for better counseling. The course would combine lecture with discus-

sion with peer counselors and experiential participation, he said, providing a common experience for all incoming students.

This course and the rest of the courses in the program would connect students through common goals and values including the ideas of diversity and Women's Voice, he said.

Incandela said if this idea kept moving forward the administration would be looking for help from students through venues like focus groups.

Students may have the option to write brochures and Web site pages for the program, and can participate in peer counseling and other leadership opportunities.

The SGA board voted to endorse the reform.

Incandela said he hopes to see the new General education program set into place by Fall 2011.

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Jenny Hoffman
student body president

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Denim drive to benefit wounded U.S. soldiers

Operation: Quiet Comfort provides quilts to medically-evacuated military personnel

By MEGHAN MANNING
News Writer

Notre Dame's Staff Advisory Council (SAC) Promotions Committee is introducing a new campaign to contribute to the fabric of charitable events going on around campus: a blue jeans drive.

The Promotions Committee sent out a statement that SAC is collecting denim on behalf of Operation: Quiet Comfort — an organization that “provides small quilts to comfort our Wounded Warriors who are medically evacuated to a higher level of care, as well as for those troops who are sick or injured and recovering,” according to their Web site.

Operation: Quiet Comfort's Web site states the mission of the group is to “exist solely for the purpose of honoring and comforting America's military men and women ... You won't find any political, ideological or religious views of the war or other conflicts that the United States may be involved in ... just the love and comfort of a grateful nation.”

Marie Revak, a member of SAC, is helping to organize this event.

“The truly unique part of this project is that it is two-fold,” Revak said.

Efforts begin with a campus collection for 100 percent cotton blue jeans. These jeans are then cut into six-inch squares, on which individuals later have the opportunity to write personal messages to recipients.

Operation: Quiet Conflict's mission is unique not only for its creative use of transforming items of clothing into practical resources for the troops, but also for how personal these items are when given to soldiers.

Revak said “many of the quilts are given to injured soldiers traveling on long plane rides.”

SAC's blue jeans drive will begin today and continue through Feb. 26. During this period, donations may be placed in drop-off boxes in various locations around campus, including the LaFortune Student Center, South Dining Hall, the Mendoza College of Business and the Hesburgh Library.

The dates and times for the later signing of the denim squares will be forthcoming.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chad seeking to release U.N. troops

UNITED NATIONS — Chad pressed on Wednesday for more than 2,700 U.N. peace-keeping troops to be withdrawn and replaced with the country's own military along the border with Sudan — a position at odds with senior U.N. officials and diplomats.

The aim of the struggling U.N. mission is to help about a half-million refugees and to promote law and order efforts in Chad and the Central African Republic, two impoverished nations grappling with the spillover from violence in Sudan's Darfur province.

"We are open to any credible proposal which will allow this withdrawal to take place in proper conditions," said Chad's U.N. ambassador, Ahmad Allam-mi, who was the nation's foreign minister from 2005 to 2008.

Israelis convinced Mossad behind hit

JERUSALEM — Israeli security officials said Wednesday they were convinced the Mossad was behind the assassination of a Hamas commander in Dubai and harshly criticized the spy agency for allegedly stealing the identities of its own citizens to carry out the hit.

Names released by Dubai matched seven people living in Israel, raising questions about why the agency would endanger its own people by using their passport data as cover for a secret death squad.

At the same time, some Israeli experts said the Dubai evidence pointed to a setup to falsely blame Israel.

NATIONAL NEWS

New GI Bill helpline to open full time

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Iraq and Afghanistan veterans with questions about the new Post-9/11 GI Bill will again be able to get help by phone five days a week starting Thursday.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki says that GI Bill helpline employees have been tapped since December to help process a backlog in education claims. With claims being processed more efficiently now, Shinseki says those workers are being moved back to the helpline.

The toll-free helpline at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 or 1-888-442-4551 will be staffed Monday through Friday.

The new GI Bill was designed to be the most comprehensive benefit for veterans since World War II.

Man exonerated after 16 years

RALEIGH, N.C. — A North Carolina man who insisted he was innocent of murder through more than 16 years in prison was declared a free man Wednesday after a groundbreaking exoneration pressed by the nation's only statewide innocence panel.

Greg Taylor's shackles were removed and he was swept into the arms of his relatives, including a daughter and the son-in-law he met for the first time. Taylor said he was looking forward to a good meal and thrilled that he was no longer considered guilty of murdering a prostitute in 1991.

"To think all these years what this day would be like; 6,149 days and finally the truth has prevailed," said Taylor, 47, after three judges agreed he didn't kill Jacquetta Thomas.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. House approves tax hike delay

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana House committee endorsed legislation Wednesday that would delay for one year increases in taxes that employers pay into the state's bankrupt unemployment insurance fund.

But the Democrat-controlled House's Labor and Employment Committee made changes to the bill that was previously passed by the Republican-controlled Senate. They would expand the number of people eligible for benefits and allow the state to collect nearly \$148 million in federal stimulus dollars for the insurance fund.

3 die in California plane crash

Twin engine carrying Tesla employees strikes powerline before hitting residential area

Associated Press

EAST PALO ALTO, Calif. — A twin-engine plane carrying three employees of electric car maker Tesla Motors struck a set of power lines after takeoff Wednesday and crashed into a fog-shrouded residential neighborhood, raining fiery debris over homes, sending residents running for safety and killing everyone aboard.

But the crash somehow caused no injuries or deaths on the ground despite a wing slamming into a home where a day care center operated. The seven people inside the house, including an infant, all escaped moments before the home went up in flames.

Menlo Park Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said the Cessna 310 either struck a 100-foot electrical tower or clipped its power transmission lines and broke apart, dropping debris throughout the working-class Silicon Valley neighborhood. It was not immediately clear if the dense fog played a role in the crash.

The city of Palo Alto said most of the city and surrounding area — about 28,000 customers — had no electricity for most of the day because of the crash.

A spokeswoman for Palo Alto-based Facebook Inc. said its offices were without power but the outage was not affecting the Web site. Hewlett-Packard Co.'s corporate headquarters also were dark, and employees were asked to find other places to work Wednesday, a spokeswoman said.

The crash rattled Tesla Motors, one of only a few companies producing and selling purely electric cars. The identities of the employees were not released. The plane was owned by Doug Bourn of Santa Clara, identified by a Tesla spokesman as a senior electrical engineer at the company.

"Tesla is a small, tightly knit company, and this is a tragic day for us," Tesla CEO Elon Musk said in a statement.



Firemen examine the scene after a plane crashed into a house in East Palo Alto Wednesday. The plane crash killed all three aboard.

The Cessna crashed around 7:55 a.m. shortly after takeoff from the Palo Alto Airport and was bound for Hawthorne Municipal Airport in Southern California, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. The crash site is one mile northwest of the airport, near Tesla's headquarters in San Carlos.

A wing fell onto the house where a children's day care operated, and the rest of the plane struck the front retaining wall of another house down the street before landing on two vehicles on the street, Schapelhouman said. Debris also struck two neighboring houses, he said.

Pamela Houston, an employee of the day care, said she was feeding an infant when she heard a loud

boom that she initially thought was an earthquake until she "saw a big ball of fire hit the side of the house."

Houston said she screamed to the others in the house — the owner, the owner's husband and their three children — and the group safely escaped before the home went up in flames.

"There are not even words to describe what it felt like," she said. "I am very thankful to God that he allowed us to get out."

The occupants of the homes have been accounted for, although authorities can't be completely sure of the fatality count until crews begin clearing the wreckage, Schapelhouman said.

"Either by luck or the skill of the pilot, the plane hit the street and not the homes on

either side," he added. "That saved people in this community."

Kate McClellan, 57, said she was walking her dog when she saw a plane descend from the foggy sky and strike the tower, causing power lines to swing wildly in the air.

"It burst into flames, and then it kept flying for bit before it hit some houses and exploded," McClellan said.

The crash comes at a difficult time for Tesla, which employs 515 people worldwide and just three weeks ago disclosed plans to hold an initial public offering of stock. In its filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the company said its future business is dependent on the successful rollout of new vehicles.

HAITI

Judge frees eight American missionaries

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Eight American missionaries were freed from a Haitian jail Wednesday, nearly three weeks after being charged with child kidnapping for trying to take a group of children out of the quake-stricken country.

The eight — looking bedraggled and sweat-soaked — walked out of the Haitian jail escorted by US diplomats just after dusk. They waited until they were safely inside a white van before flashing smiles and giving a thumbs up to reporters.

Hours earlier, judge Bernard Saint-Vil told The Associated Press that eight of the 10 missionaries were free to leave

without bail or other conditions after parents testified they voluntarily handed their children over to the missionaries.

"The parents of the kids made statements proving that they can be released," he said, adding that still wants to question the group's leader and her nanny.

Kimberly Flowers at the U.S. Embassy would not confirm that the Americans were leaving on a U.S. government chartered plane, citing privacy law. She said that as U.S. citizens, they were entitled to evacuation flights.

The group will be flying out of Haiti Wednesday night, said defense attorney Aviol Fleurant. Their destination was

not immediately known. Reporters were denied access to the Port-au-Prince airport tarmac where the released detainees were taken.

The missionaries, most from two Baptist churches in Idaho, are accused of trying to take 33 Haitian children to the Dominican Republic on Jan. 29 without proper documents. Their detentions came just as aid officials were urging a halt to short-cut adoptions in the wake of the earthquake.

The missionaries say they were on a humanitarian mission to rescue child quake victims by taking them to a hastily prepared orphanage in the Dominican Republic and have denied accusations of trafficking.

Revue

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College mission.

"The Cabinet finds the sexual nature of the skits as well as the inappropriate references to women to be incongruent with Saint Mary's College mission and values," she said. "Saint Mary's College strives to treat all individuals with dignity and respect."

Treat said, however, that Revue organizers were left in the dark as to why this change is occurring after so many years of similar content themes.

"Why now?" we were asking," Treat said. "Why now after 34 years?"

The Keenan Revue started out in the late 1970s in Washington Hall but after two years moved to O'Laughlin Auditorium, which, with a seating capacity of 1,300, could accommodate a larger audience.

The larger seating capacity was not the only benefit of O'Laughlin, Treat said. The new venue allowed for the incorporation of audiences besides just Notre Dame students.

"The Keenan Revue was one dorm event that tied three campuses together," Treat said. "It's a shame we won't be able to do that as easily anymore."

Treat said he estimated around 1,000 Saint Mary's students attended this year's show, while around 50 Holy Cross students were in attendance.

Revue organizers are currently searching for other nearby venues at which to hold the 2011 Keenan Revue, including some on campus.

"We have the full support of Student Affairs," Treat said.

One option is Washington Hall but its smaller size again would be a limiting factor. Also, he said, Washington Hall's Main Stage is booked through the entire year and gives preference to groups who have already performed there.

Another on-campus venue, Treat said, is the Joyce Center, but it also comes with drawbacks.

"The down side is that it's not traditional theater setting; there's no curtain," Treat said. "But we would work with what we've got."

Another option would be the Morris Performing Arts Center, a large theater off campus, but the problem with that would be transportation.

"But if people want to go they will get there," Treat said.

Reception of news of the move has generally not been positive among students.

"I have not spoken to anyone who is not a little upset about it," he said.

Nolan was also not pleased with the decision.

"I was very disappointed that they were not going to renew [the contract]," he said. "Saint Mary's has a very wonderful facility. It's going to be hard to find another place that accommodates us so well."

Treat did say, however, that there is mutual understanding between Saint Mary's and Keenan Revue organizers.

"We all understand that it is completely within the right of the administration to not renew the contract," he said. "We are going to make the most of the transition and look at this purely as a change of venue."

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Ticketmaster settles Springsteen fiasco

LOS ANGELES — Live Nation Entertainment's Ticketmaster unit has agreed to refund money to some consumers who felt they were ripped off when they bought Bruce Springsteen concert tickets from brokers last year.

That's according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity because an announcement is due Thursday.

The deal with the Federal Trade Commission affects about 800 people who paid marked-up prices to ticket brokers. The payout could total a couple hundred thousand dollars.

Consumers complained that tickets appeared to sell out quickly and they were then redirected to higher-priced tickets on a site owned by Ticketmaster called TicketsNow.

Tomato pickers gain higher wage plan

MIAMI — Florida tomato growers have finally agreed to help pickers earn more by passing on extra wages offered by major food chains such as Burger King, Subway and Taco Bell.

For years the Florida Tomato Growers Exchange resisted calls by farmworker advocates to pass along an additional penny per pound for tomatoes picked. The Exchange even threatened to fine any members who took part. But this week it OK'd the idea and unveiled a new code of conduct for its members to ensure safe working conditions for the pickers. Exchange President Reggie Brown said discussions were under way with the chains to implement that plan.

"The code of conduct is modeled after codes used by our customers and across industries," he said.

The chains had reached agreements with the advocacy group the Coalition of Immokalee Workers to boost wages and allow the coalition to help resolve labor disputes. But most of those deals were never put into practice because growers refused to participate. The Coalition says the move is a step forward.

But attorneys for the tomato pickers' coalition said companies that had already signed agreements with the workers' group might face problems joining the new plan. The previous agreements included oversight by the coalition, and the new growers' plan does not.

