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Students shave their heads for a cure

The Bald and the Beautiful event raises money for St. Baldrick's Foundation for Cancer Research

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

When freshman Brigid Halloran first saw the ad for The Bald and the Beautiful, she decided to shave her head in support of cancer research — and never thought twice about it.

"I lost a friend to cancer earlier this year. She was special to so many people and is missed dearly everyday," Halloran said. "So when I saw the ad for The Bald and The Beautiful, I committed myself to shaving my head ... It was a natural, very easy decision."

The Bald & the Beautiful: ND Fights Cancer is a campus-wide event hosted by the Class of 2012 and sponsored by Fiddler's Hearth. The event began Wednesday and will run until the Blue-Gold Game Saturday, raising donations for the St. Baldrick's Foundation for Cancer Research.

Last year, 140 men and women from the Notre Dame community participated in the event to raise \$26,500 for childhood cancer research.

Student body president Catherine Soler said she hope to raise \$30,000 this year.

"Currently, 90 people are signed up to shave their heads, but that's not including the 25 walk-ins we had today and the 40 football players," she said.

Soler said three of the 90 signed up are women.

Although many girls cringe at the thought of a head without hair to straighten or curl each day, Halloran knew her contribution to cancer research, as well as the opportunity to com-



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Notre Dame quarterback Dayne Crist gets his head shaved during The Bald and the Beautiful event taking place through Saturday. The organization is raising funds for St. Baldrick's Foundation for Cancer Research.

memorate a dear friend, would make every last strand worth it.

"I am not nervous at all! It is, after all, just hair," she said. "Over 160,000 children are diagnosed with some form of cancer every year. Their cause is certainly more important

than my 'daily do.'"

Former Irish defensive back Mike Anello has also taken the cause into his own hands, donating his hair and hours of time to creating a video blog at mikeanello.com.

"I started doing [the blog] a

month and a half to two months ago. I wanted to get a few episodes up first, so people could come to the site and watch more than one video," Anello said.

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Students prepare for Earth Day festivities

By EMILY SCHANK
News Writer

Students looking to celebrate Earth Day will have numerous opportunities to do so on campus this year, from fashion shows to rock climbing walls.

"This is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, so we wanted to make the celebration a good one," said junior Regina McCormack, co-president of Students for Environmental Action (SEA). "The major goal is to celebrate environmentalism at Notre Dame and increase awareness about environmental responsibility."

Campus celebrations will kick off at 11 a.m. with an Earth Day Rally at Fieldhouse Mall, which includes a free climbing wall open to all students.

"Bringing a portable wall to campus seemed to be the perfect way to expose the Notre Dame community to something fun and exciting," junior Brent Kelly, treasurer of the Notre Dame Climbing Club, said. "In addition to the physical and mental challenge of rock climbing, there is also a spiritual aspect that demands a respect and admiration for nature."

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ND SEED gives back to Guatemalan village

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

A group of six students will be giving back to a Guatemalan village while applying their engineering skills this summer.

Notre Dame Students Empowering through Engineering Development (ND SEED), a team of civil engineering students who have been fundraising and designing a bridge for a community in Palquí, Guatemala this year.

Partnering with Bridges to Prosperity (B2P), a non-profit organization seeking to fight global poverty by building footbridges in developing countries, ND SEED will finalize construc-

tion of the bridge in June.

ND SEED member Stephen Santay, a junior, said he got a positive reaction from the community when the group visited the site during fall break.

"They were very, very excited for us to be there and very humble that we were taking on the project," Santay said. "They were very willing to help us out with whatever we needed and were very generous."

According to the ND SEED website, the project fills a particular need for school children. During the rainy season, students cannot cross the flooded river Qebrada Palquí and have to walk an hour out of their way to reach the schoolhouse.

"In the rainy season, which is a significant portion of the year down there, the attendance at school drops by more than 50 percent," Santay said. "So, I think that would be the main goal of our project is so that the kids can go to school to get an education year round."

Sophomore Enrique Descamps, a native of Guatemala, said the community offered the group the head of a cooked chicken, a traditional honor, as a token of their gratitude.

Descamps said the bridge will address Guatemala's infrastructural need, as most roads are unpaved and houses built

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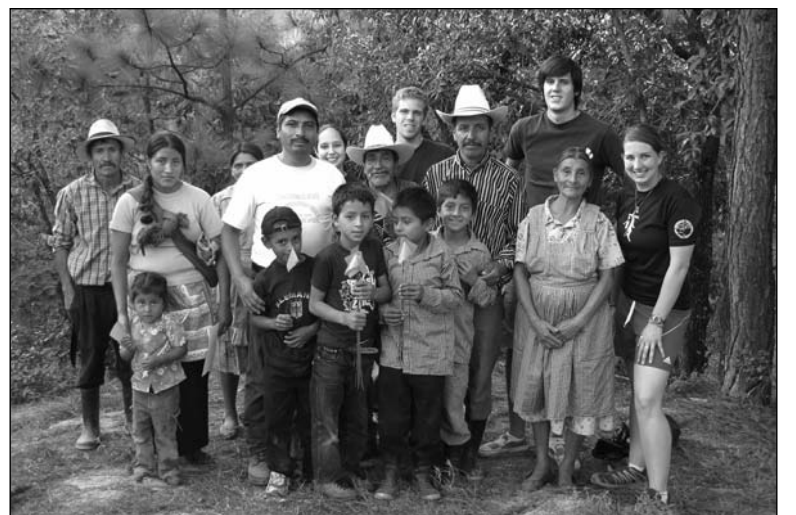


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ND SEED poses with Guatemalan families they visited in October. They will be traveling back to the country in May.

INSIDE COLUMN

Where to volunteer?

With summer fast approaching, if you have not yet, it is time to start thinking about summer plans. What will I do with myself this summer?

The job market is sketchy and doesn't look like a possibility. Relaxing all summer is not necessarily a bad thing, but I need some structure to my months off. Then it hit me: I can volunteer at an organization this summer, but where?

With so many organizations in need of help, one that flies under the radar is the Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics provides people of all ages with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate in a sport. Sports are not merely recreation either. They provide these people with the thrill of hitting the game-winning basket, striding out the last 100 meters of a race and celebrating a victory with teammates.

But one thing is different about the Special Olympics. There are no losers. Everyone is a winner. The day-to-day challenges are so great for some that even just competing is a feat unto itself.

I have first hand experience with the Special Olympics of Illinois. I went to watch my sisters, who both have Down syndrome, compete in swimming and gymnastics. I thought that it might be boring to watch the other events, but I found myself cheering just as loud for the competitors finishing the race or scoring last as I did for my sisters.

The ability to finish is just as important, if not more important, than winning the event itself. The athlete who receives the loudest cheers is usually the one who perseveres to the physical limits of his or her strength just to finish.

The Special Olympics provides a wonderful experience for all people with intellectual disabilities. When I attended the state summer games for Illinois to root for my sisters, there was something that I learned while in attendance that I didn't expect.

Winning had nothing to do with this weekend. In fact, the competition itself was only minor in comparison to the other activities. This is the one weekend of the year were my two sisters can spend a night or two away from parents, stay in a college dorm, and just have a good time.

The Special Olympics has been an inspiration for me. Volunteers are always needed to make the events run. Prior knowledge of sports is not absolutely necessary, as just your presence will make all of the difference.

Volunteering to work at a Special Olympic event will not go unnoticed either. Many of the athletes will go out of his or her way to say thank you. However, I feel that a big thank you needs to be given back to the athletes for their commitment to excellence.

Take a chance this summer; try something new. All of the athletes take a pledge before the games begin. These words continue to influence athletes and all those involved throughout the world, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

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

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Sports Wire Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT GETS YOU THROUGH FINALS?



Dave Skorup
sophomore
Carroll

"Caffeine."



Jeff Berryman
sophomore
Keough

"Napping, golf
and lots of
Ramen
noodles."



Marti McGraw
freshman
Pangborn

"My boyfriend."



Nathan Lin
freshman
Sorin

"Studying."



Peter Baxter
freshman
Siegfried

"Singing."

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



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Students distribute The Dome 2010 yearbook Wednesday in South Dining Hall. Students could pick up their copy Tuesday or Wednesday in LaFortune Student Center and South Dining Hall. Yearbooks are available Thursday as well.

OFFBEAT

Worker hit after confronting customer about body odor

BELLINGHAM, Wash. – Police said a Cost Cutter store employee was punched in the mouth after he confronted a customer about his body odor. Police spokesman Mark Young told The Bellingham Herald that police went to the store after a report of a fight and found employees holding down a man.

The newspaper said customers apparently complained while the man was in the store Sunday, and the employee decided to discuss it with him when he returned the next day.

Young said the store employee was not going to ask him to leave the store, but only approached him to share the complaints. Young said the man snapped and threw a bunch of batteries and punched the worker, causing a minor injury.

Woman strikes spouse with hammer for his 'surprise'

SALT LAKE CITY – A Utah woman has been sentenced to 30 days at home with an ankle monitor for blindfolding her husband and promising him a surprise before hitting him in the head with

a hammer three years ago.

Amy Teresa Ricks also was sentenced to probation and community service Monday in 3rd District Court. The 37-year-old pleaded guilty to second-degree felony aggravated assault in February.

Prosecutors have agreed to reduce the conviction to a third-degree felony after Ricks completes probation. They also agreed to let Ricks seek expungement of the crime after seven years.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Le Point Vierge: Mary and The Catholic Imagination" will be presented by Wendy M. Wright at 7:30 p.m. today in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's College.

The Best of Acousticafe will be held today from 10 p.m. to midnight in Legends. The event will feature live student musical performances. The event is free.

The Shirt Unveiling Ceremony will be Friday at 5:45 p.m. at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. The event will feature remarks from Irish Coach Brian Kelly, and shirts will be available for purchase immediately after the ceremony.

The Notre Dame Bike Fest 2010 will be Friday from noon to 7 p.m. in front of the Rockne Memorial building. Bike registration, free tune ups, safety skills and bike clubs will all be available.

The Blue-Gold Game will be held Saturday at the Notre Dame Football Stadium starting at 1:35 p.m.

The 3rd Annual Father Ted Fun Run/Walk will be held Sunday starting and ending at South Dining Hall, with registration beginning at 1:15 p.m. and races beginning at 3:30 p.m. All proceeds go toward the Upward Bound program, helping low-income high school students become first-generation college graduates.

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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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Board reviews rules, bylaws for elections

By MEGHAN PRICE
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Student Government Association (SGA) held its final meeting of the academic year Wednesday to discuss and vote on the bylaws and election policies for SGA.

The board decided it wanted to increase the number of candidates running for elected positions and also the number of students voting in those elections.

One of the concerns about the rules was the timing of elections. Sophomore class president Nicole Gans said elections had been held too close to finals.

“When students are as busy as they are during the end of the year, they don't have the time to read about who is running, let alone to run themselves,” Gans said. “The timing really diminishes involvement.”

Many board members thought that having the candidates commit to the next year too early would be a bad idea. Junior Megan Griffin, executive treasurer, said having the elections at that time was good because the people running for office would have to be upholding their responsibilities throughout the year, even during stressful times.

Junior Laura Smith, SGA vice president, said the elections would be held the week before

Spring Break, which will make next year's elections a bit earlier than those in the past.

SGA president Rachael Chesley, a junior, also said the board the candidates would be informed of the election rules and requirements two weeks before the election.

She said this would give candidates more time to prepare and the student body more time to learn about their platforms.

The minimum 3.0 GPA requirement to run for office was also debated. Many of the officers felt the requirement should be lowered because it could get more students interested and involved in the election process. However, others felt this would be lowering the standard too much.

“The average GPA at Saint Mary's is 3.17,” junior Emily Skirtich, executive secretary, said. “The requirement is already below that and so I think it would be a bad idea to lower it further. We don't want our representatives to be below average.”

The board voted to keep the required GPA to run at 3.0. After voting on these stipulations, the board passed the bylaws and election rules for the upcoming year. SGA will have its next meeting in the 2010 fall semester.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group discusses plans for 2010 football pep rally

By SCOTT ENGLERT
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Student Senate passed one resolution and discussed the new 2010 football pep rally format during its meeting Wednesday night.

The resolution states: “All commissioners shall be chosen by May 1 of the term they serve in their respective organizations.”

Sophomore Paige Becker, chairman of the Oversight Committee, said the resolution is not actually changing the current format of the selection of student union ethics commissioners but is proposing to instill the current practice as an official amendment in the constitution. The resolution passed unanimously.

Student body vice president Andrew Bell explained the changes in the pep rally format for the coming fall.

“We're excited about this, but we know there are some issues,” Bell said. “We only planned through the first three home games and Boston College so we can see how each venue works ... and then go from there.”

Agreeing that change is needed, senators discussed the specific details of the pep rallies. Cavanaugh senator Tegan Chapman, a freshman, said she wants the atmosphere to be more upbeat at the new flagpole gathering point.

“Before the Dillon pep rally and

all the music was playing,” Chapman said. “If we could get that atmosphere at the flag pole that would be nice.”

Senators also discussed the current prevalence of dorm rivalries at pep rallies. Fisher senator Daniel McShea, a sophomore, said he believes the events should be a time for school unity.

“I think the rivalry is important but it's a time for the student body to come together,” McShea said.

But Becker said she believes the rivalries between dorms will always play a role.

“As for the dorm rivalry ... I feel that when you put the dorms together it's going to happen,” Becker said.

Pasquerilla West senator Jessica Fay, a freshman, said incentives are a change to be considered.

Regardless of the specific format, junior Casey Cockerham, chairman of the Committee on Campus Technology, said changes must be successfully communicated to the student body.

“Let students know you're trying to make the pep rallies shorter,” Cockerham said.

Knott senator Alex Kasparie, agreed.

“I think it's really important to explain that we're experimenting,” Kasparie said. “Nobody wants to go to Irish Green.”

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Bald

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Anello rallied nearly 30 team members to shave their heads, as well as people across the country to donate to his cause.

"It's been cool seeing that the donations have been coming from across the country," Anello said. "I've had 9,000 people come to the site in the last three weeks."

Irish football players Tom Burke, Raeshon McNeil, John Ryan and Sam Young, as well as women's soccer players Courtney Rosen and Kelsey Lysander, joined Anello in a visit to the Pediatric Oncology ward of Memorial Hospital on Tuesday.

Anello said the time spent with those children was extremely rewarding, and he hopes to visit them again.

"It was amazing interacting with the kids. After what they've gone through, they still have a smile on their face," Anello said.

On Wednesday, Anello reached his personal goal of raising \$5,000 for cancer research. He decided to set a new goal of raising \$10,000 by Saturday, when the fundraising comes to a close at the Blue-Gold Game.

In addition to shaving heads, students can also contribute to the cause by donating eight inches of hair to make wigs for cancer patients, purchasing dinners from Fiddler's Hearth in the LaFortune Ballroom or purchasing colored hair extensions.

Twenty-five Welsh Family residents have signed up for hair extensions in support of sophomore Kelsey Thrasher, a cancer survivor.

