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ROTC event draws units to ND

Annual Naval Leadership Weekend features Marine officer guest speakers, panel discussion

By CARLY LANDON
News Writer

The Notre Dame Navy ROTC program welcomed more than 100 Naval personnel from nearly 40 schools to its 15th annual Naval Leadership Weekend (NLW), themed "The Evolving Role of the Navy/Marine Corps Team Against Unconventional Warfare."

"I chose the theme by just talking to different people about what is facing the naval forces today and how it is different from year's pasts," NLW organizer Arianna Cassani, a junior, said. "The purpose of Naval Leadership Weekend is to develop midshipmen's leadership skills and ethical decision making abilities so they can better be prepared to enter the military when they commission."

Junior Rochelle Rieger, a member of Notre Dame's Navy ROTC, said 113 midshipmen and a total of 132 Naval personnel attended the event from 37 schools across the country.

"Each year we invite other ROTC units from around the country," she said. "Everyone stayed at Sacred Heart Parish across St. Joe's lake, and on Friday and Saturday we had symposiums for all the participants."

Events of the weekend included speeches by noted Naval Marine officers. Commander Mark Becker spoke on leadership and being a junior officer in the Navy, and Commander Kris Doyle gave a speech on the new Littoral Combat Ship and how it relates to evolving warfare.

Rieger said the weekend's

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Photo courtesy of Rochelle Reiger

Jacob Cusek, a 2004 Notre Dame graduate, speaks during the 15th annual Naval Leadership Weekend

University announces addition of new dept.

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The Academic Council approved the College of Science's proposal to create the Department of Applied and Computational Mathematics and Statistics (DACMS) in its meeting Thursday.

The new department will begin its programs for undergraduate and graduate students in the Fall 2010 semester, according to Gregory Crawford, dean of the College of Science.

Crawford said the new department will work closely with the existing Department of Mathematics and with other departments across campus.

"Statistics is so important in all disciplines," he said.

The new department was created in part to enhance the emphasis on statistics at the University, Crawford said.

"We were trying to figure out how to get more statistics at Notre Dame," he said. "If you look at [the U.S. News and World Report rankings of universities for undergraduate education], 15 of the top 20 schools have at least one statistics department. We had to do something."

Although the new department will be the first to concentrate entirely on applied mathematics and statistics at the University, it will not bring an entirely new field of study to Notre Dame.

"Applied mathematicians at Notre Dame already do a lot of statistics and computational

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Club celebrates Arabic language, culture



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Students perform a dance at the third annual Arabic Culture Night Friday in Mendoza's Jordan Auditorium.

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Mendoza's Jordan Auditorium hosted the third annual Arabic Culture Night Friday, as students were able to experience a variety of forms of performing arts from the Middle East.

The event consisted of several folkloric dances from Egypt and Lebanon as well as an oriental dance, a song, a poetry recitation, a comedy play and a slide show showcasing the program of Arabic Language and Culture.

All music, reading and dialogue was in Arabic and performed by students, most of whom are Arabic majors or Mediterranean/Middle East

Studies minors.

Professor Ghada Bualuan, chair of the Arabic Department and director and producer of the event, said it was a great way for students to experience Arabic culture and for the performers at the event to showcase their talents.

"It was a unique opportunity to engage and explore the Arabic culture and forge a deeper connection to its people," she said. "It was also an outlet for students of Arabic to perform on stage in the language and the culture that they are learning in the classroom."

Sophomore Joseph Dufour, vice president of the Arabic Club, said the event was a spe-

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Close SMC friends named co-valedictorians

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

From kindergarten graduation to the College's Commencement, Saint Mary's seniors Audrey Marrah and Carly O'Connor have been through the ups and the downs together.

"We went to the same school since kindergarten and we've been like best friends since eighth grade. We both separately decided to come to Saint Mary's but we've still remained friends," Marrah said.

Marrah and O'Connor have a lot in common. They share the same hometown of Kokomo,

Ind., and they graduated from Northwestern High School together. Marrah and O'Connor achieved the same 4.0 GPA throughout their time at the College, and now, they have been both been awarded the honor of co-valedictorian for Commencement this May.

"I was really excited," Marrah said. "We had been hoping we would be able to share the honor together. My main concern when I found out was 'oh, did Carly get it too?' because it's more fun if we can both share it together."

Marrah said she and O'Connor learned the news via e-mail a few weeks before Spring Break.

"[The e-mail] said I was co-

valuedictorian but it didn't say who else it was going to be," O'Connor said. "So I was really hoping it would be Audrey because I knew that it was likely that she was going to be the valuedictorian."

Because of their friendship and history together, both Marrah and O'Connor said they were excited to share the title of co-valedictorian with each other.

"I'm so excited," O'Connor said. "Having known her for so long, and we were roommates for three semesters and being good friends with her — it's such an honor to share that with her, to share in her hard work and who she is. We get to really

share that honor together and I think it's a really special gift that we've been given."

Though the girls have attended school together since kindergarten, they will part ways post graduation. Marrah, a biology major, said she plans to participate in some international service work after graduation on May 15.

"There's a program in Guyana, South America that I'm looking at," Marrah said. "There's another one through the Holy Cross Brothers over at Notre Dame, and that program's in Uganda."

O'Connor majored in English Literature and plans to attend

graduate school at the John Paul II Institute in Washington, D.C.

"I'll be getting a masters in theology focused on marriage and the family," O'Connor said. "This summer I am working at my parish at home as an intern in Family Life Ministry."

Though they will have to say their goodbyes, both Marrah and O'Connor said they were grateful to share their valedictorian experiences together.

"It's been a wonderful gift and I'm very thankful for it," O'Connor said. "I feel truly blessed."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Home,
sweet home

The flurry of brightly colored stickers in the hallway of my dorm this week are a bit of a throwback to kindergarten, but each time I pass the fluorescent greens and oranges, my heart beats a little bit faster.

These seemingly insignificant dots actually hold the fateful keys to the future of my life in Lyons Hall. Each circle coordinates with a possible home for each Lyonite next year, and room picks have nearly every girl waiting for the end of Tuesday night with bated breath.

Megan Doyle

News
Production
Editor

Each member of my dorm stands waiting with the image of the perfect room in her eye, her lottery number in hand and her future roommate by her side. Should the stars align and the fates act graciously, rooming assignments will fall in into place perfectly. However, as the dots for mock picks are arranged and rearranged, the hints of desperation and drama are beginning to fill the air. Our perfect fourth floor double with the window overlooking the lake is suddenly an object of the most intense competition, and plans to beg and barter our way to that glorious room take shape while the fateful hour draws closer by the minute.

Realistically, we know that we will make the best of our situation, no matter how the cards are dealt. Our current room, though tiny and conveniently located next to the loudest pipes in the building, has been lived in and loved profusely. Yet we are anxiously awaiting the moment when we can escape the liberation of our tiny basement room for the more spacious settlements of the higher floors. As we envision our home for next year — the room that will house our comfortable futon, our many pairs of shoes, our collection of classic Disney movies, and (unfortunately) my roommate's giant cutout of Edward Cullen — can we help it if we find ourselves dreaming? This room will be the stage for Monday night dance parties, delusional pillow talk, late night study sessions, traditional Thursday night watch of The Office and midnight ice cream breaks — and we are carried away by far-fetched hope that our lowly pick No. 55 will secure our choice venue for these events.




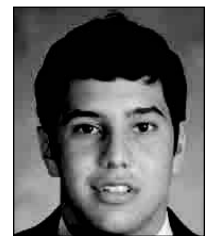

So we watch with fingers crossed for good luck and hearts racing with anticipation as the board begins to fill with bright bubbles and numbers. The luckiest of the Lyonites walk with a certain confidence in their step, secure in their single-digit pick numbers and mentally moving on to determining the layout for next year's rooms. Others check their stickers between classes and fidget during lecture with anxiety. Alternatives are weighed over and over in each girl's head, and all the possible arrangements are considered should reality spiral into the worst-case scenario. We barely dare to breathe, stomachs fluttering, hearts beating furiously, waiting for a place to call home, sweet home.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR SPIRIT ANIMAL?

					
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<i>"Cheetah. Cheetahs are sweet."</i>	<i>"Mufasa!"</i>	<i>"Pegasus!"</i>	<i>"Seahorse, because they have both man and lady parts."</i>	<i>"Tiger."</i>	<i>"A panther."</i>

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



The Notre Dame women's basketball team gets pumped up prior to tip-off against Cleveland State in a first-round NCAA Tournament game at the Purcell Pavilion Sunday afternoon. The Irish scored the victory, 86-58.

OFFBEAT

Airline crew faces jail time for sending sexual texts

DUBAI — Two Emirates airlines cabin crew have been ordered jailed for three months in Dubai over sexually explicit text messages, the latest in a string of indecency cases against foreigners, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The pair, an Indian flight attendant and her cabin services supervisor, were convicted of "coercion to commit sin" over the messages and initially sentenced to six months in jail, The National newspaper said on its website, citing court documents.

The sentence was reduced on appeal last week to three months and deportation orders against the pair were lifted, it added. It did not reveal the content of the messages.

Private school staffer arrested for poisoning soup

LONDON — An investigation has begun at one of Britain's most prestigious private schools after a member of staff was arrested on suspicion of trying to poison the pupils' soup, police said on Wednesday.

Detectives were called to

Stowe School, whose former pupils include billionaire Virgin Group founder Richard Branson, after other members of staff raised the alarm about strange smells in the food last Friday.

"During routine checks, school staff became suspicious that foodstuffs had been tampered with and the police were alerted," said a spokesman for Stowe, set in 750 acres of impressive grounds near Buckingham, 60 miles northwest of London.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

An exhibition titled "All Art is Propaganda" will begin at 8 a.m. today in room 102 in the Hesburgh Library Special Collections.

The Institute for Latino Studies will offer a lecture titled "Migration and Development, Chicago to Guanajuato," which will begin at 4 p.m. today in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The Ph.D in Literature Program is sponsoring colloquium titled "Revolution, Crisis, and Memory: Narratives from the Southern Cone" will take place at 4:30 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.







The Center for Social Concerns will offer a keynote discussion "Faithful to Justice: Religious Voices of Hope in the Black Community," beginning tonight at 6:30 p.m. in Geddes Hall.

The "Prayer from Around the World" series will continue with a Baha'i Devotional Gathering today at 7 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge.

The Notre Dame women's softball team will face Eastern Michigan at 4 p.m. tomorrow in Melissa Cook Stadium.

The Timmy Foundation's 2nd annual global health symposium, "Global Health Equality: A Focus on Haiti," will take place from 2-7 p.m. on Saturday in the Jordan Hall of Science.

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

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Wabruda sponsors Black Man's Think Tank

Weekend event draws in community to focus on progress of African American men in the American economy

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

Members of the South Bend community joined with Notre Dame faculty, staff and students for the third annual Black Man's Think Tank, sponsored by the student group Wabruda, in DeBartolo Hall Saturday.

The weekend's event, "Moving Up in a Down Economy in a Holistic Approach: Mind, Body and Soul" intended to stimulate dialogue about the role of black men in American society.

Wabruda, which takes its name from the Swahili word for "brotherhood," works to promote brotherhood and leader-

ship among black men on campus. Saturday's event aimed to embody the three main themes of Wabruda: community service, intellectual elevation and faith in God, members said.

"It's really helpful to provide useful information to the broader African American community in addition to the wider community," said Wabruda president Jarred Carter, a senior.

He said it was for that reason that the club put more effort into advertising this year, using radio announcements, announcements in local churches, electronic fliers in LaFortune and posters on campus.

"Being on Notre Dame's campus [and] seeing students like ourselves, for an example, is good for the South Bend community," said senior Kevin Fobi, vice president of Wabruda. "Plenty of people live in South Bend but never get to go to campus and see the African Americans who are living at ND and succeeding."

Jeff Jackson, a faculty member from Indiana University, heard about the event from

"Whenever you have an event that empowers African American men it's a must-attend event, because so often we hear the negative," Jackson said. "This is an event that focuses on empowerment and positive aspects of finding balance."

Retired civil engineer Josh Chapple, an active stock market investor and a volunteer in the South Bend community, discussed the mind aspect of the holistic approach to the economy and addressed the young African Americans in the audience as "the future leaders of our community."

Junior Khai Thomas, a member of Wabruda, said he was most looking forward to the speaker who followed Chapple: Chinedum Ndukwe, a former safety on the Notre Dame football team who now plays for the Cincinnati Bengals.

Ndukwe spoke about the body and how physical activity is conducive to a proactive

approach to business and work ethic.

Ndukwe was followed by Dr. Robert Price, an ordained pastor who discussed the role of faith in the management of money.

Following the discussion forum was a luncheon at Legends with a roundtable discussion, a showing of the film "The Pursuit of Happyness" and a Black History Tour of Chicago on Sunday.

Members of Wabruda said they appreciate the events like this weekend's and what the club has done to enhance their college experience.

"It is geared to a certain demographic, but it's open to everyone and we have had members from all walks of life which has been really interesting and really enhanced our experience of being here," Thomas said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Small quake kills 3 in Haiti
PORT-AU-PRINCE — A small earthquake struck northern Haiti early Sunday, collapsing an apartment building and killing at least three people.

Residents said the tremor struck Haiti's second-largest city of Cap-Haitien shortly after midnight, collapsing the four-story building. Some nearby structures were damaged by the collapse but no other effects were reported.

Witnesses said it had been raining, which could have weakened the ground under the structure.

A small, 3.7-magnitude aftershock was felt in Port-au-Prince late Saturday night.

Iran remains cold to Americans

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's supreme leader sharply denounced the United States on Sunday, accusing it of plotting to overthrow its clerical leadership, in a chilly response to an overture by President Barack Obama for better cultural ties with Iran.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei did not outright reject Obama's offer, saying Iran would keep an eye on Washington's intentions. But the supreme leader said that so far, Washington's offers of engagement with Tehran have been a deception.