Toyota investigates steering problems

Company, government looking into driving difficulties of popular Corolla model

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — First it was gas pedals, then brakes. Now Toyota and the government are looking into complaints that the popular Corolla is difficult to steer straight, raising a new safety concern ahead of next week's congressional hearing about the automakers recalls.

But how worried should drivers be? Or is this an example of how any problem at the Japanese company now gets intense scrutiny?

The executive in charge of quality control said the company is reviewing fewer than 100 complaints about power steering in the Corolla. Toyota sold nearly 1.3 million Corollas worldwide last year, including nearly 300,000 in the United States, where it trailed only Camry as Toyota's most popular model.

The executive, Shinichi Sasaki, said drivers may feel as though they are losing control over the steering, but it was unclear why. He mentioned problems with the braking system or tires as possible underlying causes. U.S. officials are also investigating.

He stressed that the company was prepared to fix any defects it finds and that executives were considering a recall as an option, although no decision had been made.

In Japan, President Akio Toyoda said he did not intend to appear at congressional hearings next week in Washington, preferring to leave that to his U.S.-based executives while he focuses on improving quality controls. Toyoda, grandson of the company's founder, said he would consider attending if invited.

Also Wednesday, a Transportation Department official said the agency planned to open an investigation into the



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In this Feb. 1 photo, salesman Andre Kamali walks next to a Corolla at a Toyota dealership in Palo Alto, Calif. Toyota is considering a recall after complaints about power steering problems.

reports about the Corolla.

The preliminary investigation is expected to begin Thursday and involve an estimated 500,000 vehicles. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the department had not yet notified Toyota of the probe.

In an attempt to reassure car owners, Toyota Motor Corp. said it would install a backup safety system in all future models worldwide that will override the accelerator if the gas and brake pedals are pressed at the same time. Acceleration problems are behind the bulk of the 8.5 million vehicles recalled by the automaker since November.

The emergence of potential steering problems with

Corolla presented another roadblock in the automaker's efforts to repair its image of building safe, reliable vehicles. Dealers across the U.S. are fixing accelerators that can stick, floor mats that can trap gas pedals and questionable brakes on new Prius hybrids.

Auto industry experts said any power steering troubles on the Corolla were less worrisome than accelerator pedals or brakes because drivers could still steer the vehicle, even though doing so may be more difficult.

The government investigation comes even though the automaker said it has received relatively few complaints about the popular compact.

Even so, in the United States, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received a growing number of complaints from drivers about power steering on 2009 and 2010 Corollas. The numbers are small compared to Toyota's overall sales — only about 150 reports for those two models. By comparison, there are more than 1,000 complaints about problems with 2010 Prius brakes, a vehicle Toyota has already recalled.

But the decision to investigate the Corolla offered further evidence that the automaker is exposed to heightened scrutiny of its cars and trucks.

Interest rates increase after economic reports

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Interest rates rose in the bond market Wednesday after upbeat economic and earnings reports curbed traders' appetite for safer investments.

Yields on Treasuries advanced as investors sold government securities and put more money into the stock market.

Signs of an improving economy came from companies as well as the government.

Earnings and forecasts from Deere & Co. and Whole Foods Market Inc. topped analysts' predictions. And the Commerce Department said construction of homes and apartments rose to an annual rate of 591,000 last month. That was more than

economists polled by Thomson Reuters had forecast.

The Federal Reserve also reported that the nation's factories, mines and utilities pumped out more goods and materials last month. The gain of 0.9 percent in production was ahead of forecasts. The increase marked the seventh straight month of growth.

The upbeat news weakened demand for Treasuries. Demand fell further in afternoon trading when the Fed released minutes from its last meeting. The report signaled that policymakers are growing more confident about a rebound in the economy.

Officials also debated at the meeting late last month when the central bank should start selling some of the Treasuries it purchased to help drive

interest rates lower. The prospect that the Fed would sell Treasuries weighed on prices as investors grew concerned about a flood of supply.

The drop in Treasury prices was a reversal after steady gains in recent weeks. Concern about budget problems in European countries including Greece, Portugal, Spain and Ireland have sent concern through markets around the world. That had driven up demand for Treasuries, which are considered among the safest investments.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note maturing in February 2020 rose to 3.74 percent in late trading from 3.66 percent Tuesday. Its price fell 20/32 to 99 1/32. The yield on the 10-year is the basis for rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Professor discusses ideal immigration reform

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

Rodolfo O. de la Garza, Eaton professor of Administrative Law and Political Science at Columbia University, offered a new approach to immigration reform Wednesday at a presentation titled "A Proposal for Immigration Reform."

The lecture, held at McKenna Hall, was meant to "reflect the interconnection of [de la Garza's] work as a comparativist ... as an American ... and on policy," de la Garza said.

The lecture was presented in part as a response to The Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act of 2009, recent legislation introduced by Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.). De la Garza outlined various points that he believes Gutierrez's bill did not adequately address.

The important areas to consider are "how [immigration] affects the U.S., how it affects immigrants and how it affects sending states," de la Garza said.

The issues affecting Americans, de la Garza said, are national security, social services, infrastructure, economic, population growth and cultural changes.

"Politically, they are relevant to the American people," he said.

Discrimination, social insecurity, income and familial hardships are issues relevant to the immigrants themselves, he said.

"They're allowed to buy whatever they want," de la Garza said of the hypocrisy of encouraging immigrants to spend in America, "but they're fearful for their lives."

The sending states, de la Garza said, are too often ignored when lawmakers consider the ramifications of immigration policy.

For sending states, immigration serves as a political and economic safety valve, when dissatisfied citizens leave in the face of political injustice or economic hardship. Remittances, de la Garza said, are especially controversial.

"Cuba got rid of the opposition — they're in Miami," de la Garza said. "Remittances are often characterized as if they develop a country. There's no evidence that this is the case ... most of the money goes to poverty reduction at the familial level."

De la Garza's plan for dealing with these issues is based on three concepts: restricting access to workers over the age of 18, managing the cultural impact of immigration and documenting the undocumented by selling temporary legalization tickets.

"Currently to come illegally it costs \$3,000 to \$5,000," de la Garza said.

These tickets, he said, would "undercut the illegal market" for immigration assistance, by costing between \$1,000 and \$5,000, and would reflect changes in the market demand and fluctuation in the illegal market's pricing.

Once documented, de la Garza said the immigrants should have access to workers' rights, the ability to visit their families — children are not allowed to accompany them to the United States — and would be eligible for social services available to resident aliens,

precluding access to free education and non-emergency state-funded medical care.

"They can organize, they can strike, they can move anywhere, [like] legitimate American workers," de la Garza said of his ideal immigration policy.

He said these policies would benefit the economy by saving money, border patrol, border wall construction, healthcare and education. They would also increase job competition and designate revenue from the ticket sales to the states with

the highest immigrant population, rather than a single income for the federal government.

"The only group suffering marginally from undocumented labor are Puerto Rican males," de la Garza said of the controversial belief that immigrants take jobs from Americans. "We would reduce health care costs by reducing the needy population."

De la Garza said these reforms would reduce familial hardship by allowing free travel for temporary immigrants to

visit home and return to the U.S. for a period of five years, after which time they can apply for legal-alien status or return to their countries of origin permanently.

De la Garza's final point discussed the necessary changes within the regimes of the sender nations.

"[The regimes] must become more open and accountable to its citizens," he said. "If they don't the citizens will continue to leave."

De la Garza proposed the U.S. use its political clout to influence

these nations' policies, thereby reducing the immigrants desire to leave.

"They really don't want to be here unless things are really bad at home," he said.

Ultimately, de la Garza said he believes the changes allowing for such policy reforms are not exclusively political, and the discussion needs to be expanded upon.

"The cultural opposition has to be diminished," he said.

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finalized any activities as they are attempting to establish a

solid foundation for the club.

“We just want to grow a good solid base of members,” Dolik said. “My main goal is just to help the club survive in the next few years and get it up on its feet.”

The club plans to focus on one large fundraising event and then hold several smaller ones throughout the academic year, Morrin said.

According to Dolik, each wish costs anywhere from

\$6,000 to \$8,000 to fulfill. The group hopes to eventually earn enough money to be assigned a Wish kid of their own.

“If we raise enough money we’ll get our own Wish kid,” Morrin said. “Make-A-Wish will find us one. But until we get closer to our goal we’re just trying to raise awareness.”

According to Bolitho, the club will be sending out e-

mails to the Saint Mary’s community with the date of their next meeting.

“We’d love to have more ideas,” Dolik said. “We’re really open to anything and we’re really excited about this year and what it will bring.”

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Schmidt said two exceptions to this are Legacy Village and Irish Crossings, where there are different types of units

available.

Unlike other Web sites students can use to view potential rental properties online, the new site is University sponsored. Rich said this helps because the whole student body views the same information.

“The interface is easy to use and not too hard for people to figure out,” he said. “You can upload images easily and direct your friends to the Web site too,” Rich said.

Schmidt said since the Web site doesn’t have all the comment features the way ndtoday.com has, but still allows for students to give feedback about landlord quality and other tenant considerations.

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amnesty policy that allows students to report emergencies without incurring a disciplinary record.”

Student body president Grant Schmidt said the resolution is an important step forward in ensuring the safety of all Notre Dame students. Currently, he said, students are at times afraid to seek help.

“They are deterred because they are worried what’s going to happen to them,” Schmidt said.

Several senators expressed their concerns about the possible ramifications of passing the resolution.

“The most important thing is to have people seek medical attention, but there should still be consequences,” Pasquerilla West senator Megan Carey said.

In further debate, senators discussed whether the amnesty should extend to the individual who requires medical attention. Pasquerilla East senator Taylor Ruby Gagan said she believes that at least, for now, additional amnesty should not be granted.

“At this stage it’s important to

take smaller steps that are attainable,” Gagan said.

Breen Philips senator Maria Lynch agreed with Gagan, adding that possible amnesty could be seen as an incentive for rule breaking and send the wrong message to students.

With these issues taken into consideration, the Senate ultimately decided against the additional amendments.

In a final vote, Senate voted to pass the measure with 21 senators in favor, two against and two abstaining.

Schmidt briefly presented on the new rent.nd.edu Web site, which will provide student evaluations of off-campus housing, early in the meeting.

Students living off campus will be asked in an e-mail to log on to the site and evaluate their current housing.

The Web site, which is similar in concept to ndtoday.com, is inspired by a similar service offered at Northwestern University. The site will allow current students to access an objective rating system of all off-campus housing opportunities.

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It is a bad idea to read philosophy for 12 hours straight.

Trust me. Even before the words begin to blur together on the page, the concepts do so in one's mind: phantom inferences flit back and forth across one's vision, yielding syllogisms baroque and fantastical where before there were none. Before long, one is overwhelmed by strange hybrids — twisted things insisting that they cannot be and yet should have been.

I do not know whether steampunk originated in such a reverie — but I would not be surprised if it did, given that it came to obsess me on this darkest of nights without warning or reason. Steampunk is an obscure genre of science fiction birthed in the confrontation of information technology, punk rock and nostalgia that characterized the 1980s — a confrontation that yielded a postmodern dystopia in which cars and computers are made of brass and powered by steam, in which the struggle for empire sees the great powers field entire fleets of armored zeppelins, in which the likes of Darwin, Babbage and Maxwell sit in the House of Lords.

There is something immediately compelling about this surreal echo of Victorian Britain, with its paradoxical spirit of simultaneous rebellion and tradition — of change and permanence, of disintegration and order — something that goes beyond the image of my girlfriend looking rather fetching in corset and bustle: there is a part of me that longs for this impossible world, and I imagine that I am not alone.

It takes a long time for a culture to understand its science. Experiments and equations, of course, may well permeate college curricula immediately upon their invention. But there is a

Steampunk

tremendous difference between undergraduates computing wave functions and the man on the street internalizing the fact that his whole world, and he himself, is nothing more than a shifting region of likelihood.

Yet there are always certain visionaries: Richard Feynman saw, and saw clearly, that the division of said man on the street into man and street was a falsification — that any quantum of either was entangled with every other quantum, that a certain ontological fuzziness was distributed throughout the system and bled into the world beyond. That reality was, at its most fundamental level, disjoint — and liable, just barely, to come apart without warning.

Albert Einstein, for his part, saw that there is no fact of the matter about the speed or mass of that man on the street as he walks, or even about the distance he travels and the time he takes to cross it. These things are, in other words, relative to the observer: two men walking at different speeds experience time and space and one another in radically different ways. And neither experience is to be privileged over the other: such quantities are merely the shifting veils behind which invariant reality lies hidden — different lenses through which the two men look upon a single fabric of four dimensions, warped and rippled in vast and intricate array.

Feynman and Einstein gave us quantum field theory and general relativity — sets of equations that allow us to quantify precisely the way the world comes apart on the smallest of scales and the way it holds together on the largest. And yet these are not new ideas: 25 centuries ago, Heraclitus held that permanence is illusion and that the world, thus, is nothing more than change and diversity — indeterminacy flowing like a river. Parmenides, for his part, held that change and diversity are

illusions and that the world, thus, is one and eternal — a single seamless fabric onto which our disjoint experiences are but broken views.