For some, donating hair at The Bald and the Beautiful is an emotional experience.

The devastating effects of can-

cer have hit close to home for Halloran, so her experience with The Bald and the Beautiful thus far has been a personal one. Halloran said she is grateful for the overwhelming support friends, family and teachers have offered.

"I have been extremely humbled by their giving hearts and caring spirits," she said. "A renewed sense of hope has been the greatest blessing of this experience. It proves that greatness can come from the tragedy of my friend's death."

The Bald and the Beautiful will continue today and tomorrow from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Sorin and Dooley rooms of LaFortune. For more information about the event, or to offer donations, visit <https://sites.google.com/nd.edu/ndclass12/>

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Notre Dame football players get their heads shaved Wednesday at The Bald and the Beautiful to raise money for cancer research.

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with sheet metal and other materials vulnerable to mudslides during the rainy season.

Besides appreciation, Descamps saw a wide spectrum of the community involved in the project.

"Everyone's willing to help," Descamps said. "The women offered to cook for us while we stay there over the summer. The men of the community are doing labor."

Senior Angela Medlock said the project will have a large impact for a community with limited resources.

"They don't have running water," Medlock said. "They don't have electricity. This one part of my curriculum here, this one part of my life is everything to them. This bridge is going to change their lives."

Tracy Kijewski-Correa, a civil engineering professor and advisor to the project, said students selected the bridge's design from a catalogue of accepted designs standardized by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Students will live in the local school, construct the bridge and teach the community how to make repairs on the bridge in May and June. Kijewski-Correa said bridge maintenance in the U.S. will serve as an example of what not to do.

"In this country, for example, we have 25 percent of our bridges in a state of disrepair because they haven't been maintained properly, so we do a bad job of this even ourselves," Kijewski-Correa said. "So for this particular project, we want to learn from the mistakes we've made in this country about leaving maintenance as a secondary thought, an afterthought until

it's too late."

The community is currently excavating the site and building the bridge's foundation alongside a B2P site supervisor until the students arrive.

Kijewski-Correa said the community decides whether or not to finance this labor.

"I imagine most of it they are doing it on their own time with their own free man power to get it done because they see the impact it's going to have on their lives," Kijewski-Correa said.

For Kijewski-Correa, one of the biggest challenges is raising close to \$20,000 for costs ranging from transportation to materials for the bridge. The economic climate and budget costs across university departments have complicated fundraising.

Kijewski-Correa said students have played a significant role in fundraising efforts in dorms and a dinner at Five Guys.

According to Kijewski-Correa, the group needs to raise about \$1,700 more to reach their goal.

Kijewski-Correa said the project allows the students, who will be fulfilling one of their engineering elective requirements, to harness their knowledge for a greater good and appreciate the infrastructure in the U.S.

"I think we are so spoiled by an amazing and wonderful life that we take for granted how much we have to be thankful for everyday until you go to some of these other countries and see how desperate they are for a simple thing like a footbridge that's going to make it possible for them to get to other communities, neighboring communities and to have a better way of life, and we don't think twice every time we get into our car and drive," Kijewski-Correa said.

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Earth

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He said the club chose to do this as a part of the Earth Day Rally to emphasize the majesty of the natural world and humanity's responsibility to it.

Environmental and sustainability groups from the South Bend area will also be at the rally giving out information about their work in the community, McCormack said.

"My hope is that the rally will teach students a little more about real-life environmental issues and what people are doing now to cope with them," she said. "It's really just a fun, outdoor celebration of Earth Day."

GreenND, another environ-

mental group working to improve energy efficiency on campus, will host the Rising Sun Green Fashion show tonight at Legends at 5:30 p.m.

"The show will feature over 90 outfits made from recyclable materials or purchased from second hand stores," McCormack said. "SEA is so excited to help out as a co-sponsor and supply student models and volunteers for the event."

She said many of the clothes that will be modeled will also be on sale following

the show.

Tickets for the fashion show can be purchased for \$5 at the door or in the LaFortune Box Office.

"Earth Day is really a time for people to come together and appreciate the beauty and bounty of nature."

Regina McCormack
co-president
SEA

"We hope that these events will allow people to enjoy being in fellowship with their peers while celebrating the beauty of Earth," McCormack said. "Earth Day is really a time for people to come together and appreciate the beauty and bounty of nature."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ash cloud costs airlines \$2 billion

AMSTERDAM — Airlines toted up losses topping \$2 billion and struggled to get hundreds of thousands of travelers back home Wednesday after a week of crippled air travel, as questions and recriminations erupted over Europe's chaotic response to the volcanic ash cloud.

Civil aviation authorities defended their decisions to ground fleets and close the skies — and later to reopen them — against heated charges by airline chiefs that the decisions were based on flawed data or unsubstantiated fears.

The aviation crisis sparked by a volcanic eruption in Iceland left millions in flightless limbo, created debilitating losses for airlines and other industries and even threatened Europe's economic recovery. An aviation group called the financial fallout worse than the three-day worldwide shutdown after the 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Priest offers to quit amid scandal

BERLIN — A German bishop is offering his resignation after a flap over allegations of physical abuse and financial misconduct, his hometown newspaper reported Wednesday.

Augsburg Bishop Walter Mixa wrote a letter to Pope Benedict XVI Wednesday evening offering to resign as bishop and as Germany's Roman Catholic military chaplain, the daily Augsburger Allgemeine reported, without citing sources.

He wrote that the “continuing public discussion” about him had “seriously burdened priests and the faithful,” according to the report. Diocese officials could not immediately be reached for comment late Wednesday night.

NATIONAL NEWS

N.Y. senator denies embezzling

NEW YORK — New York Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada denies any wrongdoing after federal authorities raided a government-funded clinic he runs.

Espada says Attorney General Andrew Cuomo is waging a vendetta against him.

Espada called Wednesday's raids of New York City's Bronx clinic “a media circus, a media show.” He said the charges against him were “false and unfounded.”

Cuomo confirmed he and federal prosecutors are looking into Espada's financial dealings with the clinic, and are pursuing possible criminal charges that could include mail fraud and theft of government funds.

Cuomo filed a civil action Tuesday, accusing Espada of siphoning \$14 million from Soundview Healthcare Network.

Police seek abandoned boy's parents

NEW YORK — Authorities say a family caravanning with a woman and her toddler in Florida took the 3-year-old to New York after the boy's mother was arrested on fraud charges, abandoning him at St. Patrick's Cathedral with a note stuffed into his hand bearing the name of a detective working the case and the words “call immediately.”

Eleanor Black, 29, was identified through surveillance footage at the cathedral, police said Wednesday. She and William Scott, 32, were believed to have been the last two people with Nathaniel Fons, and they were also suspected of being involved in the counterfeiting operation in Florida where his mother was charged.

LOCAL NEWS

Investigator accused of misconduct

INDIANAPOLIS — A former investigator with the Marion County prosecutor's office has been accused of misconduct.

A special prosecutor on Wednesday charged 54-year-old Daniel Constantino with forgery, official misconduct and corrupt business influence.

Indiana State Police spokesman Sgt. Anthony Emery says Constantino “engaged in a pattern of racketeering activity.”

Officials say Constantino accepted cash and Indianapolis Colts tickets in return for signing paperwork that facilitated the resale of stolen vehicles.

Obama considers Court nominees

President prioritizes women's rights, says there will be no abortion 'litmus tests'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, treading carefully in the explosive arena of abortion and the Supreme Court, said Wednesday he will choose a nominee who pays heed to the rights of women and the privacy of their bodies. Yet he said he won't enforce any abortion rights “litmus tests.”

Obama said it is “very important to me” that his court choice take women's rights into account in interpreting the Constitution, his most expansive comments yet about how a woman's right to choose will factor into his decision.

He plans to choose someone to succeed Justice John Paul Stevens within “the next couple weeks,” he told CNBC.

Obama accelerated his political outreach and his conversations with candidates, positioning himself for one of the most consequential decisions of his presidency. He invited Senate leaders — Republicans as well as Democrats — to discuss the issue at the White House and commented briefly to reporters before their private meeting.

His rejection of the idea of “litmus tests” was standard presidential language, keeping him from being boxed in and protecting his eventual nominee from charges of bringing preconceived decisions to the bench.

Obama's pick is not expected to change the ideological balance on the court, though Stevens, the leader of the court's liberals, has played a major role in the court's upholding of abortion rights. Stevens, who turned 90 on Tuesday, is retiring this summer.

Whoever Obama picks has the potential to affect the lives and rights of Americans for a generation or more.

The president is considering about 10 people, including a newly confirmed



President Barack Obama discusses the Supreme Court vacancy left by the retirement of Justice John Paul Stevens in the Oval Office on Wednesday.

name, federal appeals court Judge Ann Williams of Chicago.

Among the others are appeals court judges Diane Wood, Merrick Garland and Sidney Thomas, former Georgia Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears, Solicitor General Elena Kagan, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Harvard Law School Dean Martha Minow.

When asked if he could nominate someone who did not support a woman's right to choose, Obama said: “I am somebody who believes that women should have the ability to make often very difficult decisions about their own bodies and issues of reproduction.”

He said he would not judge candidates on a single-issue abortion test.

“But I will say that I want somebody who is going to be interpreting our Constitution in a way that takes into account individual rights, and that includes women's rights,” Obama said. “And that's going to be something that's very important to me, because I think part of what our core constitutional values promote is the notion that individuals are protected in their privacy and their bodily integrity. And women are not exempt from that.”

Such a detailed answer raised the question of whether Obama had, in fact, spelled out a fundamental test over abortion. The White House rejected that.

“I think a litmus test is when you say, will you ask a direct question about — do you believe this? Do you believe that?” White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said. “I think the president will ask any nominee discuss how they view the Constitution and the legal principles enshrined in it.”

The Supreme Court declared in 1973 through its Roe v. Wade decision that a woman has a constitutional right to an abortion, and close questioning on the issue has been a feature of Senate confirmation hearings for some time. Federal courts have battled with the ramifications of the landmark decision, although the core ruling has gone untouched.

Rig explosion leaves 11 missing, 17 hurt

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Rescuers in helicopters and boats searched the Gulf of Mexico for 11 missing workers Wednesday after a thunderous explosion rocked a huge oil drilling platform and lit up the night sky with a pillar of flame. Seventeen people were injured, four critically.

The blast Tuesday night aboard the Deepwater Horizon rig 50 miles off the Louisiana coast could prove to be one of the nation's deadliest offshore drilling accidents of the past half-century.

The Coast Guard held out hope that the missing workers escaped in one of the platform's covered lifeboats.

Nearly 24 hours after the explosion,

the roughly 400-by-250-foot rig continued to burn, and authorities could not say when the flames might die out. A column of boiling black smoke rose hundreds of feet over the Gulf of Mexico as fireboats shot streams of water at the blaze.

“We're hoping everyone's in a life raft,” Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer Mike O'Berry said.

Adrian Rose, vice president of rig owner Transocean Ltd., said the explosion appeared to be a blowout, in which natural gas or oil forces its way up a well pipe and smashes the equipment. But precisely what went wrong was under investigation.

Crews were doing routine work before the explosion and there were no signs of trouble, Rose said.

A total of 126 workers were aboard the rig when it blew up. The Coast Guard said 17 were taken by air or sea to hospitals. Four were reported in critical condition with severe burns. Others suffered burns, broken legs and smoke inhalation.

Nearly 100 other workers made it aboard a supply boat and were expected to reach the Louisiana shore by evening.

Kelly Eugene waited with nine family members for husband Kevin Eugene, 46, a cook on the Deepwater Horizon. A catering company operating on the rig notified her he was safe.

“He's on the boat. That's all we know. And that's all we need to know,” she said.

Man finds kidney donor in mayor via Facebook

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Politicians long ago discovered the uses of Facebook. East Haven Mayor April Capone Almon found something else there: a constituent who needed her kidney.

Capone Almon, 35, had more than 1,600 “friends” on Facebook last year when she saw one of them, Carlos Sanchez, post a status update saying his friends and relatives had all been tested and couldn’t donate a kidney.

She knew him casually through activities and friends in the New Haven suburb of East Haven, but they weren’t so close that she had heard he was ill.

Sanchez, a 44-year-old father whose kidneys were failing because of diabetes, sent out the request on Facebook only hesitantly and on his doctor’s suggestion. He worried people might

pity him — and certainly hadn’t pinned his hopes on finding a donor that way.

He didn’t have long to wait. Capone Almon was the first person to respond.

“I sent him a private message and just said, ‘Hey, I’ll try. I’ll get tested,’” Capone Almon said Wednesday. “I really felt from the very beginning that I was going to be a match and a donor. I don’t know why, but I just knew it.”

Sanchez had no such certainty.

“I thought she was joking. The mayor of East Haven would offer me her kidney?” said Sanchez, an office administrator. “She responded back and said, ‘I am serious, I am willing to get tested.’”

“I wasn’t putting too much faith in it,” he said. “I didn’t want to get my hopes high. But at a point she made me feel so comfortable that I started feeling

maybe this was meant to be.”

Capone Almon, a Democrat, was running for second term as mayor at the time but kept the details of her medical plans a secret. She won the election as they awaited word on when she could donate the kidney, saying they grew as close as family during the lull.

“I know he voted for me, too,” she joked.

The operation was set only after Capone Almon passed a battery of tests and was given a long explanation of the process, which involved three small incisions near her ribcage and a scar similar to that of a cesarean section.

“What the doctors said to me is, ‘Your recipient is already sick and we’re not going to make you sick to make him somewhat better,’” she said. “They do not compromise the donor’s health in any way, shape or form.”



Carlos Sanchez, a 44-year-old father from East Haven, Conn., received a kidney from Mayor April Capone Almon. AP

Prosecutor: Camry in deadly crash not recalled

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The inspection of a Toyota Camry involved in a deadly crash that sent a St. Paul man to prison supports his claim he did all he could to try to stop before the 2006 collision that killed three people, attorneys and a participating expert said Wednesday.

The filaments on the brake lights of Koua Fong Lee’s car “exploded,” indicating Lee hit the brakes at least a second or two before impact, said Jim Cook, an expert hired by the victims’ attorney, Mike Padden.

Lee’s defense attorney, Brent Schafer, began working to get the case reopened after Toyota recalled several newer models due to sudden acceleration problems. Lee’s accident is among a growing number of cases, some long resolved, to receive new attention after Toyota admitted its problems with sudden acceleration were more extensive than originally believed.

Lee drove a 1996 Camry. A

limited number of those were subject to a recall for a problem with aftermarket cruise controls that caused sudden acceleration. However, Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner announced Wednesday that Lee’s Camry had a factory cruise control and was not among those recalled.

Schafer and Padden say that doesn’t affect Lee’s case, however. They point to reports filed with federal regulators of sudden acceleration in 1996 Camrys that were never recalled. Lee’s petition for a new trial last month also was accompanied by affidavits from 16 people who described sudden acceleration in their older Toyotas.