The exchange was a sign of how Obama's hopes for dialogue with Iran have broken down amid Tehran's rejection of Western demands over its nuclear program and its heavy crackdown on the opposition following disputed presidential elections last June.

NATIONAL NEWS

Boy arrested for harassment

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. — A 16-year-old boy who police said made an announcement at Walmart ordering all black people in the southern New Jersey store to leave was charged with harassment and bias intimidation, authorities said Saturday.

The boy, whose name is not being released because he is a juvenile, went on the intercom at Walmart's Washington Township store Sunday evening and calmly announced: "Attention, Walmart customers: All black people, leave the store now," police said.

The teen was arrested Friday on charges of harassment and bias intimidation. Authorities said he was released to the custody of his parents; they did not know whether he had a lawyer.

Solar park to create energy

LEMOORE, Calif. — Cash-strapped farmers in California's agricultural heartland and environmentalists at odds over water rights and wildlife protections finally agree on something: that thousands of acres of cracked, salty farmland is the perfect site for a sprawling utility-scale solar farm.

The 47 square-miles of land proposed for the Westlands Solar Park in remote Kings and Fresno counties is just one of dozens of unfinished solar projects in California, but renewable energy analysts say it is a rare one that enjoys the broad support of environmental groups, powerful agriculture interests and state government.

Once completed, the first chunk of solar proposed for the site could generate enough power to energize up to one million homes.

LOCAL NEWS

Man dies after crash on runway

LAPORTE, Ind. — A coroner says the body of a man likely lay on a runway at LaPorte Municipal Airport for hours after he was ejected from his car.

LaPorte County Coroner John Sullivan said it was fortunate that no aircraft tried to land Sunday while the body lay on the runway. The airport is not staffed on weekends.

The body of 49-year-old Douglas Justice of Union Mills was found about 130 feet from the car.

Authorities said they believed the crash occurred hours before being reported.

Advocates march in Washington

Thousands rally for immigration reform hoping to get the attention of Congress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON —

Frustrated with the lack of action to overhaul the country's immigration system, thousands of demonstrators rallied on the National Mall and marched through the streets of the capital Sunday, waving American flags and holding homemade signs in English and Spanish.

Supporters traveled from around the country in hopes the rally would re-energize Congress to take up the volatile issue. Some lawmakers oppose any attempt to help an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants become U.S. citizens while others insist on stronger border controls first.

President Barack Obama, who promised to make overhauling the immigration system a top priority in his first year, sought to reassure those at the rally with a video message presented on giant screens at the National Mall. The president said he was committed to working with Congress this year on a comprehensive bill to fix a "broken immigration system."

Obama said problems include families being torn apart, employers gaming the system and police officers struggling to keep communities safe.

The president, whose comments were released as he worked to get last-minute votes on a health care overhaul, said he would do everything in his power to forge a bipartisan consensus on immigration reform.

Some demonstrators were disappointed there hasn't been more action a year into Obama's term.

"I understand it may not all be his fault," said Manuel Bettran, a 21-year-old college student from Chicago. "I am frustrated. I really wish not just him, but everybody, would take it more seriously."



Thousands of immigrant rights advocates pack the National Mall during an immigration reform rally Sunday in Washington.

Bettran arrived in Washington on Sunday morning after a 13-hour bus ride. Like many at the rally, he had a personal connection to the issue. His parents were once illegal immigrants, but were able to take advantage of an amnesty in the 1980s.

"Fortunately, they were able to become citizens during the last amnesty but I know many people that weren't that lucky," said the American-born Bettran, adding that his brother was never able to gain legal status and had to leave the U.S.

Lawmakers failed to agree in 2006 and 2007 when they last tried to overhaul the immigration system, and the political climate is even tougher now.

Sens. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., released an outline of a bill last week that calls for illegal immigrants who want to get on the path to legal status to admit they broke the law by entering the U.S., pay fines and back taxes, and perform community service. They also would be required to pass background checks and be proficient in English before working toward legal residency, required before becoming a citizen.

Ben Jealous, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a speaker at the rally, said the activists no doubt got the attention of lawmakers by converging on the mall "on the one Sunday

Congress was in session."

"I think you'll see a response in the following weeks," he said.

People held signs with slogans such as, "You need us as much as we need you," and "No Human Being is Illegal." Many waved American flags, and a few also carried the banners of their countries of origin.

One group from Queens, N.Y., displayed a giant papier-mache family — a mother and two crying children. The creation, meant to symbolize the way immigration problems have split up families, was the work of teenagers in an after-school program, said Natalia Aristizabal, arts and media educator for the group.

Obama works vote outside of public eye

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No more fiery speeches, no trips to Capitol Hill, no ventures outside the White House gates at all.

President Barack Obama, the most visible spokesman for health care reform, spent the final day of an exhaustive lobbying campaign working from his house.

On any other spring day, Obama might have ventured out for basketball or golf.

The first glimpse of him was not to come until late at night, after the final House vote on legislation to revamp health insurance rules for millions of people. The president was to make a statement from the ornate East Room

when that last tally had come in.

The announcement of that plan alone showed the White House was sensing victory.

Yet two photos released by the White House showed the carefully hand-picked images of a president in a serious fight for votes until the end on Sunday.

In one, Obama was on a cell phone talking to an unidentified lawmaker from the office of his chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel. The president was surrounded by Emanuel and four other legislative and political advisers. There wasn't a smile in the room.

The other photo showed Obama in the Oval Office, sleeves rolled up, working the phones again in conversation with another unnamed law-

maker.

The one big burst of Obama news came about 4 p.m. by press release from his staff.

Obama revealed he would issue an executive order to make sure that the emerging health care legislation would uphold all federal funding restrictions on abortion. That step had the enormously important effect of locking in the votes of a bloc of anti-abortion House Democrats.

Overall, aides said the president spent his day bouncing between phone calls, updates from his advisers, and drop-ins on his staff. The workmanlike approach yielded the spotlight to Democratic House members, as well as the Republican lawmakers striving stop the legislation.

Arabic

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cial opportunity to share Arabic culture with the rest of the University.

“Students were able to enjoy song, dance, poetry and imagery that they wouldn’t otherwise likely get to experience at Notre Dame,” he said. “It’s really a one-of-a-kind event and has grown in performances and popularity every year.”

Junior Victoria Braga, a member of the Arabic Club, said the format of the event has grown stronger with each passing year.

“Students attending the event hopefully learned more about Arabic Language and Culture,” she said. “This is the ultimate goal of the event, and we are happy that it seems the event has met its goal not only this year but in all of the past three years of its existence.”

Bualuan said the inspiration for an event to share Middle Eastern culture came from students and from her own husband.

“I started it two years ago with the idea of creating an opportunity for Arabic major students to connect to Arabic history and

culture through music and arts,” she said. “Also, my husband produced several international festivals over 15 years ago at Notre Dame as a student, and I knew that his experience would be very useful.”

Dufour said the event was a success because it blended performance with education.

“Everyone there seemed to really enjoy the night whether they study Arabic or not,” he said. “It showcased aspects of the Arabic culture that people may not know about or [to people] who don’t study Arabic, especially since the readings and

song in Arabic all had English translations on an accompanying slideshow to the event.”

Bualuan echoed Dufour’s sentiment, noting that attendance at the event was very strong, with Jordan Auditorium at standing room only capacity. She said over 350 students attended, and their response was positive.

“They were very excited, and the event has grown each year. I’ve already received many emails from students who were in the audience saying that they want to be part of the show next year,” she said.

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DACMS

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modeling,” Crawford said. “By creating a statistics department, we’re expanding on the applied mathematics and computation already going on.”

Creating DACMS will not significantly affect the existing Department of Mathematics, Crawford said.

“Both departments will be very well resourced,” he said.

According to Crawford, the new department will have an interdisciplinary research and teaching focus.

“Since statistics is so important in all disciplines, as the department starts to grow, the new department will cooperate with other departments,” he said.

He cited offering statistics courses that are geared to social science, engineering and biology majors as areas in which the new department will affect undergraduates in other disciplines.

Crawford said he expects DACMS to remain a relatively small department but said it will have a high number of faculty members who have joint or concurrent appointments in other departments.

The planned size of the new department is consistent with statistics departments at other universities, Crawford said.

“[Statistics departments] tend to be very collaborative and do more interdisciplinary work,” he said. “[DACMS] will work

with other departments and colleges to hire jointly with them.”

Graduate students in the new department will have a unique role that is consistent with the department’s interdisciplinary mission. Instead of only serving as teaching assistants, graduate students will also serve as collaborative assistants (CAs).

CAs will be available to assist faculty members and graduate students from other departments and colleges with the statistical elements of their research.

“This will stimulate the cross-disciplinary research that’s going on at Notre Dame,” Crawford said. “It’s very exciting for [the College of] Science to offer this to the other colleges on campus.”

The new department will sponsor its own major in applied and computational mathematics and statistics. Students who graduate with an undergraduate degree from DACMS will have graduate school options in

diverse fields, including economics, sociology, psychology, engineering and science, Crawford said.

Alumni of the program will also have options in the private sector.

“It’s a very applied degree, so industry is looking for applied mathematicians and statisticians, as are hospitals,” Crawford said. “Most companies are looking for people with computational savvy.”

Crawford said creating the new department does not affect the College of Science’s commitment to the Department of Mathematics.

“The investment is going into the new department and the existing mathematics department,” he said. “It’s very important that both departments grow together.”

“We have an excellent mathematics department here.”

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speakers provided valuable personal testimonies about some of the dangerous experiences they have had as Marines.

“On Friday, First Sgt. William Bodette told a lot of personal, anecdotal stories that were both funny and informative on what it would be like to be in combat,” Rieger said, “I think he was one of the favorites because you can’t really teach about war unless you’ve been in it. He gave the audience a real life, personal account.”

A panel titled “Addressing the Threat of Non-State Actors Within and Across State Boundaries: Our Rights and Duties” took place Saturday morning, and ROTC students could ask four panelists questions about becoming junior officers.

Rieger said Saturday’s later events were the most significant for her.

“The culminating and biggest event of the weekend was dinner on Saturday night. We all went to the Stadium press box for dinner. Lt. Gen. Joseph Dunford Jr., one of the most respected officers in the Marine Corps, spoke at dinner,” Rieger said. “It was interesting to hear his thoughts on leadership, ethics and where our military is headed.”

Cassani said bringing Dunford to campus was not easy.

“It was really difficult contacting such a high-ranking officer as a midshipman in order to ask him to speak,” Cassani said. “We really were so honored to have him, a three-star general, as our final speaker.”

Cassani also said having a young former Marine at the event was a valuable experience for attendees.

“In addition to the lieutenant general being a highlight, Mr. Jacob Cusack, a 2004 ND grad and former Marine, was another favorite,” she said. “He was really relatable, being so close to our age, and focused on what junior officers will be experiencing once commissioned and deployed.”

Cusack is now out of the Marines and attends Harvard Business School.

Cassani said she has been planning the event since August with a committee of ROTC sophomores and juniors.

“I think the best aspect of NLW is that it is put together completely by students. It is an endeavor put on by juniors and sophomores in college,” Rieger said. “Arianna deserves so much credit for the work she put into the event.”

Rieger said the weekend’s events were useful in educating the University as a whole about the ROTC program.

“We always get a lot of questions about all the people in uniform, so I think it is interesting for students outside of ROTC to know why there are people here

in uniform learning about Notre Dame, taking over South Dining Hall and flooding DeBartolo,” Rieger said. “NLW is not only good for our ROTC unit, but also good for the school.”

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IN BRIEF

Germany refuses aid to Greece

BERLIN — Rebuffing EU officials in Brussels, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Sunday that Greece does not need any financial help and that EU leaders should not make aid an issue at their summit in Brussels this week.

The European Commission had urged Germany and other eurozone governments to put up a package of government-to-government loans to ease Greece's financial plight and end weeks of financial turmoil.

The chancellor warned against discussions of possible EU bailout plans at the Thursday summit.

Germany — Europe's biggest economy — has been reluctant to pledge direct financial aid because German public opinion takes a dim view of the shoddy statistics-keeping that has long hidden the true size of Greek deficits.

On Thursday, Greece warned it would be forced to turn to the IMF for help — which would be an embarrassment for the single currency bloc — if the EU fails to extend any concrete support package.

Greece's mounting debts hit confidence in the euro and jolted world markets.

Investors accept bad numbers

NEW YORK — The housing market is still in bad shape, but investors don't seem to mind.

While this week brings reports on sales of new and existing homes in February, there are no signs of heightened anxiety in the stock market. That's a big change from one and two years ago, when these numbers were often horrific enough to send investors running. In recent months, traders have shrugged off some ugly figures. The reason: Steady home prices are good enough for now.

Even tentative stability is welcome news after price drops of more than 50 percent in some markets. The slide in prices pounded consumers whose home is often their single biggest investment. The number of foreclosures is still going up, but they are happening at a slower pace. That's allowing the real estate market to absorb the added supply without sending prices spiraling again.

Many investors think that housing won't cause more huge problems for the economy if prices hold.

Toyota faces more legal trouble

Automaker's shareholders sue over fallen stock price, claim company misled them

Associated Press

MIAMI — Toyota shareholders incensed over a sudden drop in the Japanese automaker's stock price are heading to court with lawsuits claiming company executives deliberately misled investors and the public about the depth of accelerator problems in millions of its vehicles.

At least three proposed class-action lawsuits filed by Toyota investors say the company gave false initial assurances that the sudden acceleration problem was a simple matter of floor mats trapping gas pedals, helping prop up the stock price.