These philosophies were not obviously compatible then. And they are not obviously compatible now. The world, it seems, cannot be both truly diverse and truly one, truly changing yet truly eternal. Scientists speak of a unified field theory — of a single set of equations that would show us how these two worlds are really one world — would so show us, if we could only discover it. For now, our undergraduates continue to compute wave functions and spacetime intervals, seeing their world through a glass darkly.

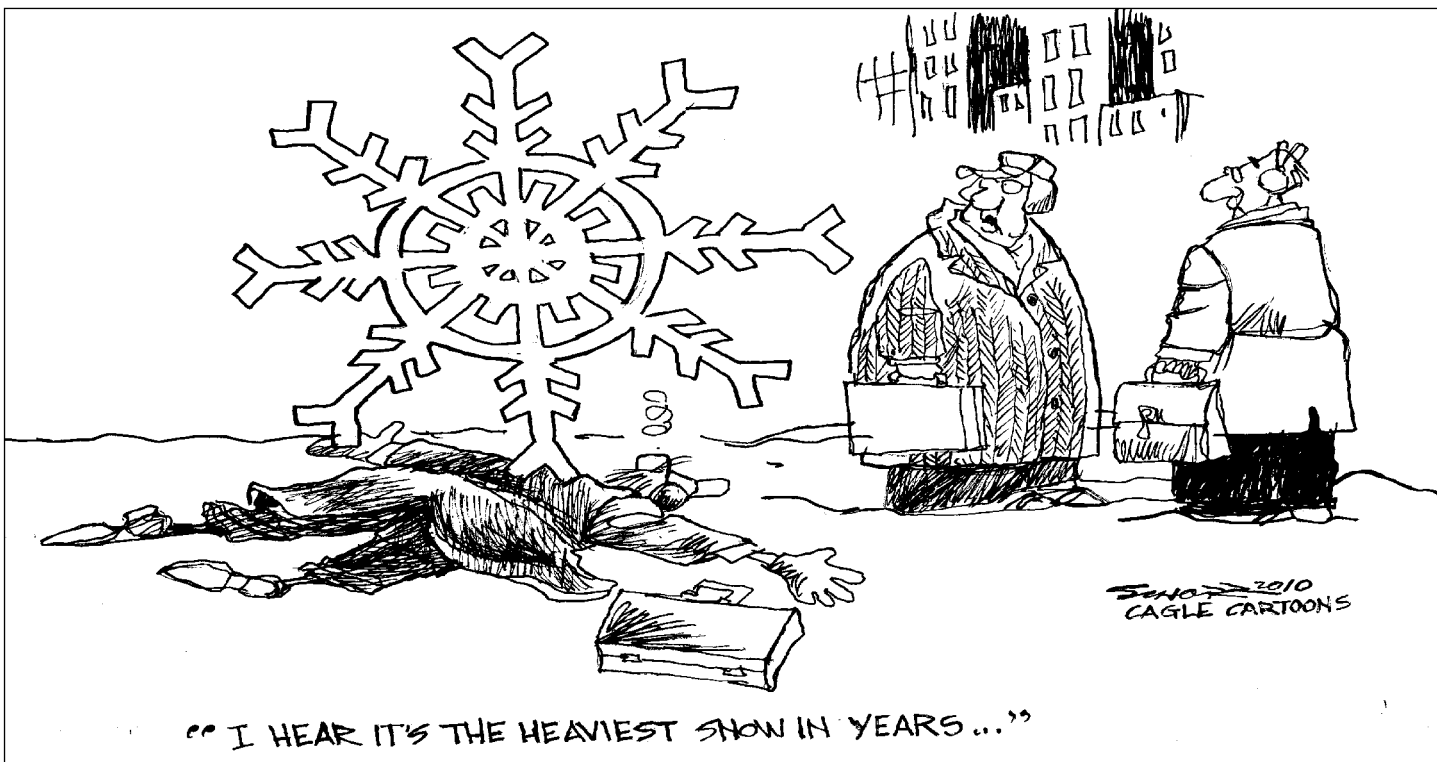
It is small wonder that we have not yet internalized this world — small wonder that we long for that of Victoria: hers is one that still makes sense to us. A century after the fact, we finally understand that world of steam and brass: surely, we insist, one might build a clockwork computer, a clockwork television, a clockwork battleship — all powered by sturdy coal, not silly uranium. We accept mechanism at last, accept Darwin, Babbage and Maxwell — now, when it is too late.

Every generation, no doubt, does the same: in a century, men will long for the contest of Feynman with Einstein — for a world of quanta and spacetime, a world that still makes sense to them. In the meantime, we can only struggle to understand that world, to leave behind the science of Victoria for our own — corsets and bustles notwithstanding.

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"Last night I dreamed I ate a 10-pound marshmallow, and when I woke up the pillow was gone."

Tommy Cooper
British comedian

Are you hungry? Really?

It's mid-morning on Ash Wednesday as I write this, and I'll be honest, I'm getting a little hungry. Not seriously hungry — after all, it ordinarily wouldn't even occur to me to eat at this time of the morning (but of course, because I can't today, I'm thinking about it) — but that kind of niggling “sorta-hungry” feeling that reminds you to look forward to lunch.

Kate Barrett

Faith Point

Today's lunch, however, isn't much to look forward to, nor is today's dinner. And so we have begun the season of Lent. Now as far as fasting goes, our experience of Lent is a cakewalk (oh, sorry) compared to the way our Catholic ancestors celebrated it. For centuries and until as recently as 1966, just after the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, Catholics fasted on all the days of Lent the way we only do now on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: Only one main meal, and two other smaller ones “sufficient to maintain strength.”

Somehow, even though the Church has relaxed the “rules” around fasting during Lent, fasting remains the sacrifice of

choice from our three traditional Lenten disciplines: Prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Most people who take the season of Lent seriously seem to give up something that they'd hunger for, whether a food, a bad habit or a luxurious indulgence. I'd like to propose that unless our fasting relies heavily on the other two disciplines of prayer and almsgiving, we may have simply given ourselves an extra New Year's resolution or a reason to be overly proud of ourselves.

Prayer and almsgiving help us focus on keeping our motivations a bit cleaner during Lent. If we're hungry, are we trying to allow God to come in and fill that empty spot, or are we just hoping that said “empty spot” will shrink, along with our stomach, in time for Spring Break? Can we take our hunger to the Lord and ask God to guide us to the clarity of vision we need to determine what our deepest priorities should be? Additionally, if we consciously give the money we don't spend through fasting to others whose need is far greater than ours, then our hunger helps us stand in some small measure of solidarity with those for whom fasting is never a choice but simply a daily reality.

Otherwise, let's be honest, we're just trying to lose weight or quit smoking or watch less TV and we've disguised our self-improvement program as a Lenten sacrifice.

“Mommmmm! I'm staaaaaahrrrrrring!”

My kids have learned to be careful before uttering that common complaint of childhood — they will likely receive from me a lecture on what it really means to be starving, on how they don't know starving, on how they've never even been truly hungry, on how they can talk to me about hungry when they haven't eaten for days ... and on and on until their eyes glaze over and I step off my soapbox. In my defense, however, it's true, both for kids and adults. What we call a fast is, whether we like it or not, a feast for most of the planet. Even if we just ate bread and water and considered it an astonishing act of sacrifice on our part, you know what? At least the bread would be fresh. At least the water would be clean and free from waste and other disease-carrying organisms.

So beware the Pharisee at the front of the temple. Remember him? His “prayer” meant to ensure that God knew each one

of his many virtues: “God, I thank you that I am not like other people ... I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” Whatever we choose to fast from this Lent, we might want to approach it with the attitude of the tax collector who prayed in the temple as well, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:11-13)! And if you're hungry, and if I'm hungry, good. We're definitely not starving, and we're probably not even really, truly hungry. God eagerly awaits our invitation to come in to the newly empty spaces that we've at last opened up to his company. If we allow our desire for God to satisfy our hunger, and if we reach out to those who fast only because they have no other options, Lent offers us the chance to fill our hearts and our lives with the loving presence of our Savior, who will fulfill our deepest wishes and meet us where our true hunger lies.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Words of wisdom

Thank you, Ms. Quiros (“Is Father John Listening,” Feb. 17) for pointing out that building and food services are not a gold mine. You are right on track that it is not a self-sufficient job, but allow me to explain a few things about life that you may have missed.

1.) It is hard. Without proper education or opportunity, you are going to have a tougher time than others. Fact.

2.) Most people aren't alone. There is often a spouse or family helping in the background when times get tough.

3.) Working hard is the only way to get ahead. Yes, \$9 seems not that great, but if you work hard and long, you can make a decent living. There are opportunities for advancement at any level of employment, and bosses know a valuable worker when they see one. I guarantee you that the ones that have been here for more than a decade make a bit more than \$9.

4.) You are not limited to one job. Shift-based jobs like the ones you describe are designed so you can take on more than one job per day. Yes, you work harder, see No. 3, but “you gotta do what you gotta do.” If you hate your job, quit. This is a free society.

5.) No one wants to make near-minimum wage their whole life, nor will they be forced to. Jobs like these are just stepping stones to better opportunities. Night school and community college are viable ways to further your personal skills set. Getting ahead is about taking on personal sacrifice. It is not about getting a handout from this university. If we had a right to live at a certain level, when are we going to start donating all our paychecks to the third world?

6.) Some people actually like what they do and feel they are doing it at a fair wage. More is always better, but being content is something to be treasured. It is very pretentious to think you know what is best for others.

To University workers: Thank you for doing your job day in and day out. It is much appreciated even though it is rarely voiced.

Mark Easley

sophomore

Keenan Hall

Feb. 17

A thank you to fellow staff

I am writing today to tell you about the Facilities Operations staff and how they embrace and perpetuate the mission and vision of Notre Dame. Valerie Richard, Phyllis Campbell and Mike Vignati are the epitome of professionalism and compassion. While they strive to ensure that their responsibilities are met, they are also very quick to keep a finger on the pulse of the department and ensure the health, safety, and well-being of their staff. They realize that the people they work with are not only employees, but people with families and duties outside the workplace. They are very accommodating when appointments and family issues arise as well. They accommodate personal appointments without making you feel guilty. While they emphasize professionalism in the workplace, they realize that from time-to-time personal conflict will happen. They are willing to give each individual the benefit of the doubt and always see their best and their prospective talents. When I experienced personal conflict with a former supervisor, they could have just as easily viewed me as a problem employee, but they instead saw my potential and offered me another position with another supervisor. In this new position, I have succeeded and thrived.

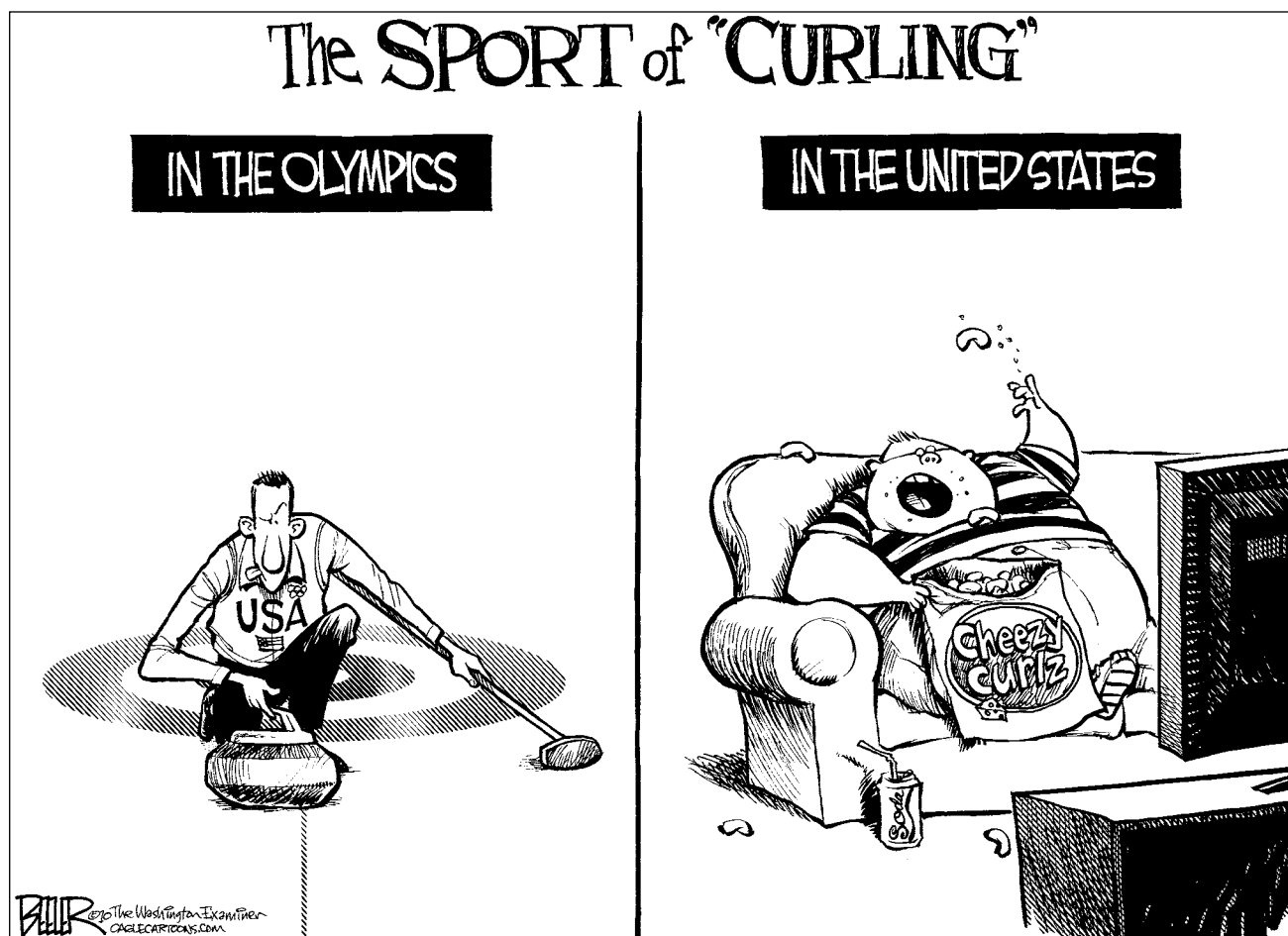
I believe that these three individuals are a great asset to the organization. They continually go above and beyond the call of a manager and are willing to be friends to their employees and wonderful human beings. They create an atmosphere of family throughout the organization, even while carrying on day-to-day activities. It is rare to find a leader who is not only respected, but valued and liked as well. I would like to thank them each for the chance they took on me. I would not be where I am today without their influence.

