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Four Loko endangers students

By EMILY SCHRANK
News Writer

Four Loko, the new popular caffeinated malt beverage with an alcohol content of 12 percent, has taken college campuses around the country by storm, and Notre Dame is no exception.

"We do know that students are using Four Loko and a lot of cases related to this drink have come up recently," Kelly Lawrence, assistant director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, said. "I've heard it described as 'cocaine in a can' and I think that makes it more enticing to students."

Lawrence said the most dangerous thing about Four Loko is the added pressure it puts on the heart.

"Students need to realize that Four Loko mixes a stimulant and a depressant, which are meant to have opposite effects," he said. "The combination of the two things tends to mask how intoxicated you really are."

Lawrence said he thinks most students who drink Four Loko utilize the beverage as "a part of their 'pre-



GASPAR GARCIA DE PARDES | Observer Graphic

game' ritual."

"Judging by my conversations with students, Four Loko seems to be the first drink of the evening for most people," he said. "Obviously the preference would be for

students not to use it at all, but we do want to get involved in some type of dialogue and talk about why they are [using it]."

Drinking Four Loko facilitates higher levels of intoxication, which increases students' risk of legal and disciplinary problems, Lawrence said.

"My sense is that students

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ND prof. honored by society

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Professor Stephen Fallon said he has devoted 36 years to the study of the works of English poet John Milton.

Fallon, who teaches in the Program of Liberal Studies and English department, was recently awarded the Milton Society of America's Honored Scholar Award for 2011.

He said this lifetime achievement award for his work with Milton caught him off guard.

"I was completely surprised," he said.

Fallon said the Milton



Fallon

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ND grads rent houses to off-campus students



Photo courtesy of Drew Mitchell

Landlords Drew Mitchell, second from right, Jordan Curnes, left, and Derrick Shenk, right, pose with student interns.

By NICOLE TOCZAUER
News Writer

If off-campus houses were truly meant to be of students, by students and for students, then Rent Like a Champion covered every base.

Landlords Drew Mitchell, Jordan Curnes and Derrick

Shenk, 2001 graduates of the University, developed their housing business Rent Like a Champion (RLAC) by offering students housing options.

Rent Like a Champion currently has ownership of over 40 housing properties, and they manage over 100 properties for

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Council members get zen

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

On Wednesday, a group of yogis gathered to attempt the Lord of the Dance pose. Displaying varying levels of enthusiasm, commitment and balance, most channeled their chi masterfully.

This is not RecSports Pilates class, this is not Badin Hall Flirty Girl Fitness: this is the Council of Representatives (COR).

Student body president Catherine Soler introduced the Hindu/Buddhist practice to COR meetings upon coming into office. She said that it gives members an opportunity to unload stress and do something fun in an otherwise serious setting.

"Everyone in COR is a leader and has a really busy schedule, so I thought it would be a nice way to include a relaxation technique in a fun way to end the meetings," she said. "As these meetings can be pretty mundane, sometimes it's just



TOM LA/Observer Photo

Student body president Catherine Soler leads council members in yoga poses to relax during meetings.

nice to relax and do something new."

Soler said she was a fan of yoga long before coming into office and taking the lead at

COR. "I've taken yoga classes and I buy yoga magazines

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THE HOT SEAT: ONE PERSON, FIVE QUESTIONS, INFINITE POSSIBILITIES



Mike George

junior
Leprechaun

What has been your strangest experience as Leprechaun?

George: I've had a couple. At the Notre Dame-Connecticut Women's Soccer game last week, a UConn fan ripped off my hat as I was talking to some spectators, and said "I hear if you rub a leprechaun's head, you get good luck," and proceeded to rub my head.

What has been the most rewarding part of this job?

George: Putting on the green suit, and knowing that I represent the greatest University in the world, and seeing just how many people get excited to cheer for Notre Dame sports, and sharing in

their joy of victory, while making everyone's day hopefully a little better.

What is your favorite sport to cheer for, and why?

George: Each sport is different — each one has its own advantages. For example, volleyball is great because it's so fast-paced and filled with non-stop action. Soccer is also fun because there is a huge buildup, and when we score a goal, it's ginormously exciting

What's really at the end of the rainbow?

George: [Laughs] Is it a double rainbow? Well, I'm sorry, that's on a leprechaun-need-to-know basis only.

Know someone who should be in the hot seat? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



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Sophomore Amy Tiberi looks at sweatshirts in the new discounted merchandise section in Saint Mary's Shaheen bookstore. The section opened a week ago, and was previously the location of the C-store, which moved into the Cyber Café.

OFFBEAT

Canine unit training drugs misplaced after session

JACKSON, Wyo. — Officials in Wyoming want people to be on the lookout for a black box with white lettering that says "METH," after a deputy lost a stash used to train police dogs. Teton County sheriff's Sgt. Lloyd Funk said the deputy accidentally left the box on a bumper after a canine training exercise Oct. 27. It contained nearly an ounce of methamphetamine.

The deputy drove off with the drugs perched on the vehicle.

The Jackson Hole News & Guide reported that officers literally trying to get drugs off the street haven't been able to find the box.

Anyone with information is being asked to call the sheriff's office. Sheriff Jim Whalen says someone possessing the amount of meth that was lost would face a felony charge.

Whalen says his office is taking action to make sure the mistake isn't repeated.

Bridal hallucinations lead to woman's conviction

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — A Maryland jury has convicted a woman of burglary, assault and reckless endangerment for breaking into her neighbor's house wearing nothing but a bridal skirt and veil on a snowy night in February. Thirty-three-year old Melissa Wagaman testified

Thursday that a combination of cold medicine and marijuana apparently made her hallucinate that she was getting married and her mother was locked in her neighbor's basement.

Wagaman broke a dining room window with her head, causing shattered glass to cut an artery in her neighbor's arm.

The jury rejected defense arguments that Wagaman truly believed she needed to enter the house and didn't know she was endangering her neighbor.

She faces up to 23 years in prison.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The film "Soul Kitchen" will be shown in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 for students and \$6 regular.

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company will present The Drowsy Chaperone in the Mainstage Auditorium of Washington Hall tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$8 for non-students.

ND Bands will sponsor the Band Blitz Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. The Blitz will consist of a 5K run and 1K walk. Cost is \$15, and all proceeds go to the Salvation Army music programs.

The Special Friends social service organization will host a puzzle competition Saturday at 1 p.m. The event will take place in the Oak Room of the South Dining Hall. Cost is \$15 per teams of four or free for individuals.

The film "Rashomon" will be shown Saturday at 3 p.m. in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Cost is \$3 for students and \$6 regular.

Author Steve Tomasula will read from his novel "TOC" Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Jordan Hall of Science. Admission is free.

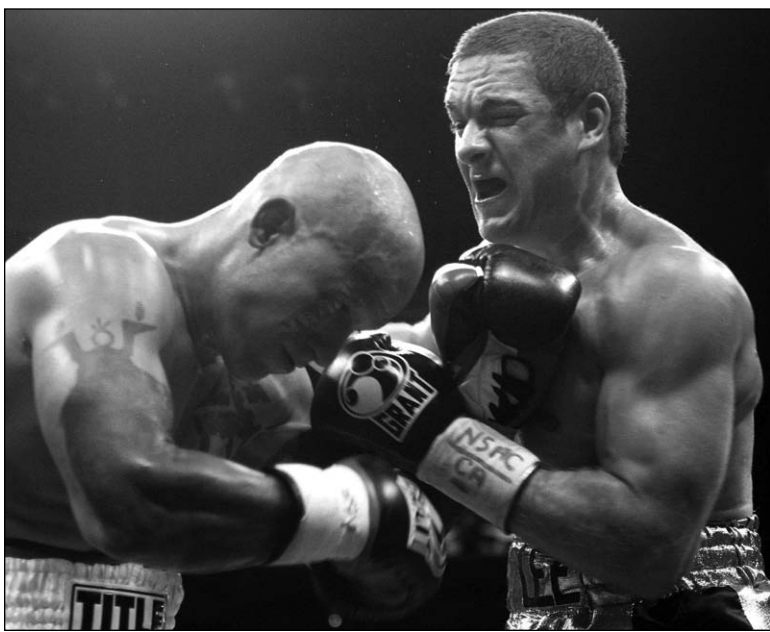
The Moscow State Symphony with Jeremy Denk, piano soloist will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday. The performance will take place in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Cost is \$15 for students and \$40 regular.

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

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Bengal Bouts alumnus fights in professional ring

2009 graduate Mike Lee discovered boxing, service during time at Notre Dame; kept lessons from amateur roots



2009 graduate Mike Lee hits Alex Rivera with a left hook in a September bout at the Palms Hotel Casino in Las Vegas.

By LAURA MYERS
News Writer

Mike Lee wears blue and gold gear when he fights. As he steps into the boxing ring for a match, a Notre Dame banner hangs behind him.

In his last year of college, Lee, a 2009 Notre Dame alumnus, was interviewing for jobs in the business world and training for his final Bengal Bouts tournament.

Now, he is two weeks away from his third professional boxing match, which will take place on Nov. 13 at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas. But he keeps his amateur roots at the forefront.

"Notre Dame was such a huge part of my life," Lee said. "I'll always be a huge fan of Notre Dame, and always be involved. ... We get a ton of support from the Notre Dame community, which is why we wanted to wear blue and gold."

Lee's fight, a four-round light heavyweight bout against Keith Debow of St. Louis, will be part of a headlining event that will feature boxing star Manny Pacquiao fighting Antonio Margarito for a world championship.

"This next fight is by far the biggest fight of my career," Lee said. "... There should be 75-80,000 people there."

Lee turned professional in

January and signed with Bob Arum's Top Rank Boxing, the promotional company that represents Pacquiao as well as many other top boxers. He trains in Houston and won both of his first two matches, which took place in Chicago and at the Palms in Las Vegas.

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Mike Lee
professional boxer

Top Rank decided to place Lee on the Nov. 13 fight card, albeit with a little help.

"I met Jerry Jones, the owner of the Cowboys," Lee said. "When this fight came around, he apparently told Bob, 'I want that kid, Mike Lee from Notre Dame, on the card.'"

"It's a big deal to be on this card, so I'm excited. They only have their top prospects."

He said many Notre Dame alumni who live in the area will be coming to show their support.

"We have a lot of alumni clubs coming to this fight," he said. "The fan base is especially great from Notre Dame."

Lee, of Wheaton, Ill., donated

a travel package for the event to Champions for Children's, a charity auction that benefits Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital.

"The auction is an annual auction that they hold, they have a lot of Chicagoland athletes," Lee said. "They approached me and we wanted to do something."

The travel package includes air travel, hotel and ringside tickets for the event. The auction will be on Nov. 12.

"I wish I could be there," Lee said. "But they told me it should auction for a lot of money, and it will go towards the hospital. And then I'll be able to meet the people who came after my fight. I'm glad the hospital wanted me to be a part of it."

Boxing and charity have always gone together for Lee. A three-time Bengal Bouts champion, Lee was a captain of the club in his senior year, and was one of a group of boxers who traveled to Bangladesh in the summer of 2008.

"Staying involved in charity as well as doing what I love is important to me," Lee said.

"I think Bengal Bouts was the platform that started everything for me in terms of being involved in charity and really getting involved in many different levels."

Mike Lee
professional boxer

"I think Bengal Bouts was the platform that started everything for me in terms of being involved in charity and really getting involved in many different levels. I just want to use my success and the

publicity I've been getting to help out some people along the way."

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Asian studies institute founded

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

The gift for the recently established Institute for Asia and Asian studies will offer a new program to students at the University, J. Nicholas Entrikin, vice president and associate provost for Internationalization, said.

The Institute for Asia and Asian Studies was created with an endowment from the RM Liu Foundation, a philanthropic group that supports the activities of the Liu family, whose children graduated from Notre Dame.

Emily Liu graduated in 1994 with a degree in psychology and her brother Justin graduated in 2000 with a degree in finance. Justin Lui is a member of the College of Arts and Letters Advisory Council and also serves on the Asian Studies Advisory Board, according to a University press release.

Emily and Justin Liu left their gift to Notre Dame in honor of their grandfather, a World War II general in the Chinese army who rescued

7,000 British and 500 American soldiers from the Japanese.

"This gift from the RM Liu Foundation was necessary to start the Institute," Entrikin said.

The Institute is an extension of the Center for Asian Studies, which the University established in 1997. The Center was created in attempt to increase emphasis on Asia.

In 2005, the provost appointed a task force on Asian Studies to help determine the "rewards" of creating a University program centered entirely on Asia, according to the release.

"This [institute] allows for an interdisciplinary institute that will make more visible the opportunity to study about

Asia," Entrikin said.

This endowment from the Liu family created the Institute for Asian Studies, as well as an intensive summer Chinese program in Taiwan, and such cultural events as the Asian Film Festival and Conference.