The shareholder cases are part of an avalanche of potentially costly lawsuits against Toyota Motor Corp. over the acceleration issue, including those filed by crash victims and their families and those brought by Toyota owners contending their vehicles are worth far less because of the recalls.

The investor lawsuits say Toyota spread misleading information through press releases, conference calls with stock analysts and TV interviews to assure stockholders and the public that the accelerator problem was easily fixed or might be the driver's fault.

Instead, the lawsuits contend, top Toyota executives have known for nearly a decade that faulty electronic throttle controls caused vehicles to sometimes careen wildly out of control but covered it up to protect the company's reputation for safety — and its stock price. The company has not issued any recalls involving flaws in the electronic throttles and has repeatedly denied they are the problem.

U.S.-listed shares rose from just over \$75 on Oct. 5, the day of the floor mat recall, to above \$90 on Jan. 21, when Toyota announced another recall



In this Feb. 7 photo, the tail ends of unsold 2010 Toyota Prius sedans form a long line at a Toyota dealership in Lakewood, Colo.

— over gas pedals it says can stick in certain conditions.

After that, the stock price fell, dropping 16 percent as of early March. Shares have since rebounded somewhat, closing Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange at \$79.34, but some investors say the recovery did not prevent them from losing potentially millions of dollars as the stock was dropping.

Since the sticky pedal recall in late January, Toyota's total U.S. market capitalization has fallen 13 percent to \$135.87 billion. In trading on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Toyota shares also have lost nearly 17 percent of their value since Jan. 21. That's wiped out about 2.27 trillion yen

(\$25.1 billion) of the company's market capitalization there.

Toyota declined comment because the cases are pending in court. The company has repeatedly denied its electronic throttle controls are to blame for sudden acceleration.

In the lawsuits, the shareholders are asking a judge to certify a "class" of plaintiffs that would represent all Toyota shareholders in the U.S. who held company stock on specific dates. If Toyota is found liable, damages could easily run into the hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars.

The shareholder lawsuits are pending in federal court in California, the location of Toyota's North

American headquarters.

In one of the lawsuits, Toyota stockholder Harry Stackhouse of Richboro, Pa., contends the company "misled investors by failing to disclose that there was a major design defect in Toyota's acceleration system, which could cause unintended acceleration."

"This drop removed the inflation from Toyota's securities prices, causing real economic loss to investors who had purchased securities," said Stackhouse, who said he bought 40 shares in 2009 just as the acceleration problems became known.

A hearing is scheduled next week in San Diego on whether to consolidate the dozens of Toyota owners' class-action lawsuits.

MSU program targets counterfeiting

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The fight against fake products has found a home at Michigan State University with the launch of the Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection Program.

"The FBI has called (it) 'the crime of the 21st century,'" university spokesman Andy Henion wrote on the school's Web site. "The counterfeiting of products from pharmaceuticals to food additives to auto parts accounts for hundreds of billions of dollars in global trade."

Michigan State's program is designed to fill what Henion said is a need for research on the world-

wide phenomenon and "evidence-based strategies" to fight it.

Counterfeiting is more than an economic crime against the companies whose goods are faked, the university said. The damage extends to health, the environment and national security, it said.

"We're blending the different sciences and bringing something unique to the table here," said the program's director, criminal justice associate professor Jeremy Wilson. "Our goal is to serve as an international hub for anti-counterfeiting."

Wilson said the program is a response to requests from businesses for help. He said the interdisciplinary program encompasses criminal justice, food safety, inter-

national business, engineering, public health and communications.

One of its first projects was to create a database of U.S. product counterfeiting cases from 2000 on, Wilson said in a statement.

Another project includes development of a DNA marker embedded in textiles that could be used to determine the authenticity of items such as purses and clothing.

Major focuses of the program include counterfeiting of pharmaceuticals in Africa and food additives in China.

"Product counterfeiting is a risk to ... exploited workers and it's a risk to the consumer," said program associate director John Spink. "This is clearly not a victimless crime."

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VIEWPOINT

Interconnectedness at the Indiana Dunes

As April warmly approaches, I am winding up my year-long senior thesis project on the preservation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Now that I'm nearing completion, I realize that most of what I've learned is in the value of complicating my outlook on the world, of forcing myself to see things as more than just black or white, positive or negative. When we stop looking for a bad guy and realize that "bad guys" exist in all of us, the real lesson becomes interconnectedness and even attacking the bad guy within.

As a history major, most of my research has been archival. About once a month, I drive to Gary, Ind., to peruse the Calumet Regional Archives, the best archive around of recent dunes history and steel in northwest Indiana.

Oh, the faces I get. I wish I could share them in this medium, but alas you will have to imagine them yourself.

"Gary? Got your bullet-proof windows ready?"

"Try not to breathe the air."

"You couldn't think of a better place to study environmental history?"

Well the truth is, yes, I can think of many places much more picturesque than Gary (although I appreciate the concern if you are one of the worried friends quoted above). But in ignoring the industry, pollution and poverty that proliferate in Gary, we miss the full narrative not just of preservation movements, but of our society as a fully interconnected body.

Preserved land in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore covers 20 miles of shoreline from Gary (home to what was

once U.S. Steel's largest integrated steel plant worldwide) to Michigan City, Ind. (home to the smokestacks of the Michigan City Generating Station). Congress officially preserved this unlikely candidate for a National Lakeshore in 1966, during the simultaneous construction of a public port, two steel mills and a coal-generated power plant within the Lakeshore's outer boundaries.

The case of the dunes appears at first glance as no escape from industry. The National Park Service official map for Indiana Dunes has organic greens, browns and tans that connote parkland, while dull grays (bereft of labels) signify industry. This color choice attempts to convince the visitor that the dunes are the serene retreat from mankind after which National Park Service patrons pine, yet no visitor could drive to the dunes from any direction without passing evidence of man-made power and filth.

And yet, the value of the dunes remains inside of this difficult attempt to mask the sullied as pristine. While hiking through most sections of the park, the marsh or dunes feel expansive and pure, as if they could continue for miles. When the mills are out of sight, the pristine nature in some form exists — the dunes are the seventh-most bio-diverse park in the National Park system, even in the Rustbelt of America (or "Cancer Alley," I once heard the area from Chicago to South Bend called).

Treating the industry as evil and the park as good, however, misses the mark of a broader understanding of the connectedness of American structures. Most visitors to the National Lakeshore come either from Chicago or northwest Indiana — the two places requiring power that made building the steel mills and generating plants necessary in the first place. Our daily lives and

the city of Chicago's buildings themselves would be radically different without the industry in northwest Indiana.

Additionally, the "evil industry" helped advocates of the dunes establish the patchwork collection of natural lands in northwest Indiana as a National Lakeshore. The "bad guy" of the steel mills proved villainous enough for Congress to okay a Lakeshore out of sympathy for the residents who would have to live adjacent to this industry in the future.

Even the mobile sign of industry in the park, the railroad, also acts as a way to bring visitors to the dunes on the South Shore rail line. Nearby pollution-hazard Chicago also makes the population big enough for the annual visitation of the park to rival that of Yellowstone. The lines between the evil of filth, industry and civilization — of which Gary and Michigan City so profanely remind us — blur with the good of preservation, nature and untaintedness that the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore symbolize.

Good and evil only exists in stories — and even then, it can be problematic (cue Darth Vader music). The Rustbelt of America in which we live might disgust us with its industrial grime, but it also has provided a catalyst for the establishment of some of the most unique lands in our nation. Exploring the connected nature of good and evil can help us work within structures; we can see the world in shifting hues of green and brown instead of characterizing all in the unforgiving decisiveness of black and white.

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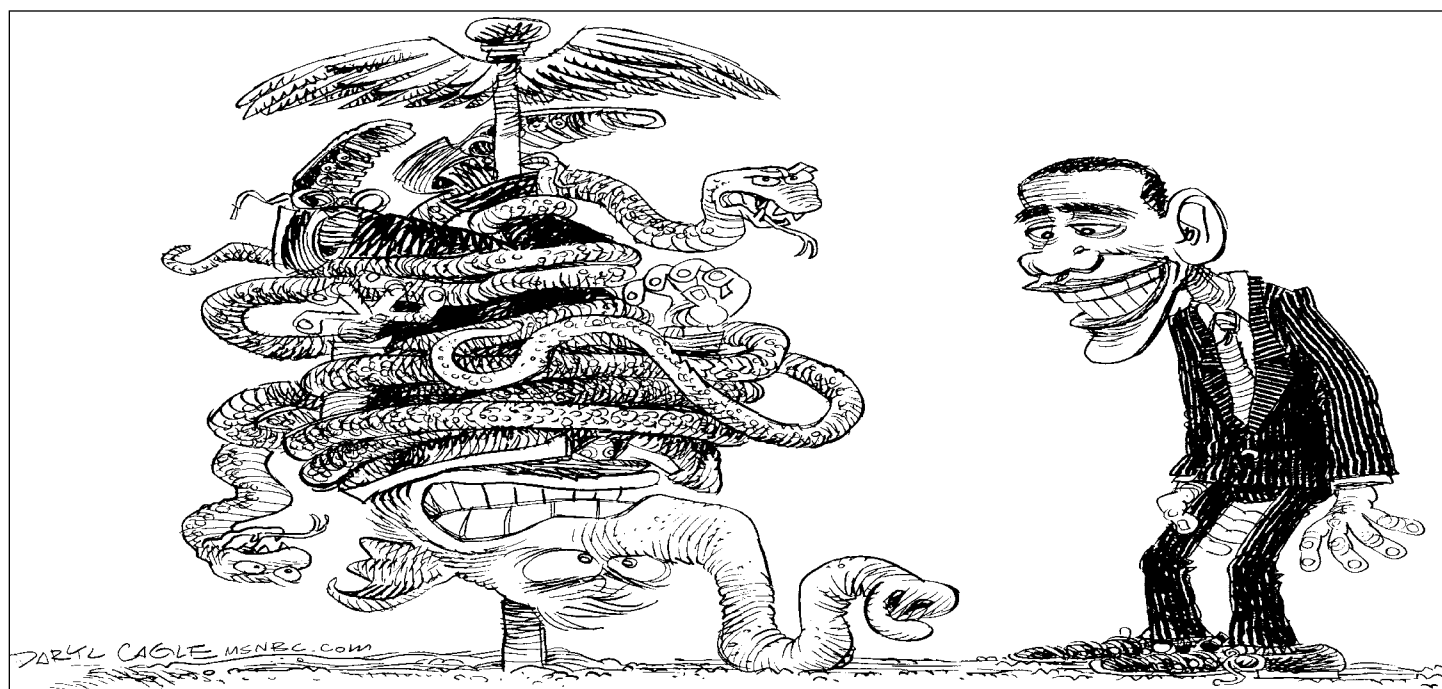
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Treat the other man's faith gently;
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thoughts, not yours or mine."*

Henry S. Haskins
U.S. writer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wounded Warrior Project

We must increase responsiveness to the needs of our wounded veterans. The difficulties involved in caring for those who have experienced psychological and physical harm during combat are well-documented. The Wounded Warrior Project is a nation-wide organization that honors and empowers military personnel who were severely injured while serving our country. More than 500,000 troops have been wounded in recent conflicts, many of them suffering traumatic brain injuries, amputations, severe burns and post-traumatic stress disorder. The Wounded Warrior Project's goal is to ensure that this is the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded soldiers in our nation's history.

WWP encompasses numerous programs, from legislative advocacy to provision of counseling services to help in occupational transition to the civilian sector. There are many local veterans in our area who benefit from the WWP.

I would like to invite and encourage the student body, faculty, staff and community to participate in the March Madness 10K this Saturday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m. The community service clubs of the Tri-Military ROTC units here at Notre Dame are sponsoring this race, with all proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Project. Registration is \$15 and includes a t-shirt, refreshments after the race and a chance to win a Chipotle gift card. Registration is available on race day, as well as online at <http://www.nd.edu/~trident/>. Come. We owe it to our wounded warriors.

Geralyn Janke
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Music program left in capable hands

In the past weeks, we have read many letters in the Viewpoint section about Gail Walton and her legacy. Through reading those testimonies, we are reminded that none who knew her can ever forget the impact she had on their lives. As Holy Week approaches, it is difficult to imagine those sacred days without Gail Walton. But like any good teacher, Gail didn't do it all on her own; she surrounded herself with talented men and women who shared in her mission of performing sacred music worthy of our faith and our community. Of these, none was more trusted by Gail than Dr. Andrew McShane, the Basilica's Assistant Director of Music. For nearly 20 years, Gail and Andy worked side-by-side at Campus Ministry, and to know Gail was to understand her trust in and reliance on Andy and his professional abilities.

Certainly her trust alone would be reason enough for us to have full faith in her friend and colleague, but those of us who have had the privilege to sing in the Liturgical Choir, the Women's Liturgical Choir or the Basilica Schola have more reason than Gail's trust alone: We've seen him at work. Through innumerable weddings, daily masses and weekend liturgies, we've witnessed his dedication to sacred music. Andrew McShane has worked tirelessly alongside Gail and Notre Dame's other talented choral directors at our University's occasions for celebration: Junior Parents' Weekends, Baccalaureate Masses, Alumni Weekends, openings of school years and countless others. He also has helped lead us in musical prayer during times of loss and mourning, including Pope John Paul II's death, the aftermath of Sept. 11 and the funerals of Father Joyce and other beloved members of the Notre Dame family.