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Building Services

Feb. 18

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Fill this space.
Write a letter.

By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

The fashion world mourned on Friday as the death of Lee Alexander McQueen cast a pall on the commencement of New York Fashion Week. At age 40, the designer committed suicide after having been troubled by the loss of his mother. McQueen's legacy lives on in the brilliant and groundbreaking work that he had given the fashion world. He began working in London's famed Savile Row as an intern and then transitioned into costume design. He then pursued his master's degree in design and began his individual collection.

McQueen was a designer well known for his dramatic shows and garments. It's no wonder then that he is a favorite of Lady Gaga. For majority of the public, the only thing even recog-



nizable as a work of McQueen's are his designs featured in Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" video. The video opens on Gaga and a posse of some number of Russian brides and mafia members. She is seated in the center in a glimmering gold dress from McQueen's Spring 2010 collection. Some may also recall the moment when Gaga is slowly walking across a stark white room in an elaborately sequined garment and shoes that are impossibly high.

This entire ensemble is straight off the Spring 2010 runway as well. Shoes seem to be the one area in which designers completely throw away any sense of wearability, and yet McQueen's designs were an integral part of the music video itself.

McQueen ven-

tured into the commercial realm in 2005 with his line for Puma. The collections for Puma are a



The Mark of McQueen

much more toned down version of McQueen than what is usually seen on the runway. Let's face it: a gym shoe with a nine-inch heel simply wouldn't sell. The collection features athletic shoes for men and some for women as well. The women's shoes are not particularly appealing and would generally not be distinguished from the men's at first glance, but the real draw to the collection is the select items of clothing. Most of the clothing is meant for working out, but the men's bomber jacket offers a fantastic alternative to the worn out hoodie most men find appealing.

Puma and Lady Gaga may be fans of McQueen, but his real mark on fashion was

made in his groundbreaking collections. His most recent collection, Spring 2010, took the global trend to an entirely new level. He created

beautifully crafted garments with some of the most intricately designed fabric patterns. The fabrics looked as though they were the skin of some creature that has not been discovered yet. The patterns had elements of snake-skin and yet some had shoulder pads that more closely resembled armor. Each model was transformed into something not quite human by the hair and makeup choices. Their hair was piled atop their heads in alien-like spikes with braids along the side of the head and their makeup emphasized the cheekbones and diminished the eyebrows yet again creating the illusion of an alien creature. The shoes were incredibly powerful. They added a good foot to the already Amazonian models

and simply added to the otherworldly effects of the show. The show was a look forward to the future in an unbelievably creative manner.

The lingering question following his death is what will come of his Fall 2010 collection. The men's collection was shown in Milan in late January, but the women's collection was not. It was reportedly close to being finished upon his death, but whether it will debut in New York remains to be seen.

His work simply cannot be summed up in one article. His creations were groundbreaking and extremely powerful. He was a versatile designer with acclaimed collections in both men's and women's wear and his design aesthetic was both outrageous and beautiful. He emphasized the juxtaposition of power and beauty in his clothing, and left a huge mark on the fashion industry. He will surely be missed and will be remembered for years because of his amazing work.

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By JORDAN GAMBLE
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Back in the good old days of the mid-1990s, the Disney Channel didn't have much original programming. Before the specially made 'tween concoctions "Hannah Montana" and even "Lizzie McGuire," it showed Australian sci-fi shows, tapings of Billy Joel concerts from Disneyland and movies. Lots and lots of movies: cartoons and "Bedknobs and Broomsticks," but some less kiddie-centric fare, too.

One such film was "Splash," which is basically "The Little Mermaid" set in New York City, but without the talking tuna fish and evil sea queen. This 1984 romantic comedy was the first film released under Disney's "grown-up" label Touchstone Pictures, because it's PG rating was too intense for the Disney name.

It was responsible for making "Madison" a first name for girls and jumpstarting Tom Hanks' movie career. It was also directed by future Oscar winner Ron Howard and features Eugene Levy (of "American Pie" fame) as a mermaid-obsessed marine scientist. John Candy, at the time the film's only recognizable star, got top billing for playing Hanks' lascivious older brother.

Daryl Hannah plays the mermaid who gets some legs so she can find the man of her dreams (she chooses the name Madison from the

street sign). Hanks is the human guy, Alan, who falls in love with her. All sorts of fish-out-of-water high jinks ensue, until Levy's mad scientist sprays water on Madison in the middle of the street. Then her legs turn into a big

grade, and I would stalk the Disney Channel row in TV Guide to see when it would be on again.

Why?

When I was little, I was obsessed with Disney's "The Little Mermaid." As I got

also has to leave behind her dad and all her sisters.

Eric was a hottie, sure, but what a message to send to little girls: you might find the guy of your dreams, but you'll have to change your whole life (and in Ariel's

Granted, the sex jokes either went right over my head or were edited out for TV, but 7-year-old me loved that Madison was smart and learned English just by watching the display TVs in Bloomingdale's.

I also liked that Alan comes back to save her and then (spoiler alert) gives up everything he knows to stay with her forever in the sparkly city under the sea. It's all very

romantic, not to mention progressive in regards to gender roles and fun things like that.

I once told my boyfriend that he looked like Hanks circa "Splash" (it's a compliment — Hanks was very cute in 1984), and on the next major gift giving holiday, he gave me the DVD. Now that I'm a decade and a half older and watching the original, uncut version, a lot of things stand out:

The script is clever, funny and touching (it was nominated for an Academy Award for best original screenplay). The cast is fantastic, from

Levy and Candy's comic timing to the sweet, sexy chemistry between

Hannah and Hanks. Hannah's wardrobe is outrageously dated and kind of ugly, but that's part of the movie's charm.

Most of all, it's simply a very good romantic comedy, helped along by a creative, high-concept story that wards off the formulaic mess most rom coms end up in today.

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ARIEL HAS NOTHING ON



THE TOM HANKS MERMAID ROM COM FROM 1984

goldfish tail and Alan is understandably freaked out. It's okay, though — love prevails and he rescues her from the big, bad government scientists.

I first saw "Splash" sometime in the middle of first

older, though, I was put off by the lame ending where Ariel decides to become human for her man, giving up swimming around with all her spunky fish friends and getting to wear a purple shell bra. Not to mention the fact that she

case, species) for him! Now that is a terrible relationship model, or at least an unfair one.

So I liked "Splash" a lot better. It was more "grown-up" and realistic when it came to relationships.

Weekend Events Calendar

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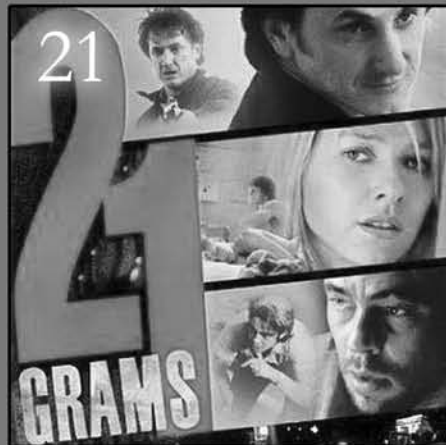
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Aspen Santa Fe Ballet @ DPAC, 7 p.m.

The Aspen Santa Fe Ballet is an acclaimed dance group with studios in both Aspen, Colo. and Santa Fe, N.M. Formed in 1996, its goal is to attract top composers and dancers to create a pleasing combination of entertainment and modern dance. Traveling across the country, the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet offers a program full energy and excitement and is very accessible to all audiences. They are said to make use of their dancers in inventive ways, widening the range of ballet and modern dance. The Aspen Santa Fe Ballet will perform Thursday and Friday evenings at 7 p.m. as well as Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Wiz Khalifa @ Legends, 10 p.m.

An American rapper based in Pittsburgh, Penn., Wiz Khalifa broke onto the music scene in 2006 when he was declared an "artist to watch" by Rolling Stone. In 2007 he signed with Warner Brothers Records and released his techno-influenced single "Say Hey," which topped out at 25 on the Rhythmic Top 40. In 2009 he split from Warner Brothers and released his second album, "Deal or No Deal." Working as an independent artist, Khalifa has focused his attention on Internet marketing. "Deal or No Deal" reached No. 2 on iTunes's hip-hop chart. As always, the show is free at Legends to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

Bill O'Connell's Chicago Skyliners @ Legends, 10 p.m.

Playing music from the Big Band Era, Bill O'Connell's Chicago Skyliners will perform at Legends this Saturday evening. The band formed in 1988 intent on continuing the long tradition of big band and jazz music in a new age. With a repertoire of old classics as well as pieces by contemporary artists, the Chicago Skyliners blend the old and with the new in high energy performances. Be prepared for impressive improvisation and a feeling of nostalgia for the golden age of jazz. And if two hours of danceable jazz music isn't enough, plan to stay after the concert for the Swing Nightclub.

'21 Grams' @ DPAC, 3 p.m.

"21 Grams" tells the compelling story of three strangers who are brought together in the aftermath of a terrible accident. Paul Rivers (Sean Penn), a college professor, is waiting for a heart transplant while dealing with his loveless marriage to wife Mary (Charlotte Gainsbourg). Christina Peck (Naomi Watts) is a loving wife and mother to two little girls. Ex-con Jack Jordan (Benicio Del Toro) has found religion and is working to straighten out his life. All three characters and their families are forced to come to terms with the truths of their own lives as a result of tragic car crash.

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JACLYN ESPINOZA | Observer Graphic



[Florence + The Machine] Provides Heart-Stopping Soul-Indie Fusion

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Britain is on the rise, and Florence Welch is riding the wave over. With a sound organically grown from Etta James and Imogen Heap, Florence + The Machine's debut album "Lungs" hits like a ton of bricks somewhere in the impossible fusion of soul and indie pop.

Welch, a 23-year-old from

London, has been blowing up U.K. charts for the past year (fueled by the BBC) and has finally crossed the pond. Her band's first release is not similar enough to any one artist to be placed in a genre. Instead, "Lungs" manages to bring out the soul-power of fellow Brit Adele to the layered orchestration of Frou Frou (with less electropops and more harp). Plus, the lyrics are not too cryptic to require a microscope and thesaurus to decipher, whilst remaining odd

enough to deserve multiple plays.

The album opens with "Dog Days Are Over," a bait-and-switch that begins like an Ingrid Michelson song and ends up in a Gospel anthem, complete with clap track.

Then comes "Rabbit Heart (Raise It Up)," the album stand out. The moving soul melody is littered with punches of choir backing, as it dances precariously between an intimate revelation and a blow out proclamation. By the time the chorus hits, it's become hypnotic and begs to see the fairy tale finished. "Midas is king and he holds me so tight/And turns me to gold in the sunlight," belts Welch, and one wonders who Midas is until, of course, the bridge comes around, the orchestra drops out and suddenly you couldn't care less about Midas because the choir is chanting "Raise it up!" with such devotion that you want to chuck your shoes and go dance in the snow. By the time the last chorus — coated with harp glissandos — cycles through, you're hooked, and there's no going back.

"Kiss With a Fist" is the most unique on the album. This pure punk-rock tribute to PJ Harvey contains tongue-in-cheek lyrics set to bare drums and electric guitar. "You smashed a plate over my

head/Then I set fire to our bed," drawls Welch, with the fierceness of Lily Allen. This not-breakup song ("A kiss with a fist is better than none") is so delightfully awful that it even landed on the soundtrack of the Megan Fox film, "Jennifer's Body." Beware, though, because it contains all the elements of a song you won't be able to get out of your head.

Florence + The Machine provides a wealth of samples for one new to their indie Gospel anthem. "Drumming Song" is a heart-racing track that once again manages to reconcile funk and edgy rock that is "Louder than sirens/Louder than bells/Sweeter than heaven/And hotter than hell." The lyrical simplicity that Welch uses provides enough punch to get the point across but is so straightforward that one feels comfortable belting them right along with her.