The Institute's goals will include multidisciplinary and collaborative research that will develop Asian-based initiatives to help solidify Notre Dame's presence in Asia as the world's foremost Catholic research university, the release said.

"Any exchange program wants students and information to go in both directions and this will help us understand Asia and its economy more," Entrikin said.

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Members of the Council of Representatives embrace their inner yogi during Tuesday's meeting to lighten the mood during more serious student government discussions.

Yoga

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and stuff like that, but I'm nowhere near a certified yoga master," she said. "I like to think I'm more of a yogi than I probably am."

Soler said that as far as she knows, no past student body president brought any similar practice into student government meetings. Since the practice is untraditional for student government and many Council members are unfamiliar with yoga, Soler made an effort to ensure that the poses she chooses are beginner-friendly.

"I've never heard of this before. Apparently it's very

unconventional," she said. "I try to choose poses that are simple enough for people to follow along with, but that are also gender-neutral."

Soler said she was not the only Council member

enthused about the end-of-meeting yoga exercises, whether it is apparent at the meetings or not.

"Sometimes there is some eye-rolling, I'll admit, from certain members. On the whole I think people think it's fun," Soler said. "Andrew [Bell, student body vice president] and Nick [Ruof, chief of staff], who don't like to admit it, really enjoy the yoga

portions of the meetings," she said.

"No comment," Bell said.

While COR tried out a variety of different poses, Soler has a few favorites.

"My favorite pose we've

done so far, well, warrior one was a hit right away. I also like the one we just did which was the Lord of the Dance pose."

To keep things interesting, Soler led Council members in other unusual relaxation practices.

"We were trying to think of different mind-body exercises so we've done some pilates, we've done a little meditation, and some yoga," she said.

As far as for the future, Soler has high expectations for COR members' development as yogis.

"I'm hoping by the end of the year we'll be able to do a whole sun salutation together as COR."

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Catherine Soler
student body president

Loko

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do know it's dangerous," he said. "But there's this invulnerability where they think 'nothing is going to happen to me.'"

Junior Meghan Donoghue, 21, said Four Loko is popular among many of her friends.

"I think people initially thought it was something that would get them drunk really fast and that's where all the hype came from," she said.

Donoghue said she thinks drinking Four Lokos has become about bragging for many students.

"People want to say 'oh, I shotgunned a Four Loko' or 'I drank three in an hour,'" she said.

Despite the health risks associated with Four Loko,

Donoghue said none of her friends have discontinued their consumption of the drink.

Lawrence said the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education is not currently advocating any policy change or du Lac amendment related to student consumption of Four Lokos, but the Office will

continue to educate students on the dangers of mixing alcohol and energy drinks.

"We are all involved in educating students about the effects of the beverage and the risk factors," he said. "And because it is a general concern as

well, we have been generating discussion on Four Loko in our various education groups over the last few weeks."

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"I've heard [Four Loko] described as 'cocaine in a can,' and I think that makes it more enticing to students."

Kelly Lawrence
assistant director
Office of Alcohol and
Drug Education

SMC sophomore dance themed masquerade

By KELLY MURPHY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Class of 2013 will host a black-and-white themed, formal dance to be held tonight in downtown South Bend.

Attendees are encouraged to wear black and white to the dance, "Black Time Masquerade." Masks, which are provided with the tickets, and decorations will add a splash of color to the black and white theme, Katie Gutrich, Class of 2013 president, said.

She said the dance will be held at Century Center in downtown South Bend from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Ticket sales have been extended due to their high demand, Gutrich said. Tickets will be available for purchase in the Student Center Atrium through today from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person.

"This is the first formal dance for the Class of 2013," Gutrich said. "Hopefully this big turnout will help keep the class of 2013's enthusiasm up."

Saint Mary's will provide transportation to and from the dance. A trolley system will be available throughout the evening and will pick students up at Le Mans circle.

Class of 2013 vice president Torrie Thompson said food will be provided at the dance and the theme will be "death by chocolate." Some of the desserts include: cream puffs, rice krispies, éclairs, chocolate covered strawberries and pretzels, moose shooters and brownies.

"This is the first formal dance for the Class of 2013."

Katie Gutrich
Class of 2013 president

"We've worked really hard on it with the Class of 2013 in mind," Thompson said. "My hope is that everyone enjoys it and has a good time with all their friends."

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Rutgers suicide case tests New Jersey privacy law

Associated Press

HADDONFIELD, N.J. — The case of a Rutgers University student who committed suicide after a roommate allegedly used a webcam to spy on his tryst with another man could pose the first legal test of a state privacy law passed in 2003.

Lawyers for the roommate and another student, accused of watching 18-year-old Tyler Clementi “making out with a dude” in his dorm room on the Piscataway campus, insist their clients were the only two people who saw a tame encounter and did not record it.

Prosecutors said, though, that they tried to transmit a “sexual encounter” on the Internet but haven’t said how widely available they believe the video was.

Therein lie the questions: What was the potential audience? What constitutes privacy? What did Clementi know, and why did he believe death was the best option? For the young suspects, the answers could mean the difference between years in prison, 18 months or no time at all.

“To prove this case, you’d probably have to have the recording; you’d have to see what’s on it,” Justin Loughry, a Camden lawyer familiar with the privacy law and unconnected to the Rutgers case, said about the difficulty prosecutors could face in arguing for the harshest penalties. “Would it be enough to peek in on someone French kissing? Probably not.”

The case became a national symbol soon after the news broke that Clementi, a freshman just a few weeks into classes at Rutgers, committed suicide by jumping into the Hudson River from the George Washington Bridge.

In the days before his death, authorities said, Dharun Ravi and another student, Molly Wei, watched his encounter with an unidentified man in the room Clementi shared with Ravi.

The story came on the heels of a spate of gay teenagers nationwide killing themselves after being bullied — and it quickly took on that mantle.

Clementi’s death galvanized efforts to fight suicide and bullying of gay teens. It helped inspire “Wear Purple Day” last month, in which advocates encouraged people to wear the color to protest bullying. Talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and President Barack Obama joined luminaries in recording videos decrying bullying and suicide.

Facebook groups popped up calling for expulsion or long prison sentences for Ravi and Wei. Some groups have suggested hate-crime charges, and Middlesex County prosecutors say they’re evaluating whether the state’s hate-crime law might apply.

To convict someone of a hate crime, a jury must find that someone committed a crime out of a belief that the victim was a member of a protected group, such as a racial or sexual minority. Friends of the suspects have said they held no animosity toward gays.

Their lawyers announced last week that they were withdrawing from Rutgers out of fear for their safety, and followed a few days later with comments that appear to be aimed at getting their clients the lightest penalty possible — but not denying

their involvement.

“When the forensic evidence from all the seized computers is revealed, the truth will come out,” Steve Altman, Ravi’s attorney, told the Newark Star-Ledger for Sunday’s editions. “Nothing was transmitted beyond one computer, and what was seen was only viewed for a matter of seconds.”

Rubin Sinins, a lawyer for Wei, said he was “unaware of sexual contact” in the webcam video his client saw.

“The statute defining sexual contact refers to nudity and private parts, and, to my knowledge, nothing like that was seen,” he said. “I’m also unaware of any evidence that any video was recorded, reproduced or disseminated in any way.”

Altman has not agreed to an interview with The Associated Press, and Sinins would say only that his client is innocent of any charges. But experts said the defense they have outlined might not be enough to clear the 18-year-olds.

On Sept. 19, Ravi tweeted: “Roommate asked for room until midnight. I went into molly’s room and turned on my webcam. I saw him making out with a dude. Yay.” Two days later, he said this: “Anyone with iChat, I dare you to video chat me between the hours of 9:30 and 12. Yes, it’s happening again.”

Authorities say Ravi failed in an attempt that time to spy on his roommate.

In a gay-themed chatroom, a poster who appears to have been Clementi said he unplugged Ravi’s computer and searched for hidden cameras before a liaison that night.

The applicable state invasion-of-privacy law, adopted in 2003 as a sex offense, appears to be seldom used. There have been no legal cases in which judges have further interpreted it.

The law differentiates between a third-degree crime, which could carry a five-year prison term, and a fourth-degree crime, punishable by no more than 18 months in prison

for first-time offenders. Prosecutors have not specified which degree Ravi and Wei are charged with.

The less serious fourth-degree crime could be committed if someone who is unauthorized to do so merely observes a sexual act — or in a situation where “reasonable person would know that another may expose intimate parts or may engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact,” Loughry said.

To prove the third-degree crime, though, would be harder. To be convicted someone would have to see nudity or sexual contact — and would have to record it. If the defense lawyers are correct, Loughry said, that could be hard for prosecutors to prove.

No lawsuits have been filed, though Clementi’s parents do have a lawyer. John Bazzurro, a lawyer in West Long Branch, said he believes that Clementi’s family could file a claim for privacy invasion whether or not Wei and Ravi witnessed any sexual contact or disseminated

the video.

Sean Morrissey, managing director of Katana Forensics, a computer forensics software firm based in Easton, Md., said that a video session on Apple’s iChat can be between only two parties, and that the video would not be saved.


And while prosecutors have not said how far the video went, it’s possible — but very uncommon — to use “third-party software” from another company to disseminate a live video more widely, Morrissey said.

Bill Dobbs, a longtime New York City gay rights activist, said he worries about “arm-chair prosecution” as people call for more serious charges against Ravi and Wei without knowing all the facts. But there’s value in the social discussion that has come out of the case, he said.

“The bigger conversation’s very important because that’s part of efforts to get at the truth,” he said. “What actually led to him committing suicide?”

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SINGAPORE



Firefighters assist passengers off a Qantas jetliner which made an emergency landing at Singapore's Changi International Airport after having engine problems Thursday. AP

Engine fails mid-flight

Associated Press

SINGAPORE — First came two quick bangs. Then, on the left side of the Qantas super-jumbo jet, passengers saw flames, a stream of smoke and debris from a stricken engine. A gouge scarred the top of the Airbus 380's left wing, scorch marks were on the outside of the blown-out engine and part of its cover depicting the airline's familiar red kangaroo logo had fallen off during the flight over Indonesia.

After a tense 95 minutes while the pilots dumped fuel, the massive, double-decker plane — the world's largest — returned safely Thursday to Singapore, where it made an emergency landing with 459 people aboard.

Qantas and Singapore Airlines grounded their Airbus A380 jetliners after Rolls-Royce, which manufactured the engines, recommended a series of checks.

Lufthansa grounded its A380 scheduled to depart Frankfurt for Johannesburg while it checked the engines, and instead used an A340-600 on the route, spokesman Boris Ogursky said. Lufthansa plans to fly the A380 from Frankfurt to Tokyo as scheduled on Friday, he added.

The failure of the No. 2 engine — one of four on the jet — was the most serious in-flight incident involving the A380 since it debuted in 2007 with Singapore Airlines flying it to Sydney. That's the same route that Thursday's Qantas Flight QF34 was making.

Passengers praised the Qantas crew for their reassuring announcements.

"Panic would have broken out, but the crew kept people updated and were behaving as if it (the situation) was so trivial," said Matthew Hewitt, a 25-year-old engineer from Manchester in Britain. "The crew was so calm."

Experts said the problem appeared to be an "uncontained engine failure," which occurs when turbine debris punctures the engine casing and the light cowling that covers the unit.

Qantas CEO Alan Joyce

appeared to blame the engines, made by Rolls-Royce.

"This issue, an engine failure, has been one that we haven't seen before. So we are obviously taking it very seriously because it is a significant engine failure," he told a Sydney news conference where he announced Qantas was grounding its six A380s.

The risk isn't so much from the loss of engine power because the A380 had three other engines to rely on, said former National Transportation Safety Board member John Goglia. Rather, the concern is that hot metal parts could shoot out from the engine much like shrapnel and pierce the fuselage, perhaps leading to rapid depressurization, or puncture fuel lines in the wings, possibly starting a fire, he said.

The damage on the upper side of the left wing appeared to be just behind its leading edge, an area that is actually hollow and abuts the landing-gear bay.

"The tanks are located and designed to be protected in case of such problems. The wing was affected, but absolutely not the fuel tank," said Airbus spokeswoman Aude Lebas.

Such engine failures, which have become very rare in both civil and military aviation, are not considered particularly worrying. Statistics show these occur about once in a million flights, although this was the first major safety incident involving the A380.

"All engine failures are really becoming increasingly rare because reliability has increased dramatically in last 20 years," said William Voss, president of the Flight Safety Foundation in Alexandria, Va.

"It's particularly rare to have an uncontained engine failure," he said.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau sent four investigators to Singapore. Airbus said it was providing all necessary technical assistance to the probe and a team of specialists was being dispatched to Singapore.