Andy is an example of strength to us. In Gail's sickness, he shouldered the bulk of her responsibilities while caring for the emotional well-being of his choir — a feat that demonstrated his exceptional leadership. While supporting his best friend through a life-threatening illness, he managed to maintain the same standard of musical excellence that he learned from Gail. Indeed, it was Andy who directed the music for Gail's own funeral, an occasion none present will ever forget. Even if we had only that one sad instance as an example, we would know that though we mourn the loss of Gail, we needn't mourn music at the Basilica. It will never be the same without her, but knowing that Gail's work will pass into the hands of her dear friend and colleague, we feel confident that Andy's unique direction and leadership will continue Gail's work of raising our hearts and minds to God. And knowing him ourselves, we confidently and eagerly look forward to the continued development of the music at the Basilica of the Sacred heart in the care of a great musician, dedicated professional, gifted teacher, charismatic leader and excellent friend, Dr. Andrew McShane.

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COLLEGE NEWS NETWORK

Who are the 'Mythica'?

By now, those of you who pay attention to these kinds of things (or, at the very least, read The Minnesota Daily's Opinion section on a regular basis) are probably familiar with Chatroulette, the recent Web site fad that lets you have video conversations with random people. Chatroulette is the culmination of an important progression in the way that people interact on the Internet, as it is one of the few Web sites that allow you to interact with real people. Let me extrapolate somewhat on this notion of "real people."

Sam Blake
The Minnesota Daily

The Internet is a massive collaboration of the individual efforts of many people, blah, blah, blah, you've heard this all before. But in our usual human tendency to simplify complicated systems into nice, unitary objects, we often forget that the Internet, as we know it (that is, as a social construct rather than a technical one), is made entirely out of the output of human endeavor. These people — precious, unique snowflakes though they may be — get lost in the cacophony of constant information the Internet provides.

So, let us ask ourselves: Do real people exist on the Internet? This seems like a stupid question for the very convenient reason that it is one. Of course real people exist on the Internet; after all, nothing on the Internet would exist were that not the case.

So let's be a little more precise. When interacting with people, however indirectly, by using the Internet, are we actually interacting with people? Or are we just consuming some information that some person at one time created? If the latter is the case, then we are not, in fact, interacting with "people" in the traditional social sense of the word, but we are instead just manipulating the same data stream.

There is a classic problem in the field of semantics of concepts that have no word associated with them. Incidentally, the notion of a concept without a word, insofar as I can tell, does not have a word to denote it. This means that that notion is "autological" — describes itself — or at least it would be if it had a name, which it doesn't, and if it had a name it would no longer be autological, which makes it an instance of the Grelling-Nelson paradox. Isn't semantics fun?

The solution, of course, is making up new words as they are needed. For our purposes, we will refer to our data-generating pseudo-people as the Mythica. As with classical myth, we use the concept of the Mythica as a sort of origin story explaining the people who we infer to exist from the artifacts we see. The Mythica are people in the same way that the Sumerians were people: We have convincing records of their existence, but given that we have never interacted with them, it's impossible for us to have any sort of social relationship with them.

Practically speaking, then, who are the Mythica? This isn't terribly obvious. Which people

online are actually "people" (perceptually speaking), and which of them are just the remnants of data? If you wanted to be especially technical, all online interactions are strictly data, but let's try to come up with a reasonable definition. To do this, let's look at how the Internet has evolved over time.

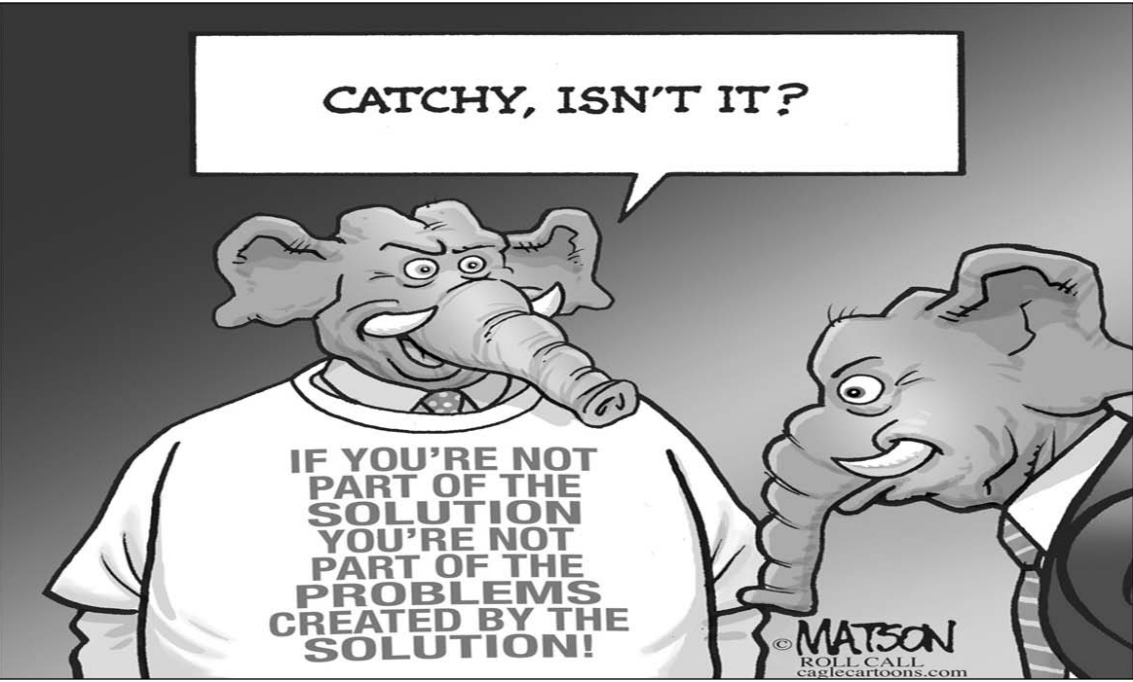
In the good old days, the Internet was predominantly an interaction-based medium, populated by bulletin boards, newsgroups and chat rooms. These kinds of environments often fostered communities where people were acquainted with one another; people had reputations and interacted more or less as equals. But as the Internet grew in popularity, there was a shift, which is still evident today, towards content-based media. Blogs replaced bulletin boards, Wikipedia and news aggregators replaced newsgroups, and YouTube replaced chat rooms. These new media still have "communities" in a sense, but instead of being defined by established relationships between members, they are usually defined by pervasive cultural norms, or memes. Some people may have status, but generally, the community is too large to have a coherent basis of relationships, and so communication by meme becomes a necessity.

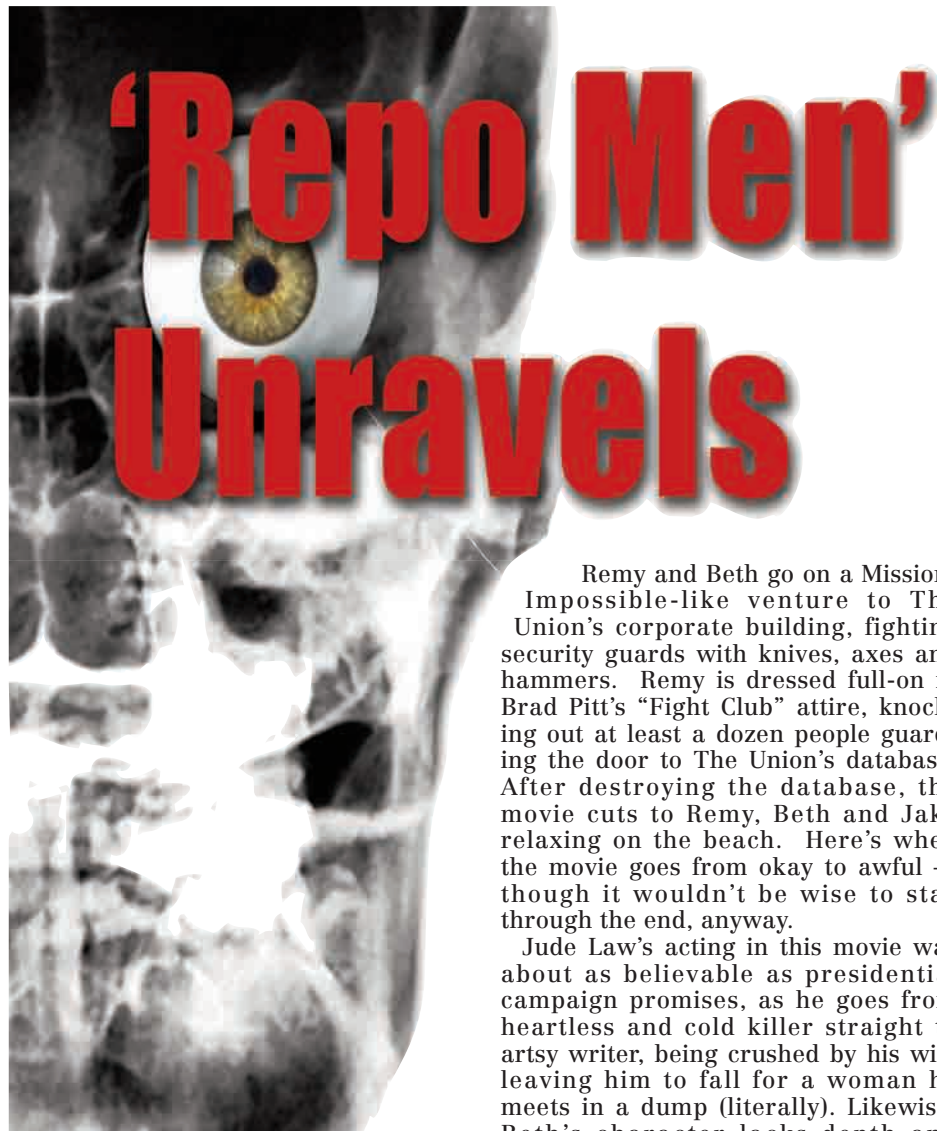
However, as social media become the norm, some new systems are beginning to return to the interaction model. Chatroulette is an excellent example; there are no kings on Chatroulette. There are no memes that define that culture (unless you count masturbation). Chatroulette is a technology that harkens back to the old Internet, where people talked to people instead of just digesting content. The people you see on Chatroulette are "real people;" you may not have a pre-existing social relationship with them, but you do interact on a personal, rather than cultural, level.

So let us once again address the question: Who are the Mythica? They are everyone who has contributed in some way towards your personal experience using the Internet but that you don't actually know in any meaningful way. The Mythica is not an actual entity; rather, it is a psychological defense mechanism. Our brains are simply not capable of processing the complexity of the social structure that the Internet actually represents, so we simplify until we reach a model that we can handle. The Mythica as we understand it is that intellectual reduction: millions and millions of people, all reduced into a nice, thick syrup, perfect for serving on ice cream or over poires belle Hélène. But if you don't like pears (though I can't understand why that would be the case), you might consider adopting habits of Internet use that involve real people and not the ones that don't actually exist.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON





By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

This movie had all the pieces for a decent, or possibly really good movie: thought-provoking social commentary, high-tempo action sequences and solid actors like Jude Law and Forest Whitaker.

However, a sloppy story line and a horrendous, "surprise" ending made this movie as much a waste of two hours as standing in line at Reckers after parietals. If you were planning on seeing "Repo Men," I'd suggest saving the \$7.50 and avoid being sorely disappointed.

The story is set in the future, where The Union is a large corporation selling artificial organs to the sick. The corporation corners the sick into buying these at an unreasonably high price, getting loans with "19 percent APR." A select group of The Union are designated "Repo Men" who are in charge of seizing the organs from those who defaulted on their loan. The movie shows these men as brutally knocking out their "jobs," slicing them open and reclaiming the organs while letting the patient bleed to death.

Jude Law's character, Remy, is one of these Repo Men, but ends up needing an artificial heart. When he can't pay for the heart, he becomes another client who is past due. Through this experience, Remy doubts and questions his identity and the legitimacy of The Union, and develops a love interest with a fellow past-due woman, Beth (Alice Braga), evading the Repo Men.

Eventually, Remy's good friend Jake (Forest Whitaker) must hunt down Remy and seize the artificial heart.

Remy and Beth go on a Mission-Impossible-like venture to The Union's corporate building, fighting security guards with knives, axes and hammers. Remy is dressed full-on in Brad Pitt's "Fight Club" attire, knocking out at least a dozen people guarding the door to The Union's database. After destroying the database, the movie cuts to Remy, Beth and Jake relaxing on the beach. Here's when the movie goes from okay to awful — though it wouldn't be wise to stay through the end, anyway.

Jude Law's acting in this movie was about as believable as presidential campaign promises, as he goes from heartless and cold killer straight to artsy writer, being crushed by his wife leaving him to fall for a woman he meets in a dump (literally). Likewise, Beth's character lacks depth and dynamic.

The biggest bright spot of the movie is when a nine-year old girl performs surgery and is absolutely adorable in doing so. Also, Forest Whitaker provides a great portrayal of his character and convincingly progresses from believing "a job's a job" to trying to protect and provide for his friend.

However, these positives are overwhelmingly shadowed by the horrendous conclusion. Not only was it completely unnecessary, but it also fails to follow the progression of the movie.