The album takes a breather for the oddity "My Boy Builds Coffins." Here the lyrics really do take front and center, as Welch calmly explains the profession of her beau. "He's made one for himself,

one for me too/And one of these days he's gonna make one for you." The placid tone still manages to end in a choir anthem.

"Hurricane Drunk" sounds the most like what one would expect to hear on the streets of London. This post break up soul number has a chorus worthy of Kelly Clarkson, but unlike Clarkson doesn't induce fervent jumping — just swaying hips.

"Lungs" ends with a cover of "You've Got the Love" that Florence + The Machine takes to appropriate heights. The track, originally done by Gospel singer Candi Stanton, becomes a theatrical ovation (and might induce some jumping).

Overall, "theatrical" is a very good term for "Lungs." Welch barrels through everything she takes on, layering synth and orchestra at will, with an artistic recklessness that threatens to blow over any bystanders not keen enough to brace themselves.

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'Lungs'

Florence + The Machine

Record Label: Island

Noteworthy Tracks: "Rabbit Heart (Raise It Up)," "Kiss With A Fist," "Drumming Song"



NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

No. 18 Bulldogs win record 16th game in a row

No. 4 Purdue slides past No. 9 Ohio State in conference rivalry; Singler scores 22 for No. 6 Duke in win over Miami

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Butler is content letting everybody else talk about the impressive numbers. Players and coaches will just keep focusing on winning games.

Right now, the two styles are working perfectly.

Matt Howard scored 17 points and Ronald Nored added a career-high 16 points Wednesday night, leading the No. 18 Bulldogs to a 73-55 victory over Illinois-Chicago and a school-record 16th consecutive win.

“It means we’ve been focused during the whole streak,” sophomore forward Gordon Hayward said after his third straight double-double. “You know, it’s nice to have the numbers, but we don’t focus on the past. We’re always looking forward.”

Next up: Siena on Saturday.

But the Bulldogs are finally playing like the team people expected when the season started.

Butler (24-4, 17-0 Horizon League) has now matched Murray State for the nation’s longest winning streak and broken the school record of 15 straight victories initially set in 1999-2000. It’s the first team in Horizon League history to win 17 conference games in a season. A win at Valparaiso next week would not only give the Bulldogs 12 road wins this season, but also the first perfect league mark since Wisconsin-Green Bay went 16-0 in

1995-96.

Want more?

Well, the Bulldogs have already clinched their fourth straight regular-season conference crown and home-court advantage in the Horizon League tourney.

Wednesday’s win even moved coach Brad Stevens into a tie for No. 3 among coaches with the most wins in their first three seasons. Stevens, North Carolina’s Bill Guthridge and North Carolina State’s Everett Case have all won 80 games. Another win would tie Stevens with Nevada’s Mark Fox and Gonzaga’s Mark Few for No. 1.

But the Bulldogs aren’t paying attention to those things.

“It’s our job to come in every day and get better, whether we’re playing UIC or Siena,” Nored said.

And nobody is playing better than Butler, which limited the Flames (6-20, 2-14) to 31.4 percent shooting from the field — a season-best for the Bulldogs.

Illinois-Chicago was led by Robo Kreps with 15 points and Jeremy Buttell with 10. Nobody else reached double figures and the Flames lost for the 12th time in 13 games, falling to 0-14 on the road this season.

Even the possibility of looking past a team that has only one win since New Year’s Day and an awful start couldn’t derail the Bulldogs.

“Obviously, it wasn’t the most beautiful thing in the world,” Stevens said. “But I’m happy we

won.”

On the floor, it was a complete mismatch.

The Flames opened the game in a 2-3 zone, confounding the Bulldogs. Butler started 6 of 21 from the field and trailed 15-14 with 8:54 left in the first half.

Butler’s shooters didn’t languish league.

Nored took advantage of the big openings by repeatedly driving to the basket. He and Willie Veasley, who finished with 11 points, combined for all of Butler’s points in a 9-0 run that turned the game and gave the Bulldogs a 23-15 lead.

After that, Illinois-Chicago never really challenged.

Purdue 60, Ohio State 57

The first time Purdue and Ohio State played this season, JaJuan Johnson scored just four points and his Boilermakers blew a big lead while losing at home.

The 6-foot-10 junior wasn’t going to let that happen again.

Johnson scored 24 points and consistently hit big shots to build the lead and keep No. 9 Ohio State at bay in No. 4 Purdue’s victory Wednesday night.

“I felt like the last game we played it wasn’t one of my best games,” Johnson said. “I thought I had to get more involved.”

Boy, did he. He hit 11 of 17 shots from the field, made both of his foul shots and also had seven rebounds and three assists. Whenever the Boilermakers needed a shot, a rebound or a blocked shot, Johnson was their guy.

The Boilermakers (22-3, 10-3) tightened the race for first place in the Big Ten with 11th-ranked Michigan State (21-6, 11-3).

“It’s a huge win for us,” Johnson said. “This puts us closer to our goal of winning the Big Ten championship.”

The Buckeyes (20-7, 10-4), who were knocked a game behind Michigan State in the conference, raved about Johnson’s play.

“He made shots,” said Ohio State’s Jon Diebler, who missed a tying 3-pointer in the final seconds. “Those are some tough shots. That’s a heck of a basketball player right there.”

E’Twaun Moore had 15 points and Keaton Grant added 13 off the bench for Purdue, which had lost in all nine of its previous trips to Value City Arena. The Boilermakers won their eighth straight game overall.

Evan Turner had 29 points, William Buford 11 and Diebler 10 for Ohio State, which had won its last nine Big Ten games.

Johnson had 15 points as Purdue scored the first seven points and never trailed in building a 36-23 halftime lead. That was similar to the first meeting, when they led 41-29 behind Robbie Hummel’s 29



Duke forward Kyle Singler dribbles past Miami’s Durand Scott during the Blue Devils’ 81-74 victory over the Hurricanes Wednesday.

first-half points. This time, the lead was almost the same — only Hummel didn’t score a point. Johnson carried the load, instead.

Duke 81, Miami 74

Kyle Singler scored 22 points and No. 6-ranked Duke used smothering defense to rally from a 12-point halftime deficit and beat the Miami Hurricanes on Wednesday night.

Jon Scheyer missed his first nine shots and Nolan Smith missed his first six for the Blue Devils, who shot 31 percent in the opening half to fall behind 37-25. But 22 turnovers doomed the Hurricanes, who attempted only 45 shots to 60 for the Blue Devils.

Duke outscored Miami 29-9 to start the second half and shot 9 for 15 from 3-point range after halftime.

The Blue Devils (22-4, 10-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) increased their league lead with their fifth win in a row. Miami (17-9, 3-9) lost for only the second time in 13 home games.

Despite their poor starts, Smith finished with 21 points for Duke, and Scheyer scored 15 despite shooting 3 for 15. Dwayne Collins had 21 points and nine rebounds for Miami,

and Durand Scott scored 19 points.

Scheyer was 1 for 12 before sinking 3-pointers on consecutive possessions for a 64-59 lead with five minutes left. Smith’s 3-pointer capped an 8-0 run that put the Blue Devils up 69-59, and the margin was at least five the rest of the way.

Duke went 9 for 10 from the free-throw line in the final 90 seconds to seal the win. The Blue Devils scored 56 points in the second half — remarkable considering that in the first 12 minutes, they shot 4 for 19 with seven turnovers and fell behind 23-12.

Smith was shut out for the first 18½ minutes. Scheyer struggled even longer, finally scoring 24 minutes into the game to pull Duke even at 39.

Duke missed nine of its first 11 shots, and Miami scored 11 consecutive points — eight by Collins — for a 15-6 lead. Scott sank a runner at the buzzer to end the half to put the Hurricanes up 37-25, their largest lead of the game.

Singler made four baskets in the first 2.5 minutes of the second half to trim it to five, and his 3-pointer gave the Blue Devils their first lead since the early minutes at 42-41.



Butler’s Zach Hahn scores a basket during the Bulldog’s 73-55 defeat of the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames Wednesday.

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You guys did an amazing job at Bengal Bouts and I’m proud of you!

Ladies and gentleman, I have some bad news. Meredith was hit by a car.

Where?

It happened this morning in the parking lot. I took her to the hospital. And the doctors tried to save her, life, they did the best they could. And she is going to be ok.

What is wrong with you? Why would you have to phrase it like that?

Guess what? I have flaws.

What are they?

Oh I donno, I sing in the shower?

Sometimes I spend too much time volunteering.

Occasionally I’ll hit somebody with my car.

So sue me-- no, don't sue me. That is opposite the point I'm trying to make.

AROUND THE NATION

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NCAA Division I Men's Basketball AP Poll

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5	Syracuse	2
6	Duke	8
7	Kansas State	9
8	West Virginia	5
9	Ohio State	13
10	Georgetown	7
11	Michigan State	10
12	New Mexico	15
13	Gonzaga	16
14	Wisconsin	11
15	Texas	14
16	BYU	17
17	Vanderbilt	22
18	Butler	18
19	Pittsburgh	25
20	Tennessee	12
21	Temple	21
22	Baylor	24
23	Wake Forest	NR
24	Texas A&M	NR
25	Richmond	NR

NCAA Division I Womens Basketball AP Poll

	<i>team</i>	<i>previous</i>
1	Connecticut	1
2	Stanford	2
3	Nebraska	3
4	NOTRE DAME	4
5	Tennessee	5
6	Xaiver	6
7	Ohio State	7
8	Duke	8
9	West Virginia	9
10	Florida State	10
11	Oklahoma	12
12	Texas	14
13	Iowa State	20
14	Georgetown	16
15	Texas A&M	13
16	Kentucky	17
17	Oklahoma State	15
18	Baylor	11
19	Georgia Tech	21
20	Georgia	19
21	Gonzaga	22
22	St. John's	25
23	LSU	23
24	TCU	24
25	Vanderbilt	NR

Women's Basketball Big East Standings

	<i>team</i>	<i>conf. W-L</i>
1	Connecticut	12-0
2	NOTRE DAME	10-2
3	West Virginia	10-2
4	Georgetown	9-2
5	St. John's	9-4
6	Rutgers	7-5
7	Marquette	6-6
8	Providence	5-6
9	South Florida	5-7
10	Syracuse	5-7

NFL



Former Colts defensive tackle Ed Johnson signed with the Panthers Wednesday. Johnson will help to fill a void in the Panthers' defensive line as a solid run-stopping defensive tackle.

Panthers sign former Colts lineman Johnson

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers signed Ed Johnson to a one-year deal on Wednesday, adding a needed, run-stopping defensive tackle while taking a chance on a player with a checkered past.

The 6-foot-2, 296-pound Johnson will be reunited with Carolina defensive coordinator Ron Meeks, who had the same job in Indianapolis in 2007 when Johnson started all 16 games and recorded 63 tackles as an undrafted rookie.

Johnson's career has declined since. The Colts

waived him early in the 2008 season following his arrest on a marijuana possession charge. He was re-signed, then cut again early last season because coach Jim Caldwell said his play had slipped.

The 26-year-old Johnson also ran into trouble at Penn State, where he was temporarily kicked out of school and later suspended from a bowl game.

The Panthers, who have been wary of signing and drafting players with off-field issues in the past several years, decided to take a chance on Johnson.

"We have done a lot of

research on Ed," Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said in a statement. "When we took into account what people around him said and the impression we got when meeting with him in person, we felt comfortable giving him this opportunity."

Johnson will provide insurance for Maake Kemoeatu, who is recovering from a ruptured Achilles' tendon that forced him to miss all of last season. Carolina had trouble replacing him before 36-year-old Hollis Thomas filled in capably to close the season.

Thomas will be an unrestricted free agent and

may not be re-signed, leaving Johnson in a group of tackles that includes Damione Lewis, Tank Taylor and Louis Leonard.

What the rest of the defensive line will look like in 2010 is also uncertain.

The Panthers have still not announced if they'll place the franchise tag on five-time Pro Bowl defensive end Julius Peppers by the Feb. 25 deadline and offer him a guaranteed \$20.1 million for one season.

The other starting defensive end from 2009, Tyler Brayton, will be an unrestricted free agent this offseason.

IN BRIEF

Rodriguez, Astros proceed to arbitration hearing

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Pitcher Wandy Rodriguez has gone to a salary arbitration hearing against the Houston Astros, asking to be paid \$7 million this year instead of the team's \$5 million offer.

The 31-year-old left-hander was 14-12 last season with a 3.02 ERA, ninth in the NL among qualifiers. He struck out a career high 193, also ninth, and made \$2.65 million. His 192 hits allowed were a career high.

Arbitrators Richard Bloch, Elizabeth Neumeier and Fredric Horowitz were expected to issue a decision Thursday, a day after hearing the case.

Four more players are scheduled for hearings this week: Los Angeles Angels shortstop Erick Aybar and catcher Jeff Mathis; Washington left-hander Sean Burnett; and Chicago Cubs shortstop Ryan Theriot.

McGwire arrives at spring training for Cardinals

JUPITER, Fla. — Mark McGwire's first day on the job ended with another apology for using steroids.