The most frequent causes of engines failures are the inges-

tion of loose objects on the runway or bird strikes. Also, mechanical problems such as rotor imbalances can cause microscopic cracks to form on the turbine blades, leading to their failure.

Most flocks of migrating birds fly at very low altitudes.

Indonesian officials said the engine trouble could not have been related to recent volcanic eruptions of Mount Merapi, some 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) to the east — a view corroborated by Voss.

"It's extremely unlikely this could have had anything to do with the volcanic eruption, but everything ... will be looked at very closely during the investigation," Voss said.

Parts of the engine and its cover fell on the thickly populated western Indonesian island of Batam, near Singapore, but no injuries were reported. Residents there helped authorities pick up more than 100 pieces of debris — mostly small, torn metal but some the size of doors — that were brought to police headquarters.

Airbus has delivered a total of 37 A380s so far. Thirteen are in service with Emirates, 11 with Singapore Airlines, six with Qantas, four with Air France and three with Lufthansa.

Emirates airlines said all of its A380s are flying as scheduled, noting its planes aren't powered by Rolls-Royce engines.

In September 2009, a Singapore Airlines A380 was forced to turn around and head back to Paris after an engine malfunction. On March 31, a Qantas A380 with 244 people on board burst two tires on landing in Sydney after a flight from Singapore.

Last August, a Lufthansa crew shut down one of the engines as a precaution before landing at Frankfurt on a flight from Japan, after receiving confusing information on a cockpit indicator.

Qantas' safety record is enviable among major airlines, with no fatal crashes since it introduced jet-powered planes in the late 1950s.

HAITI

Obstacle stalls U.S. financial aid for Haiti

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — As if Haitians living in tents and under scraps of plastic don't have enough to grapple with as a tropical storm bears down and cholera spreads, the U.S. Congress has put up another obstacle to delivering the \$1.15 billion in reconstruction money it promised back in March.

The State Department still has to prove the money won't be stolen or misused — not an easy task in a country notorious for corruption.

"Given the weak governmental institutions that existed in Haiti even before the earthquake, Congress wants to be sure we have that accountability in place before these funds are obligated," State Department

spokesman P.J. Crowley told The Associated Press.

Crowley had no immediate estimate Wednesday for how long this bureaucratic step — known as a Section 1007 proceeding — will take to complete, but said it would be "very soon."

Haiti aid organizers had hoped to avoid this. While the country has a reputation for corruption, measures were put in place — including a reconstruction oversight commission co-chaired by former President Bill Clinton — to ensure such concerns would not hold up the money.

It has been nearly 10 months since Haiti's capital was leveled by an earthquake that killed at least 230,000 and left millions homeless. Seven months have also gone by since Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton promised \$1.15 billion in reconstruction money for Haiti meant to build homes, create jobs and improve lives.

Separately, an immediate \$1.1 billion in U.S. humanitarian assistance was spent in Haiti without having to go through this proceeding. Some of it went to emergency rescue and medical care, and some to expenses like travel and support for aid workers immediately after the quake. That kind of aid continues — the USS Iwo Jima was steaming toward Haiti Thursday to provide more relief after the storm.

But without the reconstruction money, Haiti's long-term needs remain unaddressed: Temporary shelters have gone unbuilt, rubble has not been removed and some 1.3 million people remain homeless in and around the capital, unable to find or afford safe places to live. The cholera outbreak has

killed more than 440 people and sickened thousands, spreading too quickly to be contained.

Now aid groups are rushing to protect the fragile tent camps where an estimated 1.3 million people live ahead of Tropical Storm Tomas, which forecasters said could regain hurricane strength by Friday and dump up to 10 inches (25 centimeters) of rain. Haitian civil protection officials advised all camp residents to find other shelter, but most have nowhere to go.

Any significant rainfall could cause widespread flooding in the severely deforested country, with the storm expected to strike nearly every part of the nation of 10 million.

"As Haiti faces another natural disaster and is still reeling from the recent

cholera outbreak, this is not the time to delay assistance," Sen. John Kerry, the Massachusetts Democrat and Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman who sponsored the aid bill, told the AP on Thursday.

In September, an AP investigation revealed that not one penny of the promised U.S. reconstruction money had arrived, due to a combination of bureaucracy, disorganization and a lack of urgency in Washington.

President Barack Obama wasn't able to sign the appropriations bill containing the money until July 29. A subsequent bill to authorize release of the funds stalled, and it took until Sept. 20 for the Obama administration to submit a spending plan in an attempt to free up the money.

Crowley told the AP "there has not been a delay," describing the 1007 notification as the final piece of a process that has kept to a schedule laid out in the aid bill.

Still, requirements like these can hold up aid money for years. Some of the millions promised by

President George W. Bush to help Mexico fight drug cartels still hasn't been released because of conditions that U.S. lawmakers put on that aid.

"There is no question we should do everything we can to assist our neighbors in Haiti," Republican Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma wrote in an Oct. 8 letter explaining why he objects to quick approval of the bill Kerry and Tennessee Republican Sen. Bob Corker wrote to authorize the spending. Haiti must first commit to fighting corruption, and any additional Haiti spending must come only at the expense of other State Department programs, Coburn said.

"Given the weak governmental institutions that existed in Haiti even before the earthquake, Congress wants to be sure we have that accountability in place before these funds are obligated."

**P.J. Crowley
spokesman
State Department**

"There is no question we should do everything we can to assist our neighbors in Haiti."

**Tom Coburn
senator
Oklahoma**

INSIDE COLUMN

No regrets about living on my own off campus

It wasn't an easy decision when I had to weigh between off-campus or on-campus housing. I couldn't help but lean toward the idea of being free from cramped quarters, pari-
etals and limited amounts of liquor even though I'm beyond the age of 21.

Ashley Charnley
Saint Mary's Editor

However, there was also the idea of never having to cook, having to swipe into the room and not having to drive to class every day.

In the end though, I chose off campus. Honestly, I'm incredibly grateful for my choice. That isn't to say, though, that I wish I had moved off sooner. Now a senior, I spent the first three years of school on campus. I didn't have a choice, but then again even if I had, I would have stayed on.

I actually recommend all college students remain close to campus those first few years. I made friends in the classroom, but sisters in the dorms. I love all the girls I spent movie/study nights with in my pajamas and rushed to their dorms for late night drama with pints of ice cream from the C-Store.

Living on campus has its downfalls, but the relationships make it worth it. There is no way to get to know someone better than to live with them. Even the ones who are harder to live with, who force you to go outside yourself, to be patient and to learn how to talk through issues or else crash on someone else's futon for a couple of days.

All that being said though, I think it was time to move off. I thought long and hard about what I would be missing if I decided to leave the over 100-year-old walls and halls of those buildings.

Then it dawned on me: there are new memories to have. The point of college is not to dwell on the times we had, but to make as new ones as possible. Moving off campus, paying rent, making ends meet and then having house parties (tame, I swear) and hanging out with friends in a place that has multiple rooms and a bathroom that is only shared by two people.

Since I've moved in here, we have been woken up by middle of the night smoke detector malfunctions, watched our window crash to floor and sat in the middle of the living room (as far from a window as you can in a townhouse) to avoid being injured by hurricane force winds and tornadoes.

Having my own place has been an adventure and has taught me so much about what the next step is going to be. I know what it is like to live on my own without a dining hall and someone else taking care of cleaning the bathroom.

So, to any of you wondering if going off campus is a good idea; I say yes. It's college. Live a little.

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THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

Reformatting the Forum

The Notre Dame Forum began in 2005 as a way for the University to engage students and faculty about one topic during a one-time panel discussion.

This year's Forum, "The Global Marketplace and the Common Good," took on a new format as the discussion is to last the entire academic year rather than during one afternoon.

At first glance, this change appears positive. In place of one panel or lecture, the University planned panel discussions, student discussions and events specific to certain areas of study to engage students throughout the 2010-2011 academic year.

In September, Ed Conlon, Mendoza College of Business associate dean and chairman of the Forum's working committee, told The Observer that the University decided the Forum could not fully discuss an important issue in just one event.

"The idea was to enlarge the scope of the Forum to encompass a lot of different things in relation to one topic over the course of the academic year," Conlon said.

Given that the goal is to engage students for an entire academic year, has the Forum's new style succeeded? We're not convinced it has.

The Forum's signature event Wednesday night featured Thomas Friedman, a Pulitzer Prize winner and New York Times columnist. Bringing a well-known speaker to address this subject area is commendable and generated a lot of enthusiasm.

However, the event was held in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, which only seats 900-950 people. In the past, it was held in the Joyce Center, which could hold a significantly larger amount of people.

The event was free, but required tickets. The tickets were gone in a little over an hour, and many students who desired a ticket were unable to get one. Requiring people to obtain tickets ahead of time also eliminates dorm walkovers, classes sitting together or students deciding spur of the moment to attend.

Friedman's lecture was engaging and pertinent to the undergraduate student body. Yet, it did not seem to be undergraduates who were attending. Graduate students, professors and adults comprised most of the auditorium, which, despite the

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sellout, had many empty seats.

Perhaps this is due to the fact that in the past, professors canceled classes and encouraged or required students to attend the highly advertised, one-time Forum event, which was held on a weekday afternoon. As a result, students did attend in large numbers.

Additionally, by holding the Forum's signature event in the evening, the University created conflicts with other events. For example, there was a women's basketball exhibition game Wednesday night at Purcell Pavilion during the Forum. By requiring tickets and hosting the event in a small setting, students had to plan ahead and stand in line if they wanted to attend.

Like past forums, the event was publicized across campus through an online broadcast and through campus television. But the number of students discussing the event in the days following is less than in previous years.

In theory, the new style of the Forum is commendable. Spreading out the Forum's events allows students to engage with the topic in their own way and attend the events they find most interesting. But in practice, it still needs to work out some kinks.

Friedman's lecture suggested the necessity of engagement on the part of the student body. But this year, the undergraduate student population just isn't engaged in the Forum.

The best way to do this is to return to the old format for the signature Forum event, but to maintain the yearlong, specialized discussions as well.

Move the signature event back into the Purcell Pavilion. Work the topic into class curricula. If necessary, cancel classes for the Forum. Use the signature event as a gateway into more nuanced discussions students could find in the other, smaller events hosted throughout the school year, rather than as an addition to discussions students may not have attended.

The Notre Dame Forum needs to be a combination of academic interest and convenience, or undergraduates will either ignore it or feel they have been shut out of it. If the format changes to reflect this idea, students will go. They will grapple with the topic at hand. And they will be engaged.

Global warming and morality

In his Viewpoint yesterday on "Science, Politics, and Global Warming," Ed Larkin argued that while the theory of evolution is obviously true to a casual observer at the zoo, global warming is not evident to non-scientists. Therefore, those who call on society to make dramatic changes to avert its impacts are unreasonable.

I disagree that global warming is less evident than evolution. Global warming is actually more evident because it is happening on a much shorter time scale than evolution, and the process can therefore be observed.

While the basic tenets of natural selection make sense logically, a non-scientist cannot, in fact, adequately assess their validity. We rely on evolutionary biologists who utilize extensive fossil and molecular data as well as complex statistical models.

The basics of global warming also make sense logically. People have known that carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas since the mid-nineteenth century (Tyndall 1861). High school chemistry tells us that when we add carbon dioxide to the atmosphere, a big chunk of it is absorbed by the oceans, making them more acidic. The oceans are currently 30 percent more acidic than in pre-industrial times, and by mid-century, much of the world's oceans are expected to be inhospitable to corals and shelled organisms that support the food chain for the fish we eat (Orr et al. 2009).

The details are what we turn to climatologists for, because Larkin is correct that climate modeling is complex and difficult. It is due to that difficulty that climate model predictions have a significant range of possible outcomes. What is scary is that even the lower limit of the predicted range of

Rachel Novick
Guest Columnist

impacts would result in insufficient drinking water for hundreds of millions of people and the loss of large and heavily populated coastal areas (Parry et al. 2007).

The current "sureness" of the scientific community regarding the seriousness of global warming is not something to criticize. Scientists have been extremely cautious in reaching conclusions in this area, and have only reached their current level of certainty through decades of research by thousands of individuals. Much of what Larkin described as "doomsday predictions" is simply peer-reviewed publication of rigorous research.

So who should be making moral decisions about the results of scientists' research? According to Pope Benedict, "preservation of the environment, promotion of sustainable development and particular attention to climate change are matters of grave concern for the entire human family." In other words, the responsibility belongs to everyone: scientist and layman, religious and secular, young and old.