"Repo Men"

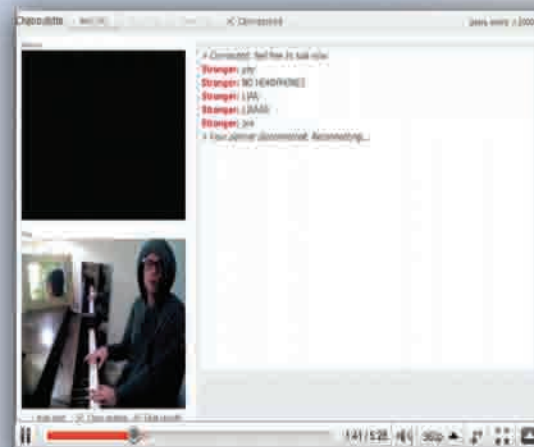
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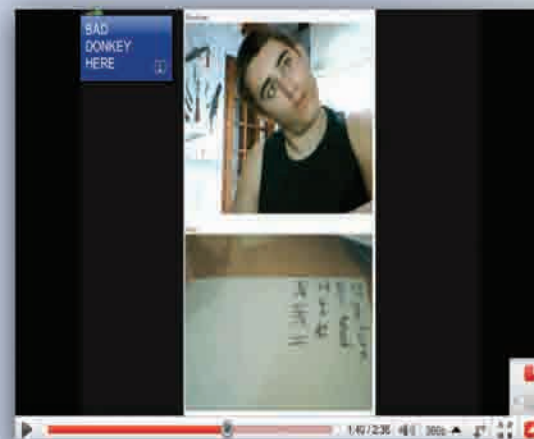


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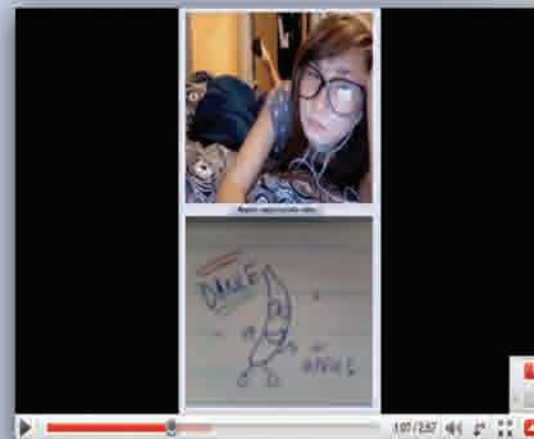
Improv piano player makes songs about these ChatRoulette partners.

Best of ChatRoulette



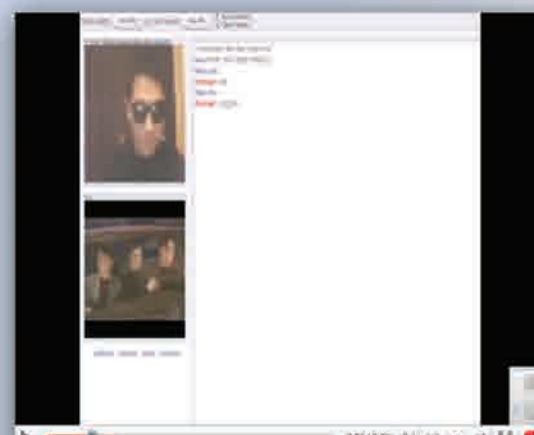
A note telling people, "If you turn your head, I win" works every time.

DANCE or Get Out! funny ChatRoulette



Obey and groove.

ChatRoulette – What is Love?



People nod their heads to a clip from "A Night at the Roxbury."

March Sadness



by Caitlin Ferraro

- 1 ☒ "Break Your Heart" - Taio Cruz ft. Ludacris
- 2 ☒ "My Life Would Suck Without You" - Glee
- 3 ☒ "Who Knew" - Pink
- 4 ☒ "Tell Me Why" - Taylor Swift
- 5 ☒ "You Are Not Alone" - Michael Jackson
- 6 ☒ "Lean on Me" - Al Green
- 7 ☒ "Smile" - Nat King Cole
- 8 ☒ "Keep Holding On" - Glee
- 9 ☒ "Big Girls Don't Cry (Remix)" - Fergie ft. Sean Kingston
- 10 ☒ "I Want to Hold Your Hand" - Across the Universe
- 11 ☒ "I Say a Little Prayer" - Aretha Franklin
- 12 ☒ "I'll Be There" - Jackson 5

Notre Dame lost to Old Dirty in the first round. Northern Iowa Farouk-ed your bracket by beating Kansas. The St. Patrick's Day celebration is clearly over. Perhaps you're heartbroken and need a shoulder to cry on. So, if things aren't going your way this March, here is a playlist full of songs expressing sadness, shock or comfort to get you through the tough week ahead.

You can find the whole playlist on the Observer website, www.ndsmcobserver.edu



Music Under the Radar that Should Be on Your Mainstream

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Scene Writer

Have you ever been in a conversation with someone who's name-dropped a band and you've nodded emphatically, agreeing that said band is so good/cool/innovative, only to completely forget the name the minute you walk away?

Fear no more, because here is a list of some of the most noteworthy music out there today, at least in the category of slightly-more-important. Did I unfor-givably ignore your favorite? E-mail me and maybe I'll include it in the next list.

Damien Rice

If you have never heard of this guy, drop the paper and go YouTube him right now. He's probably the most swoon-worthy cult indie artist of our time, and most people who have heard him swear to have a deep, personal relationship with him. Epic folk songs indeed.

Tracks to tap: "The Blower's Daughter," "9 Crimes," "Cannonball"

Alexi Murdoch

This man is the Damien Rice of Scotland. Other than the ubiquitous teen-TV-series-exploited "Orange Sky," Murdoch's music was featured heavily in the movie "Away We Go." His grainy bari-tone lends itself perfectly to the wistful but hopeful lyrics that politely tug at the heart.

Tracks to tap: "Orange Sky," "Breathe," "Song For You"

Amos Lee

Lee is far more soul than folk but has the sensibility to be delicate with his songs. Lee's music doesn't favor love stories of the wistful but is heavy on the social justice — which he does well.

His music gracefully marries acoustic and plugged-in. It's jam-wor-thy in the way that makes you want to lean back and drink a cold iced-tea.

Tracks to tap: "Street Corner Preacher," "Shout Out Loud," "Supply and Demand"

The Bird and the Bee

This electronic pop duo had minor success with their "Grey's Anatomy" soundtrack song, "Again and Again." Inara George's light but pointed voice makes all of her lyrics seem slightly tongue-in-cheek. But that doesn't detract from this band's pop flavor that

balances Los Angeles sunshine with New York savvy.

Tracks to tap: "Again and Again," "Love Letter to Japan," "F*cking Boyfriend"

Frightened Rabbit

This indie band is from Scotland and belts out lyrics that beg to be lapped up. Slightly quirky but always positive, these guys just released a new album, solidifying their position in the indie-cult arena. And they're just a bit more accessible than, say, the Shins, which is a plus.

Tracks to tap: "Keep Yourself Warm," "Old Old Fashioned," "Swim Until You Can't See Land"

The Gabe Dixon Band

Piano rock with a folk-kick that ends up being the most delicious trio band experience this side of Nashville. The fact that most of their music is so piano-driven means that even when it's heavy, it's not overwhelming. They deliver feel-good music with an inventive take on love and life. Note: this band will make you curse your parents for letting you drop piano lessons in the fifth grade.

Tracks to tap: "Find My Way," "All Will Be Well," "Five More Hours"

Josh Ritter (pictured)

A man of blat-tant Americana and the Irish — the nationality, not Notre Dame — love him. But we should, because he's unafraid to bounce back and forth between truly folk and lyrically hip. Ritter seems to have cornered (or created) the market for indie-country-folk, and many of his songs are quite radio-worthy.

Tracks to tap: "Snow is Gone," "Good Man," "The Temptation of Adam"

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Jose Gonzalez

A man and his guitar, and that is all you need. His circular strumming patterns become hypnotic, and on them Gonzalez layers some of the most poignant poetry of the New Folk movement. He can either be tempered home-work tunes or the backdrop of a soul-searching conversation.

Tracks to tap: "Heartbeats," "Teardrop," "Crosses"



NCAA Men’s BASKETBALL

Michigan State beats Maryland at buzzer

Dale’s 26 points help No. 12 Cornell upset No. 4 Wisconsin to become first Ivy League team to Sweet 16 in 30 years

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Korie Lucious hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to cap a frenetic finish and give injury-depleted Michigan State an 85-83 victory over Maryland on Sunday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

After star guard Kalin Lucas went down with a leg injury, the Spartans blew a 16-point lead in the second half. Greivis Vasquez’s basket put Maryland ahead 83-82 with 6 seconds left, but Michigan State inbounded immediately and pushed up the floor.

The ball went to Lucious, Lucas’ replacement, at the top of the key and he drained a 3 just in time, setting off a wild celebration as jubilant Spartans players streamed off the bench.

“I had an open look. Time was running down. I just shot it and it went in,” Lucious said.

No. 5 seed Michigan State advanced to play ninth-seeded Northern Iowa on Friday in the Midwest Regional semifinals in St. Louis. The Panthers pulled off the most stunning upset of the tournament Saturday, beating top-seeded Kansas 69-67.

If the Spartans are going to go any further, however, they’ll probably have to do it without their floor leader.

Moments after his team’s thrilling victory, Michigan State coach Tom Izzo revealed sobering news about Lucas, saying the junior guard likely has a torn Achilles’ tendon. That would make it almost impossible for him to play in the round of 16 — or beyond.

“That poor kid, he was devastated,” Izzo said. “It’s a shame for him. But it’s part of athletics and we’re just going to have to move on.”

Izzo added that the diagnosis was not definite because Lucas had yet to have an X-ray on MRI, “but the prognosis is 85 percent of that.”

A two-time all-Big Ten selection, Lucas got hurt with 2:28 remaining in the first half and did not return. He came back to the bench with 12½ minutes to play wearing a hooded sweat shirt and sweat pants, with a walking boot on his left foot and ankle.

Lucas scored a career-high 25 points in Michigan State’s first-round victory over New Mexico State.

Durrell Summers had 26 points in this one for the Spartans (26-8), who also played without starting guard Chris Allen (foot) for most of the game. Summers responded with by far his best NCAA tournament performance in 11 outings.

Vasquez led the fourth-seeded Terrapins (24-9) with 26 points. He sparked their late comeback by scoring nine of Maryland’s final 11 points in the last two minutes.

After his winning shot, Lucious backpedaled down the court and the entire Michigan State team — minus Lucas — dogpiled on him under the Maryland basket. Even the mascot got into the act.

Lucious, a sophomore, matched his season high with 13 points.

“I told our team when we were up four, up six, whatever it was, we were going to win this game and it’s going to be one of the greatest wins in the history of Michigan State,” Izzo said.

Lucious’ shot capped a wild finish to a game that the Spartans appeared to have in hand. With 12 minutes to go, they were up by 16.

The drama started when Summers went out with his fourth foul with 6:19 left and MSU holding a 74-64 lead. A 3-pointer by Eric Hayes and a layup by Adrian Bowie pulled Maryland within 78-71 with 3:59 left. Maryland missed on its next possession, and the Spartans worked time off the clock before Lucious scored for an 80-71 lead with 2:05 to go.

Vasquez scored quickly on the other end and sank the foul shot to make it 80-74.

Then, Maryland’s press paid off. Vasquez, the ACC player of the year, stole an inbounds pass and Sean Mosley made a layup to make it 80-76. The Terrapins’ Cliff Tucker stole the ball on the next possession and Vasquez hit a 3 from the left corner to cut it to 80-79 with 1:19 left.

Tucker stole the ball again and Vasquez made a runner over Delvon Roe to give Maryland an 81-80 lead with 31 seconds left, its first since the opening minutes.

Draymond Green scored with 20 seconds remaining to put the Spartans up by one. But Vasquez scored again, setting up the thrilling final sequence.

Lucas began hopping on one leg and keeping his left foot off the ground after making a runner and landing awkwardly on his left leg near the baseline with 2:28 remaining in the first half. As play continued at the other end, he hopped down court on his right leg while wincing in pain. He tried to defend the ball before officials gave him an injury timeout.

The junior then hopped to his bench. After a trainer looked at his lower left leg for a moment, Lucas hobbled into a tunnel that leads to the locker room.

“I just came down the wrong

way,” he said.

Cornell 87, Wisconsin 69

Cornell players jumped up and down near midcourt, exchanging chest-bumps and high-fives, then ran toward their fans.

And stood around.

Forgive those Ivy League guys for not knowing how to celebrate. After all, they’ve never experienced anything like this before. Then again, maybe they’re waiting for something bigger and better.

Either way, the Big Red made a big statement on college basketball’s biggest stage. They might have something for Big Blue!

Louis Dale scored 26 points, Ryan Wittman added 24 and No. 12 seed Cornell upset the fourth-seeded Badgers on Sunday, becoming the first Ivy League school in more than 30 years to advance to the round of 16.

“You can’t sleep on us,” Dale said.

Nope, just ask the Badgers and Temple.

The Big Red (29-4) will play top-seeded Kentucky in the East Regional semifinal Thursday in Syracuse, N.Y., about an hour from Cornell’s campus. It could be a tough ticket, though, since Kentucky’s basketball-crazed fans got a head start when their team advanced Saturday.

“Maybe all the Syracuse fans bought tickets and can help us out,” said Cornell coach Steve Donahue, whose team played close games on the road this season against fellow No. 1 seeds Kansas and Syracuse.

Cornell wasted little time taking care of its end.

The Big Red controlled things from the opening tip, picking apart Wisconsin’s vaunted defense the same way they did Temple in the opening round.

Cornell had a 12-point lead early, a 20-point lead late and very few moments of concern in between. The lopsided affair should make for some interesting conversation this week at the “Dog Pound,” the nickname given to the three-story, off-campus house that 13 players and a team manager call home.

“We’re definitely going to enjoy this one,” center Jeff Foote said. “But we’re not done yet.”

Cornell became the lowest seed to advance to the round of 16 in this year’s tournament and the first Ivy League team to get that far since Penn 31 years ago.

Wisconsin (24-9), meanwhile, failed to get past the opening weekend for the fourth time in five years.

“The momentum and confidence they played with, we kind of ran into a buzz saw,” Keaton



Spartans guard Durrell Summers dunks during Michigan State’s defeat of Maryland in Spokane, Wash. on Sunday.

Nankivil said.

Jon Leuer led the Badgers with 23 points, including the team’s first 12. Jason Bohannon added 18, Ryan Evans chipped in 11 and Trevon Hughes finished with 10.

But Wisconsin’s problem was defense.