The St. Louis Cardinals' new batting coach got time in the batting cage with hitters on Wednesday, sat in on a lengthy staff meeting and then spoke with reporters at the team's spring training complex in Florida. He again said he was sorry, echoing remarks he made a few weeks ago when he admitted he used performance-enhancing drugs during his time as baseball's home run king in the 1990s.

He also said more than once that he is hopeful the issue will subside soon.

The 46-year-old McGwire said steroids gave him the opportunity to recover from injuries, resulting in more at-bats but not necessarily adding to his home run count.

Cowboys VP: Team not looking to spend wildly

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dallas Cowboys vice president Stephen Jones says the team doesn't plan to spend wildly on free agents if the NFL has no salary cap in 2010.

Jones said Wednesday that the Cowboys agreed to expensive, long-term deals with the likes of Tony Romo and linebacker DeMarcus Ware to keep them off the market in a year when teams might have no limit on spending.

Because of the money tied up in those deals, Jones says the Cowboys aren't interested in a spending spree. He also says they don't see a need for major changes after their first playoff win in 13 years.

The NFL will play without a salary cap next season unless a new labor deal is reached. The current collective bargaining agreement expires in March 2011.

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NFL

Browns release Jamal Lewis after injuries

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Jamal Lewis was released by the Cleveland Browns on Wednesday, but hasn't given up hope of playing again in the NFL.

Lewis was let go with one year remaining on his contract. His season ended on Dec. 2 when he was placed on injured reserve with post-concussion symptoms, but he doesn't want his career to end with an injury.

First, he must be cleared to return.

"If Jamal wants to play and he's cleared to play, I think he's got a lot of football he can bring to the table to help an organization," Lewis' agent, Mitch Frankel said. "He can be a significant contributor to the right organization. Jerome Bettis and some other guys at the end of their careers took on a different role, and I think Jamal can do that."

Lewis, 30, said after the Browns' season finale that he was still suffering from headaches and blurred vision as a result of the concussion, which he sustained in the opener against Minnesota. Frankel said he wasn't sure if Lewis was still having the problems and Lewis did not address them in a prepared statement, although he did thank Browns fans and owner Randy Lerner.

"I plan to evaluate my future and have not made a final deter-

mination on whether I will be playing football next season," he said.

Lewis tried playing through the symptoms for three months before finally getting examined. He carried 143 times last year for 500 yards and has rushed for 10,067 yards in his career.

Lewis was one of the most outspoken veterans against first-year coach Eric Mangini. He was critical of Mangini's practice habits and felt the coach was working the players too hard. Halfway through last season, Lewis said he would retire.

Now he wants to join a contender if his body will let him.

"Jamal went to the Browns with the hope he'd be successful and go to the playoffs and beyond," Frankel said. "At this stage in his career, I think he would want to play for a team that has a chance to compete and get back to the Super Bowl like he did in 2000. That's not to say Cleveland can't do that, but it would appear there are other teams out there that, as of today, look a lot stronger."

Lewis' release leaves Jerome Harrison as Cleveland's apparent starter. Harrison rushed for 862 yards last season, but ended with a flurry. He rushed for 561 yards and five touchdowns over the final three games — all wins — as Cleveland closed the season by winning its final four.



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If you looking for an opportunity to enhance your resume and obtain valuable experience with additional income while in college, explore the opportunities currently available to become an Officer in the Navy Reserve at www.navyreserve.com.

LT John Zedaker will be on campus during the months of February and March for interviews with interested students. If you would like to set up an interview, email a current resume to john.m.zedaker@navy.mil or call 800-371-7456.

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NHL

Bouchard deals with head injury

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Pierre-Marc Bouchard was supposed to be centering Minnesota's second line this season.

Instead, he's been watching helplessly and without expression from a perch in the press box while the Wild play without him. His pads, jersey and helmet have been replaced by a black wool coat and a scarf.

This is what recovering from a concussion can look like. Bouchard must wait and watch until his headaches go away. No skating. No shooting. No running. No real exercise, except for regular walks around the neighborhood.

"Get some fresh air. Get my legs going a little bit," Bouchard said. "Besides that, I watch TV or read or just sleep."

The 25-year-old has missed all but the first game of this season because of a head injury he first suffered last March. He missed the final eight games of last season, and after believing he was all right took an elbow to the jaw in a September exhibition game that brought the symptoms back.

He was fighting a flu-like illness at the time, but after a weak effort in the Wild's season opener and the persistence of headaches he was pulled off the ice once it was became clear it was by more than just the virus.

"I took two months off and worked out all summer and felt

good," Bouchard said during a recent home game. "The thing is during the summer, you don't have any contact. I came back here, and in that first exhibition game I got hit."

The eighth overall pick in the 2002 draft, Bouchard had a career-high 20 goals in the 2006-07 season and a career-high 50 assists in the 2007-08 season. He's in the second year of a five-year contract worth \$20.4 million.

"It's just frustrating to not be able to play," he said. "You cannot look back and say, 'I should've done this.'"

The Wild aren't counting on getting Bouchard back this season.

"The important thing for me is that he gets healthy and gets back to being the Pierre-Marc Bouchard of old," general manager Chuck Fletcher said. "If we can get a happy, healthy Pierre-Marc Bouchard back for next season that's great. To me it's not a rush."

That's the view these days around the NHL, which like the NFL has become more concussion-conscious in recent years amid growing concerns about the long-term risk of the injuries in these hard-contact sports. The competition committee formed by the league and the players' union last year discussed a rule designed to curtail hits to the head, but a consensus was not reached.

MLB

Lidge feels ready to play in spring training

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Philadelphia Phillies closer Brad Lidge says he is pain free.

A year after converting all 48 save chances, Lidge led the major leagues with 11 blown saves last season. He had surgery to repair his right elbow in November and right knee in January.

Now as spring training is about to start, the 33-year-old is confident he can regain the form that helped the Phillies win the 2008 World Series.

"I probably won't look back and dwell," Lidge said Wednesday. "Now it's about being myself again, going to my bread and butter and getting things done."

The loser in a pivotal Game 4 of the World Series against the New York Yankees, Lidge estimates he is two weeks behind his usual pre-season pace. He expects to pitch off a mound next week and doesn't rule out being available for the April 5 opener against Washington.

"The good thing is my arm and knee both feel good, and it's my goal to catch up and try to be ready," Lidge said. "I think that's a possibility. It's reasonable. But we also look at '08 as a model. We didn't rush it, and I had the best season of my career."

Lidge had arthroscopic surgery on the same right knee in spring training two years ago and missed

the first series of the regular season. But he was activated after four games and helped the Phillies win the World Series for the first time since 1980.

Lidge completed his first three save chances last year, then blew one April 19. Less than two weeks later, the Phillies briefly sidelined their closer due to right knee inflammation.

He said Wednesday the knee pain caused him to change his mechanics: He put more pressure on his right arm, leading to the elbow injury.

"You try to convince yourself that you're not 100 percent but you're fine, you'll be able to go out there and do the same thing and get results as normal. You try everything to do that," Lidge said. "It's not about trying to trick people as much as convincing yourself. If you can't sell it to yourself, there's no reason to go out there. I think the biggest thing is I was trying to convince myself I could get it done the same way and I felt I could do it, but I wasn't the same guy last year."

Lidge's fastball control became erratic. He gave hitters a better and longer view of his delivery, and he couldn't hold runners on base — Johnny Damon stole two bases on one play during that Game 4.

Spring training will allow Lidge to work on his mechanics, which could be key for the Phillies.

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NBA

Hansbrough misses rookie All-Star game

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The annual All-Star game between NBA rookies and sophomores last week was missing perhaps the best-known rookie of all — former North Carolina star Tyler Hansbrough.

After the Indiana Pacers took the former AP college player of the year with their first pick last year, critics questioned whether Hansbrough was big enough or athletic enough to succeed.

No one questioned his durability, but that has been his biggest stumbling block as a pro. He missed training camp, the preseason and the first four regular-season games with a right shin injury. He returned and quickly became a fan favorite with his relentless play before his health became an issue again. He hasn't played since Jan. 16 because of an inner ear infection that causes dizziness and makes him sensitive to light.

"It's just giving me headaches and things like that," he told The Associated Press. "Whenever I get healthy, I'll play. I've been unfortunate to have some injuries. I'm just trying to fight through this and get healthy and go from there."

Hansbrough has played in 29 games and averaged 8.5 points and 4.8 rebounds. He scored a career-high 21 points on Dec. 11 against New Jersey, and got his first career start on Jan. 13 against Phoenix.

"I was feeling like I was coming along as a player, fitting into my role on this team," he said. "This is something new to me. I've never been injured like this."

He has played just two games since that start against Phoenix. Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said last week that he's not sure when Hansbrough will return.

"Right now, he's on the shelf," O'Brien said. "He's not working out at all. If he's able to come back and start working out, that's going to be important because of the fact that he's been told he's not allowed to really move around even one on none. That's a real setback from a conditioning standpoint."

Hansbrough is considered one of the core pieces of team president Larry Bird's rebuilding project. Troy Murphy, who occupies the power forward spot Hansbrough eventually is expected to fill, said the rookie has potential.

"He plays hard," Murphy said. "He's a rugged-type guy, he's a good teammate. He's knows he has things to learn, and he does a good job of seeing the coach and trying to pick those things up."

Hansbrough sometimes has difficulty getting his shot off, has gotten into foul trouble regularly and at times has struggled to fit into the team's flow.

He said the physical ability of the competition is his biggest challenge.

NBA

Rose, Deng aid Bulls in win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derrick Rose scored 27 points, Luol Deng added 23, and the Chicago Bulls beat the New York Knicks 115-109 on Wednesday night to complete a sweep of a home-and-home series.

With trade rumors swirling around both teams, the Bulls rallied from a 15-point deficit to move above .500 at 27-26 and hand the Knicks their fifth straight loss.

Brad Miller had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Taj Gibson finished with 14 points and a career-high 16 rebounds as Chicago outrebounded New York 52-40.

Al Harrington scored 27 points, and Wilson Chandler had 26 for the Knicks. David Lee had 23 points and 12 rebounds, while Danilo Gallinari scored 19 points but was just 2 of 10 from 3-point range, including a pair of costly misses with a chance to tie in the final minute.

Chicago outscored New York 62-45 in the second half to win a game that was much closer than its 118-85 rout at United Center on Tuesday night.

The Knicks played without Nate Robinson, who they said was home with flulike symptoms. However, various reports earlier Wednesday said the team was nearing a deal to send the backup guard to Boston, and an official within



New York Knicks head coach Mike D'Antoni gets heated during the Knicks 115-109 loss to the Chicago Bulls Wednesday.

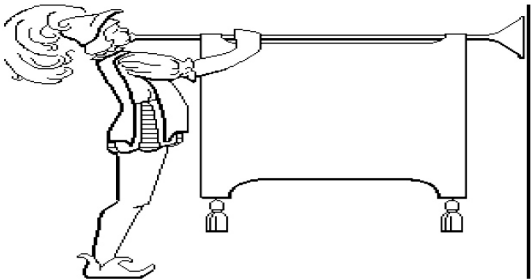
the league said the trade would be completed Thursday.

Starting forward Jared Jeffries also played only 6 minutes before he left with what the Knicks said was a sore right knee.

New York did complete one deal, sending the unhappy Darko Milicic to Minnesota for Brian Cardinal. The deal would

open a roster spot for the Knicks to make another trade Thursday if they waive Cardinal, as expected.

Chicago was without John Salmons. Coach Vinny Del Negro said he got a call before the game telling him to leave the guard at the team hotel, an indication a trade was in the works.



Announcing the Year 2010 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

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- 4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
- 5) two letters of recommendation
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WTA

Zverev moves to next round of Open

Associated Press

MARSEILLE, France — Mischa Zverev of Germany beat Spain's Tommy Robredo 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals of the Open 13.

French players Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Julien Benneteau and Michael Llodra joined Zverev in the next round. Llodra edged Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus 7-6 (6), 6-4, and in two all-French matchups, Tsonga topped Josselin Ouanna 7-6 (9), 6-4, and Benneteau beat Florent Serra 6-4, 6-4.

Zverev converted both break-point chances in the third set to build a commanding 5-0 lead, while the fourth-seeded Robredo wasted three opportunities.

The German left-hander believed in his chances despite starting the season with five straight losses.

"I felt like I had a chance, no matter what," Zverev said. "I just tried to mix it up and not give him too many easy balls."

Zverev had lost both of his previous meetings with Robredo.

"I know his game," Zverev said. "I can use my strokes against him and it worked out."

Defending champion and second-seeded Tsonga did not give any break chances to Ouanna,

firing 19 aces to win a tight tiebreaker and take a 3-1 lead in the second set.

"It wasn't great tennis but I got the main thing (the victory)," Tsonga said. "Getting used to the lights and to the speed of the ball was a bit tough."

Meanwhile, Llodra hit a service winner to convert his third match point. The 2009 finalist broke Baghdatis in the previous game with a backhand return winner.

"It could have gone either way," Llodra said. "I tried to be more aggressive and I seized my chances."

The seventh-seeded Baghdatis had two set points in the tiebreaker but squandered them, allowing Llodra to take the opening set with a smash.