Lee insisted during his trial and in recent interviews from prison that he did everything he could to stop his 1996 Camry as it sped up a freeway exit ramp at about 80 to 90 mph and slammed into an Oldsmobile in June 2006. The 32-year-old is serving an eight-year prison sentence after a jury convicted

him of criminal vehicular homicide.

Gaertner said Wednesday that her office will wait for written reports on this week’s inspections, including a report from Toyota, before deciding how to respond to Lee’s request for a new trial.

“It is reckless for anyone to speculate about the results of the inspection until we have those reports,” Gaertner said.

But Schafer, Padden and Padden’s expert said the examination of the brake lights backs up Lee’s story.

“It appears to me that the

brakes were on, the filaments were lit, and when the impact occurred, the filaments exploded on the inside of the bulb,” Cook said.

The brake lights had to have been on for at least a second or two for the filaments to heat up enough, and they may have been on even longer, but it wasn’t possible to determine how much longer from the bulbs, Cook said. Had the brake lights been off and the filaments been cold, he said, they would have simply broken loose and rolled around inside the bulbs.

Schafer said he’s confident

experts for all sides who inspected Lee’s car at the St. Paul police impound lot Tuesday and Wednesday will agree in their final reports that the brake lights were on and showed that Lee tried to stop.

Toyota faces at least 100 lawsuits for injuries or deaths attributed to sudden acceleration and is the subject of a congressional investigation. Padden said he plans to file a wrongful death lawsuit “very soon” against Toyota and a dealer on behalf of the victims and their families, who now believe Lee is innocent.

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IN BRIEF

GM pays back \$8.1 billion loan early

WASHINGTON — Fallen giant General Motors Co. accelerated toward recovery Wednesday, announcing the repayment of \$8.1 billion in U.S. and Canadian government loans five years ahead of schedule.

The Obama administration crowed about the “turnaround” at GM and fellow bailout recipient Chrysler LLC, saying the government’s unpopular rescue of Detroit’s automakers is paying off.

Much of the improvement comes from GM slashing its debt load and workforce as part of its bankruptcy reorganization last year. But the automaker is a long way from regaining its old blue-chip status: It remains more than 70 percent government-owned and is still losing money — \$3.4 billion in last year’s fourth quarter alone. And while its car and truck sales are up so far this year, that’s primarily due to lower-profit sales to car rental companies and other fleet buyers.

Chrysler, now run by Italy’s Fiat Group SpA, said Wednesday it lost almost \$200 million in the first quarter. But it said it boosted its cash reserves by \$1.5 billion, reducing the likelihood that it will need more government aid.

Obama says value-added tax possible

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama suggested Wednesday that a new value-added tax on Americans is still on the table, seeming to show more openness to the idea than his aides have expressed in recent days.

Before deciding what revenue options are best for dealing with the deficit and the economy, Obama said in an interview with CNBC, “I want to get a better picture of what our options are.”

After Obama adviser Paul Volcker recently raised the prospect of a value-added tax, or VAT, the Senate voted 85-13 last week for a nonbinding “sense of the Senate” resolution that calls the such a tax “a massive tax increase that will cripple families on fixed income and only further push back America’s economic recovery.”

For days, White House spokesmen have said the president has not proposed and is not considering a VAT.

“I think I directly answered this the other day by saying that it wasn’t something that the president had under consideration,” White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters shortly before Obama spoke with CNBC.

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BUSINESS

Goldman Sachs CEO to testify

Lloyd Blankfein will respond to civil fraud accusations before the Senate

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Goldman Sachs is taking its fight against a government civil fraud case to Capitol Hill.

Goldman CEO Lloyd Blankfein will testify before a Senate panel Tuesday in what are expected to be his first public comments on the Securities and Exchange Commission’s lawsuit charging that the bank defrauded two investors, according to a person familiar with the plans. He spoke on condition of anonymity because the appearance hasn’t been publicly announced.

A 31-year-old Goldman employee at the center of the lawsuit, Fabrice Tourre, is also expected to be questioned at the hearing, according to media reports. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. spokesman Samuel Robinson declined to comment on the reports.

Blankfein will answer questions before the Senate’s Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation, which is investigating the role of major banks in the sub-prime mortgage crisis, according to the person. Blankfein agreed to appear before the panel before the SEC sued the bank but is expected to take questions on the case. The panel declined to comment.

Goldman’s willingness to answer questions in such a public forum suggests the bank is trying to get out in front of the SEC case, said Christopher Whalen, managing director of Institutional Risk Analytics.

“There’s no place to hide, so if I were advising Mr. Blankfein I would tell him to get out there and tell the story,” Whalen said. “Securities fraud claims are difficult to prove, especially a civil claim, so I think Goldman has an even chance of winning in court.”

Questions have been raised about whether the



AP

In this file photo, Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein testifies on Capitol Hill. Blankfein will testify before the Senate’s Permanent Subcommitte on Investigations Tuesday.

SEC informed or coordinated its action against Goldman with the White House, which is in the midst of a push for new regulations on the financial industry.

In an interview Wednesday, President Barack Obama denied as “completely false” the notion that White House had advance knowledge of the case. Obama said the SEC is an independent agency and that the White House has no day-to-day control over it.

“They never discussed with us anything, with respect to the charge that will be brought,” he said in the interview with CNBC. “So this notion that somehow, there would be any attempt to interfere in an independent agency is

completely false.”

SEC Chairman Mary Schapiro also denied any coordination with the White House in the Goldman case and stressed the agency’s independence.

“We do not coordinate our enforcement actions with the White House, Congress or political committees,” she said in a statement. “We do not time our cases around political events or the legislative calendar.”

The big bank isn’t the only one on the defensive. The billionaire hedge fund manager whose bearish bets were brought to light by the SEC case reached out to his investors a second day Wednesday to assure them the fund did nothing wrong.

John Paulson addressed

investors in his Paulson & Co. hedge fund during a conference call that was described as upbeat by a person familiar with the discussion. He requested anonymity because the conversation was confidential.

Meanwhile, there were signs that the SEC may have a tough time proving its case. The SEC alleges the bank misled two investors who bought complex mortgage-related products that were crafted in part by Paulson. The hedge fund manager was betting the mortgages would fail. The agency says Goldman didn’t disclose Paulson’s intentions to the investors, IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG and ACA Management LLC.

Redesign of \$100 bill fights counterfeiting

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The folks who print America’s money have designed a high-tech makeover of the \$100 bill complete with disappearing Liberty Bells and magical ribbons.

It’s all part of an effort to stay ahead of counterfeiters as copying technology becomes more sophisticated and more dollars flow overseas.

The makeover was unveiled by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke during a ceremony in the Treasury Department’s ornate Cash Room on Wednesday.

“As with previous U.S. currency redesigns, this note incorporates the best technology available to make sure we are staying ahead of counterfeiters,”

Geithner said.

Benjamin Franklin is still on the C-note. But he has been joined by a disappearing Liberty Bell in an inkwell and a bright blue security ribbon composed of thousands of tiny lenses that magnify objects in mysterious ways. Move the bill, and the objects move in a different direction.

The new currency will not go into circulation until Feb. 10 of next year. That will give the government time to educate the public in the United States and around the world about the changes.

“We estimate that as many as two-thirds of all \$100 notes circulate outside the United States,” said Bernanke, who stressed that the 6.5 billion in \$100 bills now in circulation will remain legal tender.

The \$100 bill, the highest value

denomination in general circulation, is the final bill to undergo this latest round of redesigns. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing began the process in 1996 with an initial round of makeovers.

Those changes were followed in 2003 with a series that added more sophisticated anti-counterfeiting features including splashes of color which have been added to the \$20, \$50, \$10 and \$5 denominations. The \$1 bill isn’t getting a makeover.

All the changes are aimed at thwarting counterfeiters who are armed with ever-more sophisticated computers, scanners and color copiers. The \$100 bill is the most frequent target of counterfeiters operating outside of the United States while the \$20 bill is the favorite target of counterfeiters inside the country.

Commercial fishing ship capsizes in Gulf of Alaska

Fisherman loses control of vessel due to throttle

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — In less than 15 minutes, commercial fisherman Robert Jack went from steering a 75-foot boat across the Gulf of Alaska to a terrifying plunge into its icy waters.

Jack was one of four crew members on the Northern Belle, based in Seattle, which was hit by a swell and tipped on its side Tuesday night before sinking 50 miles south of Alaska's Montague Island, near the mouth of Prince William Sound. He and two other crew members survived.

Jack told Seattle's KING-TV on Wednesday that the scene was chaotic as the crew fled the boat.

"The throttles wouldn't shut down," he said. "We were moving at 7 knots, rolling over on one side. There were lines, there were brailer bags, heavy pieces of steel flying everywhere."

The cause of the sinking has not been determined, said Coast Guard spokeswoman Sara Francis, who documented the rescue from a C-130 airplane.

The vessel was carrying cargo on its way to Dillingham, a commercial fishing community in Bristol Bay on Alaska's southwest coast. The Gulf of Alaska can be treacherous, but Francis said conditions that night were not rough.

Jack said the crew had suspicions that their vessel may not have been properly loaded. The skipper, he said, had expressed reservations that there was too much weight in the stern.

On Tuesday night, Jack said, the crew had just finished dinner, and the skipper turned the wheel over to Jack and headed for his cabin.

"All of a sudden, the boat took a very large surge to the starboard side, and panic started to happen," Jack said.

The captain ran to the engine room as Jack tried to right the vessel.

"I couldn't recover the ballast on the boat," Jack said.

"It was extremely listing, and it got worse and worse."

Jack and the other crew members helped each other into survival suits — clumsy, head-to-toe outfits of bright orange — and fastened the zippers to make the suits watertight.

"At this time, less than three minutes had passed, and the boat was almost up vertical, starboard down, port up, straight up and down," he said.

They put a life raft over the side but the angle of the boat kept them from getting it untied. Jack jumped in and tore his survival suit on a piece of metal. He was plunged under water.

When he came up for air, he spotted the captain entering the water but lost sight of him in the waves.

Jack swam for about an hour and finally spotted a bundle of wood that had been part of the cargo. He climbed on and blew a whistle to get the attention of the only woman on board, a deck hand he referred to as Nicole.

"I managed to get Nicole over, pull her up, partially out of the water," he said.

The two rode the wood bundle until rescuers arrived.

A C-130 airplane from the Coast Guard reached the scene in a little more than an hour from Kodiak.

"The first thing we saw was a debris field," Francis said.

Rescuers spotted the crew members on another pass: two on the wood debris and two in the water, three of whom were waving. The airplane marked the area with smoke flares and dropped life rafts strung together by floating line. A helicopter then dropped a rescue swimmer, who helped hoist crew members into a basket.

The man who died showed no vital signs, while the three survivors suffered hypothermia.

Dr. Phil Hess at Cordova Community Medical Center said the crewman who died suffered a head trauma while exiting the boat, but that it was unclear if he died from the injury or hypothermia.

"The throttles wouldn't shut down. We were moving at seven knots, rolling over on one side."

**Robert Jack
fisherman**

Museum dedicated to Gonzales

Associated Press

MIAMI — When federal agents stormed a home in the Little Havana community, snatched Elian Gonzalez from his father's relatives and put him on a path back to his father in Cuba, thousands of Cuban-Americans took to Miami's streets. Their anger helped give George W. Bush the White House months later and simmered long after that.

Ten years later, the Little Havana home — for weeks the epicenter of a standoff that divided the U.S. — is a museum dedicated to Elian's brief time in this country, but visitors are rare. Almost no one involved in the international custody case wants to talk about Elian, who is now a teenager back in Cuba.

Even most Cuban-Americans have moved on.

"It was a very sour taste left in their mouths," said Andy Gomez, a senior fellow at the University of Miami's Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies. "But, realistically, it was a battle to be lost."

Elian was just shy of his sixth birthday when a fisherman found him floating in an inner tube in the waters off Fort Lauderdale on Thanksgiving 1999. His mother and others drowned trying to reach the U.S.

Elian's father, who was separated from his mother, remained in Cuba, where he and Fidel Castro's communist government demanded the boy's return.

Elian was placed in the home of his great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, while the



Elian Gonzales holds a Cuban flag in Havana, Cuba on April 4. Gonzales was deported from the United States 10 years ago.

Miami relatives and other Cuban exiles went to court to fight an order by U.S. immigration officials to return him to Cuba. Janet Reno, President Bill Clinton's attorney general and a Miami native, insisted the boy belonged with his father.

When talks broke down, she ordered the raid carried out April 22, 2000, the day before Easter. Her then-deputy, current U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, has said she wept after giving the order.

Associated Press photographer Alan Diaz captured Donato Dalrymple, the fisherman who had found the boy, backing into a bedroom closet with a terrified Elian in his arms as an immigration agent in tactical gear inches away aimed his gun toward them. The image won the

Pulitzer Prize and brought criticism of the Justice Department to a frenzy.

No one answered the AP's repeated calls to a number listed for Dalrymple in the Miami area, and there was no response to interview requests sent through intermediaries.

Lazaro Gonzalez declined to comment, as did his daughter, Marisleysis, who became Elian's surrogate mother during his U.S. stay. The Justice Department has never released the identity of the agent and did not immediately respond to an AP request this week for the agent's name.

Clinton, who was in Miami last weekend, said he would still make the same decision because it conformed with international child custody law.

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Shipment of uranium seized

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The president of Georgia confirmed Wednesday that his country seized a shipment of highly enriched uranium, and blamed Russia for creating the instability that allows nuclear smugglers to operate in the region.

In an interview with The Associated Press, President Mikhail Saakashvili declined to divulge details of the seizure but said the uranium was intercepted last month coming into his country in the Caucasus region of southeast Europe.

Saakashvili's government no longer controls two breakaway sections of Georgia, separatist Abkhazia and South Ossetia, which declared independence after the 2008 Russia-Georgia war, and the president said the smuggling is evidence of a security black hole in the area.

Such seizures have come "mostly from the direction of Russia," Saakashvili said.

The two countries have had tense relations for years, with their leaders routinely trading barbs.

During the brief August 2008 war, Russia destroyed much of Georgia's military infrastructure and occupied the two territories. Georgia has protested fiercely, claiming that Russia is trying to annex the regions.

Only Venezuela, Nicaragua

and the South Pacific island nation of Nauru have followed Russia's example and recognized both regions as independent states, while the rest of the world considers them part of Georgia.

Russia has since established military bases close to the territories' borders with Georgia proper, and Saakashvili said it has been building up its artillery there. He noted that Western support and involvement in the region are his country's best defense.

"We are not asking for an American troop presence," he said. "We are asking for an American political, economic and security presence."

South Ossetia's border is a mere 30 miles (48 kilometers) from Georgia's capital, Tbilisi.

News of the uranium seizure emerged during last week's nuclear security summit in Washington, which was hosted by President Barack Obama and that Saakashvili attended. It was first reported by Britain's The Guardian newspaper.

Obama has pointed to Russian cooperation as essential to his goal of securing all of the world's nuclear materials within four years.

But Saakashvili said Wednesday that under Russian control, the two breakaway regions have become havens for smugglers.

"If you are legally in occu-

pation then you are responsible for controlling proliferation," he said.