Cornell shot 61 percent from the field, 53 percent from 3-point range and dominated every aspect of the matchup. Anyone believe the Big Red were seeded correctly now?

“We want to take this ride as long as we can because after this it’s just nothing but babies and memories,” Dale said.

Foote had 12 points and seven rebounds. Chris Wroblewski added 12 points, and Jon Jaques finished with nine before fouling out.

Cornell couldn’t miss to start this one. The Big Red made their first five shots. Wittman hit consecutive jumpers to set the tone. Cornell led 16-4 with a little more than 5 minutes gone and never looked back.

“It’s always tough to end your season this way,” Wisconsin’s Jordan Taylor said. “We thought

we could go a little farther.”

Cornell could go a long way with its senior-laden team filled with castoffs and misfits.

Wittman, the star guard whose father coached the NBA’s Minnesota Timberwolves but couldn’t get his son a spot on the Gophers’ roster, ended up making 10 of 15 shots.

Dale, the dynamic point guard who grew up in Birmingham, Ala., but got very few scholarship offers, connected on 10 of 17 shots.

Foote, the 7-footer who once weighed 195 pounds and was recruited only by Division III schools until his mother, a nurse, met Cornell coaches in an emergency room, was perfect from the field. He also clamped down on Leuer in the second half.

“We have a bunch of guys with something to prove,” Dale said.

Not anymore. A win against the Wildcats, though, might give Cornell reason to really celebrate.

“We’ve played teams like Kentucky before,” Foote said. “We’re very experienced and very confident in ourselves.”

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All men dream but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity;

but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dream with open eyes to make it possible. - T.E. Lawrence

The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others. Solomon Ibn Gabrial Life is like the dice that, falling, still show a different face. So life, though it remains the same, is always presenting different aspects. Alexis

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NCAA Men's Tennis Division I Rankings

	team	previous
1	Virginia	1
2	Tennessee	2
3	Southern California	5
4	Ohio State	3
5	Texas	4
6	Kentucky	8
7	Florida	7
8	UCLA	6
9	Georgia	11
10	Illinois	12
11	California	10
12	Stanford	9
13	Mississippi	15
14	Louisville	13
15	Texas Tech	18
16	Baylor	14
17	Wake Forest	20
18	Washington	22
19	Florida State	19
20	Oklahoma	21
21	Virginia Tech	16
22	Fresno State	NR
23	BYU	23
24	Pepperdine	NR
25	Michigan	NR

NCAA Women's Tennis Division I Rankings

	team	previous
1	Northwestern	1
2	UCLA	4
3	NOTRE DAME	3
4	North Carolina	2
5	Florida	6
6	Michigan	7
7	Duke	8
8	California	5
9	Baylor	9
10	Clemson	10
11	Stanford	14
12	Tennessee	11
13	Southern California	12
14	Georgia	17
15	Florida State	13
16	Washington	18
17	Arkansas	15
18	Miami (Fla.)	16
19	VCU	NR
20	South Carolina	NR
21	South Florida	20
22	Mississippi	NR
23	DePaul	24
24	Yale	NR
25	Vanderbilt	19

NCAA Men's Lacrosse USILA Top 10

	team	points
1	Virginia	240
2	Syracuse	219
3	NOTRE DAME	217
4	North Carolina	205
5	Maryland	191
6	Princeton	186
7	Johns Hopkins	160
8	Cornell	158
9	Loyola (Md.)	124
10	Duke	117

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Penguins at Red Wings
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Spurs at Hawks
8 p.m., ESPN

MLB



Twins catcher Joe Mauer, right, shares a light moment with teammate Jacque Jones while stretching during a spring training session. Mauer just signed an eight-year, \$184 million extension with his hometown team.

Twins sign Mauer to \$184M extension

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Joe Mauer is staying home.

The AL MVP agreed to an eight-year, \$184 million contract extension with Minnesota on Sunday that includes a full no-trade clause, a massive deal that shows the Twins are no longer spending like a small-market club.

The deal covers the 2011-2018 seasons and is the fourth largest — both in total value and average salary — in major league history. Starting next season, the All-Star catcher will make \$23 million a year.

The team said on Sunday evening that neither Mauer

nor team officials would comment until a news conference scheduled for 7 p.m. EDT on Monday at the team's spring training facility in Fort Myers, Fla.

With the announcement, the entire state of Minnesota can take a deep breath and relax.

The 26-year-old Mauer, who has won three AL batting titles and is considered one of the best defensive catchers in the game, was entering the final year of his current contract.

Even though both he and the Twins insisted all along that he would be staying in Minnesota, Twins fans were growing more nervous by the day as negotiations dragged on. But agent Ron

Shapiro and Twins brass eventually worked out the deal, ensuring that the hometown favorite wouldn't be lured away by one of the many big spenders that were salivating at the thought of adding the sweet-swinging lefty to their battery after this season.

Then the Twins, who have become much more fiscally aggressive as they prepare to open Target Field in 2010, came through with a staggering package.

The \$184 million total worth is fourth behind two deals signed by Alex Rodriguez — the \$275 million deal with the Yankees signed in December 2007 and a \$252 million contract

signed with Texas in December 2000 — and Derek Jeter's \$189 million deal signed with the Yankees in 2001 that expires after this season.

The only players to have a higher average salary than Mauer's \$23 million are Roger Clemens (\$28,000,022 prorated deal in 2007 — he actually received \$17,442,637 — with the Yankees) and Rodriguez, who had average salaries of \$25.2 million from 2001-07 and \$27.5 million in a deal that runs through 2017.

Yankees ace CC Sabathia also has an average salary of \$23 million as part of a deal that runs from 2009-15.

IN BRIEF

Flames' Langkow hit in neck with puck

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Calgary Flames center Daymond Langkow is in good condition at a local hospital after being hit in the back of the neck with a puck.

The team said Langkow has movement in all his extremities and is undergoing X-rays and more tests.

Langkow was not moving as he was removed from the ice on a stretcher. The 13-year veteran remained on the ice for nearly 10 minutes before leaving. He was injured at 5:20 of the second period of Sunday's game against the Minnesota Wild.

Langkow was checked from behind by Minnesota defenseman Greg Zanon and hit Wild defenseman Marek Zidlicky as he lost his balance and fell forward. With Langkow's head down as he fell, Calgary defenseman Ian White fired toward the net and hit his teammate.

Braves, Cardinals rained out in Kissimmee

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Jair Jurrjens hasn't had much luck with the weather this spring, but the Atlanta Braves right-hander is still on track to make his first regular-season start April 7 against the Chicago Cubs.

Jurrjens fell victim to the rain again Sunday, which washed out Atlanta's scheduled game against the St. Louis Cardinals. He'll get his work in during a minor league game Monday as he continues in catch-up mode after reporting to spring training with a sore shoulder.

A 14-game winner in 2009, Jurrjens was held out of the canceled game because of the weather, as was scheduled Cardinals starter Brad Penny. The teams ended up making it into the second inning despite the rain before play was stopped.

"I wanted to pitch today, but it's not a problem," Jurrjens said. "My shoulder feels good now, so I'm OK. I'll get my work in."

Weiner expects labor talks to begin next year

TAMPA, Fla. — New baseball players' union head Michael Weiner anticipates talks with Major League Baseball on a new collective bargaining agreement will begin by spring training or perhaps a bit earlier next year.

"Our goal will try to be, in one sense, you always want to have an agreement without a threat of a stoppage," Weiner said on Sunday. "But you also have to have an agreement that works for both sides. I'm sure that everybody will try our best to get a deal done on a kind of timeframe that we did last time. So we'll just have to see how it plays out."

The current agreement expires in December 2011. The deal was announced during the 2006 World Series, about two months before the previous agreement expired.

Weiner and other union officials met with New York Yankees players as part of a tour of spring training camps.

NHL

Bruins move into 8th place with win against New York

Boyd, Hornquist score back-to-back goals late in third period to help boost Predators in victory over Blues

Associated Press

BOSTON — Miroslav Satan and Dennis Wideman scored for Boston and Tuuka Rask kept the New York Rangers scoreless until late in the third period in the Bruins' 2-1 victory Sunday.

Boston has 76 points to hold the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference with 11 games remaining. The Rangers remained in 10th place with 71 points and 10 games left. The Atlanta Thrashers, with 11 games to go before playing Sunday night in Philadelphia, have 73.

The Bruins had been 1-8-3 at home since winning the Winter Classic on Jan. 1 at Fenway Park, 2-1 over Philadelphia. And they were coming off a lackluster performance in a 3-0 home loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins on Thursday night.

Michael Del Zotto scored for the Rangers, who failed to rebound from a 4-3 loss to St. Louis that same night and have lost three in a row.

Satan's fifth goal of the season late in the second period came just 23 seconds after Boston's Daniel Paille failed to score on a penalty shot when it deflected off Henrik Lundqvist's glove.

Wideman scored his fourth

goal — and first since Jan. 9, also against the Rangers — midway through the third period when he lifted a backhand from the left circle over Lundqvist's glove to the far side.

That became critical when Del Zotto ruined Rask's bid for his fourth shutout with his eighth goal with 3:04 left in the game. Del Zotto scored on a blast from the middle of the blue line as Olli Jokinen skated across the slot to try and screen Rask.

The Rangers had made a solid bid with the score 1-0 when Dan Girardi fired a shot from the inside edge of the right circle about 15 feet from Rask. But the goalie skated out and the shot went into his pads.

Neither team mustered many good scoring chances despite the significance of the game. Both had been struggling in their efforts to gain a playoff berth.

Boston finally showed some offensive spark after four scoreless periods when Satan scored at 16:36 of the second period. Andrew Ference skated in from the left point to the low left circle and fired a low pass across the slot, where Satan waited to put it past Lundqvist.

Wideman made it 2-0 at

10:40 of the third period, but the Rangers weren't finished yet as Del Zotto ruined Rask's shutout bid. But New York couldn't score again despite pulling Lundqvist from the net for an extra skater.

Nashville 3, St. Louis 2

Dustin Boyd scored his second goal of the game 48 seconds after teammate Patric Hornqvist tied it late in the third period, helping the Nashville Predators beat the St. Louis Blues on Sunday night.

Defenseman Carlo Colaiacovo had a goal and assist for the Blues, who fell to an NHL-worst 12-18-5 at home with a setback that could be devastating to faint playoff hopes. They were 9-3 in the previous 12 games, but remained six points out of the final Western Conference spot with 10 games to go.

David Perron put the Blues ahead early in the third, swatting in a backhand.

Colaiacovo's power-play goal in the first period ended Nashville goalie Pekka Rinne's shutout streak at 149:04, including 1-0 victories over Columbus Saturday and 5-0 over Minnesota on Thursday. Rinne made 59 saves before the goal.

Boyd added his first goal in

nine games since being acquired from Calgary on the trade deadline to tie it at 1 late in the second period.

Nashville outshot the Blues 39-25 and carried play much of the final two periods with a combined 29-13 advantage. That made things easier on Rinne.

Alex Steen assisted on both

St. Louis goals and has 19 points in 19 games.

Hornqvist scored his team-leading 28th goal on a rebound with 3:34 left, and Boyd also converted a rebound with 2:46 remaining after a Blues player diverted the puck to his stick off Martin Erat's centering pass from behind the net.

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NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Lavender, Buckeyes dominate early in rout

Vanderbilt comes through in overtime to take down DePaul and advance into second round of tournament

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Neither sickness nor St. Francis were about to slow Ohio State.

Jantel Lavender dominated inside for Ohio State with 23 points and 16 rebounds against smaller St. Francis and the second-seeded Buckeyes opened up a 27-point lead before halftime during a 93-59 rout in a first-round NCAA Dayton Regional game on Sunday.

Lavender, the three-time Big Ten player of the year, starting guard Tayler Hill and two reserves became ill after eating sandwiches following practice Saturday, but the Buckeyes (31-4) certainly look to be recovered by game time.

They reeled off runs of 11-0, 19-2 and 13-3 before halftime, taking control from the start and never allowing the Red Flash (17-15) to build any confidence or momentum.

The Red Flash had no one who could defend the 6-foot-4 Lavender’s post-up moves, Johnson’s outside shooting or point guard Samantha Prahalis’ playmaking, as quickly became evident. Johnson ended with 18 points, going 4 of 8 from 3-point range, while Prahalis had 14 points, 13 assists and six rebounds.

It didn’t take long.

Johnson hit a pair of 3-pointers and Sarah Schulze made another as the Buckeyes opened a 11-0 lead with only 2:11 gone — and it didn’t get much better for the Flash. The Buckeyes led 32-9 at the midpoint of the first half, and they

didn’t let up even when their reserves began coming off the bench.

Shavelle Little, a two-time Big Ten defensive player of the year, made all six of her shots while scoring 14 points and getting five steals, displaying the kind of depth the Buckeyes will need if they meet defending national champion Connecticut in the regional final next weekend.

Maybe it was Buckeyes coach Jim Foster’s warning that the Red Flash resembled Iowa that made his players determined to never let St. Francis into the game. Ohio State scrambled from 16 points down to beat Iowa 66-64 in the Big Ten tournament, but no comeback was needed this time.

Ohio State, No. 8 in the final AP poll, won for the ninth time in 10 games by shooting 49.3 percent (37 of 75) to the Red Flash’s 28.6 percent (20 of 70) and outrebounded them 55-38. St. Francis was 7 of 30 from 3-point range.

Britney Hodges and Brittany Lilley scored 16 points and Samantha Leach had 14 for St. Francis, which is 0-10 in NCAA play, losing each time by at least 15 points.

This was the Red Flash’s first appearance under coach Susan Robinson Fruchtl, a former Penn State star who got her team into the NCAA tournament despite being only fifth-seeded in the Northeast Conference tournament.

The Red Flash took some hope into the game that a near upset of Pitt at the Petersen

Events Center earlier this season might show that they could play at this level, but the talented Buckeyes never gave them a chance.