In another second-round match, the eighth-seeded Benneteau broke Serra at 4-4 in the second set and saved two break points in the next game to hold serve and clinch victory.

Benneteau relied on a strong serve, landing 76 percent of his first serves and slamming 11 aces.

Also Wednesday, Belgian qualifier Yannick Mertens beat Jan Hajek of the Czech Republic 7-6 (8), 6-1, to set up a second-round match with Guillaume Rufin, who outlasted fellow Frenchman Laurent Recouderc 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (2).

PGA

Tiger Woods to speak out

Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Tiger Woods will end nearly three months of silence Friday when he speaks publicly for the first time since his middle-of-the-night car accident sparked stunning revelations of infidelity.

However, his agent said Woods will not take any questions from a small group of media.

"This is not a press conference," Mark Steinberg said Wednesday.

It will be Woods' first public appearance since Nov. 27, when he crashed his SUV into a tree outside his Florida home. Woods' only comments since then have been made through his Web site.

"It will be good to see Tiger's face again, and see that he's actually out there somewhere," Stewart Cink said. "I think this is the beginning of the comeback process for him."

Woods is to speak at 11 a.m. Friday from the clubhouse at the TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., home of the PGA Tour.

"This is all about the next step," Steinberg said. "He's looking forward to it."

Still, there was strict control over the appearance, typical of Woods' career.

Steinberg described the gathering as a "small group of friends, colleagues and close associates," who will listen to Woods apologize as he talks about the past and what he plans to do next. He said three wire services have been invited — The Associated Press, Reuters and Bloomberg — and he asked the Golf Writers Association of America to recommend pool reporters.

Only one camera will be in the room to provide live coverage via satellite. Steinberg said other writers with proper credentials could watch from a hotel ballroom more than a mile away.

"The first time out, he's better controlling it," Padraig Harrington said. "Over time, there will be questions. At the moment, the best thing is a more controlled environment and gradually ease his way back into it."

Steinberg said in an e-mail announcing the public appear-



Tiger Woods makes a rare public appearance on Wednesday. Woods will break his silence at an invitation-only media event Friday.

ance, "While Tiger feels that what happened is fundamentally a matter between he and his wife, he also recognizes that he has hurt and let down a lot of other people who were close to him. He also let down his fans. He wants to begin the process of making amends and that's what he's going to discuss."

The timing is peculiar. It will be held during the third round of the Accenture Match Play Championship in Arizona, sure to steal attention away from the first big event of the year. Accenture was the first sponsor to drop Woods when he became embroiled in the sex scandal.

"He's got to come out at some point," Rory McIlroy said. "I suppose he might want to get something back against the sponsor

that dropped him. No, I don't know. It just went on for so long. I'm sick of hearing about it. And I'm just looking forward to when he's getting back on the golf course."

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said he did not think Woods' appearance was going to undermine a World Golf Championship event.

"We have tournaments every week," Finchem said. "I think it's going to be a story in and of itself. A lot of people are going to be watching golf this week to see what the world of golf says about it, my guess is. So that will be a good thing."

As far as the PGA Tour's part in the Woods event, Finchem said: "We were asked to make the facility available and to help with the logistics. That's what we're doing."

Steinberg said only that Woods' appearance during the championship was "a matter of timing." Asked if it could have waited until Monday, he said, "No."

No other news conference this week drew a larger crowd of reporters than the 20 who surrounded Finchem, a testament to how Woods has dominated the conservation at the Match Play.

"We're all better off when he's playing," Adam Scott said. "I'm curious as to when he'll return to golf."

As for the timing? "It's his choice," Scott said. "I guess the tour is hosting it there."

Woods made a spectacular fall from his perch atop golf. He was believed to have been the first athlete to gross \$1 billion in earnings and endorsements and, at 14 majors, was closing in on golf's record of 18 majors held by Jack Nicklaus.

It all collapsed in the early morning hours the day after Thanksgiving.

Over the last few months, Woods has been on the cover of gossip magazines and the butt of jokes on national talk shows.

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NBA

Cavaliers make blockbuster trade for Jamison at deadline

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Cleveland Cavaliers acquired Antawn Jamison on Wednesday night, the forward they hope will fit in between LeBron James and Shaquille O'Neal on a championship front line.

Jamison goes to Cleveland from the Washington Wizards in a three-team trade that sent Drew Gooden to the Los Angeles Clippers.

Washington received Cavaliers center Zydrunas Ilgauskas, a 2010 first-round draft pick and the rights to Emir Preldzic, who was selected in the second round of last year's draft from Cleveland.

The Wizards also received forward Al Thornton from Los Angeles.

Cleveland gets guard Sebastian Telfair from the Clippers.

The Cavaliers had long coveted an athletic power forward who could play on the perime-

ter after they were eliminated by the Orlando Magic in last year's Eastern Conference finals.

They had reportedly been involved in trade talks with Phoenix for Amare Stoudemire, but instead ended up with another former All-Star.

Jamison, who had been with the Wizards since 2004, is averaging 20.5 points this season. He was not in uniform for Washington's game with Minnesota on Wednesday.

"Antawn Jamison has been the embodiment of leadership on and off the court for this franchise for five-and-a-half seasons and we thank him for all he has done for the Wizards and the city of Washington," Wizards president Ernie Grunfeld said. "Unfortunately, our on-court results have not met our expectations and we felt it was necessary to make changes to improve our future and our financial flexibility. This trade accomplished both of

those objectives."

Jamison left the arena shortly before the game. As he entered his car, he said to reporters: "Not now."

He did have a message for Wizards fans. "You know I love them more than they love me."

Jamison should immediately step in at power forward for Cleveland and supply James with another legitimate scoring option as the Cavaliers seek their first championship. Jamison is still owed \$28 million over the next two seasons.

Cleveland (43-11) already has the best record in the NBA and can set a new franchise mark by winning its 14th straight game Thursday night against Denver. Still, the Cavaliers couldn't pass on the opportunity to add a proven veteran like Jamison, who can stretch opposing defenses with his perimeter shooting and open up the lane for James and O'Neal.

James can become a free agent this summer, leaving this

as Cleveland's final shot at a championship before he decides to stay or go. The Cavaliers also had the league's best record last season, when they failed to reach the NBA finals.

Maybe Jamison can help them take that next step.

He was extremely popular not only with fans in Washington, but also with his teammates and the late owner Abe Pollin. After Gilbert Arenas was suspended indefinitely early last month, Jamison was the one who was chosen to speak to the crowd before the Jan. 8 game. He apologized for a skit that pantomimed shooting guns, calling it: "very embarrassing."

Now Jamison is gone and Wizards coach Flip Saunders lauded him.

"He's one of the most professional guys I've ever been around," Saunders said.

The Wizards acquired Gooden on Saturday in a trade that sent Caron Butler, Brendan

Haywood and DeShawn Stevenson to the Dallas Mavericks, to the Los Angeles Clippers.

Gooden was reportedly seeking a buyout. Unlike his three former Mavericks teammates, he did not practice with the Wizards on Tuesday, but was at shootaround Wednesday morning. He was listed as inactive.

"Basically, we started looking at opportunities to clear cap space for this summer and in the meantime acquire assets that we also liked," Clippers general manager Mike Dunleavy said. "In the last two days, we were able to do that. And it gives us the flexibility to pretty much go in a lot of different directions."

Jamison was an All-Star in both 2005 and 2008, and averaged 20.5 points in 41 games. He missed the first nine games of this season with a sprained right shoulder.

The 33-year-old played his first five seasons with Golden State and after playing the 2003-04 season with Dallas, was traded to Washington. Jamison has a career average of 19.9 points.

Ilgauskas, who is 34, has played his entire 12-year NBA career with the Cavaliers. He was supplanted as the starter center by O'Neal this season. He's averaging 7.5 points and 5.3 rebounds this season. His career averages are 13.9 points and 7.7 rebounds.

The 6-foot-7 Thornton has averaged 13.7 in his three-year career with the Clippers.

Telfair, who's 24, will be playing for his fourth team. The former first-round pick has averaged 7.9 points in his career.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Kammrath has big night in victory

By TIMOTHY SINGLER
Sports Writer

Despite all of the outside distractions for the game Wednesday night, Saint Mary's won handily against Olivet 79-59 after some record-setting rebounding.

Senior forward Anna Kammrath set the College record for the most rebounds in school history. Kammrath entered the game 11 rebounds short of the record and finished the game with 12 to break the record.

"This was big. This was Anna's night," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "It is nice to do it at home."

Kammrath had a spectacular game on a very special night. Since this was senior night for Saint Mary's, all the seniors on the team had an evening to celebrate their four-year careers. As Kammrath is the only senior on the team, it essentially became "Anna's Night."

She did not disappoint, shooting 8-14 with 18 points and her record-clinching 12 rebounds. Kammrath recorded her 15th double-double of her career, and her dominant offensive production

provided the necessary spark for the Belles, Henley said.

"We typically never relied on her scoring in her career," Henley said.

Kammrath was not the only Belles' player to produce big numbers during the game. Sophomore Jessica Centa matched Kammrath in scoring as she also added 18 points for the Belles.

This was all-around big win for Saint Mary's against Olivet. The Belles need to continue to win as only three games separated five teams in the MIAA; if the team falls far enough in the standings, it could end up without home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

The Belles look to end the regular season on a high note as they have one final game remaining before heading into the MIAA playoffs.

"This [win] gives us a lot of momentum," Henley said.

Saint Mary's looks to continue that momentum as they travel to Albion on Saturday for a 3 p.m. matchup.

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"This was big. This was Anna's night."

Jennifer Henley
Belles coach

NBA

Parker's return sparks victory

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A bit of rest and relaxation in Malibu was all a hobbled Tony Parker needed to start blowing by the competition again.

Parker returned after missing San Antonio's final game before the All-Star break because of a strained left hip flexor. Fresh off a four-day vacation with wife Eva Longoria, he scored 28 points to help the Spurs beat the Indiana Pacers 90-87 on Wednesday night.

"He didn't get to stay in shape, he hasn't been able to do anything," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Considering that, my God. He scored, he moved the basketball, he was really important to us running the show."

Parker said he struggled at times during his 39 minutes of action.

"I got tired in the second half and my hip was getting tired," Parker said. "We'll see what we do for the next game, but overall I was OK. Can't do every movement, I can't go full speed, but I'm a vet, so I know how to get by."

Tim Duncan had just eight points on 4-for-23 shooting, but had 26 rebounds and five assists. He had 10 rebounds in nine minutes in the fourth quarter.

"That's why he's a Hall of Fame player," Pacers guard T.J. Ford said. "I don't know too many guys in this league that can go 4-for-23 and still help his team win."

Duncan said it was possibly the worst shooting game of his career, but he made up for it by "going Mo Malone on them." It was a reference to Moses Malone, the powerful post player who spent his best years with the Houston Rockets and Philadelphia 76ers in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

He joked that his futility padded his offensive rebounding stats.

"I got a jump on it because I was missing so many shots," Duncan said. "I guess I knew where the ball was going."

Parker said Duncan's effort was key.

"That is what's great with T.D. — even if he has a bad shooting night he's always going to do other stuff," Parker said. "He was huge on the boards, he was huge on defense. Even if he was not blocking shots, he was deflecting shots. He's just a presence."

Manu Ginobili added 18 points, seven assists and six rebounds for the Spurs.

Danny Granger scored 23 points, Roy Hibbert had 14 points, seven rebounds and six blocks, and Troy Murphy added nine points and 16 rebounds for Indiana.

The Spurs won despite shooting just 35 percent from the field.

"If you would have told me we would hold them to 35 percent shooting, I would think we had a chance," Pacers coach Jim O'Brien said.

Duncan's 11 offensive rebounds helped the Spurs take 16 more

shots than the Pacers.

"We played hard," Granger said. "We got our hands on a lot of balls. We just got killed on the offensive boards. That's kind of been the tale of our season."

Popovich switched up his lineup, starting Keith Bogans and Matt Bonner instead of Jefferson and Antonio McDyess to counter Indiana's small lineup.

San Antonio led 51-45 at half-time before getting hot in the third quarter. A free-throw line jumper by Duncan closed out a 7-0 run that gave the Spurs a 64-50 lead.

Indiana rallied at the end of the third quarter. Two free throws by Hibbert capped an 11-3 run at the end of the period that trimmed San Antonio's lead to 69-67.

Indiana took its first lead of the second half early in the fourth quarter on Ford's short jumper in the lane.

The lead seesawed until the final minutes. Richard Jefferson hit a 3-pointer, then Ginobili converted a 3-point play to give San Antonio a 90-84 advantage.

Granger made a 3-pointer with 30 seconds left to make it 90-87.

The crowd stood, hoping the Pacers could get a stop. Ginobili drove, but Hibbert blocked his shot. Duncan rebounded and kicked the ball out to George Hill, who heaved a desperation 3-pointer as the shot clock expired. The ball was tipped around until the Spurs gained control and ran out the clock.

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Sisters

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there for her just the same,” Christine said.

Just as she did in high school, Christine has made the adjustment and transition process much smoother for Kathryn.

“Having her at the same school [means] that I have an instant friend here, and it is a major relief knowing that I have someone that will always be there for me, no matter what,” Kathryn said.