He pointed to a 2006 sting stemming from an investigation in South Ossetia as evidence of the smuggling problem in the breakaway republics. In that instance, Georgian authorities arrested four people accused of trying to sell a small quantity of highly enriched uranium.

Saakashvili also said that Russia's military buildup in the breakaway regions are a threat to his country's security, noting that Russia has "not only the ability, but the intention to depose our government."

"Russia is involved in geopolitical games all around us," he added.

In one incident in July that was never disclosed, Saakashvili said, a Russian commander upset over an officer's defection from the breakaway territories to Georgia ordered Russian tanks 10 miles (16 kilometers) into Georgia proper.

Saakashvili also said that Georgia was still looking toward NATO membership, despite the apparent reluctance of many member countries to expand the security alliance toward Russia.

"The international situation in this region cannot be static," he said. "Either the West will expand eastward or hard-liners in Moscow will expand westward."

OK Corral transcript surfaces in frontier town

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A missing handwritten transcript from a coroner's inquest done after the legendary gunfight at the OK Corral has resurfaced in a dusty box more than 125 years after the most famous shootout in Wild West history.

The document had been missing for decades — last seen when it was photocopied in the 1960s.

It was found when court clerks stumbled on the box while reorganizing files in an old jail storage room in Bisbee, about 20 miles south of Tombstone, the Arizona frontier town where the gunbattle took place.

Stuffed inside the box was a modern manila envelope marked "keep" with the date 1881.

The inquest was done after lawmen Wyatt Earp, his two brothers and Doc Holliday confronted a gang of drunken outlaws, sparking a 30-second gunbattle in the streets of Tombstone that killed Frank and Tom McLaury and Bill Clanton.

It made folk heroes of Earp and Holliday and inspired numerous movies about the untamed Old West.

Officials showed off just one page of the transcript on Wednesday — a thick sheet of paper with blue lines and sloppy cursive writing in dark ink. It appeared to contain the beginning of testimony by William Claiborn, identified by a historian

as a friend of the three dead outlaws.

"I was present on the afternoon of Oct. 26th '81 when the shooting commenced between outlaw parties," the testimony reads.

Court officials have turned the document over to state archivists. Experts will immediately begin peeling away tape, restoring the paper and ink, and digitizing the pages.

The first pages could show up on the library's website for historians to review as soon as next week.

It's unlikely the transcript will provide any shattering revelations about the gunfight, since historians have already reviewed photocopies and the inquest was covered in detail by newspapers at the time.

Still, historians have long argued over who fired first and whether Tom McLaury was armed when he was shot. Earp and the other lawmen said they were defending themselves. Friends of the outlaws called it murder.

Wild West fans still argue over who was right, even though a judge and grand jury found insufficient evidence to try Holliday and the Earp brothers.

History buffs said the transcript is enlightening nonetheless because it has the potential to clear up fuzzy passages and reveal small notes that don't appear in the photocopies.

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How Christians should stress

Let's take "What Would Jesus Do?" and apply it to finals week. Let's also eliminate the possibility that, as the Son of God, he already knows everything. Let's assume that, fully human like us, this would be a stressful week for him. And that we look to him as a model. So, then, what does Jesus have to teach us about handling the pressures of finals week?

I've always found it hard to pray during stressful days. I often find myself, on days when the heat is on and I'm behind, sending up anxious prayers of desperation — prayers that ultimately only feed my stress, and of course produce no paper-completing miracles. Days of performance-induced stress offer a particular spiritual challenge, and the way to meet that challenge is hardly clear.

Why is it so hard to glean from the life of Jesus how he handled stressful times? Perhaps because, though Jesus does offer us a way of peace, it is not a simplistic way. On the one hand, throughout his life, and especially when his disciples were losing their grip, Jesus continually offered words of comfort, like "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God. Then trust in me." Or, "Come to me all you who are burdened, and I will give you rest. For my burden is light." And many other comforting words and actions — Jesus calms the storm, or — a ready-made finals week miracle — quiets the lunatic.

These words and acts of consolation, however, are not the entirety of Jesus' response to stress. For every image of peace and calm we glean from his life, we also have record of Jesus' sleepless nights, arduous itinerant preaching and the daily self-sacrifice he asks of us: "If you wish to find you life, you must be willing to lose it and to take up your daily cross." While Jesus says, "follow me, and I will bring you peace," he seems simultaneously to warn, "if you follow me, be

prepared for a life of burden and self-sacrifice."

So, where does it all leave us in finals week? How do we encounter Jesus during stressful days? How to take Christ's words of consolation seriously — "Do not fear, for I am with you always" — allowing his presence to calm our hearts? While also, at the same time, hearing his call to the work and self-sacrifice that is the part of every meaningful life — "Take up your cross and follow me" — allowing our hearts to rise up to embrace the challenges of our daily lives?

Perhaps one answer is to try not to allow either of these two realities — Christ's consolation or Christ's call to sacrifice — to blind us to the other. The overemphasis of Christ's consolation, without any recognition of his call to work tirelessly on His behalf, leads to escapism ("God will take care of everything"), and often procrastination. Which, of course, leads to more stress, rather than breaking us out of the stress cycle. On the other hand, the overemphasis of Christ's encouragement to sacrifice, without any experience of Christ's constant presence and unconditional love for us, can lead to an over-exaggerated sense of the work before us, a distorted view of why this work is important, inner anxiety, a paralyzing fear, and even eventual burn-out. So, neither emphasis on its own seems to bring true peace.

Where is the realm of true peace-in-stress? We need to search for prayer that both reassures and provokes. Prayer that both calms and inspires. Relieves and emboldens. Puts our work into a proper perspective, and also enkindles our desire, and galvanizes our energy, to engage the work. This is not easy or straightforward prayer.

As always in prayer, our primary image of God is extremely determinative here. If we see God primarily as the Great Escape, someone to whom we run to make our troubles disappear, we set up the near-certain result of disappointment and

increase of stress. Jesus constantly searches in prayer for the presence and consolation of his Father, and we can see the peace and confidence with which this Presence fills Jesus, especially at stressful moments. Yet, in these prayers, Jesus rarely asks His Father to do things that make his life easier. Rather, He asks for the reassurance of God's presence and clarification of God's will, or often asks the Father for the ability to complete works that relieve other people's sufferings. This understanding of his work as fitting into the plan of God, and as ultimately benefiting others besides himself, seems to bring Jesus true peace.

If, on the other hand, our primary image of God is a Divine Taskmaster, who demands and accepts only our continual excellent performance while contributing little to the endeavor — and for my fellow perfectionists, this is always a temptation — we run the risk of praying to a God who is merely a projection of our own ambitions, or the ambitions of other authority figures in our life. That our stress is not relieved by such prayer is hardly surprising. But this God too is not to be found in the prayers of Jesus.

Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane is a beautiful example of a true prayer of peace-in-stress. For it seeks peace without escapism — "Father, if this cup can be taken from me..." Yet, it also asks for the perspective and hope that makes the sacrifice asked of him meaningful: "Father, reassure me that all that is happening is of your will, and will give life to others, and that will be enough to give me peace and strength to carry it out." Here, perhaps, is a finals week prayer that can bring us true peace.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

Will Rogers
U.S. humorist and showman

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music."

Aldous Huxley
English critic and novelist

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Misrepresentations

In her April 21 letter "Not so friendly," Emily Stetler criticizes the organizers of the "Family-Friendly Petition" for relying "on inadequate theological paradigms" in their effort to encourage the University to provide better health care coverage for spouses and children of graduate students. What these "inadequate theological paradigms" may be is unclear, since the three examples that Emily Stetler offers do not reflect the actual opinions of the organizers, but positions that she attributes to the organizers by taking their statements out of context and making unfair inferences. As a consequence, in arguing against the supposed "inadequate theological paradigms" of the organizers, Ms. Stetler criticizes positions that no one, in fact, advocates.

In her first example of the inadequate theological paradigms, Ms. Stetler quotes Peter Campbell who says that graduate students who work long hours and also strive to be good parents are "a perfect symbol of the kind of values that the University wants to instill in its undergrads." From this, Ms. Stetler infers, based on what I do not know, that Mr. Campbell believes that the University should encourage students to "live compassionate and moral lives" only within the confines of marriage. If Peter Campbell had expressed this opinion, Ms. Stetler would have every reason to be upset, but, alas, Mr. Campbell said nothing of the sort. Ms. Stetler here is arguing less against a straw man than a chimera.

Ms. Stetler then quotes Jamie O'Hare who states that at Notre Dame many married graduate students "will be bearing children, or they're not following Church teaching. I think it fits with Notre Dame's Catholic mission to not make following Church teaching a burden." In other words, Jamie O'Hare reasons from the premise that Catholic married couples should be open to children, which is a requisite for being married in the Catholic Church, to the conclusion that a Catholic university should make being open to children less of a burden for its own students who are married. Yet in this reasonable (although, perhaps, unfortunately worded) argument, Ms. Stetler senses far more nefarious undertones: Namely, that Jamie O'Hare believes that the University should have, as one of the "criteria" for whom they "take care" of, the requirement that employees and students

live according to Catholic teachings concerning marriage. She also infers that Ms. O'Hare believes that "married students, by virtue of their marital and parental status, are superior Catholics." As was the case with Mr. Campbell's quote, Jamie O'Hare makes neither of these arguments. Ms. O'Hare does not even obliquely suggest that the University should not take care of students and employees who are not married and she does not state that married students are morally superior Catholics. She does, admittedly, argue that the Catholic Church teaches that those who are married should be open to children, but this is a far cry from claiming that those graduate students who are not married, whether because they are single or have celibate vocations, are inferior to married students. And while Ms. O'Hare does not say one way or another, I hope that she would agree that the University should not discriminate against those married couples who do not have children, whether because of deliberate choice or biological limitations.

In her final argument, Ms. Stetler accuses Mr. Campbell of denying that Catholic moral teaching includes "ministering to the lonely, working for economic justice and respecting natural resources," because Mr. Campbell claims that part of the Catholic teaching is that married couples should, if able, procreate. Yet Mr. Campbell, by stating part of the Catholic moral teaching, does not attempt to deny other parts of Catholic doctrine as Ms. Stetler supposes, anymore than Ms. Stetler herself intends to deny Catholic traditions concerning peace, charity and equality when she invokes the teachings on ministering to the lonely and economic justice. Rather, he is doing nothing more than highlighting one single thread of a rich garment. In fact, not only does Mr. Campbell not reduce the Catholic moral tradition to a single precept, he seems to be implicitly invoking the Catholic teachings about economic justice when he argues that the University should help all of the members of her large family obtain adequate health care.

Joseph Nawrocki
graduate student
off campus
April 21

Peer institutions suspicious of HEI

It has become apparent that to the administration, neither National Labor Relations Board complaints nor the testimony of workers is a legitimate cause for ethical concern over investments in HEI. So, let's consider something more basic.

No waking Domer could deny that the University strives to compete with her peers. She funnels money into research, fertilizer for the lawn where Notre Dame students are on hunger strike, financial aid, fancy dinners, tie-dye, teaching and beyond. Higher rankings ensue. Better yet, Notre Dame ventures beyond the territory of its peers to the meeting point of Catholic identity and competitive rankings. A 2007-08 Notre Dame Magazine article praised the "stricter ethical guidelines" of Notre Dame's investments compared to her peers. Notre Dame uses the U.S. Catholic bishops' Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines, which read in part: "USCCB will promote and support shareholder resolutions to promote generous wage and benefit policies and adequate worker safety guidelines." For what it's worth, I'm comforted Notre Dame accepts these clear-cut standards.

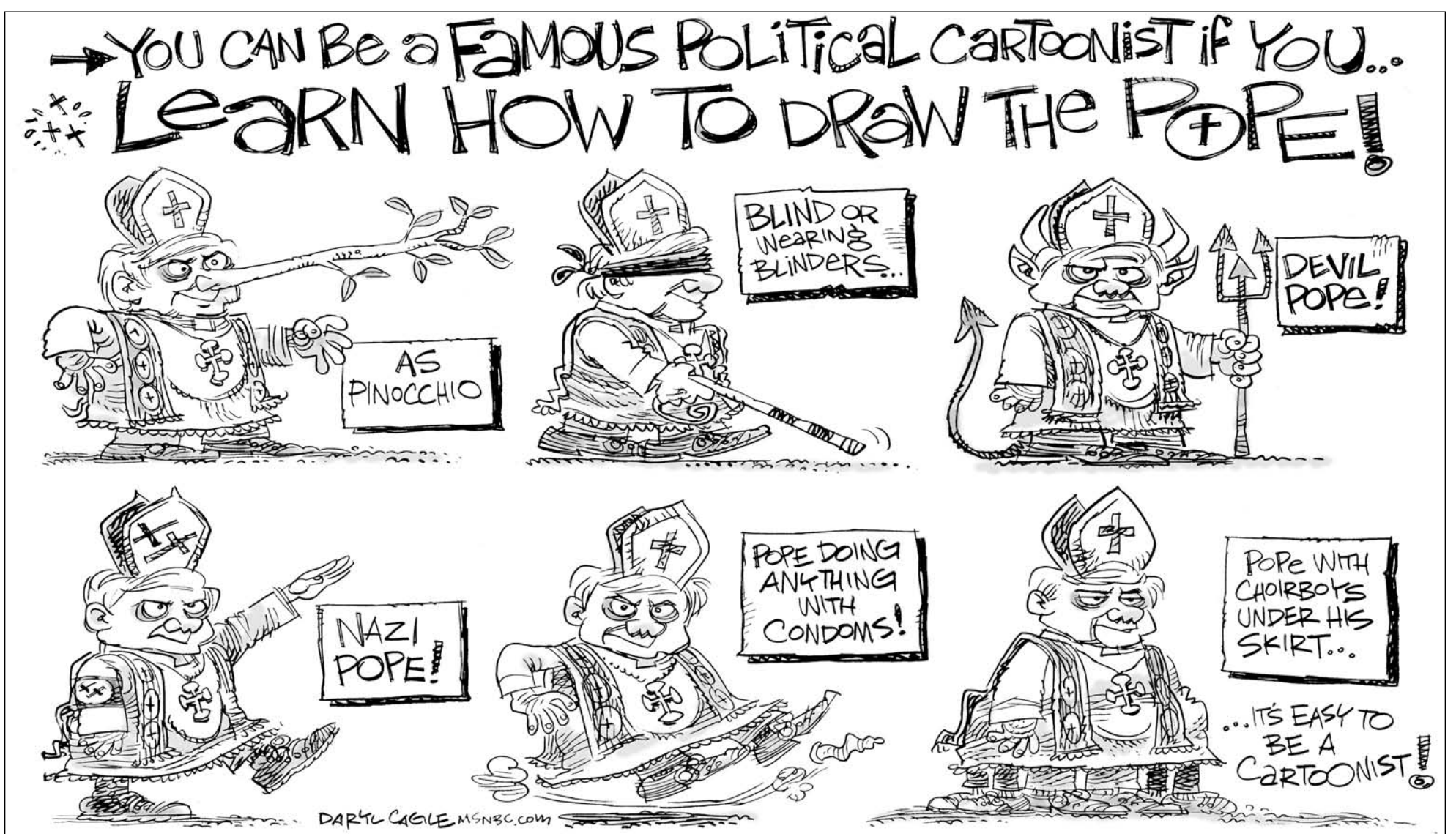
Still, there is room for improvement in implementing them. While Notre Dame stands idly, two respected peers have expressed qualms about labor practices at HEI Hotels & Resorts. Brown President Ruth Simmons sent a letter to HEI expressing concern over alleged labor law violations. Yale, respecting Simmons' judgment, committed to investigating the allegations against HEI and reconsidering the investment relationship.