Notre Dame's annual Dorm Energy Competition started on Monday and will continue the entire month of November. This is an opportunity for us to make a small but concrete difference as a campus community and to demonstrate that we share Pope Benedict's concern.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Television has done much for psychiatry by spreading information about it, as well as contributing to the need for it."
Alfred Hitchcock
British movie director

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Comedy is acting out optimism."
Robin Williams
US actor and comedian

The 'shellacking' electoral lessons

In 1982, 21 months into his presidency, Ronald Reagan's approval rating stood at 42 percent sliding from 51 percent at his inauguration on its way to a low of 35 percent — hardly the type of lofty nostalgic remembrance for those who memorialize Reagan by naming airports after him and proposing that his likeness be carved on Mount Rushmore. But for Reagan, conditions worsened during his tenure as unemployment rose from 7.2 percent when he took office to peak in November of 1982 at 10.8 percent while personal income stagnated to a mere 1.4 percent in the final quarter of the year. So while high unemployment conditions and an economic emergency greeted Barrack Obama at his inauguration, growth steadily rose — albeit anemically.

While the American political season has become onerously long, the collective voter's memory remains notoriously short. A political week can sometimes morph into an eternity, just as voters overwhelmingly broke for Reagan after he and President Jimmy Carter held their one and only debate a mere week before the 1980 election. During this election cycle, the electorate easily and quickly forgot political history. Therefore, one might view Obama's self-proclaimed "shellacking" as less a sign of future doom for the president, especially since the Republican-leaning Gallup poll



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shows Obama's approval rating currently hovering at 44 percent, which is above Reagan's rating at this point in his presidency.

Reagan lost 27 Republican seats during his first mid-term election cycle, staunchly entrenching an already Democratic majority in the House of Representatives. Obama lost 58 house seats, about half dozen more than the 52 Democrats gained in the last two elections, but lost only six of the 14 senators previously gained. Reagan's first accomplishment was a massive tax reduction. Yet the currently sitting Democratic Congress passed 25 separate tax cuts in 21 months, lowering today's rates back to levels not seen since the 1950s. Democrats shrunk the federal deficit from 10 percent of GDP in Fiscal Year 2009 to 5.9 percent in Fiscal Year 2010. Was the electorate well informed of these accomplishments?

One might also ask what other earth-shaking policies have the congressional Democrats and Obama enacted that imperil our nation's direction so much to warrant this week's electoral rebuke. The president first signed the fair pay act that guaranteed equal pay for women. The stimulus package instituted the largest tax cut ever, while promoting clean energy and revamping the college student loan system by ending waste of federal subsidies that paid banks to serve as private for-profit middle man, thus freeing money for more loans for more Americans. In an interview this week, George W. Bush defended the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) bailout as necessary to prevent the total collapse of our economic system in a brief, succinct way in his "gee whiz" country frat boy

manner that Obama never crystallized in his own easy-to-understand message.

The financial reform act curbed excesses that caused recession through regulation of Wall Street that protects the investments of Americans on "Main Street." The "Cash for Clunkers" program gave cash credits directly to Americans to help stimulate the economy, the auto industry and reduce oil dependency as well as improve the air quality. The credit card reform prevents longstanding abrupt fee increases for consumers, and a new consumer financial protection agency was created.

Democrats appropriated the most resources ever for veterans by providing more access to caregivers, including female veterans, and consolidated the fragmented appropriations process so that veterans programs are now quickly and efficiently funded through Congress. Democrats tripled size of public service opportunities through AmeriCorps for young Americans. The Democratic Congress enacted a new land conservation law, gave the FDA authority to regulate tobacco and nicotine, passed a hate crimes bill based on sexual discrimination and enacted a law that provides health insurance for 4 million previously uncovered children. Most of these many accomplishments are not issues to be repudiated by the electorate.

Obviously, the overall health care reform has been the most contentious issue of the Obama presidency. Yet it includes 30 million more Americans, allows parental policies to cover their children up to age 26, ensures that insurance companies sell policies to people with expensive pre-existing conditions, eliminates lifetime and annual

caps on benefits, reduces costs that help reduce the federal deficit and is not a European or single payer system. Are these qualities of the initiative that warrant a "shellacking" at the ballot box? The answer was obviously, "yes."

President Obama is the academic, professorial type. Unlike Ronald Reagan or Bill Clinton who could connect to every American, Obama at times seems distantly detached. Campaigning a month before this week's election cannot undo the year and a half of loud, public opposition who defined his policies. He should have sold each step of his legislative successes.

Incoming Speaker John Boehner said this week that Republicans will "work on behalf of the American people," which translates that the president better do it the Republican way. Boehner said, "We'll work with the administration when they agree with the American people and oppose them when they don't."

For President Obama, his campaign has begun for 2012, and he must learn to better announce his policies so that he, like Ronald Reagan, can win reelection.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Refocusing

This past Saturday, as the band paid tribute to Declan Sullivan by playing our Alma Mater, I looked around and saw the Notre Dame family holding each other, singing in his memory. I then looked down to the field at the players, so many of whom had witnessed the accident. It was then that I noticed Coach Kelly standing with the team, his head down, his hands clasped in front of him and an NBC news camera inches away from his face, which remained there for the rest of the song. That image has been in my head ever since. To me, it captures the mindset that now surrounds the death of Declan Sullivan: finding out who is to blame.

The recent death of Declan Sullivan was a terrible accident that has affected all of us Notre Dame students, whether we knew him or not. This accident is even more tragic because it was preventable. In a perfect world, football practice would have been inside, or safety guidelines on the lift would have been followed. There are countless "what ifs" that could have prevented this accident and changed everything; however, going through them over and over again, as I am sure the Sullivan family has been, only brings anguish and frustration. It is human nature to want to have someone to blame —

and maybe there is someone to blame — but what good will it bring once somebody is? Will it lessen the pain that the Sullivan family is going through? Will it bring people comfort to know that someone will have to live with that guilt for the rest of their life? And what can the blamed person even say to the Sullivan family other than "I am so sorry?"

The thing about accidents is that they are tragic and horrible and heartbreaking, but sometimes they are just accidents. It is entirely appropriate to figure out how to prevent this tragedy from ever happening again — here or at any other school. However, in focusing our attention on figuring out who is to blame, we are cheapening the death and memory of Declan Sullivan. Instead of mourning for his death and praying for his family, so many have diminished this tragedy to a University scandal and legal battle. It is time to bring the focus back to what really matters, and that is praying for the Sullivan family during this impossibly hard time and honoring the life of Declan Sullivan.

Lauren McGrath
freshman
Ryan Hall
Nov. 4

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Yeah. It's boring. Fix it.

Write a Letter to the Editor.

Can one be moral in an immoral system?

In his academic forum address, Thomas Friedman repeatedly criticized the failures of the U.S. economy to match the competitive needs of our global economy. This failure is certainly related to the decline of critical thinking and discourse, which requires more serious and empirically grounded discussions of the causes and effects of national and global economic policies than this forum demonstrated.

Friedman's popularity is the result of his over-simplistic and individualized account of how the world works. For him, the problems we're facing result from the selfish actions of a single generation. One doesn't need to feel disempowered by the hugeness of the problems we face, for individual action and "sustainable" values can make a difference. Nowhere in Friedman's account is the problem of large-scale inequality addressed. Apparently all individuals in this "flat world" are equally able to improve their situation by plugging into the new technology that is globalization 3.0.

Cute metaphors sell books and make one a popular journalist, but they don't advance public knowledge and insight into what we need to do to solve the pressing problems of our day.

Social science analysts of globalization trace the roots of the current crises back hundreds of years. These are not the result of one generation's failures. Rather, they are

the highly predictable outcomes of a world economy and decades of government policies designed to seek perpetual growth. Changing individuals' values won't alter this. To borrow Friedman's metaphor, we need to change the operating system, not just the users. And this will require more knowledge of the social structures and political processes that define the global political economy.

Can we be satisfied with the idea that our individual goodness can overcome a fundamentally immoral system, as Friedman suggests? Or as an earlier academic forum speaker, anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer concludes in his book, "Pathologies of Power," are we "benefitting from a social and political order that promises a body count?" These are the tough questions we must ask to advance our thinking about the ethics of the global economy.

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Nov. 5

food FOR THOUGHT by Nathaniel Lee

Dear readers,
Welcome to "Food For Thought," a new culinary and quasi-intellectual, fully functional guide to navigating the dining hall, and life at Notre Dame. Each week, your taste buds will be titillated with a new recipe or entire meal that anyone can create in our on-campus eateries with a little creativity, effort and expert use of the bagel-toaster. Along with your daily dish, you will be treated to a life-lesson, bull session or rhetorical debate over your dinner.

Nathaniel
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Scene Writer

Main Dish: The Steak Sandwich

- 1) Make sure that there is steak (flank, sirloin etc.) being served.
- 2) Take two slices of sourdough bread and spread one side of each with a thin layer of real mayonnaise.
- 3) With the mayo sides up, cover one side of the sandwich with sliced onions.
- 4) Cover the opposite side with sliced banana peppers.
- 5) Sprinkle a light layer of bleu cheese on top of the banana peppers.
- 6) Place a slice of deli cheese on top of the onions.
- 7) Go to the carving station and get your cuts of beef, remove any fat and lay the strips on top of the slice of cheese.
- 8) Drizzle A-1 steak sauce on top of the meat.
- 9) Finally, apply heat to the sandwich in the form of a Panini press or sandwich toaster, depending on your DH of choice, and after the bread is toasted and the cheese is melted, enjoy.

Dessert: Bird Feed

- 1) If "for here," grab a teacup (serves one) or a cereal bowl (serves two to four). If "to go" grab a Styrofoam carryout cup.
- 2) Fill the container about halfway with granola from the cereal section.
- 3) Top with raisins and chocolate chips.
- 4) Drizzle a spoonful of honey (per serving) on top of the mixture.
- 5) Add two spoonfuls of smooth peanut butter.
- 6) Mix thoroughly. Avoid any pockets of unblended honey, and enjoy.

Dinner Discussion: The phenomenon of the utterly dangerous "Farce-ity Athlete"

Today's meal is one high in protein, calories and healthy fats, which makes it perfect for the active, athletic student body. Most keep themselves in good physical condition, and many aspire to compete in athletics with their friends, dormmates or against their biggest interhall rival.

However, there are a hazardous few who forego the dieting, hours in the gym and laps jogging around the lakes in favor of a nice pair of Adidas sweats. These scandalous individuals, known as "Farce-ity Athletes," are sure to delight those of you who go to the dining hall for "people watching."

These students, with careful wardrobe choices, attempt to pass themselves off as one of our heralded student-athletes, but do not in fact play a varsity sport. The reasons they do this range from desire to feel accomplished, low self-esteem, belief that they are athletic enough to walk-on to a team "if they felt like it," and, most importantly, to pick up chicks. The ensemble of the "Farce-ity Athlete" can take on many manifestations, but there are a few key tricks for which to be on the lookout.

First, is the athletic gear intended to look like varsity issued clothing? Do not be fooled, this was purchased from Adidas at a high cost. Likewise, a trip to the bookstore can deck people out in a "Blue Monster" or "Grey Monster" ensemble (matching hoodie and sweatpants) that would fool even Brian Kelly, all for the low-low price of several hundred dollars.

It takes a keen eye and a lot of stalking to determine just what is actually

issued to the athletes. Keep an eye peeled for Nike attire, a surefire tip-off that the individual is posing as a fitter friend and not the back-up punter.

For the true jersey-chaser in all of us, here is what you can look for to tell the real athletes apart.

Shoes: The Adidas shoes that athletes get are typically not available for public purchase.

Backpacks: An athlete typically has an issued backpack exclusive to the varsity sports, complete with a nametag that signifies their sport. Do not be afraid to ask for government-issued identification to verify ownership of said backpack.

Attitude: If the person you are hounding is spotted walking very slowly and/or lounging around in front of DeBartolo Hall with other people in the exact same outfit, in all likelihood they are the real deal.

If all of this seems like a fantastic idea to you, and you want to show up to class on Monday with everyone thinking you just made the team, the best tip is to get a roommate who plays one of the lesser-known sports. Few have the knowledge to question the kid in the Irish Fencing jacket.

So for those of you who swear that the starting center-fielder talked to you this morning, you have the hook-up to the next hockey party, or can't wait for basketball season to start so you can go watch that guy who sits in front of you in Philo start at power forward, you've been warned.

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FASHION

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I have never been much of an outdoor enthusiast. Indeed I am proud to consider myself "a hot chocolate skier" (I enjoy the beauty of watching other people ski whilst comfortable on a window seat in the near vicinity of a hot fireplace with a large mug of hot chocolate). However, while many may attempt to scale my "indoor girl" castle walls, I surrender only to one proposal — the picnic.

The picnic promises an afternoon of delightful cheeses spread on various exotic breads, compact cured meats, various delightful deserts and, if one is in Europe, a bottle of refined wine. No study abroad experience is complete without dining al fresco whilst staring with utter longing at the architectural feats of the movers and shakers of yesteryear.