Both sisters agree that college ball is far more demanding and time consuming, but that only allows them to grow

closer and find the best in each other.

“Kathryn is a warrior. She is a hard worker and people can count on her to do her best everyday,” Christine said.

Of course, her younger sister had nothing but good words to say as well.

“I see her biggest strength as being a great role model. She is someone I look up to and strive to be like. She has been my rock, and I couldn’t have asked for a better big sister,” Kathryn said.

With a bond like theirs, this season is sure to be a special one for both the Lux family and the Irish.

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“Kathryn is a warrior. She is a hard worker and people can count on her to do her best everyday.”

Christine Lux
Irish first baseman

Big East

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Christopher Johnson, freshman William Bass and junior Joshua Nosal earned 32 points for the Irish. Pittsburgh, a perennial contender in the Big East, finished first in the event, followed by West Virginia.

In the 500 freestyle, LeBlanc and junior Michael Sullivan finished fourth and fifth respectively, posting times of 4:31.14 and 4:31.29 minutes. Swimmers from West Virginia, Louisville and Cincinnati out touched the Irish in that event.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the Irish team finished fourth, behind Louisville, Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

In the 100 butterfly, the top Irish seed earned 11th place. Louisville had four swimmers finish in the top 10 in the

event.

Lytle earned a third place finish in the 200 freestyle. Freshman Christopher Johnson and sophomore Brian Maloy finished seventh and eighth, respectively, in the 100 breaststroke. Two Louisville swimmers placed first and second in that event.

Petrovic finished fourth in the 100 backstroke. Sophomore Marshall Sherman, junior Christopher Wills and Nosal also finished in the top 15 for the Irish.

Sullivan and Bass finished fourth and sixth, respectively, in the 400 individual medley.

The events continue throughout the rest of the week and into the weekend. Irish coach Tim Welsh and his squad have their eyes set on another Big East Championship.

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Cardinals

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er battle, as neither team led by more than 3 points the entire way. A huge 3-pointer from junior forward Carleton Scott with a little over 2 minutes to go gave the Irish a late 65-64 lead.

Freshman forward Mike Broghammer, who hadn’t scored in a Notre Dame game since Bucknell on Dec. 12, then entered the contest for the final, heart-pounding minutes with Nash and Cooley fouled out.

“Broghammer gave us good minutes, Jack Cooley gave us a presence inside,” Brey said. “Everybody that played helped us out tonight. It’s something you’re proud of, but it’s just so sad we couldn’t finish that things since we had a couple shots to win it.”

An offensive rebound and put-back by Broghammer extended the Notre Dame lead to 3, but three Louisville free throws in the final minute evened the score. Broghammer had an open look in the final seconds of regulation, but the attempt would not go down.

The exhausted Irish started the first overtime with surprising strength, taking a 6-point lead on an Abromaitis dunk. The Cardinals then slowly whittled away the Notre Dame lead at the free

throw line, eventually tying the game at 79. Senior guard Ben Hansbrough’s lay-up attempt with six seconds left was blocked by Samuels, and the teams went to second overtime.

The final period again came down the closing seconds, as Louisville went ahead 91-89 on two more Samuels free throws. Brey and the Irish appeared to be going for the win in the final seconds, but could not get a shot off against the Cardinals defense.

Abromaitis led the Irish with 29 points, followed by Hansbrough with 21 and Jackson with 19. Jackson played every second of the game, and Hansbrough played 48 minutes.

Notre Dame tallied 28 fouls trying to defend Samuels and Louisville inside, with Nash, Scott, Broghammer and Cooley all fouling out. Samuels made 16 of his 19 attempts from the free-throw line.

Brey said despite the gutsy performance without Harangody, the Irish weren’t satisfied with the effort.

“They don’t want any moral victories or consolation prizes,” Brey said.

The Irish will have a week off to recover from the heart-breaking loss before returning home next Wednesday against Pittsburgh.

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Singles

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making the highest wins by an first Irish freshman since Sheeva Parbhu went 20-3 in 2005.

Five of Watt’s victories gave Notre Dame match wins, four of them against ranked teams. Watt also had three wins coming from behind and posted an 8-2 overall record in three-set matches. He was able to defeat reputable players such as then senior Michael Breler of then-ranked No. 20 Texas Tech, then senior Mahmoud Hamed of then-No.41 South Florida, and junior Simon Childs of then-No. 23 Louisville.

On the doubles side of his freshman year, Watt and No. 2 Irish singles junior Stephen Havens posted a 12-12 record in dual play at No. 2 doubles for Notre Dame.

Together, they managed to secure a doubles point a team-high six times for the Irish.

As a sophomore, Watt has continued to advance as a player and in his record. He has gone 14-5 in singles, 5-4 against nationally ranked teams and 5-8 with junior teammate Tyler Davis.

The Irish’s No. 2 singles position has seen strong play come from Havens this 2010 season. The 5-foot-11 junior presently holds the No. 93 national ranking after posting a 10-15 mark his sophomore year, and going 8-9 thus far in his junior year. Last fall, he managed to play tough against some of the country’s top competitors, such as then-No. 13 Texas A&M’s junior Austin Krajicek in a three-set match to clinch the Notre Dame victory.

Also on Havens’ résumé are a first-round Big East championship win over Georgetown’s sophomore

Andrew Bruhn and recording three match-clinching points during the fall of his sophomore year. Havens playing a significant role for the Irish his freshman year, going 20-21 in singles play. He went 9-5 in the open season and 11-16 in dual play. On the doubles side, Havens went 12-11 in dual play, recording a 9-4 record with Davis for the year. The duo of Havens and Davis also secured the doubles point for the Irish seven times.

This season, Havens has been pairing with fellow juniors Daniel Stahl and Davis, as well as freshman Niall Fitzgerald at the No. 2 doubles spot.

As they head further into their spring season, the Irish have much to look forward to from these two key players as they lead Notre Dame on the court.

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NBA

Mavs edge out Suns after trade

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points, and Dallas newcomer Caron Butler started a key third-quarter run in the Mavericks’ 107-97 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday night.

Amare Stoudemire, who has been mentioned in trade rumors in recent days, had 30 points and 14 rebounds for the Suns, who had their five-game road winning streak snapped.

Butler, acquired from Washington along with Brendan Haywood and DeShawn

Stevenson in a seven-player deal Saturday, scored 15 points and hit a jumper to open a 16-4 run in the third. Jason Kidd had 18 points, 10 assists, seven rebounds and a career-high seven steals for Dallas.

Before the game, Stoudemire rated his chances of being traded before Thursday’s deadline as 50-50.

Cleveland was considered the most likely destination if Stoudemire was dealt. But the Cavaliers moved on to their next choice, acquiring Antawn Jamison from Washington in a three-team trade Wednesday.

The Suns, who lead the NBA in scoring at more than 110 points per game, were held under 100 for only the seventh time this season. Phoenix missed 13 of its first 14 3-pointers and finished 5 of 22 from beyond the arc.

Butler and Haywood were playing their first home game and second overall with the Mavericks. Haywood had 10 points, nine rebounds and five blocks starting in place of the injured Erick Dampier, who did not play after undergoing surgery Wednesday to close an open dislocation of his right middle finger.

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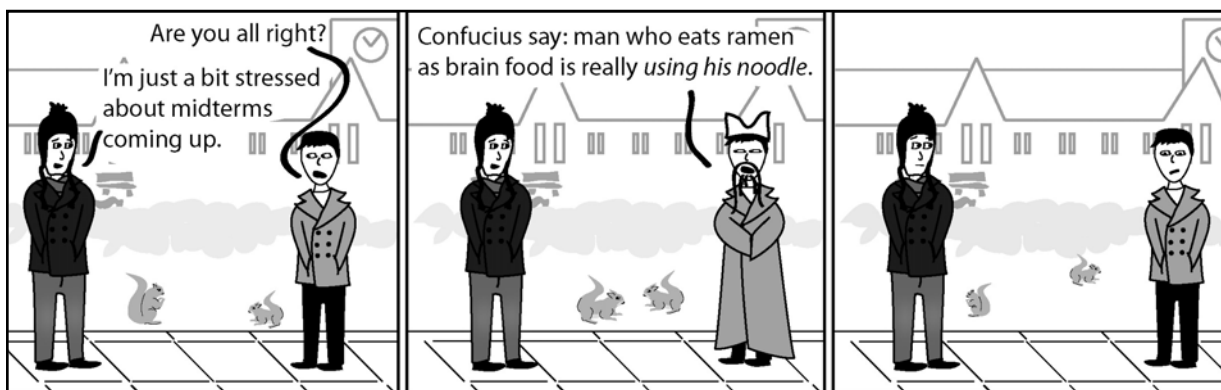
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Late night in Louisville

Team fails to get off a shot as time expires in disappointing 2OT loss on the road

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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For 50 minutes, the Irish fought and left their hearts on the floor, but Notre Dame came up just short in double-overtime on the road to Louisville. Two free throws by Cardinals sophomore Samardo Samuels gave Louisville the win, and Samuels had a career-high 36 points in the game.

"I don't know that I've ever been prouder of a group in a loss," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We had a lot of opportunities tonight but just couldn't get it, but a lot of guys had to help us tonight."

The Irish, already short on depth with an injured senior forward Luke Harangody on the bench, struggled to defend the 6-foot-9, 260 pound Samuels inside, as the forward picked up foul after foul inside. Forwards junior

Tyrone Nash and freshman Jack Cooley, who played a career high 19 minutes, each fouled out early in the second half.

Harangody missed his second straight game with a knee injury but is expected to return next week against Pittsburgh.

The game was a close contest from the outset, with both sides playing intense defense. Neither team earned a lead greater than 3 points in the first 10 minutes, and an early Nash jumper tied the game at 18.

Louisville then went on a 10-0 run to grab a 7-point lead, but even on the road without Harangody, the Irish weren't fazed. A junior forward Tim Abromaitis jump-shot found net just before halftime to cut the Cardinals lead to 37-36 at the break.

The second half was another

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Junior forward Tim Abromaitis, right, jukes around St. John's senior forward Anthony Mason Jr. in the Irish's 69-68 loss on Sunday. Notre Dame lost to Louisville in double overtime Wednesday.

SOFTBALL

For Lux sisters, playing first base is a family affair

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When it comes to sisters growing up together, competition is a constant feature, both spending most of their time vying to be the best. But for Christine and Kathryn Lux, spending their childhoods together has only made them closer.

Senior first baseman Christine Lux and freshman

first baseman Kathryn Lux of Glendale Heights, Ill., are playing together again for the first time since high school four years ago, when they teamed up to compete in basketball and softball at Glenbard West H.S.

"She made me feel comfortable on a completely new team with new girls," Kathryn said.

While they both lived at home, Kathryn remembers being the typical younger sister, constantly pestering Christine,

and Christine recalls recurring battles over dirty bathrooms.

Despite the fighting, they always worked well together. Christine always set the stage for her younger sister, and while this was always helpful for Kathryn, it made finding her own path difficult.

"For my whole life I have followed directly in her footsteps," Kathryn said. "I was never truly able to make my own name for myself. This bothered me, and I swore that I would do

my own thing in college."

But for this pair, one year together as teammates was not enough.

"When we played our last high school game together, I realized that I did not want to be done playing with her. She made such an impact on me that when our high school seasons came to an end, I was devastated," Kathryn remembers.

When Christine left for college, their relationship grew

closer than ever, and from there a future at Notre Dame for one final season together became a dream for their family. Kathryn caught the attention of Irish coach Deanna Gumpf, and that dream became a reality.

"I love having Kathryn at Notre Dame with me. I can count on her and I know that she will be there for me whenever I need her, and I will be

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Tourney's open shows promise

By ANDREW OWENS
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The Irish got off to a strong start on the first day of the Big East Championships, as they look to win their fifth conference title in six seasons.

The team of senior John Lytle, junior Steven Brus, senior Andrew Hoffman and senior Mackenzie LeBlanc led the Irish to a victory in the 800-yard freestyle relay. The win earned the team 40 points. Louisville finished second in the event with a 1.51 second difference behind the Irish.

Notre Dame earned third place in the 200 medley relay. The team of sophomore Petar Petrovic, freshman



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Freshman Taylor Gauger demonstrates the fly during a swim meet earlier this year.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Consistent singles success paces Irish

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While the Irish have been working on finding a balance in their doubles, the Notre Dame singles are consistently coming out on top.

Leading the Irish at No. 1 singles is sophomore Casey Watt, a member of the recruiting class that was ranked fifth nationally by a tennisrecruiting.net poll, one of the top comprehensive sources for tennis recruiting in the country.

Watt opened up the 2010 season with a new national ranking of No. 18 from his Fall 2009 ranking of No. 90,

helped by his runner-up performance at the ITA Midwest Regional Championships last October after defeating some of the top-seeded players from Ohio State, Illinois and Wisconsin. Watt's powerful play has carried over into the spring as he has held strong at No. 1 singles.

As a freshman, Watt was one of three named to the All-Big East team and earned Big East Academic All-Star honors. The 6-foot sophomore recorded a 28-5 overall record in singles play for his rookie year, going 10-0 in open play and 18-5 in dual season singles,

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