Notre Dame can appeal to Catholic identity when it wants to depart from its peers' practices. But our unique adherence to Catholic principles should have made Notre Dame the first among them to press HEI for better wages, benefits and worker safety. How can we stop sanitizing the demands of Catholic morality when they run contrary to Our Lady's business relationships?

The point: In this case, Notre Dame doesn't even need to invoke Catholic Social Teaching or the USCCB in order to do the right thing. Merely seeking to compete with our peer institutions is enough to warrant a reconsideration of our relationship with HEI. The broad road we're on leads to a land that is neither Catholic nor in accord with what is admirable about our peers.

Kristi Haas
senior
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April 21

EDITORIAL CARTOON



ND Grads in Performing Arts: Kyle Carter

By ADRIANA PRATT
Associate Scene Editor

What does an industrial design major do after graduation? Pursue an acting career, of course. When Kyle Carter, a 2009 Notre Dame graduate, realized the only time he felt alive and excited was on stage, he knew what he was destined to do.

"It was the middle of senior year ... and we were at a design conference in Minneapolis, and I'm looking at everyone and how happy they were to be drawing, like 'Yes I'm going to be a project designer for the rest of my life! This is what I want to do.' And I'm just sitting there falling asleep," Carter told The Observer. "The first thing I couldn't wait to do was go to the Target Center because Britney Spears was playing that night.

"I realized that the only aspect of industrial design that I enjoyed doing was presenting my project to the company."

Carter did not pursue a degree in Film, Television and Theatre at Notre Dame but did take on an Italian minor so he could participate in the theatrical performances. While at Notre Dame, he also acted in PEMCo. shows, taking the lead role in both "Ragtime" and "Kiss Me Kate."

But it was not until the middle of this year that Carter finally realized he wanted to be an actor.

"I had kind of been wavering, not knowing what to do," Carter said.

That all changed when Jason Robert Brown, writer of the Broadway musical "Parade," visited Notre Dame's campus to watch

PEMCo.'s production. One student asked him for advice on how to make it in the acting world and his response struck a chord with Carter.

"Jason said, 'when I was a younger guy I used to come up with this elaborate answer, but in the end if you wake up in the morning and literally everything else sucks but performing, then you're supposed to be a performer and you're going to do what you need to do to become that,'" Carter recalled.

Carter recently auditioned to play Jafar in "Aladdin" on a Mediterranean Disney cruise ship. During his interview with The Observer, he still had a Jafar-esque skinny beard hanging from his chin. He won't hear back from the audition for another month or two, but he said he wants to make sure he looks the part if he gets a call-back.

"Auditioning is my favorite part of the process because no one knows anything about you yet," Carter said. "They look you up and down, and from what I've heard from all the people in the industry, literally 95 percent of your battle is what you look like when you get to the audition because they will cast you just out of the fact that you look like what you want."

If the Disney gig doesn't work out, Carter's got back-up plans. He created an audition tape for "Glee" (check out his facebook page "Kyle + Glee = Awesome") and hopes his video will be shown to the Glee casting director.

Carter already has a film under his belt called "American Covet," an indie picture about a South Bend girl who's going nowhere and

needs to get out. He heard about the film during his senior year and scored a role as a drug dealer who becomes the woman's best friend. "American Covet" was shot in South Bend and is set for release in September.

He also won MTV's "King of Spring Break" last year, singing "America the Beautiful" in Panama City Beach, Fla. His prize included a Rock Band game set signed by Kid Cudi, Asher Rother and N.E.R.D.

Carter hopes to model his career off actors Taye Diggs and Will Smith, to whom he bears a striking resemblance.

"Everyone says I'm 'Hitch,'" Carter said. "If they ever do a biography movie about Will Smith, I could easily be his character. I'm almost exactly 20 years younger than him ... I wish I could be his brother but unfortunately the world doesn't work that way sometimes."

Now, Carter is living in South Bend and working at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. He has also helped out with the PEMCo. shows "Company" and "Parade," and coached the Howard Hall Ducks onto a football championship in the fall. He stayed in the area because it was cheap to live here, but he plans to move to Los Angeles at the end of this year if he doesn't get the Jafar or "Glee" roles.

"In the end, Broadway is what I'd like to do more than anything else, but I really don't care," Carter said. "I'm the kind of person that as long as there's a camera and an audience, that's good enough for me."

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Weekend Events Calendar

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"Sherlock Holmes," DeBartolo 101, 10 p.m.

Somewhat of a departure from the traditional "Sherlock Holmes" books by author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the most recent adaptation finds Holmes and his assistant, Dr. Watson, at a bit of a crossroads. Having successfully wrapped a difficult case involving a serial killer, Watson is ready to leave the business in anticipation of his impending marriage to his fiancé. Yet the two are back at it when the serial killer rises from the dead and resumes his killing spree. As with any chapter in the "Sherlock Holmes" story, the film is full of intrigue and mystery. It also stars an excellent cast, including Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law and Rachel McAdams.

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The Shirt Unveiling, Bookstore, 4 p.m.

The highly anticipated revealing of "The Shirt" will occur Friday evening. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. outside of the Bookstore. The unveiling is at 5:45 p.m., but before that several campus groups are expected to perform including the Notre Dame marching band, Glee Club and Harmonia. There will also be a special appearance by Office Tim McCarthy as well as an appearance by new football coach Brian Kelly. T-shirts will be \$11 for students, but you may only purchase two. Be sure to come out with your friends, enjoy some free food and drinks and celebrate the kick off of a great new football season.

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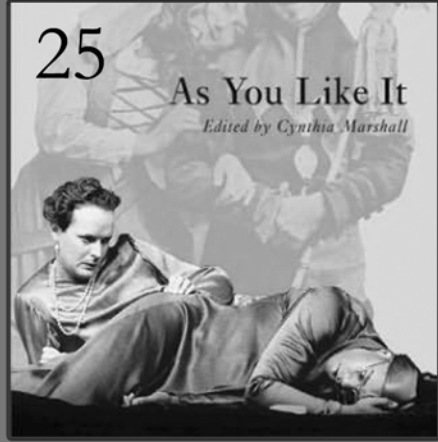


Parachute with the Carter Twins, Legends, 10 p.m.

A pop rock band hailing from Charlottesville, Va., Parachute released its debut album, "Losing Sleep," in May 2009. The album debuted at No. 40 on the Billboard Top 200, and nearly a year later the group is still going strong. The band's most well known song, "She Is Love," will be familiar to pop rock fans. Parachute will be joined by the Carter Twins at Legends Saturday night. Comprised of two brothers from Akron, Ohio, the group has a country vibe and its single "Heart Like Memphis" reached No. 54 on Billboard's Hot Country Songs. Following the show, stick around for the infamous Hip Hop Night.

sunday

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"As You Like It," DPAC, 2 p.m.

The Notre Dame Shakespeare Festival will present "As You Like It" in the Philbin Studio Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Directed by visiting artist and renowned Shakespearean actor Tim Hardy, the show features Notre Dame students and members of the Michiana community. With a twisting plot full of "Banished brothers, wandering lovers, mistaken identities, an angry lion, and a wily clown," the show is sure to be the height of Shakespearean entertainment. Tickets are \$18 for the general public, \$15 for faculty, staff and seniors and \$10 for students.

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By COURTNEY COX
Scene Writer

The music festival Coachella took over the valley of Indio, Calif., last weekend and left behind much more than memories of amazing shows. It seems that in the past years pictures of celebrities at Coachella have been popping up all over the place. Celebrities like Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese Witherspoon, Drew Barrymore, Justin Long and

Kirsten Dunst have attended the festival in recent years. That is what makes Coachella such a magnet for fashion. It's three short days, but the celebrities in attendance know they will be photographed, so they dress to impress. What these famous faces wear defines what is chic enough for the following summer. These clips are just a sample of the fashions seen at Coachella this year.

Alexa Chung, seen here attending the Lacoste party, has shot into the fashion spotlight because her originality and her British charm makes her downright delightful. She sported a silk romper, espadrilles, a light shirt and an over-the-shoulder bag to this year's festival. Her style can be emulated but never



ALEXA CHUNG



BREEDING GROUND OF TOMORROW'S TRENDS

real-ly repeated because there's just



KATE BOSWORTH

something indescribable about the way she dresses. It seems as though she is just effortlessly this cool.

Kate Bosworth, pictured here with

Alexander Skarsgard, exudes that hip California vibe that Coachella is famous for. She chose to wear a loose-fitting tie-dye halter dress, gladiator sandals and a slouchy purse. Her outfit is the perfect blend of practicality and taste necessary for a music festival. Her style can be easily replicated because she hasn't chosen to wear anything outlandish — just simple clothes that look good and are comfortable, which is all you can ask for during a scorching hot day in the desert.

A miss this year would have to be Whitney Port. While she does have enough style to land her a job at Diane von Furstenberg, she didn't quite show it here. Wearing some kind of weird bathing suit top and extremely high waisted silk shorts, she looked as though she was trying way too hard. The outfit just didn't make sense, at least not for the venue.

Good, bad or really ugly, Coachella had plenty to offer this year for the fashion conscious observer.



WHITNEY PORT

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NFL

League suspends Roethlisberger for six games

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL cracked down on one of its stars Wednesday, suspending Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger for not just a few games but the first six of the season, even though he avoided sexual assault charges in Georgia.

The two-time Super Bowl winner was banned without pay for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy and was ordered to undergo a "comprehensive behavioral evaluation by professionals."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell handed down the punishment a week after prosecutors decided not to charge Roethlisberger in a case involving a 20-year-old college student who accused him of sexually assaulting her in a Milledgeville, Ga., nightclub last month.

"I recognize that the allegations in Georgia were disputed and that they did not result in criminal charges being filed against you," Goodell said in his letter to the six-year veteran.

"My decision today is not based on a finding that you violated Georgia law, or on a conclusion that differs from that of the local prosecutor. That said,

you are held to a higher standard as an NFL player, and there is nothing about your conduct in Milledgeville that can remotely be described as admirable, responsible, or consistent with either the values of the league or the expectations of our fans."

Goodell said team offseason activities were off limits to the quarterback until he completes the evaluation and is cleared by the league to rejoin the Steelers.

"Your conduct raises sufficient concerns that I believe effective intervention now is the best step for your personal and professional welfare," Goodell wrote.

Trade rumors immediately swirled, and while the Steelers declined to address the speculation, they were privately weighing whether they should consider dealing their franchise quarterback for a Top 10 draft pick if one were offered.

Sitting out all six games would cost Roethlisberger an estimated \$2.8 million, though the penalty could be shortened to four games for good behavior.

Roethlisberger is the first player suspended by Goodell under the conduct policy who hasn't been arrested or charged with a crime.

Roethlisberger also is being sued by a woman who accused him of raping her at a Lake Tahoe hotel-casino in 2008. He denied the allegation and wasn't charged.

"In your six years in the NFL, you have first thrilled and now disappointed a great many people," Goodell wrote. "I urge you to take full advantage of this opportunity to get your life and career back on track."

Goodell said the league's conduct policy gave him the right to impose discipline regardless of whether Roethlisberger broke the law.

Before acting, Goodell said he interviewed Roethlisberger on April 13 and talked to current and former players and the players' union. He also reviewed information from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Milledgeville police and talked privately with Georgia district attorney Fred Bright. In addition, Goodell said he listened to recommendations from the quarterback's representatives, and took into account information learned by the NFL office regarding the alleged assault.

The Steelers said Roethlisberger was unavailable for comment. His agent, Ryan Tollner, said he planned to respond later.



The NFL suspended Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger Wednesday for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

In a statement to police, the college student said Roethlisberger encouraged her, and her friends, to take numerous shots of alcohol. Then one of his bodyguards escorted her into a hallway at the Capital City nightclub in Milledgeville, Ga., sat her on a stool and left. She said Roethlisberger walked down the hallway and exposed himself.

"I told him it wasn't OK, no, we don't need to do this and I proceeded to get up and try to leave," she said. "I went to the

first door I saw, which happened to be a bathroom."

According to her statement, Roethlisberger then followed her into the bathroom and shut the door.

"I still said no, this is not OK, and he then had sex with me," she wrote.

Two of her friends said they saw a bodyguard lead her into the hallway and then saw Roethlisberger follow. They said they couldn't see their friend but knew she was drunk and were worried about her.

NFL

Polian, Colts do not plan on changing draft strategy

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts president Bill Polian will follow standard operating procedure Thursday night.

He'll wait patiently as all those other teams make draft picks, then select the best player left on the board when the Colts pick at No. 31. Unless, of course, the Colts make a trade.

Polian's philosophy helped create the foundation for four Super Bowl teams in Buffalo and two more in Indy, and he isn't about to start making changes now — even after another Super Bowl loss.

"We're going to take the best football player to us regardless of position," Polian said Wednesday afternoon. "When you reach for need or reach for the perception of need, I think you make a mistake. You can never have enough good football players and you can never have enough difference makers."

Polian rarely deviates from his procedure, though this year's draft has suddenly gotten tricky.

Most analysts believe Polian wants to beef up an offensive line that produced the league's worst rushing offense last season, and he played into that perception by criticizing the line on his radio show in February.

Indy has traditionally relied on quickness, rather than size, to keep four-time league MVP Peyton Manning on his feet and pave the way for 1,000-yard runners. But with longtime offensive line coach Howard Mudd now retired, some think the Colts could change course and bring in bigger linemen.

"I've never said that," Polian said. "I don't know of anybody around here who has said that. We have not deviated one iota from our philosophy that says we need to be athletic, we need to be smart, we need to be physical and I think we

have players here who fit that mold. They may not be what other people think fit that mold, but they fit for us."

If the Colts aren't looking for an offensive linemen first, then there are plenty of other ways for Polian to look.

After cutting left guard Ryan Lilja and versatile defensive lineman Raheem Brock and losing backup quarterback Jim Sorgi to the New York Giants, the Colts could spend the three-day draft trying to fill those holes.

On Tuesday, Polian had to deal with a new wrinkle when a 22-year-old woman filed a lawsuit accusing defensive tackle Eric Foster of sexual assault. Polian said Wednesday that the team would not discipline Foster, who was not charged in the alleged incident.

"The alleged incident was investigated by law enforcement officials at the time the allegation was made. The

appropriate authorities decided that there was no basis for charges to be filed," Polian said in a statement. "Based upon those facts, we have no reason to take any action, or to make any further comment on this matter. Eric Foster is a member of our squad and will participate in our offseason program."