I myself recall a particular merging of my American need for Starbucks with the magic of the Eiffel Tower one sunny afternoon on the Champs de Mars. A charming group of older French gentlemen playing a game of bocce became quite interested in the tray of lattes I was intent on delivering to my friends on the other side of the lawn.

Needless to say, my friends and I soon gave into their persuasive entreaties to join them in their time-honored game, resulting in an unforgettable, magical day in Paris.

When I first returned to campus after my jaunt abroad, I was immediately struck by how similar the quads of Notre Dame are to the Haussmannian planned Champs of the city of Paris. Indeed our own Golden Dome is perilously identical to the golden dome of Invalides, and our wide never-ending sidewalks must have been planned by someone who adventured on similar avenues leading to the Arc de Triomphe! I admit our large expanses of grass interspersed with colorful fall foliage have called to me. They have compelled me to stage various Parisian picnics on their premises, none of

which would be complete without the presence of the one and only bohemian fedora.

The bohemian fedora answers a variety of practical challenges inherent to the outdoor experience — how do I shield myself from the sun, the autumn wind, prying gazes that would disrupt my sinful enjoyment of a certain Brie? With its large brim and chic grosgrain ribbon, the fedora has evolved from a staple of Rat Pack style to an essential component of any fall wardrobe. A fedora can be paired with jeans and a comfy

sweater, or it can also give a dramatic, mysterious aura to a more formal outfit such as a suit.

To avoid the "hiding from paparazzi look" leave the sun-donning

this hat and bend the brim down slightly to frame your eyes. While the best place to wear this accessory is lounging on the quad, it can also add style to your walks between classes. Of course, you'll want to remove it indoors. In order to avoid a disheveled look when removing the fedora upon classroom entrance, simply pin your hair into a loose bun underneath the hat. There is nothing that projects a chic, n'importe quoi European enjoyment of life like a gaze from underneath one of these hats, and Forever 21 can help you get the look for a cool \$14.80. Now all that's left to do is pass that Brie!

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Fedora, Forever 21, glasses at \$14.80



Catherine Underwood, a sophomore, models the fedora

Kid Cudi
The Legend of Mr. Rager



Scott Mescudi: Grounding the Man on the Moon

A review of *MotM II: The Legend of Mr. Rager*

By Mackenzie Hendrickson
Scene Writer

Despite what the artistically inclined will tell you, there is such a thing as attempting too much. From the time his mix tape “A Kid Named Cudi” propelled his voice from underground obscurity to immediate cultural relevance, Scott Mescudi has been trying to turn hip-hop head over foot.

Mixing elements of hallucinatory experimentalism, indie rock-isms and dark-intentioned electronica, Cudi has been pushing the boundaries of style and tradition in order to remain relevant in the post-Kanye era when jerseys and baggy pants have been shelved in favor of v-necks and skinny jeans.

All these good kid hip-hoppers are starting to get confusing. Kid Cudi fulfills the role of the indie-stoner within this new school of Kanye Apostles. Drake (the boarding school Lil Wayne), B.o.B (the radio friendly and artistically disinterested golden boy) and Lupe Fiasco (the cultish and idiosyncratic nerd) all operate, rather conservatively, within commercial grounds permitted under Kanye West’s revolution of the hip-hop standard. None seem to be after Kanye’s crown, though such aspirations would be laughable if existent.

Cudi remains the only one willing to create his own revolution and operate beyond the commercially viable availabilities of college rap indie clichés. His second album is just as far-reaching

as his first, and in many ways, just as flawed. The album shines, however. Though one might be tempted to address the album as some sort of precursor to Kanye’s upcoming release, the album actually exists within its own level of creativity and rejection of musical norms.

Though considerably more approachable than his freshman work, “Man on the Moon 2” is just as dark. His lifestyle and guest appearances in other artists’ work always seem to contradict the reality of Cudi’s dark nature. At some points in the album, one can’t help but feel that the existential gloom and estrangement is somewhat self-indulgent if not forced. Cudi never seems to realize that a little more optimism would not only sell more, but would most likely create more artistic cohesion.

The high points of the record shine brighter than most hip-hop tracks over the last couple of years. “Ashin’ Kusher” subtly grabs your attention, with Cudi mastering his ability to construct a dynamic track with his vocals alone. “Erase Me” stands tall as the catchiest track despite an embarrassingly off-style appearance by Kanye West. In fact, most guest spots are points of weakness. This is Cudi’s world. Find your own dream.

The low points aren’t as detestable as on his first and, for the most part, fit within the dark sound and theme of the album. Overall, the record plays well from beginning to end. And no, narcotics are not necessary despite what many Cudi fans claim on a consistent basis. Listeners looking for musical truth under the influence would be better suited checking out some early Animal Collective albums.

Having considered the ups and downs of the album as it is, it wouldn’t hurt to take time for a few if-only’s. Imagine Cudi’s artistic potential utilized without “splitting an eight of shrooms” or collaborating with Ratatat. Cudi’s efforts at changing the status quo are well appreciated but Mescudi harbors a misconception common among artists desperate for innovation: He doesn’t need to try as hard as he thinks he does to be inventive. Originality flows from him naturally and a little more effort toward the radio and away from psychotic exploration would improve his image among most listeners while simultaneously unaffected his image in the art world.

Ultimately, not only Cudi fans have learned to love his dark side, but also any mildly interested indie dabbler will enjoy this album. Cudi’s work tastes like wine: Time will improve it greatly.

Now, however, Cudi still stands a lone silhouette on the horizon of musical innovation. He may not be headed in the perfect direction, but he doesn’t fear the future.



Kid Cudi
“The Man on the Moon II:
The Legend of Mr. Rager”

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A weekend of straight carb-ing — that is what Oktoberfest 2010 gloriously turned out to be. The beer flowed freely, the lederhosen ran wild and, best of all, soft pretzels the size of Andre the Giant’s head filled the bellies of all who attended. Seriously though, the soft pretzels were amazing.

This fall, Notre Dame students headed to Munich to binge and bond with people from all over the world at the world’s biggest fair. Watch as we embrace the culture, the festivities, and most importantly the food of our Bavarian brethren during one of the best weekends of our lives. Prost!



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MLB

Hall of Fame manager Anderson dies at 76

Associated Press

Reds fans were taken aback when Sparky Anderson showed up in Cincinnati for his first day as a big league manager, an unknown taking over baseball's first professional team.

Sparky who?
Really?

By the time he was done, this man with the shock of white hair and schoolboy nickname would produce a considerable list of achievements that featured three World Series titles—including crowns in each league—and a Hall of Fame entry on his resume.

Anderson, who directed the Big Red Machine to back-to-back championships and won another in Detroit, died Thursday from complications of dementia in Thousand Oaks, Calif. He was 76. A day earlier, his family said he'd been placed in hospice care.

Anderson was the first manager to win World Series titles in both leagues and the only manager to lead two franchises in career wins.

"Sparky was, by far, the best manager I ever played for," said former Reds star Pete Rose, the game's career hits leader. "He understood people better than anyone I ever met. His players loved him, he loved his players, and he loved the game of baseball. There isn't another person in baseball like Sparky Anderson. He gave his whole life to the game."

Anderson's teams in Cincinnati—featuring Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan and Rose — won crowns in 1975 and 1976 and rank among the most powerful of all time. Led by Kirk Gibson and Alan Trammell, Anderson won with the Tigers in 1984.

"He was a good guy," former Tigers pitcher Jack Morris said, choking up over the news. "Baseball will have very few people like Sparky. He was a unique individual. He was a character with a great passion and love for the game."

Anderson never tried to overshadow his teams, giving his stars great leeway while trying to stay in the back-

ground. At Anderson's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service.

Always affable, ever talkative and known for a self-deprecating demeanor, Anderson was equally popular among players, fans and media.

"Revered and treasured by his players for his humility, humanity, eternal optimism and knowledge of the game," his Hall of Fame plaque reads.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig called Anderson a gentleman and dear friend.

"I recall with great fondness the many hours we would spend together when his Tigers came to Milwaukee," Selig said. "Sparky was a loyal friend, and whenever I would be dealing with difficult situations as commissioner, he would lift my spirits, telling me to keep my head up and that I was doing the right thing."

The Reds put a photo of Anderson on their outfield videoboard at Great American Ball Park on Thursday afternoon, honoring the man who led them to their greatest moments.

"In one way or another, Sparky touched the life of every Reds fan," owner Bob Castellini said.

Anderson's win total of 2,194 was the third highest when he retired after the 1995 season, trailing only Connie Mack and John McGraw. He's still sixth on the career list—he won 863 games in nine years with the Reds and 1,331 in 17 seasons with the Tigers.

He'll be remembered as much for the little things that made him beloved as for the big numbers that made him a Hall of Famer.

"Being a good baseball player and person went hand-in-hand with him," said Alan Trammell, the 1984 World Series MVP who is Arizona's bench coach. "He wanted us to put our dirty clothes in the bin so that the clubhouse guys didn't have to pick up after us."

In many ways away from the field, he was a teacher.

"He had a lot to do with molding me professionally and taught me a lot about perseverance," Morris said.

Anderson knew all about perseverance.

George "Sparky" Anderson got his nickname in the minor leagues because of his spirited play. He made it to the majors for only one season, batting .218 for the Phillies in 1959.

Anderson learned to control a temper that nearly scuttled his fledgling career as a manager in the minors, and went on to become one of baseball's best at running a team. And he won with a humility that couldn't obscure his unique ability to manage people.

"I got good players, stayed out of their way, let them win a lot and then just hung around for 26 years," he said during his Hall of Fame acceptance speech in 2000.

Of course, there was a lot more to him. He liked to twist the language, using double-negatives to make a round-about point. He also reassessed things constantly.

"To be around me, you have to be a little bit cuckoo," Anderson said on the day he resigned from the Tigers after the 1995 season.

NCAA FOOTBALL

No. 1 Oregon uses signs to convey plays

Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — That poster on Oregon's sideline emblazoned with the face of the Burger King is not some sort of advertising ploy. It's a play.

Top-ranked Oregon, in an effort to speed up its lightning-fast offense, uses seemingly nonsensical placards hoisted on the sideline to convey plays to the Ducks on the field.

The signs are split into quadrants of pictures, and can include photos of sportscasters, graphic images and even words. One recently included ESPN's Rece Davis, a map of New Hampshire, a battleship and the word "glycerine."

There is nothing really new in flashing numbers or colors from the sideline, usually used alongside traditional hand signals and on-field audibles, to identify plays—especially for no-huddle teams such as Oregon.

But the Ducks are different because their signs are so amusing. And, as the No. 1 team in the country, undefeated Oregon is getting a lot of TV time, so more people are taking notice.

Oklahoma State used similar signs against Oregon in the 2008 Holiday Bowl, but the Ducks borrowed ideas from several teams

and devised their own system. Much like the team took the spread-option offense and made it their own.

"There's a lot of different systems out there, and a lot of good ones," Oregon offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich said. "This one we just tried to meld with our guys."

Oklahoma State's signs in 2008 were divided into six sections with various letters, numbers, symbols and words. The reasoning, just like at Oregon, was to speed up play calling, said Gunter Brewer, the Cowboys co-offensive coordinator that season.

He believes Oklahoma State was the first to use poster-sized cards flashed from the sideline.

"We didn't make the wheel. We just made it rounder," Brewer said.

The Cowboys would create new signs for each game, keeping a step ahead of any opponents who wanted to try to decipher the codes. Brewer, now a receivers coach at Oklahoma State, says that to his knowledge nobody ever figured them out.

The Cowboys have since moved away from the system, but Brewer said he remembers that Oregon coach Chip Kelly visited the Cowboys one spring and asked about the signs. He's glad to see

the Ducks having success using them.

"They are the fastest team in football right now, there's no doubt about it," Brewer said. "Everybody wants to emulate them."

The signs are certainly all about speed.

"We tried to have one word to communicate 10 words, or one picture communicate 10 words, something that would give our guys an immediate association so they could get out there and play fast," Helfrich said.

Oregon has the top-ranked offense in the nation, averaging 572.88 yards a game. The Ducks also are leading the country with an average of 55.88 points. There's no doubt that they're quick.