With Pitt missing from the tournament field following a disappointing 16-15 season, only several thousand fans showed up at the 12,508-seat Petersen Events Center. Pitt bid for the event with the expectation it would reach the tournament.

Vanderbilt 83, DePaul 76

Coming out of the sideline huddle at the start of overtime, Vanderbilt players reminded each other that under the biggest pressure, they’d never cracked.

Wouldn’t this time, either.

Merideth Marsh scored nine of her 26 points in overtime Sunday, rallying the Commodores to an victory over DePaul in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Vanderbilt (23-10) had won both of its overtime games during the season, including its opener in the SEC tournament. Marsh, one of three seniors taking the floor for overtime, brought that up.

“Overtime is about heart,” Marsh said. “It’s a mental game, and you don’t want to walk away with a loss.”

Marsh became Vanderbilt’s career 3-point leader in the first half, when she scored 14 points. She hit only one basket in the second half — another 3 — but led the Commodores through overtime by scoring the old-fashioned way. She had a



Buckeyes center Jantel Lavender goes up for a shot during Ohio State’s first-round win in Pittsburgh Sunday afternoon.

three-point play and a fast-break layup as Vanderbilt ran off the first 11 points. No surprise.

SMC TENNIS

Belles fall to ranked opponent Ind. Wesleyan

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

The Belles dropped a close

match to No. 13 Indiana Wesleyan Saturday, 6-3, despite another impressive showing by junior Jillian Hurley, the Belles’ No. 1 singles player and mem-

ber of the No. 2 doubles pair.

Belles coach Dale Campbell said he was pleased by the Belles’ (6-3) improvement despite the loss, and noted that Saint Mary’s was only slightly outmatched by an undefeated Indiana Wesleyan, a powerhouse in its own conference.

“I thought we had a little bit of an off day,” Campbell said. “We played a good team in Indiana Wesleyan.”

From the outset of the season, Campbell has stressed the importance of doubles play as an aspect the team must improve in order to have a successful season. The improvements he has been seeing, however, are central to this goal.

“Our doubles game is improving,” Campbell said. “We’re still trying to get more aggressive,

though.

“Our overall game just needs to keep improving,” Campbell said. “Our No. 1 doubles team played really well, despite losing, and we seemed to play the net much more aggressively. I was happy with their improvement.”

Hurley continues to stand out as the Belles’ top performer. She defeated Wildcat Lisa Massey in three sets and won the No. 2 doubles match with partner Mary Therese Lee. Hurley has yet to drop a match on the individual side and has won all but one of her doubles matches so far this season. Campbell has also been pleased by Hurley’s performance this season, he said.

Junior Franca Peluso at No. 4 singles was the only other

Belles singles win Saturday.

This weekend marked the end of the Belles’ nonconference competition. With six quality wins under their belt, they will move forward with confidence as they prepare for MIAA play.

Last year Saint Mary’s finished fifth in the conference, ending the season with a win over Olivet in the conference tournament. The team will to improve upon its 2009 standing this spring.

Saint Mary’s begins its conference season Saturday against Alma. The match will take place either outdoors on the Saint Mary’s campus or indoors at Notre Dame, depending on the weather.


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plate, including junior Hayley Bojorquez and senior Ashley Peterson. Bojorquez hit a home run in the sixth inning to tie the game for the Belles and Peterson’s seventh inning homer gave them the lead. Senior Maureen Healy came up big with a number of clutch hits

throughout the day and sophomore Kristen Nelson went 3-for-3 with an RBI in the second game.

Senior Sarah Montelongo made a huge contribution to the team’s offensive effort, batting in no five RBIs in the second game while crossing the plate for runs in each game.

“Sara Montelongo has really found her niche in the DP [designated player] position. She is hitting the ball

hard and has had some good at-bats,” Sullivan said. “She looks very confident at the plate and is hitting just shy of .400 right now, exactly what a coach wants from a DP!”

The Belles will have a week off before they take to the field against North Park University in a doubleheader Sunday.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish defeat Terriers in sudden-death overtime

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

Senior attack Gina Scioscia's goal in the second sudden-death period closed out No. 15 Notre Dame's 7-6 comeback victory over No. 11 Boston University Saturday.

"There were some huge defensive plays out there," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "[Freshman goalkeeper] Ellie Hilling made a big save in overtime where it came down to a one-on-one situation. Each defender had a big play, and all of those plays led to opportunities on the offensive end."

Sophomore attack Maggie Tamasis started off the scoring in the first half for the Irish (4-1).

Freshman midfield Jenny Granger scored Notre Dame's only other goal in the half midway through the period, and the Irish closed the half with a 2-1 lead in a low-scoring opening period.

"We were getting good looks the whole game," Coyne said. "Their goalie is very good. Sometimes we would shoot wide, and sometimes she would make a great save. We could shoot better, but I think we still got it done."

The Terriers scored five of the first seven goals after half-time to take a 6-4 lead with three minutes left in the game, but the Irish got clutch goals from junior midfield Shaylyn Blaney and Tamasitis to tie the game and send it into overtime.

"You can say this much about this team, they have a refuse-to-lose mentality," Coyne said. "We created the situations that won us this game. It wasn't BU falling apart. It came from our toughness."

The game, which went into two overtimes and lasted more than 71 minutes, ended as the second-longest game in Notre Dame history. The Irish caused several of Boston's 14 turnovers in the extra period while Hilling kept Notre Dame

in the game with an eight-save performance in only her fifth collegiate start in net. Coyne was especially pleased with the rookie goalkeeper.

"She had a great game [Saturday]," Coyne said.

"She came out with a real strong warm-up and we had a feeling that she was going to play well, which she did."

Coyne was also pleased with the way her team dealt with fatigue in the high-pressure situations of overtime.

"We were definitely in shape, we were composed," Coyne said. "Our end-of-game defensive unit was really strong under pressure and we work on that in practice so we're pleased by that."

The Irish will look to continue their winning ways when they take on No. 14 Vanderbilt Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the team's home opener at Arlotta Stadium.

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"We created the situations that won us this game."

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BASEBALL

Spartans ruin Irish home debut with sweep

By **MICHAEL BRYAN**
Senior Sports Writer

After a month of traveling to early season tournaments, the Irish were eager to play their first home games this weekend. Eck Stadium was not kind to Notre Dame, however, as Michigan State swept the Irish in the three-game series.

The first game of the Saturday doubleheader was all Spartans, as Michigan State starter A.J. Achter

tossed a complete game shutout and the Irish were routed 13-0. Achter struck out nine and gave up seven hits in the win, and Notre Dame sophomore Steve Sabatino was touched up for nine runs in five innings.

“We had a good focused approach coming into the weekend and came out with a lot of positive energy despite the weather,” Irish senior pitcher Eric Maust said. “We had a good attitude coming into the weekend but didn’t see the results we wanted.”

Freshman second baseman Frank Desico had two of Notre Dame’s seven hits in the game.

The Irish rebounded in Saturday’s second game to take an early lead, scoring three runs in the opening frame off Spartan starter Kurt Wunderlich. Senior outfielder Ryan Connolly hit a two-run home run over the left field fence, and Notre Dame scored a third run after Wunderlich threw a wild pitch with the bases loaded.

Michigan State got on the board in the second off Irish starter Brian Dupra, and an RBI single by Spartan Eli Bokie in the fifth inning narrowed the score to 3-2.

Another wild pitch with the bases loaded by Wunderlich helped Notre Dame nudge the lead back to two runs, but in the seventh inning the Irish pitching began to struggle.

After Dupra allowed a run and

was relieved by senior Steven Mazur, Michigan State broke through with two more runs off walks by Mazur to take a 6-4 lead. The Spartans added an insurance run in the ninth inning and closer Kurtis Frymier picked up the save.

Maust had a strong performance in Sunday’s finale, but the Irish were shut out for the second consecutive day, falling to Michigan State starter Tony Bucciferro 3-0.

Notre Dame managed just a pair of hits off Bucciferro in the complete game shutout, never threatening to score until the ninth inning. The Irish managed to load the bases with a walk, a double and a hit batsman, but Bucciferro struck out junior shortstop Mick Doyle to finish the game.

“Michigan State is a good team, their hitters didn’t chase many pitches and forced us to locate around the zone,” Maust said.

“There were no easy outs but nothing was insurmountable.”

Maust allowed just two runs on seven hits in six innings, striking out three and walking one.

“I was decently pleased with my execution but there is still a lot of room for improvement,” Maust said. “A big positive for me is that I get more and more comfortable out there with each outing, and I feel like I’m gaining a lot of strength back that had been idle during football season.”

The Irish fell to 7-11 on the season with the losses. Notre Dame will host two more home games this week against Ball State and Illinois-Chicago Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, before starting Big East play this weekend at South Florida.

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Nixon is the only other Irish All-American in the 50 freestyle. Nixon accomplished the feat in 1999, 2000 and 2002.

Maxwell also earned an All-American honor in the 100 breaststroke for the second consecutive season with her 14th-place finish Friday evening. She recorded a time of 1:01.09 in the finals after swimming a 1:00.69 in the prelimi-

naries. Maxwell also earned All-American status in the event as a sophomore.

Both Notre Dame swimmers swam in Saturday’s events, but neither one reached the finals of their respective races.

Miller finished 25th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 49.44 while Maxwell finished 36th in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:14.17.

The Irish had some ups and downs in the regular season before the Big East championships, where they had their best performance of

the season and captured their 14th consecutive Big East title. The Irish should be favored to win the conference again next season as both Miller and Maxwell will return for their senior campaigns.

Maxwell and Miller picked up 14 points for the team as the Irish finished 38th among the 47 teams. Florida won the team title with 382 points, followed by Stanford with 379.5 and California in third with 363 points.

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Stahl

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through for the win.

Friday saw the Irish defeat a ranked Fresno State team, 4-3, to

advance to the semifinals.

Notre Dame’s pairs struggled again at first and third doubles as Havens and Watt lost 8-4 at the top position while Anderson and Stahl traded points with the Bulldog’s Tejesvi Veerepalli and Siddharth Alapati to a 9-7 loss.

Anderson was downed again at fourth singles, but the Irish came back with wins by Watt, Stahl, Keeton and Moros.

The team’s win streak came to an end against Texas Tech Saturday, as the Irish fell 4-0. The Red Raiders grabbed the doubles point and wins at first, second and third singles to advance to the championship match.

Texas Tech claimed the first two doubles matches at second and third singles over the Irish duo of sophomore Niall Fitzgerald and junior Tyler Davis and the combi-

nation of Anderson and Stahl. With the doubles point already won, the first doubles pair of Havens and Watt did not take on the Red Raiders’ No. 18 duo of Raony Carvalho and Rafael Garcia.

No. 27 Watt was defeated 6-1, 6-0, by No. 15 Carvalho at first singles, and Havens lost 6-0, 6-3 to No. 63 Gonzalo Escobar. Stahl fell 6-2, 6-4 to Garcia. Anderson and Moros did not finish their matches with the overall match already decided.

Texas Tech went on to defeat No. 17 Oklahoma in the tournament’s title match Sunday.

Notre Dame returns to the courts next weekend at Northwestern as the Irish continue a nine-match road streak.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles sweep Spartans for non-conference win

By **KEVIN BALDWIN**
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s brought home a pair of wins Saturday as the Belles swept Manchester College in a doubleheader. The Belles claimed their first victory in dramatic fashion by a score of 7-6 after two extra innings before an 11-8 win to close the day.

One of the most crucial aspects of the Belles’ double victory was their solid performance in the field that allowed them to hold the Spartans in critical situations. Sophomore pitcher Monica Palicki was a force on the mound, throwing all nine innings of the opening

game while giving up only one earned run to record her fourth win of the season.

“Monica Palicki threw really well and battled through some tough spots. I was impressed with her mental toughness,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. “[Sophomore] Lauren Enayati had stellar defense in both games. It was very windy and she tracked down some balls that would not be caught by the average center fielder. She made some big outs for us.”

Several Saint Mary’s players had big games at the plate, including junior Hayley Bojorquez and senior

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during the first half, scoring 21 of Cleveland State's 25 points in the period. Klein got the score as close as 29-25 with 1:13 left on the clock before the Irish went on a quick run to stretch things to 34-25 heading into the break.

"I have not seen a player have that kind of half this year, and we have played against some pretty good players," McGraw said. "We haven't seen anybody have that kind of performance in a half. She had 21 of their 25 points. She had just a spectacular game and she is a great player."

Since both teams caught the turnover bug early in the game — the Irish turned the ball over 14 times and Cleveland State (19-14) 24 times — the first team to step up on defense would gain the advantage. Senior guard Ashley Barlow served that role for the Irish.

"Barlow was chasing me all over the floor," Klein said. "I was coming out expecting that and I just hoped my teammates would hit some shots."

Barlow helped lead the Irish attack with 13 points, but her ability to shut down Klein in the second half was what really stood

out. Klein was only able to add 10 points to her total in the second half after her breakout 21-point first half.

"In the first half, Klein was constantly moving and we were not quite sure where she was," Barlow said. "In the second half, we tried to locate her and know where she was on the floor at all times. I tried to not let her touch the ball at all and tried hard to deny her in the second half."

Klein broke down and cried after the game knowing that she was able to leave such a strong performance on the floor at a place she idolized as a child and had always wanted to play after growing up in Cherry, Ill.

"I really just went out there and gave it all I could. Notre Dame was my idol growing up, so I wanted to come in here and prove myself on the floor I always wanted to play on," she said.

Freshman guard Skylar Diggins had a somewhat quiet night with seven points and five turnovers. Despite the shaky performance, McGraw wanted to emphasize the positives in Diggins' game: her team-leading eight assists and seven rebounds.