The good news is that the Colts have retained all but one of their restricted free agents and the remaining deal could be finished soon. The list of players who have signed one-year tenders includes Daniel Muir and Antonio Johnson, Indy's two starting defensive tackles, and safety Melvin Bullitt.

Left tackle Charlie Johnson has not yet signed his one-year tender but Polian called it a formality, and Polian also acknowledged the team is having "amicable" discussions with the agent for Pro Bowl safety Antoine Bethea.

As for injuries, things are looking good, too.

Polian said Manning has resumed workouts following offseason neck surgery and safety Bob Sanders continues to progress after undergoing season-ending surgery to repair a torn biceps. Receiver Anthony Gonzalez is not yet 100 percent, Polian said, after injuring his right knee in last season's first game.

So for the Colts, draft week-end will be business as usual.

"Every pick counts whether it's the first pick or the last supplemental pick in the seventh round," Polian said. "We want every pick to make a contribution to our squad. Our focus is actually greater on the lower rounds than it is on the first. The first-round process is not hard to sort out, it's the lower rounds that are really harder to sort out. What we're going to do over the next 24 hours is do everything so that we can be prepared."

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3	Florida	3
4	Michigan	4
5	NOTRE DAME	5
6	Northwestern	9
7	UCLA	7
8	Clemson	8
9	Stanford	10
10	Duke	6
11	Miami (Fla.)	11
12	California	12
13	Tennessee	14
14	Florida State	15
15	Georgia	13
16	South Carolina	18
17	Mississippi	17
18	Southern Cal	16
19	Texas	20
20	Georgia Tech	25
21	Illinois	NR
22	VCU	24
23	Arizona State	NR
24	South Florida	19
25	Arkansas	13

Women's Division I Softball
ESPN.com Poll

	team	previous
1	Washington (25)	1
2	Michigan	2
3	Arizona	3
4	Florida	4
5	Alabama	5
6	Georgia Tech	7
7	UCLA	8
8	Oklahoma State	9
9	Arizona State	6
10	Georgia	11
11	Stanford	10
12	Louisiana State	13
13	Oklahoma	12
14	Texas	15
15	Missouri	21
16	Oregon	14
17	California	17
18	Tennessee	19
19	Illinois	18
20	Florida State	20
21	Texas A&M	16
22	Massachusetts	21
23	Hawaii	22
24	Ohio State	25
25	NOTRE DAME	RV

Women's Rowing
CRCA Coaches Poll

	team	previous
1	Virginia (14)	2
2	California (3)	4
3	Stanford (5)	3
4	Yale (3)	1
5	Brown	5
6	Princeton	6
7	Michigan State	7
8	Southern California	8
9	Washington	8
10	Michigan	10

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NBA



Thunder coach Scott Brooks coaches his team during Game 2 of their first round series on Tuesday. On Thursday, Brooks was named the NBA Coach of the Year, beating out Milwaukee Bucks coach Scott Skiles.

Thunder's Brooks wins Coach of the Year

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Back when the Thunder were 3-29 last season, the notion of the playoffs coming to Oklahoma City any time soon was unimaginable.

But it was that same miserable stretch that made general manager Sam Presti confident that coach Scott Brooks was the right man to lead his team into the future.

While Oklahoma City struggled to the worst start in the NBA, Presti was impressed by the way Brooks stayed the course and never tried to force immediate changes in hopes of making the Thunder better. He now has taken the youngest roster in the league and turned

the team into a 50-game winner and a playoff team just one season after the horrendous start.

For that best-in-the-NBA turnaround, Brooks was recognized Wednesday as the NBA's coach of the year. He received 71 of 123 first-place votes and 480 points to finish ahead of Milwaukee's Scott Skiles (26 first-place votes, 313 points) and Portland's Nate McMillan (9, 107).

"He's someone that I think is incredibly consistent as a person. He is unaffected through adversities and also through successes, and I think that's an important quality we want to have as we move forward," Presti said.

Even as he was receiving a

statue of Red Auerbach, Brooks faced another daunting turnaround: an 0-2 deficit in the Thunder's best-of-seven series against the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers, led by Kobe Bryant and coach Phil Jackson.

Game 3 is Thursday night in Oklahoma City.

"This is the first-time playoff experience for a lot of us, including myself, and you're playing against one of the best coaches of all sports, one of the best players ever and a team that has 1,000 [games of] playoff experience to ours," Brooks said. "But you learn from playing against the best players and the best teams, and we're going to keep fighting and

figuring out ways to beat them."

While the Thunder didn't immediately start winning after Brooks took over for the fired P.J. Carlesimo, there were signs of progress. His decision to move Kevin Durant from shooting guard to small forward increased his production, and the additions of Thabo Sefolosha and Nenad Krstic plus defensive-minded assistant Ron Adams started to pay dividends, too.

"We were improved once he took over as the coach. We still lost some games that were tough but we were learning and we were getting better each day in practice," said Durant, who developed into the NBA's youngest scoring champion this season.

IN BRIEF

Cubs' Piniella puts pitcher Zambrano into bullpen role

NEW YORK — Lou Piniella is tired of watching his relievers blow games for the Chicago Cubs, and, boy, is he ready to do something about it.

Piniella made a bold move Wednesday, inserting temperamental ace Carlos Zambrano into a shaky bullpen that threatened to derail Chicago's season.

"You look at these box scores every day around baseball and these games, especially in the National League, they're won in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth innings," said Piniella, in his fourth season as the Cubs' manager. "There are few blowouts early. There's some obviously but not (a lot).

"Look, this makes all the sense in the world."

Chicago's bullpen was 1-6 with a 6.15 ERA and three saves in seven opportunities heading into Wednesday night's game against the New York Mets.

Saints RB, former USC star Bush settles pending lawsuit

SAN DIEGO — It appears Reggie Bush has reached an out-of-court settlement with a fledgling sports marketer who is trying to recoup nearly \$300,000 in cash and gifts the star running back and his family allegedly accepted while he was playing at the University of Southern California.

Depositions involving the two former marketers who wooed Bush while he was at USC have been called off, attorney Brian Watkins told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Asked whether Bush was still scheduled to be deposed Friday, Watkins said: "I have no comment."

A settlement could stymie the NCAA and Pacific-10 Conference investigators, who are trying to determine whether Bush and his parents took improper benefits. Bush has not met with NCAA and Pac-10 investigators, and has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

Woods adds two tournaments to upcoming spring schedule

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Tiger Woods added two more tournaments Wednesday to a schedule that is not much different from previous years except for the timing.

Woods entered The Players Championship and the AT&T National, which benefits his foundation.

It was the second straight week that Woods made an early commitment to a PGA Tour event, allowing it more time to promote his appearance. For years, the world's No. 1 player waited until the last few days before signing up.

Last week, Woods beat the deadline by eight days for entering the Quail Hollow Championship, which starts April 29. He signed up for The Players Championship, which starts May 6, nine days ahead of the deadline.

GOLF

Green returns to golf after losing leg in car accident

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The first big step in Ken Green's improbable return to golf came with a severe limp, just like every step since a horrific auto accident that took the lives of his girlfriend and brother and cost Green his right leg.

This was only a pro-am Wednesday on the Champions Tour, yet it carried so much uncertainty.

"All right, guys," he said quietly to his amateurs as he stood over his opening tee shot. "I don't know. This might be interesting."

Even more beautiful than the flight of his tee shot were the ropes lining both sides of the fairway at the Savannah Harbor Golf Resort, indisputable evidence that Green was back on the stage where some thought he might never return.

"I do want to have fun and enjoy it," Green said. "Because I don't know how many times I'm going to get the chance to do this again."

That he is even playing in the Legends of Golf, a two-man team event that starts Friday, is nothing short of amazing.

It was only nine months ago that Green, 51, was headed east on a Mississippi freeway when a tire blew out on his RV, sending it down an embankment and into an oak tree. His girlfriend, Jean Marie Hodgins, and brother, William Green, were killed, as was Nip, his beloved German Shepherd.

Green decided to have his lower right leg amputated a week later. It was his only hope of playing golf again.

"Golf is everything to me," he said.

Then came another dose of devastation. Three months into learning how to compete with a prosthetic limb that took away so much of his power, Green's 21-year-old son, Hunter, was found dead Jan. 22 in his dorm room at SMU. An autopsy revealed a combination of alcohol and prescription drugs.

Somehow, he kept moving forward.

"I don't know how I managed to say, 'OK, I'm going to still keep fighting the fight and go out there and try to play golf,'" Green said. "That's what the Big Guy wants me to do. You do the battle. But it's a tough one. There's a lot of crying moments, trust me."

The battle is nothing new to Green.

He says his stubbornness came from his mother, a single mom working three jobs so her son could play golf. He has done battle with the hierarchy on the PGA Tour and at Augusta National, where Green once celebrated a tee time with Arnold Palmer by drinking a beer walking up the fairway. He managed to win five times on the PGA Tour and play on a Ryder Cup team.

A rebellious nature might have prepared him for times like these.

"From the day I said, 'Cut my leg,' there was no doubt in my mind I was going to play," Green said. "Unfortunately, the mind thinks differently than the body. But I still believe that I can do this and I can pull this off. It's just going to be a little longer time than I probably

would have liked. Realistically, it hasn't been that long."

The Legends of Golf is the ideal place to start. It's a better-ball competition over 54 holes, and he has a polar-opposite partner in Mike Reid, famous for being so gracious after a crushing loss in the 1989 PGA Championship.

They were partners last year, and when Reid heard about the accident, he sent Green a text a month later that said, "We can beat most of these teams on three legs, so get your game ready."

Over the last two months, as Green questioned whether his game was good enough for this level, he suggested Reid find a partner who could help him. Reid would have none of it.

"It's easy to say fellowship is more than important than championship," Reid said.

Green isn't sure what to expect. He has revamped his swing to play a draw so he can pick up extra distance. The loss of strength in his lower body means he can hit a driver only about 235 yards in the air. He no longer generates as much spin, and Green is still trying to find a comfortable stance for various chip shots.

He shot 68 at The Breakers near his home in West Palm Beach, Fla., but that was from a forward set of tees. Once he felt more comfortable and moved back, Green said he hasn't broken par.

Then again, par isn't the issue this week.

"I'm just glad to see him back," Hal Sutton said. "We all forget how good we have it. It's like Jackie Burke always says, 'Much always wants more.'"



Professional golfer Ken Green has returned to the Champions Tour despite losing his right leg in a car accident.

We're always wanting more and not counting our blessings for the 'much' we have. Ken is a great example for all of us. I'm sure he has more than he thought he would."

Green never imagined being an inspiration to anyone, but he could feel it when he showed up in Savannah and began running into colleagues he had not seen since the accident.

"Every one of them has literally said, 'It doesn't mean a damn thing. It's just great that

you're here,'" Green said. "For them to say that has really eased my tension level."

It used to be hardly anything made Green tense. Two days before the tournament starts, he already is feeling nervous. He is worried that his game is not ready to be showcased in the same tournament as Fred Couples, Tom Watson, or the twosome he will face Friday of Mark O'Meara and Nick Price.

But when his son died, Green realized life can take some cruel and unexpected turns.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Bayliss, Irish to host Big East title matches

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After a strong 7-0 victory at Navy last weekend to finish the regular season, the Irish head back to their home courts this weekend to host the Big East championships, where Irish coach Bobby Bayliss will oversee the tournament’s operations while trying to guide his team to a conference title.

The challenge won’t be a new one, however, as he has hosted multiple NCAA championship rounds on the Notre Dame campus while his team was also competing in them. With the help of his staff, Bayliss is more than ready for the weekend.

“The challenges of hosting the Big East, at least for me, are greatly minimized because of the terrific support staff we have here,” he said. “Having this kind of support makes my job pretty easy.”

With the details planned, the courts prepared and his team’s needs met, Bayliss can focus on Notre Dame’s goals for the week-end.

“The goals for our team are twofold,” he said. “First come the performance goals. One: handle adversity with poise. Two: make good decisions as to when to be aggressive and when to keep the ball in play. Three: at the appropriate time, be willing to pull the trigger.”

Being on their home courts will definitely make the week-end easier on the Irish, who have spent much of the season on the road battling a difficult schedule. Most of all,

this weekend gives the Irish (13-11) a chance to continue their positive play at home this year, as Notre Dame has gone 6-3 on its own courts.

“The benefits of hosting are to be able to play on our own home courts and to be able to sleep in our own beds,” Bayliss said. “We expect a good crowd and believe that this will help us to be at our best. Being familiar with all surfaces is certainly a plus.”

Not only are the Irish in familiar territory with the comforts of home, but they are also surrounded with well-known faces.

The Irish have won their last two matches, one at home against Ball State and, most recently, at Navy. In both events, Notre Dame was able to grab the doubles point early in the match for a jump-start into singles competition. The Irish are 10-1 on the season when capturing the doubles point, which they know will be tough against Georgetown (10-11), their first-round opponent.

“I have not seen Georgetown play this year, but they beat Navy 5-2 recently, so we are familiar with that level,” Bayliss said. “They are well coached by Gordie Ernst, someone I have known for 30 or more years, so I expect a team with sound doubles preparation and a very feisty attitude.”

Notre Dame will face Georgetown Friday at 9 a.m. in the first round of the Big East championships.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame hits the road

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

The Irish will compete at the Drake Relays and the Hillsdale Relays this weekend in what will be their final competitions before participating in the Big East championships next week at Cincinnati.

“The key to success this weekend will be staying focused,” sophomore thrower Michael Smigelski said. “Some members of our team are going to be spread out over a couple of meets, and some will be at home. It’s important for everyone to keep a good mind set for the

Big East meet, even if the people aren’t necessarily competing this weekend.”

Smigelski threw 46.25 meters in the men’s hammer last weekend, and he is looking to continue the success he has had all season when he competes this weekend.

“I’m really hoping to get a personal record,” Smigelski said. “I’ve had a pretty good week of practice, and I feel like the weightlifting has been eased up so that we can finally perform at our best.”

Notre Dame had a successful weekend when it traveled to Purdue and the Mt. SAC Relays. Six Irish athletes picked up a first-place finish Saturday.

Freshman Rebecca Tracy won the women’s 800 meter competition and junior Marissa Treece picked up top honors in the women’s 1500. Senior Eric Quick topped the list in the men’s triple jump. Junior Miklos Szebeny placed first in the men’s 100, senior Balazs Molnar won the men’s 400 hurdles and senior Joanna Schultz won the women’s 400 hurdles.

The Big East championships will be held Friday through Sunday as the Irish hope to bring home another trophy in what has already been a rewarding season.

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NHL

Devils look to keep series alive

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — After only four games, Martin Brodeur shaved his playoff beard in an attempt to change the luck of the suddenly desperate New Jersey Devils.

About 90 miles down the turn-pike, the fortunes of the star goalie and the rest of his teammates took a more tangible turn for the better on Wednesday when the Philadelphia Flyers announced that top forwards Jeff Carter and Simon Gagne would both miss Game 5 due to right foot injuries.