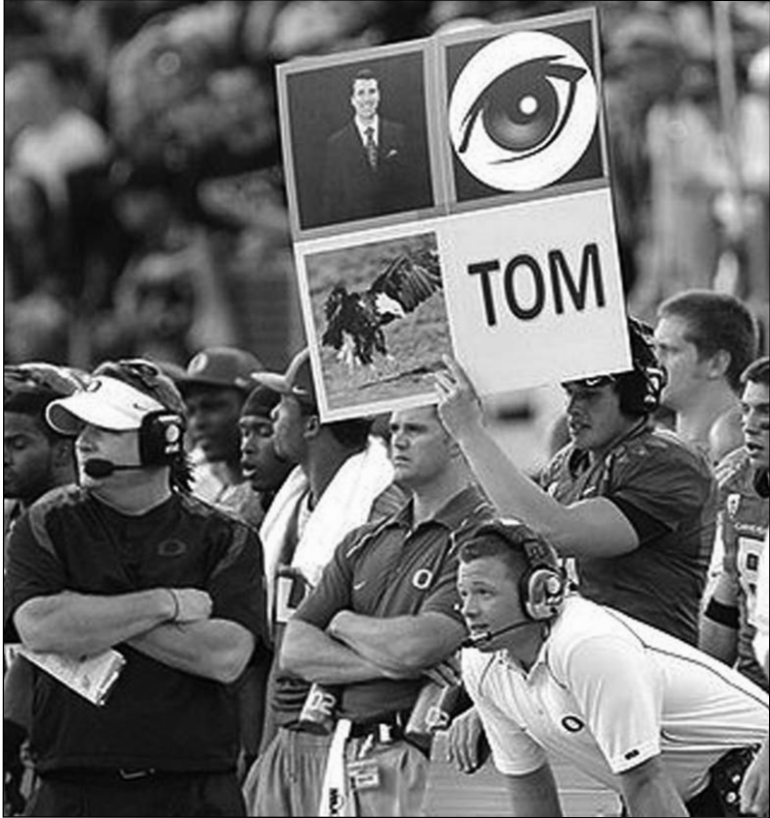
Some have said the Ducks moved to the system because there were concerns that Ohio State may have caught on to Oregon's play-calling in last season's Rose Bowl. The Buckeyes won the game 26-17.

Helfrich said that was not true.

"We had some suspicions of that earlier on (in the season), so we started using multiple signalers. That was probably more our paranoia than anything. But that was not the thing that started it. It was being fast."

Duck fans have even made a game out of creating sideline signs. One that has made the rounds on the internet before this

Saturday's game against Washington features a Husky puppy and a photo of a dumpster on fire.



The Ducks send in a play using one of its signature signs in its 52-31 win over Stanford on Oct. 2 at Autzen Stadium.

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FUNNY SPORTS QUOTES FROM THE PAST WEEK

I want to rage.....Right now!
- Brian Wilson

If I had to go back on [the decision], I probably would do it a little bit different.
-Lebron James

If it's going to be an interview, I'm going to conduct it. I'll ask myself the questions, then give y'all the answers."
-Randy Moss

"I mean, obviously I'll be Prime Minister one day, but not until after I finished playing basketball."
-Steve Nash

MLB

Giants drop World Series MVP Renteria

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The champion San Francisco Giants declined to exercise their \$9.5 million option on World Series MVP Edgar Renteria(notes) on Thursday, instead paying him a \$500,000 buyout.

It's no surprise because the 34-year-old Renteria is considering retirement after an injury-plagued season. Still, the Giants had to make the decision only three days after Renteria's tiebreaking three-run homer off Cliff Lee(notes) in the seventh inning Monday night helped San Francisco win the franchise's first title since moving West in 1958.

"He was obviously a big reason we won, not just the last game but the whole playoff run," said Bobby Evans, the

Giants' vice president of baseball operations. "Edgar played a huge role, whether in the clubhouse, on the field, or his leadership and his professionalism and his ability to string together some very good games and big hits for us."

The shortstop said Wednesday he will rest for a while before determining his future.

"It's always hard to think about retiring," Renteria said after the team's victory parade. "I want to rest. Whew, I feel great."

A five-time All-Star, Renteria batted .412 (7 for 17) with two homers and six RBIs in the Series. He had all of three home runs and 22 RBIs during an injury-filled regular season that included three stints on the disabled list.

ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Confident squad hosts Purdue

By KATHARINE MACK
Sports Writer

Coming off a 150-93 dismantling of Michigan State last Friday, the Irish will be looking to get their second straight victory Saturday when they take on Purdue at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The No. 22 Boilermakers are looking to build off a third-place finish at the SMU Classic last Friday.

"Our practices have been the same as they have been leading up to other meets," senior Samantha Maxwell said. "We are really trying to keep the big picture in mind right now during training, which is championship season."

The Irish took on Purdue last year on the road, losing 121-179. This year's squad has an advantage going into Saturday's meet in that Purdue will be swimming Friday evening at Northwestern.

"Going into Saturday's meet, we have to expect closer races," Maxwell said. "Purdue is a very good team and they are going to be challenging us from the first race."

All events should be close, as this weekend's meet will serve as an indicator for the Irish.

"The butterfly events should be especially interesting to



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Notre Dame heads into Saturday's meet following a 150-93 defeat of Michigan State on Oct. 29.

watch because both teams have extremely talented swimmers entered in the events," Maxwell said. "Both our team and Purdue are in the middle of a season of hard training, and the meet is going to be a good indicator of

what needs to come next in training."

The Irish take on Purdue at 1 p.m. Saturday at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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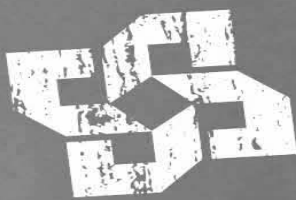
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MLB

Rangers manager Washington signs extension

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Manager Ron Washington signed a new two-year contract Thursday with the AL champion Texas Rangers, a move that had been expected since before the playoffs began.

“This was a formality as much as anything. There was never a question about our manager going forward,” general manager Jon Daniels said. “We’re not in the postseason, not in the World Series, without his leadership.”

The deal through the 2012 season was completed three days after the end of the Rangers’ first World Series.

While there are no additional option years with the new deal, Daniels said he expects the emotional and often excitable Washington to be the Rangers manager “for many years to come.”

Washington didn’t have a contract past 2010, but team president Nolan Ryan and Daniels had made it clear during the season they wanted him back. They sat down and got it done before the manager planned to go home to New Orleans.

Washington has a 331-317 record over four seasons in his first managerial job, and the Rangers improved their win total each of the past three seasons. After a 75-87 mark in 2007, his first season, Texas followed by winning 79 games, then 87 and 90 this season.

“That’s what baseball is about, the bar being set high. I wouldn’t expect anything less,” Washington said. “I don’t feel any pressure. We have good team with a solid foundation, players that believe in the game of baseball and believe in each other. All we can do is get better as we move forward.”

The Rangers had never won a postseason series, or even a home playoff game, before this year. This was only the 17th winning record in 39 seasons since moving to Texas after the franchise started as the expansion Washington Senators in 1961.

“It is no accident we are a very resilient club, a very successful club,” Daniels said. “Those are attributes Ron brings with him every day.”

When hired to replace the fired Buck Showalter in November 2006, Washington got a two-year contract with

two one-year options that were both exercised by the team. But Washington never got an extension.

Late in the 2009 season, Washington thought he had cost himself the job when he admitted to using cocaine once and failed a drug test.

Washington offered to resign, but Ryan and Daniels stuck by their manager then, and again last spring when the story became public and he told his players what happened.

After beating the defending World Series champion New York Yankees in six games in the AL championship series, Texas lost the World Series in five games to the San Francisco Giants. The final game was a 3-1 loss at home Monday night.

Ryan also plans a contract extension for Daniels, who still has a year left on his deal.

As for Washington’s coaching staff, Daniels expects the only possible change would be if hitting coach Clint Hurdle leaves to take a managerial job. Hurdle, a former manager, was scheduled to interview with the Pittsburgh Pirates about their opening.

“I’m a big fan of Ron



Rangers manager Ron Washington stands in the dugout before a game this season. Washington signed a two-year deal Thursday.

Washington, and I’m just happy that he’s starting to get the respect that he deserves, results that he deserves,” said Jackie Moore, the Rangers bench coach who just completed his 53rd consecutive year in pro baseball.

“The biggest compliment that a manager can get in baseball is for his team to play hard for him every game,” Moore said. “This club really took on his personality and played hard

for him and left it all on the field.”

Daniels hired Washington exactly a year after he had been named the youngest GM in major league history.

Washington had been an assistant coach for 11 seasons in Oakland, where he had been credited for developing the organization’s top infielders. Third baseman Eric Chavez gave one of his six Gold Gloves to Washington.

NFL

TE Gates may be out

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers, who might be without star tight end Antonio Gates on Sunday at Houston due to a foot injury, signed wide receiver Kelley Washington.

Washington was signed two days after wide receiver Craig “Buster” Davis was placed on injured reserve because of a groin injury, meaning his season is over. The Chargers also have been without wide receivers Legedu Naanee and Malcom Floyd due to hamstring injuries.

Gates has plantar fascia as well as turf toe. The Chargers didn’t list the plantar fascia on Wednesday’s injury report, the first of the week. A spokesman says it was an “oversight” and it would be added on Thursday’s report.

Gates didn’t practice again on Thursday.

“In the last three weeks he’s had one day of practice,” coach Norv Turner said.

“I don’t know if he’ll be able to practice tomorrow and I don’t know if he’ll be able to play on Sunday. He’s getting better.”

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NFL

Titans think Moss is good fit

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans don't feel like they took a chance claiming Randy Moss off the waiver wire.

They think they got lucky and hit the lottery.

The Titans are confident the move will translate into wins — maybe even the missing piece that could deliver owner Bud Adams and coach Jeff Fisher their first Super Bowl.

Fisher, the NFL's longest-tenured coach, is known as a player's coach who holds his guys accountable. The Titans (5-3) are winning with a strong locker room hungry for the franchise's first postseason win since January 2004, which should keep Moss focused for their eight-game playoff push.

All reasons why, though no one else in the NFL wanted the 13-year veteran, the Titans feel Moss now is on the right team at the right time.

"This is a great opportunity for him," Fisher. "It's a fresh start. We've got a great locker room. They'll accept him. I'm confident he'll accept his new



Titans receiver Randy Moss addresses the press Oct. 7. Moss was signed by the Titans after he was released by the Vikings.

teammates as well."

Fisher himself is the biggest reason this can work.

He has dealt with egos — Adam "Pacman" Jones and Albert Haynesworth and running back LenDale White — coaxing out big punt returns, interceptions, sacks and touchdowns before those players wore out their wel-

come in Tennessee. The Titans eventually traded away Jones and White, and let Haynesworth walk via free agency.

Now in his 16th full season, Fisher also has enough clout to make personnel decisions as he sees fit. Fisher is a former player with a good feel when to practice longer or turn a session into a walk-through, which his players notice.

Not that the Titans are expecting any issues.

They did their homework on Moss, including talking to backup quarterback Kerry Collins. Moss and Collins were teammates for a year in Oakland, and Collins calls him a great teammate. Fisher also talked to Moss himself and said the receiver is excited to come to Tennessee.

Pope

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lead the charge.

"Browder and Pepe are going to tame the Dawg defense this week," Sullivan said.

While Sorin has been cruising to victories, the Dawgs have been the kings of close games. Their 18-6 win over No. 6 Carroll in the first round was their first game this season decided by double digits.

Alumni (4-1) employs a triple option attack, orchestrated by freshman quarterback Will Cronin, that grinds down both the clock and defenses. Junior running back tandem Dan Dansdill and Barrick Bollman

also contribute heavily to the offense.

In the first round, the Dawgs did not throw a single pass on their way to 213 yards on the ground. Time of possession also heavily favored Alumni.

The more Alumni has the ball, the less its great defense is on the field. On the year, the Dawgs' defense has not allowed more than eight points in a game and has held two opponents scoreless.

There will be no leashes on the field Sunday at 2 p.m. when Sorin takes on Alumni with a trip to Notre Dame Stadium on the line.

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NFL

Reggie Bush practices with Saints Thursday

Associated Press

METAIRIE, La. — Reggie Bush was limited during Saints practice on Thursday, raising his prospects for getting back in the lineup for the first time since breaking a bone in his lower right leg in the second game of the season.

"It felt pretty good — still a little bit of pain there but nothing that I couldn't handle. Nothing that wasn't expected," Bush said. "We'll just keep pushing every day and see what happens at the end of this week."

Head coach Sean Payton stopped short of saying he thought Bush would be ready to go by this Sunday's game at Carolina.

"He's still not moving the way you'd like, but I think he's making a lot of progress quickly and so each day we try to give him more to do," Payton said. "More than anything, it's still getting to where he's real confident and comfortable planting and driving off of that leg. But he certainly did more today than he did yesterday or up until now."

The Saints have a bye after they play Carolina on Sunday, but Payton had said this week that players who are healthy enough to suit up will do so as opposed to getting extra rest until after the bye.

Bush fractured his fibula when he dove on his muffed punt and players piled on top of him in the fourth quarter of the Saints' 25-22 victory at San Francisco on Sept. 20.

Bush never had surgery and said he maintained conditioning with low-impact training in pools and on stationary bikes in the six weeks since the injury.