"I think a lot of times players look at their offense, and she looks at her turnovers, which I think indicates that she was a little nervous to start the game," McGraw

said. "I think after getting one [Tournament] game under her belt, she is going to be ready for Tuesday."

Against a small Cleveland State team, Notre Dame exploited the inside post game and got the ball inside. Junior forward Becca Bruszewski came off the bench to lead the team in scoring with 14 points, while senior center Erica Williamson and junior forward Devereaux Peters added eight and 12 points, respectively.

"We had a height advantage," McGraw said. "They came in a little bigger in the first half when Devereaux Peters was in foul trouble, but in the second half I thought we did a better job of getting the ball down to [senior forward] Lindsay Schrader, Erica Williamson, Becca Bruszewski and Devereaux [Peters]. We just really wanted to get them some touches."

Now that the Irish have advanced to the second round, they will take on No. 10-seed Vermont (27-6), which pulled an upset 64-55 win over No. 7-seed Wisconsin in the game just before Notre Dame's.

The Irish will tip off with Vermont Tuesday in the Purcell Pavilion at 7 p.m.

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Buckeyes

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way to win."

Corrigan said Earl's play in the win was the difference between the Irish and the Buckeyes.

"David Earl was unbelievable. David was our best player," he said. "He made plays at both ends of the field. He was an absolute warrior."

Of Earl's winning goal, Corrigan said the junior fulfilled his role, and more.

"It was a typical play where we have him in for that situation because they have ball coming out of the timeout and he's in there to play defense," Corrigan said. "He plays defense, gets the ball, clears the ball and scores an unassisted goal. It was a great play by him."

Earl not only scored the winning goal, but also netted Notre Dame's first goal of the game — after Ohio State started the game with a 2-0 advantage — and he scored the tying goal with less than four minutes to play in regulation.

The Irish needed Earl's heroics from the opening minute of the game after the

Buckeyes scored just 36 seconds into the contest.

"I'd feel better [about our defense] if I didn't feel we gave them a couple goals," Corrigan said. "It was a very good defensive performance in our settled defense, but we gave them a goal seconds into the game. Those kind of things are disappointing, especially when you end up in overtime because you realize those are the goals that could have cost you the game."

Despite his disappointment in the overall performance, Corrigan said the way the Irish fought through the fourth quarter and overtime was promising.

"I was really happy with the way we scrapped in the fourth quarter to put ourselves in a position to win that game," he said. "Given what it was in terms of how we played to that point, down a couple in the fourth quarter and needing to make plays, I was very happy with how hard our guys fought."

Notre Dame next takes the field when it opens up Big East play Saturday against Rutgers at Arlotta Stadium.

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Vandy

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point."

In singles competition, the Commodores and the Irish traded the lead back and forth as freshman Chrissie McGaffigan and junior Kristen Rafael added two points to

the total. Losses from Rielley and sophomore Shannon Mathews, and an upset by Vanderbilt's No. 38 Catherine Newman over Frilling left the match's decision up to the final contest between Ciobanu and Dillon.

"I didn't feel like I played my best," Frilling said. "I was definitely disappointed, and I feel like I didn't adjust really well to her game."

After winning the first set and losing the second, Ciobanu's eight-match win streak was greatly threatened heading into the third set. But Ciobanu won the tiebreak point and the match for Notre Dame.

"[Ciobanu] was playing a girl with a huge serve, [but] she adjusted really well, came through for us and pulled out the win," Frilling

said.

Beating Vanderbilt improved Notre Dame's overall record to 13-2 and picked up its spirits after last week's loss to No. 7 Duke. The 4-3 victory suggests minor adjustments need to be made before the Irish get too comfortable as the nation's No. 3 team, Frilling said.

"It was a lot closer than what we want our matches to be," she said.

"We've been meeting with everyone and talking about improving. We're talking about the mindset about playing for the best and fighting for every point."

The Irish will be back on the courts against TCU at Kansas State in Wichita, Kan., Saturday.

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26 Documentary filmmaker Burns

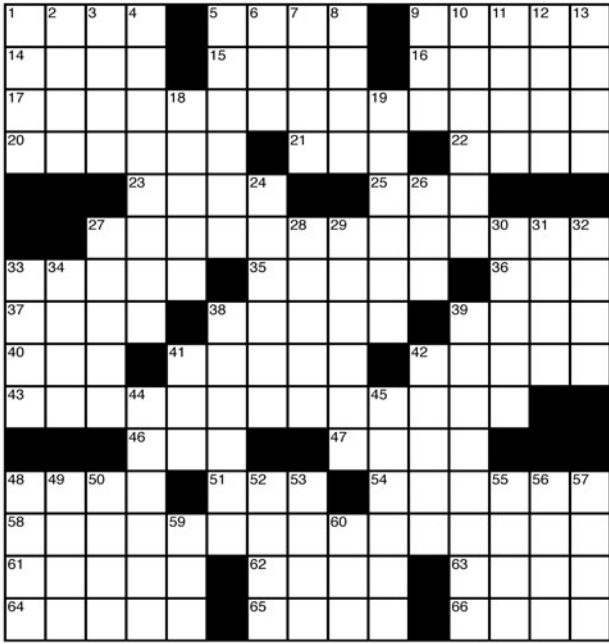
27 Simply must

28 Singer Jones whose father is Ravi Shankar

29 Spot for eating curds and whey

30 Far less friendly

31 Connection



- Puzzle by Lynn Lempel
- 32 Fair maiden

33 Freudian concern

34 Egypt's last ruling Ptolemy, familiarly

38 Forward, as mail

39 Fill with disgust

41 "The butler ____ it"

42 Low-tech hair dryer

44 Honcho

45 Techie's company

48 Paper ballot punch-out

49 Prefix with dynamic

50 Grass-roots org. that fights alcohol abuse

52 Devices you can bank on, briefly

53 "Take ____!"

55 Deli salad fish

56 Fix up, as text

57 "C mo usted?"

59 Fury

60 Cyclops' distinctive feature

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Matthew Broderick, 48; Rosie O'Donnell, 48; Gary Oldman, 52; Timothy Dalton, 64

Happy Birthday: Too much, too fast will lead to mistakes and setbacks. There is so much to gain if you go about things the right way. This is not the year to cut corners or to do things on too grand a scale. Inconsistency will make you look unprofessional to those with whom you are trying to do business. Stick to what you know. Your numbers are 3, 6, 17, 20, 26, 37, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Use your charm when dealing with friends and lovers and you will get some help dealing with responsibilities. A chance meeting with someone from your past or contacting someone you've worked with before will lead to a professional opportunity and extra cash. ★★ ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Secrets must be kept. Emotional deception is apparent when dealing with past problems that were never resolved. Someone you meet while traveling or attending an event or interest course will send you mixed messages. ★★ ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use the past as your reference so you don't make the same mistake twice. You will be emotional and mixed-up when it comes to relationships, both personally and professionally. Take time to mull over what's going on. ★★ ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be pressed for time and pressured into making a decision you are in no position to make. Uncertainty must be dealt with. A personal issue will cloud your vision, causing you to react harshly toward someone who is trying to help you. ★★ ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel, attending events, communicating with people with common interests and having fun should be on your agenda. Love and romance are highlighted and a commitment can be made. ★★ ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Practice practicality. Someone from your past may try to talk you into something that isn't right for you. Don't entertain the thought of getting involved in a joint venture. You'll be the one who ends up losing out. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take responsibility for the things you do and the way you do them and you will impress the people who matter the most. Don't let someone opposing your plans push you in a different direction. Choose the lifestyle that suits you best. ★★ ★★ ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid opposition, arguments and people you do not trust. Concentrate on being the best you can be. Someone from your past will have a major influence on you if you make arrangements to resurrect one of your old goals. ★★ ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Exaggeration will put you in a vulnerable position when the real facts are announced. Do your best to get along with everyone if you don't want to be challenged and put in your place. Focus on home and family. ★★ ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Hold on to what you've got. This isn't the time to be frivolous or to take unnecessary risks. Evaluate a relationship with someone who has disappointed you. It may be time to move on. A new look or image will lift your spirits. ★★ ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do some backtracking and you'll discover that you still have feelings for someone you used to hang out with. Don't lend or borrow. It will lead to problems and an inability to collect or pay back. ★★ ★★ ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a closer look at your personal situation and consider what needs to be changed. A poor decision will take a long time to reverse. If you feel uncertain, ask someone you trust for help. Acting in haste will result in personal or emotional loss. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are a competitor and a promoter. You are serious-minded but will adapt to suggestions. You are friendly and forever chasing your dreams.

JUMBLE

JEFF KNUREK
MIKE ARGIRION

JUMBLE

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

YAHND

TRIDY

MEBJUL

YELLGA

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

They're so bright I need sunglasses

Blow them out

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WHAT GRANDPA DID WHEN CANDLES COVERED HIS BIRTHDAY CAKE.

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

A: [Circled letters: A, H, B, Y, D, N, T, L, G, E, F, O, U] " [Circled letters: A, H, B, Y, D, N, T, L, G, E, F, O, U] " OF IT

(Answers tomorrow, Saturday's)

Jumbles: HOBBY DRAWL JUNKET FELONY

Answer: The astronaut was successful when he was — "DOWN AND OUT"

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

A balanced victory

Irish use their bench in first round win

By JARED JEDICK
Senior Sports Writer

The No. 2-seed Irish used their depth to wear down a spirited Cleveland State team and overcome a 31-point performance by Vikings guard Kailey Klein in an 86-58 victory in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Sunday at the Purcell Pavilion.

"I was really pleased with the second half," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We did a really nice job with the balance of the game. I thought different people stepped up at different times. I thought in the first half we were able to get out to a nice little jump."

Klein went off on the Irish (28-5)

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Senior guard Melissa Lechlitrer shoots in Notre Dame's win over Cleveland State Sunday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The No. 2-seed Irish will face No. 10-seed Vermont Tuesday.

PAT COVENY/The Observer

ND SWIMMING

Juniors earn All American honors

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

Juniors Amywren Miller and Samantha Maxwell ended their seasons by earning All-American recognition at the NCAA Championships at Purdue over the weekend.

Miller, in her third career NCAA appearance, set a school record and earned All America honors in the 50-yard freestyle race. Her time of 22.49 seconds was fast enough for eighth overall on the first night of competition. Miller was seeded No. 20 heading into the competition.

"Amywren's swim was a huge swim for her," Irish coach Brian Barnes told und.com Thursday. "She swam like an All-American. She has worked hard all year and this has been a long time coming for her."

Notre Dame alumna Carrie

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame falls to Red Raiders in tournament semifinals

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame took two of three at the Blue Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala., falling to No. 16 Texas Tech Saturday as the team continues to adjust to playing outdoors again.

Heading into the tournament, Irish coach Bobby Bayliss had a

few specific goals for his team as they continue in the spring season.

"Extend the rallies, be a little more patient outdoors, a little less quick to pull the trigger, become a much more sound outdoor team," Bayliss said. "Fortunate that we have made a good transition."

Notre Dame defeated Middle Tennessee State and No. 26 Fresno State in the first two rounds of the tournament that the Irish have

played in since 1991. The Irish move to 9-8 on the season and 42-25 all-time at the tournament, having won it three times previously in 1993, 2001 and 2007.

The win over Middle Tennessee State was Bayliss' 700th career win, and his record now stands at 701-306-1 in 41 seasons.

Notre Dame's games against Texas Tech and Fresno State were the Irish's 11th and 12th ranked

opponents in their 17 matches. Over the weekend, sophomore Samuel Keeton improved to 10-0 in singles play for the season.

The Irish opened the tournament with a 4-2 win over Middle Tennessee State Thursday to move onto the quarterfinals. They secured the doubles point to get ahead, although the Blue Raiders pair of John Peers and Kyle Wishing took out the No. 61 duo of

junior Stephen Havens and sophomore Casey Watt, 8-4.

Freshman Blas Moros secured his third straight win in straight sets (6-4, 6-3) to give the Irish their first singles point. Havens and Watt were again defeated at first and second singles, respectively, but Notre Dame juniors David Anderson and Daniel Stahl came

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Two hat tricks earn victory

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

Playing their fifth game in 14 days, the No. 9 Irish needed an overtime goal from junior midfielder David Earl to top Ohio State 7-6 Saturday.

Both Earl and fellow junior midfielder Zach Brenneman recorded hat tricks for Notre Dame (5-2), providing the offense on a day when the team was off its game, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

"It was great to pull one out like that, but I'm not sure we are playing the way we are capable of playing," Corrigan said. "Though when you're playing your fifth game in 14 days, you are happy to find a

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Junior David Earl passes to freshman Pat Cotter Sunday in Notre Dame's victory over Ohio State, in which Earl scored the winning goal.

MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Ciobanu brings team over the net for a win

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Senior Cosmina Ciobanu came through under pressure Friday, as her three-set victory over Rachel Dillon of No. 17 Vanderbilt at No. 4 singles secured a 4-3 win for No. 3 Notre Dame.

"It was a good match for us, but we learned a lot from it," Irish sophomore Kristy Frilling said. "We needed that close of a match because I think it's important for us to experience that you can't go through a season just coasting."

Since switching their pairings around earlier in the season, the Irish doubles teams have won their point in each contest.

The Irish won the doubles point

after defeating the Commodores' pairings in the first and third doubles slots. The first doubles team of Frilling and senior Kali Krisik, ranked No. 4 in the nation, topped their No. 27 opponents 8-3 to improve to 11-0 on the season. The Irish fell at second doubles, leaving the crucial doubles point up for grabs. The third doubles pairing of Ciobanu and senior Colleen Rielley came through, 8-6, for an early Irish lead to secure that point.

"It helped a lot to win the doubles point, and we would have lost the match otherwise," Frilling said. "Everyone seems to have found their partner and the doubles teams are doing well at this

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