Both players were hurt when struck by shots on Tuesday night during the Flyers’ 4-1 victory. Philadelphia general manager Paul Holmgren said the players would have surgery on Friday. Gagne’s recovery time is expected to be about three weeks.

Carter, who recently returned from a broken left foot, will be on crutches for six weeks and is likely to be out for the playoffs.

Whether that will be enough to help New Jersey remains to be seen.

The Devils trail the first-round, Eastern Conference series 3-1 and need to win Thursday at home to extend the season. If they do, they will face elimination again Sunday in Philadelphia and will try to force the series back to New Jersey for Game 7.

If not, the No. 2-seeded Devils will have to deal with the reality that despite great regular-season success, they will have been ousted in the first round for the third straight year.

“We definitely are in a tough spot and we have to react accordingly,” Brodeur said after

practice. “It’s doable. You want to force them to try to close it out in their building. It’s tough to do. You start taking a game here and a game there, it gets a little tighter.”

The Devils’ dressing room still had a pall over it as it did Tuesday in Philadelphia when the Flyers rallied from a 1-0 deficit to win to seize control of the series. New Jersey scored only three goals in the two road losses — none at even strength.

As big a concern for New Jersey is the fact that it has dropped eight of 10 games to the division-rival Flyers. The Devils will need to beat them three straight times to advance to the second round. The Atlantic Division-champion Devils haven’t won three consecutive games against anyone since a five-game run in December.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Alexander's Grill, He Went to Jared advance

By ALLAN JOSEPH and
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Sports Writers

In a thrilling contest, Street Ball Killaz pushed the top team in the Bookstore Basketball tournament to the brink of elimination before falling 21-19 to fail to advance past the round of 16.

Alexander's Grill, composed of juniors Dan Crisman and Sean Reed along with seniors Sean

Reed, Tim Andree and Nick Fessler, appeared to match up well with Street Ball in terms of size, with the 6-foot-8 Andree providing a suitable counterpart to Street Ball's slightly taller sophomore Taylor Williams. Junior Adam Dobrzykowski and sophomores Zac Cook, Brad Kendall and J.T. Breveard rounded out the Street Ball squad, demonstrating an athleticism comparable to Alexander's Grill, who expected a tough matchup.

"We knew these guys were tough — they beat a high seed the other night," Crisman said. "We knew this was going to be a tough one coming in."

Street Ball started the game slowly, working the ball around on offense until Breveard could find an open man, while Alexander's Grill pushed the ball down the court and looked for quick shots. Street Ball jumped out to an early 5-1 lead on the strength of some high-percent-

age shots. The lead stretched to 8-3 before Alexander's Grill began to settle down, especially on the offensive end. The favorites began to be more patient with the ball and work for better shots, getting more of them to fall and beginning to close the gap. Street Ball, however, continued to shoot the ball at a very high accuracy and took an 11-7 lead and all of the momentum into halftime.

"They came out in the first half lights-out," Crisman said. "I think they hit just about every shot they took."

The second half was dominated by an intense individual struggle between Reed and Breveard —each guarding the other on the perimeter and going point-for-point at times. Reed opened the second half with a bang, driving to the hoop and feeding DeMott for an easy layup. He followed that effort with two more scores of his own to quickly cut the Alexander's Grill deficit to just one point.

Breveard, however, sparked another Street Ball run in which Alexander's Grill could get nothing to fall while Street Ball continued its accurate shooting. Reed would not let his team fall too far behind. Feeling a sense of urgency on the offensive end to keep pace with Breveard's torrid shooting, Reed cut the deficit to as little as one point on a banked-in, long-range jump shot.

Street Ball appeared to have

the game in hand at 19-17, when Breveard stole the ball from Reed and had a 2-on-1 situation with Williams. Breveard fed his big man with an alley-oop pass. Williams caught the ball, stretched, and missed the dunk, with Crisman recovering the rebound for a huge Alexander's Grill break.

On the next Street Ball possession, Reed violently blocked Breveard's shot to spark a fast break. This sequence of plays shifted the momentum completely to Alexander's Grill, who promptly tied the game 19-19. Both teams locked down on defense while both offenses sputtered. Alexander's Grill missed multiple free throws, while Breveard was called for traveling on an open breakaway. In the end, Andree and Reed were able to sink free throws at the end to push the top seed into the round of eight on the strength of Reed's MVP performance.

"Sean was huge. We knew he had a mismatch all day," Crisman said. "He's a tough guy to guard, no matter who you put on him."

He Went to Jared 22, The Firm 20

He Went to Jared used a strong first half and a late push in the second to move on to the round of eight as the No. 2 seed.

He Went to Jared consisted of second-year graduate students Chuck Flynn and Brendan Bush, first-year graduate student Fritz Shadley, senior Alex Shadley and sophomore Chris Jung.

"We're team He Went to Jared because Chuck just got engaged, and Chuck went to Jared," Bush said.

The Firm fell behind 11-7 at halftime but played inspired basketball throughout the second half. The team was made up of sophomore Mike Renner and freshmen Gary Hunt, Matt Huber, Will Reising and Steve Conway.

Conway's strong outside shot powered a comeback for The Firm. That, along with a more aggressive approach defensively, allowed them to eventually tie the game 16-16.

"We came out and played hard," Reising said. "Our size kind of hurt us. Steve kept us in the game with some jumpers late in the game. It was our first experience in Bookstore and it was a good experience for us."

The teams traded baskets all the way to a 20-20 score, forcing overtime. At that point, Shadley picked up a crucial offensive rebound and put it back up to give He Went to Jared the lead again.

After the biggest defensive stop of the game, He Went to Jared came back and clinched the victory with another lay-in after an offensive rebound. This time it was Flynn coming up with the big play.

Flynn was the most consistent player for He Went to Jared, as he had double-digit rebounds, several of which came on the offensive end.

"Our bread and butter is our defense. We had a sense of urgency when it was 20-20," Bush said. "The other team played awesome. They're freshmen, but they were tough."

He Went to Jared advances to the next round and will play at 7 p.m. tonight.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles split with rival Hope in doubleheader

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

Quickly approaching the final stretch of the season, the Belles split a doubleheader at conference rival Hope Wednesday.

“They’re always a really tough team. They play hard every time,” Belles coach Erin Sullivan said of the Flying Dutch. “Their first pitcher was tough and they did a good job of adjusting to us. Game two was a real battle, they didn’t go out without a fight.”

The Belles (19-15, 8-4 MIAA) took the first game 8-4, capitalizing on a rally at the plate between the second and fourth innings that exhausted the starting Hope pitcher. Saint Mary’s held the Dutch on defense with great support from sophomore pitcher Monica Palicki, who notched her 10th win of the year.

However, the momentum ran short in Game 2, as Hope managed to come out with the 5-4 victory. Though the Belles had a consistent performance in the field, they struggled to keep up on offense and put runs on the board.

“It was one of those games

where someone had to win, someone had to lose, it was such a battle,” Sullivan said. “The home runs hurt us — we left too many people on base. Angela coming out today ... took a lot of mental toughness for her after last year.”

Sophomore Angela Gillis was out for redemption after pitching in both games against Hope last year, both of which the Belles surrendered.

Senior Ashley Peterson, who was recently recognized as the MIAA Player of the Week, added her name to the Saint Mary’s record books. Peterson belted two of her nine in Wednesday’s games to secure sole possession of the single season homerun record.

“Hope’s a great team. We would have preferred the sweep, but Olivet, Calvin — they’re the team’s we’re supposed to beat,” Sullivan said.

Saint Mary’s will have a week off before taking the field again against Calvin at home on April 28. With only two contests remaining in conference play, the Belles hope to gain a high seed for the start of the MIAA tournament on May 6.

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BASEBALL

Irish fall to Michigan 13-1

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

After playing Michigan to a close 3-2 loss in Ann Arbor Tuesday, Notre Dame was not able to follow up on the momentum they had been building and dropped a clunker to Michigan at home.

“It is a shame that we played as poorly as we did tonight, because we had played so well up until today,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said. “I really thought that we were gaining some momentum going into this weekend.”

Things started to go wrong for the Irish (15-21, 5-7 Big East) in the first inning, despite sophomore starter Steve Sabatino striking out the first two batters he faced from the Wolverines (24-12, 6-3 Big Ten). When Michigan junior outfielder Ryan LaMarre reached base after an errant throw to first base resulted in junior first-baseman David Casey stepping off the bag, things came unglued for Notre Dame. That error was followed up by two Wolverine singles to score a run and put two runners on for senior first-baseman Mike Dufek’s bases-clearing triple. Dufek then scored on a single from sophomore first baseman Garrett Stephens to make the score 4-0 right off the bat.

“That first inning is a microcosm of our whole year,” Schrage said.

Sabatino was removed after 2/3 of an inning and replaced with freshman right-hander Adam Norton. Norton went 3 and one-third innings and gave up four hits, one earned run, and two walks.

The Irish gave up all 13 of the Wolverine’s runs with two outs.

“If I had the answer for you, then I’d try to stop it, but it has continued all season,” Schrage said. “I mean we have played 37 games now and it has continued all year with two out runs, and it usually starts with an error. Just like it did in the first inning with a routine ball we should make.”

The tough outing continued with two more runs given up in the sixth inning, as well as six runs given up in the seventh for a score of 13-0.

The Irish sent out six pitchers over the course of the game, including senior left-hander David Mills, senior right-hander Eric Maust, sophomore left-hander Joe Spano, junior left-hander Joe Spizzirri and freshman right-hander Patrick

Veerkamp. Veerkamp and Mills had the best outings of the night, with Mills pitching one scoreless inning and Veerkamp tossing two scoreless innings to close out the game.

The Irish finally got on the scoreboard with one out in the ninth inning on a sacrifice fly from third baseman Greg Sherry that scored center-fielder Ryne Intlekofer from third base. That would be the extent of the scoring.

The Irish are now shifting their focus to conference play, as they take on Cincinnati (19-16, 4-8 Big East) this weekend.

“We have been focusing on the conference to be honest with you,” Schrage said. “Last weekend we were totally focusing on getting back in the race.”

Schrage said his team was beginning to focus on the conference tournament as well.

“It definitely can happen,” Schrage said. “That is all we have to play for right now.”

The Irish host Cincinnati for a three-game series starting Friday at 6:05 p.m.

“I really thought that we were gaining momentum going into this weekend.”

Dave Schrage
Irish coach

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Hoyas

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Kubinski said. “They just did a great job. They fought so hard, showed so much heart and guts, and they just hung in there. I was really proud of the way we finished.”

Entering the final round of play in fifth place, eight strokes behind Georgetown, the Irish mounted a tremendous comeback just to put themselves in position to

take home the title. Led by sophomore Tom Usher’s 2-under 69, Notre Dame turned in the lowest score of the tournament at 286.

The comeback was necessitated by a dismal first round score of 299, a product of heavy rains and soggy turf that plagued the first pairings of the day.

“It was a tough break getting paired in the early pairing by a blind draw on Sunday,” Kubinski said. “We played almost nine holes in pouring rain. After that we

played better than anybody. It was just dumb luck, just chance that we went out early in the rain and they [Hoyas] didn’t have to do that and they beat us by one.”

Despite the setback, the Irish went on to card the lowest scores of the tournament over the next 36 holes at 289 and 286, respectively. But the Hoyas responded to the pressure like champions.

“I give them a lot of credit because on the last hole they made five tremendous pars,”

Kubinski said. “Three great up-and-downs, and a really clutch putt by Salina, the eight-footer to win it. You got to tip your cap to them.”

Several Irish players keyed the two-round rally at the Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club. Sophomore Max Scodro (73) finished at 2-over Tuesday after turning in the lowest score of the tournament through 54 holes. While seniors Josh Sandman and Doug Fortner turned in their best scores on the final round, Kubinski said a victo-

ry would have been the proper way to cap their exceptional careers.

“I just feel bad because it’s a little bittersweet,” Kubinski said. “They’ve done so much for our program and I know they didn’t go out the way they hoped to. They battled hard yesterday, and they really left everything they had out there for Notre Dame.”

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish set to renew rivalry with Ohio State

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

The Big East has been kind to the No. 12 Irish, who are 5-1 in conference play this season and find themselves riding a four-game conference win streak. But Notre Dame will venture outside the Big East to play a non-conference opponent when it heads to Columbus to take on No. 18 Ohio State.

The Irish (9-6, 5-1 Big East) will be playing their first game since Saturday’s 15-5 win over Cincinnati. In that

game, senior captain Gina Scioscia paced the Irish with her best game of the season, scoring three goals and adding four assists in the Irish rout.

“It felt great to have such a good game on senior day,” Scioscia said. “But it’s even better that the team just came out and played together, the way we know how to.”

Scioscia and freshman Jenny Granger led an early run that saw the Irish jump out to an 11-2 lead at half-time, as Cincinnati struggled to gain control of the ball against the dominant Irish

offense. Scioscia credited her team’s fast start to their focus on draw controls.

“We were winning the draw, which is always step one,” Scioscia said. “From there we just stayed composed under their pressure and didn’t force anything.”

Against the Buckeyes, the Irish will look to maintain the momentum from the last few weeks before they head into a critical road stretch against Rutgers and Connecticut. The Buckeyes (8-5) are led by senior attack Kelly Hagerty, who leads the team with 62 points on the season following a

2009 campaign in which she was named to the IWLCA All-America Second Team. Scioscia said Thursday’s matchup should renew a rivalry that extends across all sports and adds intensity to the contest.

“There’s definitely some in-region rivalry and it’s always a fight against them,” Scioscia said. “They’re a scrappy team, so we need to come out ready from the first whistle.”

Hagerty and her teammates will have to contend with the dominant presence of Irish freshman goalie Ellie Hilling. Though she wasn’t tested very

often against Cincinnati due to spectacular ball control by the Irish, Hilling has been a standout during Notre Dame’s four-game win streak and hopes to keep up that stellar play as the Irish near the homestretch.

“She’s important because she’s our last line of defense,” Scioscia said. “She’ll be great — she has kept us going back there all season.”

The Irish and the Buckeyes square off Thursday in Columbus at 5 p.m.

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competitive.”

Kelly said the special teams play would be the only main difference in rules. All punts will be fair catches, and field goals and extra point attempts will not be blocked. Additionally, Each drive will start on the 30-yard line rather than having a kickoff to start play. Other than that, Kelly said, it will be like a normal game.

“We want to run the first half as a game situation, we’ll go in at half and we’ll assess where we are at that point and then come out in the second half,” he said. “All things will be the same, the difference maybe we may run the clock third or fourth quarter depending on where we are.”

Quarterback Dayne Crist, who was questionable for the Blue-Gold Game due to his continuing recovery from knee surgery, will play “every single snap,” Kelly said. However, Crist and the rest of the quarterbacks will wear red jerseys, which indicate that they are not to be hit.

“I think it’s important where we are right now, we need all hands on deck,” Kelly said. “And we’re moving some people around on the offensive line, so I need to be judicious and not set these guys up for

some hits that they really shouldn’t take, so the quarterbacks will not be live.”