"Obviously I want to be in there and I feel like it's been long enough to where my leg is fine and I shouldn't have to worry about any re-injury or anything like that," Bush

said. "It would be great if I can get out there this weekend and at least run around a little bit and get some plays in here and there, just to get back into the feeling of it."

Bush said if it were up to him, he probably would play, but added that he would trust the coaches and training staff to make the final call.

"I definitely want to get back in there and play," Bush said. "To miss another game, obviously it's tough to sit on the sideline, but if that's what they decide and they feel like that's the best thing for me and for my health and for the team, then obviously that's what we'll have to do."

Meanwhile, starting cornerbacks Tracy Porter and Jabari Greer both practiced fully and Payton sounded confident that the pair would return.

Porter has been out since hurting his left knee in Week 4 against Carolina, while Greer has been out since hurting his shoulder at Tampa Bay in Week 6.

Running back Pierre Thomas remains on crutches to keep weight off of his sprained left ankle, but said he hopes to be using only a walking boot during the bye week.

"I feel pain all over my ankle," Thomas said. "They touch different spots and they say, 'You feel it there?' And I say, 'Yeah, I feel it there.' So I really messed it up. They say I really messed it up pretty bad."

Thomas said doctors have not mentioned the possibility of surgery and he does not want to consider that option at this point.

"I know if I have surgery, I'm done this season," Thomas said. "I'm not thinking that. I don't want that. I'm going to take that negativity and throw it away. I'm thinking positive and that I'm going to get back on the field."

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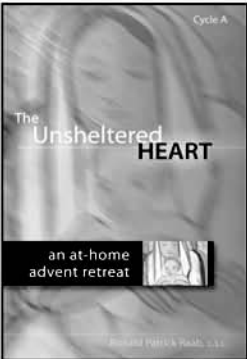
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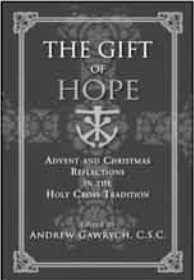
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have turned it on recently, winning their playoff opener by 25 points.

"I've been very pleased with how the team has performed as the season progressed," Siegfried senior left tackle and captain Michael McDonnell said. "We're going to come into the game with a bunch of confidence, expecting to win."

Despite the confidence, the Ramblers are wary of the Big Red's success this season, and know just how big of a challenge the game will be.

"You can't refute the fact that they are perfect right now," McDonnell said. "They've scored 72 points more than all their opponents. They'll be the toughest opponent that we've faced so far."

Dillon also expects a tough battle, given how much success the Ramblers have had in the playoffs in the past.

"They have won the past two championships," Dillon senior captain Jordan Smith said. "They're a big team with a really good system. If we do not play our best football, there's a good chance we'll lose."

While Siegfried has kept the ball mostly on the ground to make the semis, Dillon uses both a strong passing game, led by freshman quarterback Kevin Fink, bolstered by a solid running game.

"We've got a lot of really good football players on our team," Smith said. "[Sophomore running back] Terry Howard the last few weeks has run the ball extremely hard. Even if he's getting hit in the backfield, he

always gets back to the line of scrimmage and keeps on going."

The Big Red are looking forward to a game that should be intense and physical.

"We're really excited to play Siegfried," Smith said. "They want to come out and hit us. This is going to be a fun game."

Siegfried and Dillon square off at 1 p.m. at the LaBar Practice Complex on Sunday for a spot in the Stadium.

Alumni vs. Sorin

In the past, it's been mouse traps and pool workouts. But this week, No. 2 Sorin's football practices were even wackier.

"We've been practicing with leashes this week," Sorin junior wide receiver Bobby Sullivan said. "It helps out our power to work with resistance."

Sorin (4-1), fresh off a 14-0 win over No. 7 Morrissey in the first round, will look for its fifth consecutive victory when the Otters play No. 3 Alumni in a semifinal this weekend.

While Sorin's offense — directed by sophomore quarterback Ted Spinelli — gets the headlines, it is its defense that has keyed its win streak. In the past four games, the defense has not given up more than six points in a game and has held opponents to a mere two points per game.

"The Dawgs are in for a rough one this week," Sullivan said. "They're barking up the wrong tree."

The Otters' offense, meanwhile, is averaging nearly 19 points a game during the win streak. Senior captain and running back Michael Browder and junior fullback Matthew Pepe

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"And we're getting fairly consistent play right now out of [Kevin] Lind and [Shayne] Taker. I think Stephen Johns has been a huge component to our physicality back in our own end."

Jackson added that Notre Dame would face a similar challenge in the Falcons as it saw last weekend against the Broncos.

"[Bowling Green is] going to be like Western Michigan — new coach, young, enthusiastic," he said. "They're going to have a great work ethic and they've got some good players on their team."

Up front, Notre Dame's most productive line has been comprised of seniors Ben Ryan and Ryan Guentzel and freshman Anders Lee. Guentzel leads the team in scoring with nine assists, though he has yet to light the lamp himself.

"He's got great hockey instincts, he sees the ice and he makes good decisions with the puck, and he's playing with guys right now that can benefit from that," Jackson said of Guentzel.

Lee has exploded onto the scene for the Irish, leading the team with six goals just seven games into his college career.

"[Lee] is a pure goal-scorer," Jackson said. "He's the guy that you want to get the puck at the end of the play, not at the front end."

One of the pleasant surprises for Jackson has been the play of his fourth line of freshmen David Gerths, Jeff

Costello and Mike Voran. The three have combined for eight points on the year, and Gerths scored two goals in Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Western Michigan.

"I think one of the benefits of them being together is there's no pressure," Jackson said of the line. "If you're playing with a senior or junior, guys that are expected to be effective offensively or whatever, sometimes there's a pressure to get the puck to the senior or the junior. With not having an upperclassmen on that line, there's no pressure."

On the defensive end, Notre Dame has been aided by strong play from sophomore goaltender Mike Johnson. On the season, Johnson has posted a 1.97 goals against average with a .934 save percentage.

"I just think he's in much better shape right now, physically," Jackson said of his netminder. "Endurance-wise, I think he's better, and he's gotten stronger, which has allowed him to move across the crease with a lot more power."

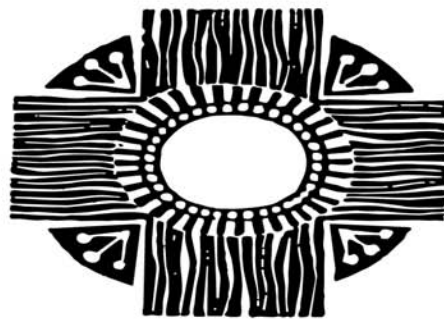
Even though the Falcons finished 11th in the CCHA last year, Jackson said playing on the road always presents challenges, whether the venue is Bowling Green or Michigan.

"Every building has its own feeling," Jackson said. "Bowling Green has got a low ceiling, it's a loud building. It's tight corners and the fans are right on top of you ... our guys generally perform better when there's a good

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identity.
“Coming from such a small dorm, we all know each other and work together outside of football,” Robinson said. “That sisterhood has allowed us to achieve success so far, and we know it will continue.”
This week, Howard hopes to repeat its regular-season success against Pangborn and return to Notre Dame Stadium to defend its Interhall crown.
“Last year was such an amazing experience,” Robinson said. “Running out of the tunnel was a tremendous feeling, and winning the game made it even better. It would be great to get back.”
Kickoff is 2 p.m. Sunday at the LaBar Practice Complex.

Pasquerilla West vs. McGlinn
Following McGlinn’s 31-14 defeat at the hands of Pasquerilla West in the second game of the season, Shamrocks junior coach Steven deGroot congratulated the Purple Weasels (5-0) on their game and hoped to see them again later in the year.
The McGlinn coach will get his wish Sunday, as the Shamrocks (3-2) take on the Weasels, hoping for a trip to Notre Dame Stadium.
A much-improved No. 6 McGlinn squad will look to use its speed on defense and the confidence it gained from a huge upset win over No. 3 Cavanaugh in the quarterfinals last week to take down No. 2 Pasquerilla West.
“Our defense has steadily improved since the last time we saw [Pasquerilla West] and we are much more versatile and confident in being able to

adapt to different styles of offense,” Shamrocks senior captain Gillian Allsup said. “Our goal is to stop the [option] run and limit yards after the catch because that is how they were so successful against us last time.”
Last week, the Shamrock defense was relentless, intercepting four passes and only yielding six points. They now have the task of stopping the Purple Weasels’ deceptive triple-option offense that scored 31 points in the teams’ first meeting. Senior quarterback Simone Bigi, who threw for five touchdowns and 205 yards in the first matchup in September, leads the Pasquerilla West offensive attack.
“We expect a lot from our offense to start strong and build momentum from the beginning,” Pasquerilla West senior captain Libby Koerbel said. “Momentum is the key to the game, and both our offense and defense are equally important to contributing to this.”
Koerbel leads a Weasels defense that only gave up 71 yards and one touchdown in the second half of the teams’ last meeting. The defense was exposed by big plays in last week’s overtime win over No. 7 Lewis.
“Even though we scored 31 points on [McGlinn] earlier, it didn’t feel like an easy win,” Koerbel said. “I expect our team to remain focused this week so we can get to the championship game.”
The division rivals will meet on Sunday at the LaBar Practice Complex at 3 p.m. for the rematch.

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ROWING

Irish prepare for regatta

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer
Having navigated the first half of the fall season’s short slate, Notre Dame is preparing for its third regatta, which will be held Sunday against Indiana University. The event, which takes place in Indianapolis, is considered a scrimmage and will not count toward either school’s record.
The action will consist of five minute races, with both competing boats starting at the same time and racing for distance, rather than time.
Irish coach Martin Stone said his teams have never participated in such an event so early in the year. Stone said the regatta’s

departure from the ordinary structure of fall season events will help prepare his squad for the primary season in the spring.
“It’s a different format,” he said. “It’s just to see what we need to get better at. We’ve never done this format before in the fall, but it’s becoming more popular. It’s going to help us transition into the spring.”
The Hoosiers come into Sunday’s scrimmage having placed eighth out of 45 competing teams in their race at the Princeton Chase last weekend on Lake Carnegie in Princeton, N.J.
After those results, Stone said Indiana will race well against the Irish.
“I expect them to be very com-

petitive,” Stone said. “They raced very well at the Princeton Chase, finishing in the top eight.”
One point of emphasis this week has been finding a consistent lineup for the varsity eight boats, which will be important once Notre Dame returns from its winter offseason. Stone said he will have a better idea after this week’s training who he will place together in the eight-man shells.
“We spent more time in the eights this week than last week,” he said. “We’re probably closer to having a lineup there.”
The crew will face the Hoosiers Sunday at 11 a.m.

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MEN’S SOCCER

Notre Dame faces Golden Eagles

By ERIC PRISTER
Associate Sports Editor
For Irish coach Bobby Clark, the Big East tournament provides his squad with three opportunities — a smooth transition to postseason play, a boost in RPI and the glory of winning a tournament.
Saturday’s quarterfinal match against Marquette will be the first chance for Notre Dame to take advantage of those opportunities.
“The main thing is that it’s a

dry run for the NCAA tournament,” Clark said. “It gets you from regular season mode to postseason mode, because there’s a slightly different mentality — you don’t get any second chances in the postseason.”
The No. 19 Irish (9-4-4, 6-2-1) enter the Big East Championships riding a four-game unbeaten streak after defeating conference foes Seton Hall, Pittsburgh and Georgetown and battling to a draw with No. 9 Connecticut.
Marquette (6-7-4, 3-4-2) lost three out of its last four regular season games, but upset higher-seeded Saint John’s in the first round of the conference tournament to reach the quarterfinals.
Multiple wins for the Irish in the tournament will give them an advantage in the rankings. They are currently ranked 10th in the RPI, but Clark said he believes that they can improve their standing.
“In a practical sense, it’s good to win because it gets you a good setup in the NCAA tournament,” he said. “Certainly you want to be in the top-16, but moving into the top-8 provides you with an extra home game, and if you can move into the top-4, you have home field advantage through the final

four, as long as you keep winning.”
But the practical benefit is not the only motivation for winning the tournament, Clark said.
“It’s always nice to win the Big East tournament and get that trophy. It’s why you play things — to be the best. That’s easier said than done — every game is difficult.”
Clark is confident that his team will be ready to enter postseason play Saturday against Marquette, even though his team still has growing to do.
“I think we’re still growing,” he said. “We started with only three returning starters, so we’ve been trying all season to have the guys playing there best at this point in the season. We’ve played our best soccer over the past three weeks, but there’s still room for growth.”
“Hopefully we can keep winning, which will allow us to keep growing. But nothing happens unless we’re ready to play Marquette. It will be a challenge.”
Notre Dame will face off with the Golden Eagles Saturday at 6 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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Irish senior libero Frenchie Silva, right, celebrates after a Notre Dame kill against Connecticut Oct. 31 in Purcell Pavilion.

Brown

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The Irish then return home Sunday to take on No. 13 Northern Iowa (22-2, 13-0 Missouri Valley Conference). Although the game is an out-of-conference match, Brown stressed that this game is a vital opportunity for her squad to prove itself on the national level.

"This is a chance for us to compete against a top team," Brown said. "A win in this game would really enhance our chances for the NCAA tournament."

The match against Northern Iowa will also be Senior Day for the Irish. Brown said she realizes that the match will be emotional for the senior class, and may provide extra motivation for her players to fight for a Notre Dame victory.

"It's special because the players know it's the last time to play at home with this group that

they've gotten to know over four years," she said. "There is always an added incentive to win on Senior Day, and end their time at Notre Dame on a positive note."

Although the Northern Iowa game is important for the Irish, their focus this week has been on Villanova as conference success and seeding in the approaching conference tournament have taken precedence. Still, Brown and the Irish are looking forward to the challenge against a top team.

"Even though the Villanova game has been our top priority, we have looked at some Northern Iowa," Brown said. "It will be a really challenging match, and we are really excited about it."

The match at Villanova begins at 7 p.m. Friday, while the Senior Day match will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Purcell Pavilion.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish split up over weekend

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will compete in its final tournaments of the fall season this weekend as the focus begins to shift toward the spring season.

The squad will be split between the Crimson Tide Invitational and the William and Mary Invitational.

The William and Mary Invitational, which will be held at the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center, includes four teams. Each squad will showcase six singles flights and three

doubles flights in the tournament.

The Crimson Tide Invitational will take place in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and is hosted by the University of Alabama, the second tournament they have hosted this season. Teams from 10 states will participate in the three-day event. The programs that will be represented include Alabama, Auburn, Virginia Tech and Tennessee. The Volunteers bring an impressive squad to the courts, as last year's team finished second in the Campbell Rankings last season.

This weekend's action will be

the first for the Irish in two weeks, when a few players participated in the Midwest Regional Championships from Oct. 21 to 25. It will be the first team-wide event since the Harvard Invitational, which took place from Oct. 1 to 3.

A goal heading into the fall season was picking up valuable experience and good playing habits leading into the second half of their season, which is more important in terms of wins and losses.

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least early on, so you see how guys react to that, and you see who stays in character with the lights on."

The Irish played well in their first exhibition game against Marian University, defeating the Knights 85-52. Four players scored in double-digits, and Brey believes that well-balanced, versatile offense is the team's strength.

"I think with the group we start, you've got so many interchangeable parts where guys can pass and catch and

play at different spots on the floor," Brey said. "[Senior forward] Ty Nash is inside the most for us, but we've also posted other guys up, and Nash has ended up handling the ball for us a lot, so it's truly five guys who are very interchangeable — on both ends of the floor."

Nash scored nine against Marian, and chipped in a team-high eight rebounds for the Irish. Fourth-year forward Tim Abromaitis and senior forward Scott Martin led Notre Dame with 15 points each, and senior guard Ben Hansbrough recorded six assists.

Sophomore Mike Broghammer, who did not play

against Marian because of an injury, is healthy and ready to go against Catholic, Brey said. Broghammer will join fellow sophomore forwards Tom Knight and Jack Cooley as the squad's conventional post players.

"We're going to have him [against Catholic]," Brey said. "We were very cautious, and we wanted to go two full days of practice and then play him on Saturday."

Notre Dame tips off against Catholic University Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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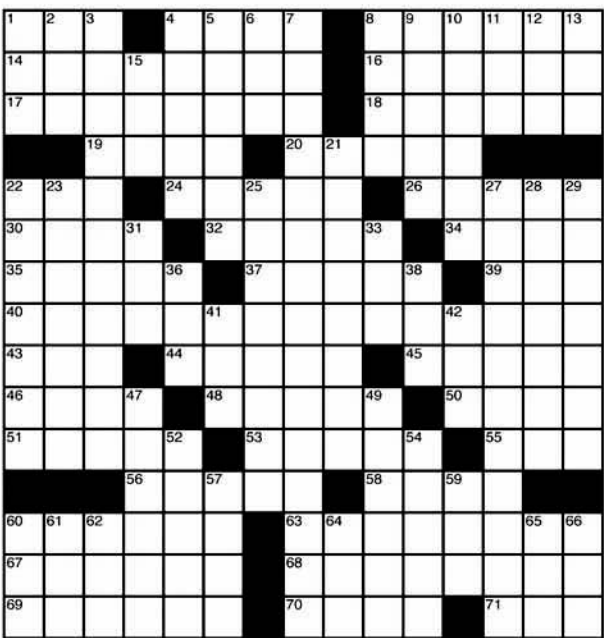
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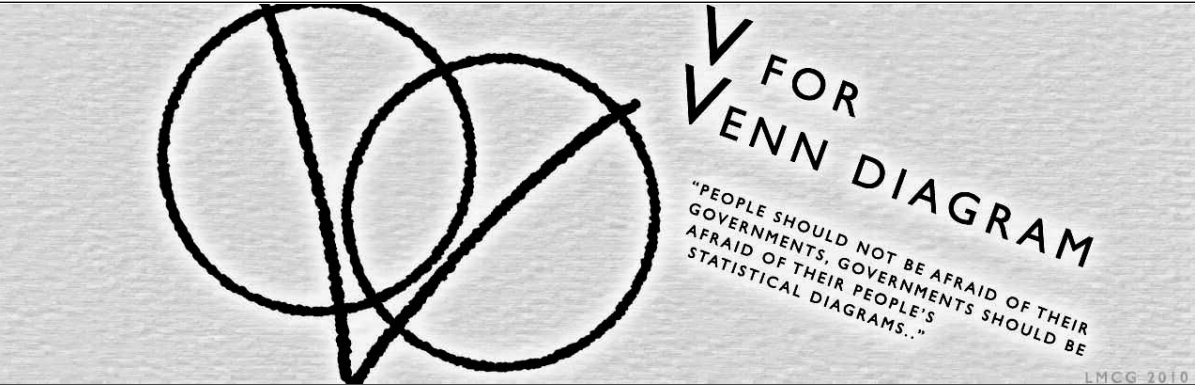
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have lots of opportunities if you are willing to implement a couple of changes into your current lifestyle. Don't let someone else's burden stop you from following a path that can bring happiness and satisfaction. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Chances are, you missed a very small but important detail that could cost you financially or emotionally. Don't take anyone's word when it comes to contractual agreements, especially if it has to do with your home, family or finances. Do your own research. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take on a new pastime or pick up skills that will help you get ahead professionally, personally or financially. There is a change heading your way regarding the way you handle others as well as how you handle your money. Better times are ahead. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't allow anyone to stifle your actions or silence you when you have something important to contribute. Stand up for your beliefs, opinions and what you want to pursue. Once you eliminate what is making life so complicated, you will find success. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put a little fun back into your life. Life is about balance. You'll make a better impression on friends and colleagues if you share a little down-time. Get to know people better and you will succeed. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll find it difficult to sit still, so get out your to-do list and start checking off your accomplishments. Idle time will result in discord. Rely on your stamina and know-how to impress, and your diplomacy to keep you out of trouble. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your emotions on the back burner and look at whatever you face practically. There is a logical answer for everything. Use past references to make the right decision now. Look up an old friend with something to contribute to a project. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's better to do what you can to get ahead and to finish what you start before sharing what you are up to. Discipline will build your confidence and add to your credentials. Work and money will go hand in hand. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't get angry or tie yourself up in arguments that will lead nowhere. Concentrate on deals and financial gains. There is money heading your way. Love is prominent. Consider making a move. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You see things in your own special way and are unique, creative and mysterious. You follow your own path and people gravitate to you.

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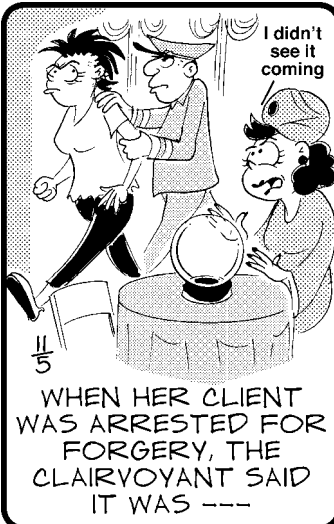
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HOCKEY

Hitting the road

Notre Dame heads to Bowling Green

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

The Irish hit the road against Bowling Green this weekend for the first of two consecutive series away from the friendly confines of the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame got its first taste of CCHA road action last weekend in a Saturday night road tilt against Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, Mich., which ended in a 2-2 tie. Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he was pleased with how his young team responded to the hostile environment, particularly the defensemen. Four Irish freshmen played on the blue line against the Broncos.

"I thought [freshman defenseman] Jared Beers did a nice job," Jackson said.

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Sophomore goaltender Mike Johnson gets in position to stop a shot Lake Superior State Oct. 15. The Irish head to Bowling Green this weekend for a pair of conference games.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Siegfried, Dillon to clash

By SAM GANS and
MATTHEW DeFRANK
Sports Writers

Something will have to give this week when No. 1 Dillon battles No. 5 Siegfried in a semifinal Sunday.

Dillon (5-0) is the only undefeated team left. Siegfried (4-1) is the two-time defending champions and is looking to make it to Notre Dame Stadium for the third straight year. Either Dillon's winning streak or Siegfried's consecutive years of championship runs will be snapped by mid-afternoon Sunday.

Siegfried is hoping to use a strong option attack led by senior quarterback Matt Meinert and sophomore running backs Bryce Burton and David Whitmore to propel them to victory. After dropping their third contest, the Ramblers have

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Ducks square off against Phoxes; McGlinn faces PW

By JOHN HEFFERON and
ANDREW GASTELUM
Sports Writers

The Blue League's top two teams will meet again on Sunday when No. 1 Howard takes on No. 5 Pangborn, with a trip to Notre Dame Stadium on the line.

The Phoxes (4-1) advanced last week against No. 4 Farley, rallying from an early 13-point

deficit to win 25-19 in overtime. In a game that seemed like it would be decided early, Pangborn senior quarterback Gabby Tate said she believes it was her team's sheer will that led them to victory from a deficit.

"We just wanted to win so bad, we didn't give up," Tate said. "We fought until the last whistle."

The Phoxes will need to fight again when they take on a tough

Howard squad that beat them in the regular season 21-7. In that game, the Ducks (5-0) held Pangborn to a lone touchdown and intercepted Tate twice. Tate said this game will be different.

"We were coming off a strong win against Badin, and might have been a little too confident," Tate said. "Now we know what it takes. We'll have to play the best games of our lives."

Part of the Phoxes' gameplan for this second matchup will be

to utilize a shorter passing game to avoid costly interceptions.

"We've been working on quicker passes, and having our receivers read the defense," Tate said. "We want to take it to them. Hopefully, we'll be headed off to the Stadium."

Standing in their way will be the defending-champion Ducks, who remained perfect last week by defeating No. 8 Welsh Family, 7-6.

The Ducks were forced to play

that game without senior Kayla Bishop, their quarterback and captain. Led by senior wide receiver Kaitlin Robinson, who filled in at quarterback and returned an interception for Howard's sole touchdown, the Ducks found a way to win. Robinson said she believes that the team was able to rally together due to strong dorm identity.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish look to improve tournament resumes

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

As the end of the season approaches, a strong finish can solidify a squad's seeding in both conference and NCAA play. Notre Dame has the chance to assert itself on both levels of play this weekend, as it takes on conference opponent Villanova Friday and No.13 Northern Iowa Sunday.

The Irish (15-9, 8-3 Big East) travel to Villanova Friday to battle the Wildcats (19-6, 7-3). The match will be pivotal for the final Big East standings, as Notre Dame and Villanova sit in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Although the Irish have

already clinched a spot in the Big East Championships, the matchup against Villanova will be crucial in determining their seeding.

Notre Dame's preparation for the contest against the Wildcats has focused both on scouting the opponent and making internal improvements.

"We've definitely watched a lot of film," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "One of Villanova's strengths is serving, and they have a high amount of aces per game, so we practiced serve return this week. Also, we looked to shore up some of the things on our side of the ball, such as ball control."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey trying to figure team out

By ERIC PRISTER
Associate Sports Editor

Irish coach Mike Brey is still trying to understand the nuances of his 2010-11 squad, and Saturday's second and final exhibition game against Catholic University will give him an opportunity to do just that.

"[In the exhibition games], you're just finally on the same bench, and finding some kind of rotation substitution-wise is probably the biggest thing, I think, for me and the guys to understand," Brey said. "Everybody plays in practice, but when you get to a game, since the other night, the pecking order is kind of decided, at



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Irish senior forward Tyrone Nash wrestles the ball away from two Marian defenders in Notre Dame's exhibition victory Monday.

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