Overall, the game will be little more than an extra practice for the team, which will not have another chance to work together until summer session begins in June.

“For me to be in the Stadium on the spring game will be pretty cool,” Kelly said. “But other than that it’s really about giving these guys another chance to be on the field and learn more about what we’re trying to do here. We’ve made really good progress.”

Note:

Sophomore guard Chris Watt spent time at the center position Wednesday, delivering snaps for the first time in his career. Kelly said he was keeping his options open for the center position.

“If anybody else is interested in snapping the football, one of the things in our offense is we’re always looking for centers,” Kelly said. “We’re just trying to get some technique when we go into the summer, it’s another skill that he can work on. He’s a tough physical kid. He’s got a low center of gravity. He may be a center down the road; we just wanted to give him something to work on going into the summer.”

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Valpo

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said. “We were not looking to take them for granted because they have put up some good numbers this season, and they backed it up. We did a good job at focusing on the task at hand and making sure to take care of the win.”

Notre Dame was leading 6-5 heading into the seventh inning, but Strickland notched an RBI with the bases loaded to tie the game. But freshman Jackie Bowe stopped any thought of a Crusader comeback by closing the inning to earn her first career win.

Valdivia began the game from the mound for the Irish, giving up a leadoff single in the first to Strickland, the sixth leadoff hit allowed by Valdivia in 30 starts. Phalen hit a two-run home run to snap Valdivia’s 36-inning scoreless streak in the circle.

Irish coach Deanna Gumpf utilized her bullpen in the win, relieving Valdivia after she gave up five hits and four earned runs in two innings. Freshman Brittany O’Donnell came in for four and one-third innings of relief, allowing six hits and two earned runs.

The key for the Irish once



JULIE HERDER/The Observer
Sophomore infielder Dani Miller belts a hit during Notre Dame’s 5-0 win over Georgetown on April 14.

again was their hitting, a skill they have only improved on throughout the season.

“Even when they switched their pitchers, we were still able to produce runs,” Valdivia said.

Crusader’s Sam McGee gave up four earned runs on four hits as the Valparaiso starter. Alex Lagesse took the loss after allowing three runs on seven hits in four and two-thirds innings.

Notre Dame is back on the

road today, traveling to face DePaul in a Big East match up in Chicago, where it will look to maintain its conference success. The game is scheduled for 2 p.m.

“We are taking the confidence of this win to tomorrow versus DePaul,” Valdivia said. “We are seeing where we fell short in some areas and looking to turn that around.”

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Brophy

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individual medalist of the tournament.

Brophy’s play was hardly a surprise, as she finished with the top individual honor in 2008.

“Annie got it done,” Holt said. “She had a realistic chance of winning the [individual] championship again.”

Brophy found her stride in the second round, when she finished at even par — an eight-shot improvement from the first round that allowed the team to gain some ground.

During the first round,

heavy rains and wind ravaged play and adversely affected the golfers. The Irish struggled during the deluge in the first round, but sophomore Katie Allare helped keep the team afloat with a 7-over 78. The championships marked the first time Allare broke the starting five, and she made the most of it, ending the first round tied for third overall.

Louisville claimed the overall title, finishing 16 strokes ahead of the Irish. South Florida took second.

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CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

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- Across**

1 Tijuana dishes

8 Relegated to a state of oblivion

15 Middle name of Sen. Joe Lieberman

16 Resting place for the deceased

17 False start's result, in football

19 Red ____ (sushi order)

20 "Do me ____ and ..."

21 Reference abbr.

22 Ming's 7'6" and Bryant's 6'6", e.g.: Abbr.

24 "Resolved: that ...," for debaters

26 D.O.E. part: Abbr.

28 "Tis a pity"

30 Tiberius' "to be"
- 32 Last test before starting some advanced deg. programs

33 Request of a frog in a fairy tale

36 Missions, for short

37 Laptop key

38 [Refer to blurb]

40 Last name in ice cream

42 Laborer's suffix

43 Lance

44 Reversible preposition

45 Double-bladed ____ II razor

47 Fated for ruin

51 Doily material

53 Rent down the center

56 Milk: Prefix

57 Time-share unit

59 Latin motto "Ars ____ artis"
- 61 Tilly of Tinseltown

62 Doughbags

65 Renaissance cradle city

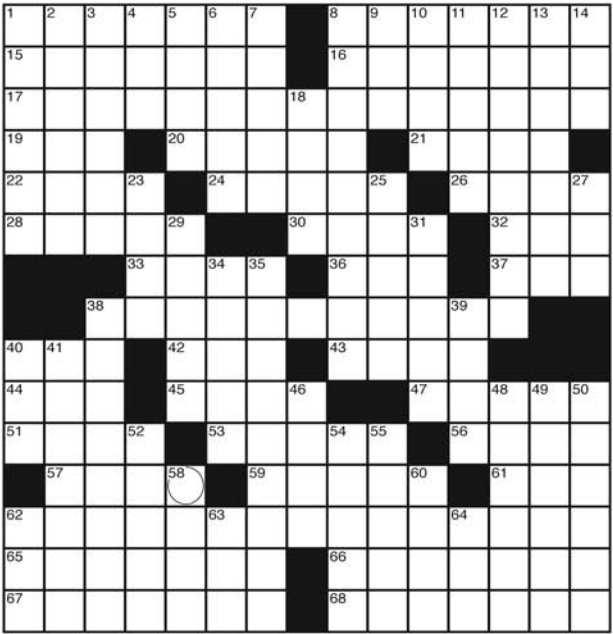
66 Resident of the Winter Palace before 1917

67 Last-column element on the periodic table

68 Relatively piquant

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Puzzle by Daniel A. Finan

- 31 Michigan, e.g., to a Spaniard

34 Fashionista ____ Moon Zombie

35 Does in with a rope

38 Factual info on a dating service questionnaire

39 Fatal virus

40 Sole alternative?
- 41 Fanged villain

46 Laptop key

48 "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" was published in this year

49 Timeless, old-style

50 Reader's place marker

52 Restaurant order
- 54 Repeat New York City Marathon winner Grete ____

55 Lazy

58 Solving, as a puzzle

60 Miscellanies

62 Dow Chemical, e.g.: Abbr.

63 Mineral in sheets

64 Michelangelo's field

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look for competitive activities that will allow you to blow off steam. You don't want to leave yourself open for an argument with someone who has a different idea on how you should live your life. The less interaction you have with others, the better. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Expect to face some trouble at home if you decide to argue a moot point. Let everyone be and do as they please and you will all get far more accomplished. A love relationship can take on new meaning if you change your attitude. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make sure what you say is what you mean because you will be held accountable. You may want change but be careful what you wish for, especially if your plans involve other people. You are far better off working on your own. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put your efforts into work, finding work or discovering ways to put your talents, skills and craftsmanship to work for you. Making money must be your concern and, doing so in a unique way, will satisfy you emotionally as well. Don't wait for things to come to you; seize the moment. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let your heart rule your head. Concentrate on personal gains and being the best you can be. Anger will lead to setbacks, not gains. Keep a close watch on the competition but don't retaliate. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take matters into your own hands and make decisions and choices that will spark new vitality in the things you want to pursue. Partnerships will develop that will allow you to make some interesting financial moves. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Humanitarian pursuits will help you professionally as well as personally but don't let them cost you financially. The more money you put into home, family and your future, the better. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep things to yourself for the time being. Not everyone around you is trustworthy. Believe in yourself for a change and good things will come to you. A change of scenery will do you good. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take on a challenge, knowing that you can come out on top and make a little extra cash on the side. You will attract attention with your finesse but if you oversell, you will pay the price when you are asked to deliver. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be excited about changes heading your way but remember that it's your effort that will lead to victory. Partnering with someone you feel comfortable with will enable you to get twice as much done. Spend more time with the person you love. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep a watchful eye on what the people around you are doing. You can get into trouble if you meddle in someone's affairs. Confidence is required to get ahead. Listen to someone with experience. ★★★★★

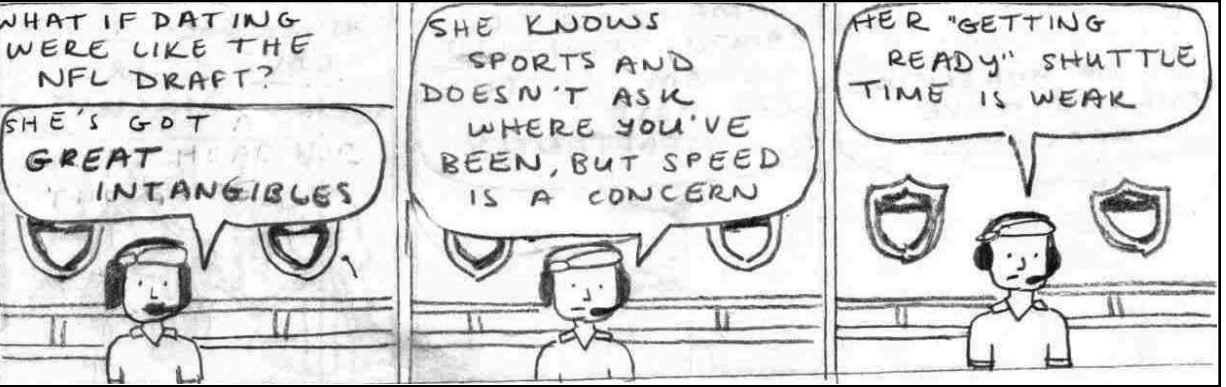
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- Across**

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- 1 Deadliest Catch

5 Owns the Sat. Bar

10 Backwards he speaks

11 Biggest Band Geek

12 Func. Group with N

13 How is ____ formed?

14 T of T and A

16 State gets lots of hate

17 The Best Number

18 Unbiased polluters

21 Cap

22 Luke H is one of these

24 Rating for Petrol

27 A Darth Maul that hates vowels
- 28 Rare around Campus

30 Cheeri_

31 Germanic People

Down

1 Light blue green

2 Tony of the 'Boys

3 Said to drugs and girls

4 The BEST BAR

5 Jumble "Fine Ara Bob"

6 Apple's Graduation App

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8 Brazil's NBA

9 Exclamatory
- 15 Who you avoid at bars

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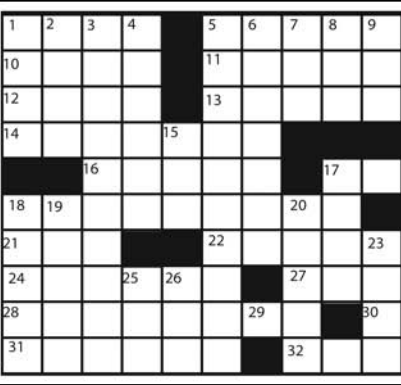
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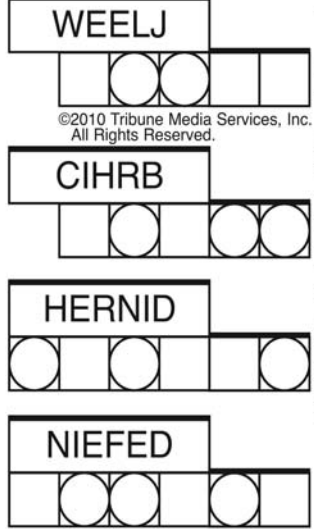


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FOOTBALL

Airing it out

Defense limited, offense to take center stage

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saturday's Blue-Gold Game will be fun for anyone who likes an offensive showcase, Irish coach Brian Kelly said Wednesday.

"We won't do a lot defensively. You won't see much," Kelly said. "And you'll probably leave going, 'wow, our defense didn't get the kind of progress we were hoping.' I'm just preparing you for it right now: This is going to be set up for offense from that standpoint. We want to get out there and show some exciting football. We know at the end of the day our defense has made great progress this spring."

The Irish have now completed 13 of their 14 spring practices leading up to Saturday's Blue-Gold Game. Friday's practice will simply be a walk-through for the scrimmage Saturday, Kelly said.

As for the game itself, the rules will be those of a traditional spring game. The Irish will be split into Blue and Gold teams and will play with normal football rules. This is a departure from the 2008 and 2009 spring games under former head coach Charlie



SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

During spring practice last Saturday, Irish coach Brian Kelly calls a play. Kelly said the focus of this Saturday's scrimmage will be to showcase the offense.

Weis, in which the offense and defense faced off with a unique scoring system that rewarded the defense for turnovers and 3-and-outs, among other things, and gave the offense two points for "explosive plays."

The teams will be split not by first and second teams, but in a way that makes the game more exciting, Kelly said.

"We've balanced up the teams," Kelly said. "We've kept some positional groups together. For example, on

defense we wanted to keep the corners together, but maybe the safeties won't be. We've tried to balance the teams so it's not a ones versus twos. It's going to be very

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ND SOFTBALL

Team earns victory with walk-off

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 23 Irish had to fight to keep their successful home season going Wednesday, but they did it with a 7-6 win over Valparaiso with the help from a home run and four RBIs from Dani Miller.

Miller hit a walk-off sacrifice fly to score junior Katie Fleury and secure the victory for Notre Dame.

"Our fight is what really helped the win today," junior pitcher Jody Valdivia said. "We kept competing and didn't check out even when we got behind. Picking up the win was the most important thing we were looking to accomplish for today."

The game ended after two ties and five lead changes between the Irish (35-7, 12-1 Big East) and the Crusaders (7-2 Horizon League). Valparaiso stranded 11 runners on base, but saw multiple hits from Sara Strickland, Kelsey Phalen, Lisa DeBruzzi and Jessie Marinec.

"Valpo came out swinging, that's for sure," Valdivia

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MEN'S GOLF

Hoyas edge Irish for title

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The difference between first and second place can often be traced to one shot over the course of an entire match that dictated the final outcome. For Notre Dame, that moment came on a final putt at the 18th hole in the last round of the Big East championship.

With the title on the line, Georgetown's Vincenzo Salina drained an eight-foot par putt to give the Hoyas a one-shot victory and seal a second-place finish for the Irish.

"Obviously a tough, tough finish down there at Innisbrook," Irish coach Jim

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Sophomore Tom Usher take aim during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic on Oct. 5, 2009.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish battle elements, take third in tournament

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame placed third in the Big East championship, held amid rain and otherwise poor golfing conditions in Palm Harbor, Fla.

The Irish, who finished 72-over with a final score of 936 against a seven-team field, improved their score in each round of play. During the three-round tournament, the team carded scores of 320, 313 and 303, respectively. The final-round score of 303 was the lowest score of the tournament.

Despite being one of the favorites to win the tourna-

ment, the Irish did not play to their potential. Irish coach Susan Holt said the results of the tournament will serve as a reminder to the Irish that mistakes are costly in the postseason.

"It needs to be a wake up call," Holt said. "This time of year we need to be playing better."

The Irish received solid contributions from a number of players. Pacing the Irish throughout the weekend was senior Annie Brophy, who finished in second place individually with a 10-over 226. She finished six shots back of Louisville's Sara-Maude Juneau, the top

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